

The Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex., July 17, 1893.

Hon. John McDonald, Mayor, presiding.

Roll

Roll Call. Present - 12.

Aldermen - Fischer, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Taylor, Warmoth.

Call.

Absent - 10.

Aldermen - Anderson, Assmann, Dawson, Hancock, Miller, North, Schneider, Schuber, Shelley, Townsend.

Roll

At 8:03 p. m. Alderman Nitschke moved to take a recess of 10 minutes and the motion prevailed.

At 8:13 p. m. the Council was called to order and the roll again called, meeting as follows:

Present - 17.

Call.

Aldermen -

Anderson, Assmann, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth.

Absent - 5.

Aldermen -

Dawson, Miller, Schneider, Schuber, Shelley.

minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of the City Council which was held on the 2nd day of July, 1893, were adopted as printed.

Petitions, Etc.

Matt. M. Smith

By Alderman Warmoth -

A petition from Dr. Matt. M. Smith, resident physician of the City and County hospital requesting leave of absence from Aug. 8 to Aug. 20. Granted.

Alderman Dawson entered the Council and answered to his name.

By Alderman Hume - A petition from Hume Bros requesting the City Council to remit City taxes on \$14,000 in notes erroneously assessed against them for the year 1892 by the board of equalization, they not being the owners of the notes on the 1st day of January, 1892.

Alderman Linn moved that the petition be granted.

Aldermen Schneider and Shelley entered the Council and answered to their names.

Alderman North moved as a substitute for the motion made by Alderman Linn that the petition be referred to the Committee on Claims and accounts and the City Attorney for the purpose of investigating the legality of the action sought. Carried.

Reports of Committees.

Alderman Anderson for the Committee on Water and Light reported verbally that the 50 gas lights recently contracted for have been ordered and are in process.

Alderman Anderson for the Committee on Water and Light, to whom was referred a resolution providing for the preparation of a report as to the probable cost of the completion of the City Water Works and Electric Light system, the cost of water and light to the consumer when furnished by said system, etc., asked for further

time in which to prepare a report thereon. Granted.
Alderman Schuber Entered the Council and answered to his name.

Gas Light
Contract.

Alderman North moved the adoption of the Contract by and between the City of Austin and the Austin Gaslight and Coal Company, dated July 3, 1893, and the motion prevailed. Alderman Miller Entered the Council and answered to his name.

Unfinished Business.

Bridge E. 8th & Congress

An Ordinance appropriating \$125 for building a bridge at the intersection of Congress Avenue and East Eighth Street, was taken up on its third reading and read, after which a motion was made that the same do now pass, which was adopted by the following vote:

yeas - 18.

Aldermen - Anderson, Assmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Kitschke, North, Platt, Raymond, Shelley, Townsend, Warmoth.

Nays - 4.

Aldermen - Powell, Schneider, Schuber, Taylor.

New Business.

E. Trueth

Alderman Raymond moved that the city attorney be authorized to dismiss a suit in the district Court, styled E. Trueth vs. the City of Austin. Carried.

Size pipes &c. of
A.W.S. & P. Co. &
City Water Co.

The question involved is the correct location of a street. By Alderman North - "Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the City Engineer be and he is hereby instructed to forthwith ascertain (under the direction of the board of public works) the exact location in the streets of the City of the pipes and mains (and their sizes, length, material and quality) of the Austin Water, Light and Power Company and of the City Water Company and he shall furnish the data so ascertained to the board of public works." Adopted.

Bridge over Waller
on E. 14th St.

By Alderman Kitschke - An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1000 for the purpose of constructing a brick or stone culvert over Waller Creek on East Fourteenth Street. It was read and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

St. gas lamps.

By Alderman Fischer - An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$450 for the purpose of paying the Austin Gaslight and Coal Company for arranging 50 street lamps for gas lights. It was read the first time after which the rules were suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole board of Aldermen and the Ordinance being read was passed by the following vote:

yeas - 22.

Aldermen - Anderson, Assmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Kitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Schuber, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth.

By Alderman Raymond.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the board of public works, in selecting a City Engineer to take charge of

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The unfinished work of the water and light system of the city now in course of construction, shall submit the name of such Engineer so selected to the City Council for confirmation.

"Resolved, further, That whenever the board of public works deem it advisable to make any change in the plans of the Engineer in charge of the construction of such water and light system, the board shall first submit such change to the City Council, giving plainly the reasons for desiring such change. The City Council shall confer with the engineer in charge of such work, and if the changes desired by the board of public works meet with the approval of said engineer, then the City Council by a majority vote, may order such changes made.

"Resolved, further - That the board of public works, nor any member thereof, shall have authority to alter or cause to be altered the plans and specifications of the Engineer in charge of such work, nor in any manner whatever interfere with the construction of such work, so long as the said engineer in charge is carrying out the plans as originally adopted, and when in the opinion of the board of public works such plans are not being conformed to by the said Engineer in charge then it shall be the duty of the board of public works to acquaint the City Council of the fact as early as practicable, and the Council shall proceed to take action in the matter.

"Resolved, further, That anything contained in the Ordinance creating the board of public works and defining its duties which in any manner conflicts with these resolutions be and the same is hereby repealed."

Alderman Glass moved to lay the resolution on the table and the motion prevailed.

Colorado river
bridge - widen bridge

By Alderman Ketchum - A resolution providing for the cooperation of the City Council with the Commissioners Court of Travis County in widening the road from the Colorado bridge to and beyond the Bastrop road to a width of 40 feet to conform to the width of the road now being constructed by the County authorities on South Congress Avenue where it crosses Bouldin Creek. The resolution provides that the City shall pay in cash one-half of the entire cost of the improvement, or furnish a force of men, teams, and implements equal to the County force to complete the work jointly under the direction of the City engineer.

Alderman Linn moved that it be referred to a special Committee as provided therein, with instructions to report back to the Council such recommendations concerning the same as they may deem proper to make. The motion prevailed and the Chair appointed Aldermen Ketchum, Schuler and Miller as such Committee.

By Alderman Fischer -

Resolved that the City Engineer be and he is hereby instructed to at once place that Avenue between Eighth and Twelfth streets in better condition.

Bridge over
river

It was referred to the Committee on Streets and
Alleys. The Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.