

The Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex., July 3, 1893.

Hon. John McDonald, mayor, presiding:
Roll call.

Roll

Present - 15.

Aldermen Anderson,	Miller,	Schneider,
Dawson,	Storck,	Shelley,
Fischer,	Platt,	Taylor,
Glass,	Powell,	Townsend,
Jackson,	Raymond,	Warrick.

Call.

Absent - 7.

Aldermen Asmann,	Ketchum,	Nitschke,
Hancock,	Linn,	Schuber.
Stearns,		

Minutes.

The minutes of the meetings of the city council which were held on June 19, 1893, and July 1, 1893, were adopted as printed.

Alderman Anderson moved that Mr. Neil McCashin be requested to relieve the city clerk from attendance upon the council to enable him to prepare the approved accounts ordinance.

The motion carried and was complied with.

Ald. Linn entered

Alderman Linn entered the council and answered to his name.

Report of A. & Coll.

Reports of City Officers
for the month of June, 1893.

By the City Assessor and Collector.

Account general revenue	\$15,436.98
Account water and light, interest and sinking fund	10,675.81
Account interest on bonds issued prior to May 1, 1891	1,555.07
Account School Tax	6,048.52
Total.	\$33,716.38

It was read and referred to the committee on finance.

" " Marshal.

By the City Marshal -

Total amount of fines assessed in the recorder's court	\$710.00
Collected in cash	375.50
Worked out	148.50
Escaped	33.00
Appealed	45.00
Carried forward	108.00
Total	\$710.00

Back fines collected in cash	30.50
Prison fees collected	31.25
Total number of arrests made -	108

It was referred to the committee on police.

Ald. Schuber Entered.

Alderman Schuber entered the council and answered to his name.

Report of city clerk.

By the City Clerk -

A written statement of warrants issued against the general fund:

Total amount issued,	\$7,387.93
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It was read and referred to the committee on finance.

By the City Clerk-

An itemized statement of warrants issued against the general fund:

Total amount issued \$24,644.29.

It was read and referred to the committee on finance.

" " Secty. B.P. Wks

By the Secretary of the Board of Public Works-

An itemized statement of accounts approved by the board of public works divided as follows

H. L. Brummann, estimate No. 1 - power house	\$3,780.98
R. D. Wood & Co., on contract for hydrants	6,428.50
Ritter & Conley, on contract for penstocks, etc.,	2,521.30
Stilwell, Pierce & Smith Vail Co., on contract	3,426.00
Salaries for May	512.50
Engineering expenses	1,172.55
Office expenses	12.75
Advertising	9.00
Right of way	2,664.00
Draft tube excavations	605.86
Headgates	811.44
Headgate masonries and P & B foundations, extras	669.25
Repairs to headgate masonries and P & B foundations	4,684.30
Miscellaneous	558.15

Total

\$24,644.29

It was read and referred to the committee on finance.

" " City Treasr

By the City Treasurer-

Balance on hand July 3, 1893:

Account general revenue	\$22,396.58
Account water and light fund	39,547.69
Account water and light interest fund	8,115.98
Account water and light sinking fund	10,000.00

" " " Phys.

Referred to finance committee.

By the City Physician-

No. of patients in hospital June 1.	13
No. of patients admitted to hospital during June	12
No. of patients discharged from hospital during June	11
No. of deaths in hospital during June	1
No. of patients remaining in hospital July 1.	13
No. of visits made paupers in the city during June	73
No. of prescriptions written for paupers during June	123

No contagious or infectious diseases have been reported in the city during the past month

Referred to the committee on hospital.

" " " Sexton.

By the City Sexton-

Total number of deaths	18
White	10
Colored	8
Mexican	1
Male	7
Female	11

It was referred to the cemetery committee.

" " City Engineer
about E. 5th St. Bridge

The city engineer presented a report stating in substance that he had caused the bridge on East Fifth Street over Hall's creek to be closed up on account of its unsafe condition.

Groves.

the stringers and flooring being rotten, and that after consultation with the mayor he had ordered suitable timber with which to repair the same.

Alderman Glass moved that the city engineer be authorized to proceed at once to repair said bridge and the motion was adopted.

By Engineer Groves -

A report stating that he has organized a force of about 80 men and is excavating the bank east of the dam, preparatory to extending the wall of the gate head masonry, clearing loose rock from the location of the power house and removing such portions of the gate head masonry as seems necessary. Some portions of the trench at the east end of the gate head masonry is excavated six feet lower than the foundation upon which it rests. A suitable foundation has been reached.

The report was read and referred to the committee on water and light.

The following was read:

Office of Board of Public Works,
Austin, Tex., July 3, 1893.

Honorable Mayor and City Council, Austin, Tex.

Gentlemen -

I have the honor to report that the board of public works, at a meeting held on this date, adopted the report of the joint committee in the matter of final settlement with Mr. Bernard Corrigan.

Respectfully,

H. J. Clephant,
Secretary.

It was referred to the water and light committee.

Alderman Ketchum entered the Council and answered to his name.

Ald. Ketchum.

Reports of Committees.

The city attorney to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. L. L. Robertson in regard to settlement of her back taxes, submitted a report thereon which states that: "in my opinion Mrs. Robertson settled in full the amount of taxes due to the city of Austin when she executed and delivered the deed conveying to the city the property described in her original proposition of compromise. I am therefore of the opinion the prayer of her petition should be granted."

It was moved that the report be adopted and the petition be granted, and it was carried.

Alderman Jackson for the committee on streets and alleys, to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$99.00 for the purpose of constructing a culvert on Twenty third street between Gaudalope and San Antonio streets, submitted a report thereon recommending the passage of the same.

The report was adopted.

Alderman Jackson, for the committee on streets and alleys, to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating

Corrigans figures
Correct

Mrs. L. L. Robertson.
tax.

\$99.00 for Culvert on
23d. St. bet. S. + S. A.
Sts.

Bridge Car. Cong. Ave. + E. 8th
St.

\$9000 for foot Bridge
over Waller Creek on E. 13th
St.

A. B. Deen.

John Deehler.

S. C. Granberry

J. J. White.

Joint Comtee. on Correctness
of B. Carrigan's Estimates
&c. report.

\$125.00 for building a bridge at the intersection of Congress Avenue and East Eighth Street presented a report thereon recommending its passage, and the report was adopted.

Alderman Jackson, for the committee on streets and alleys, to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating \$90.00 for the purpose of building a foot bridge over Waller Creek at East Thirteenth Street, offered a report thereon recommending the passage of the same, and the report prevailed.

Alderman Shelley, for the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the petition of A. B. Deen, asking to be relieved from the payment of taxes on an assessment of \$1600.00 in credits, claiming that he was not the owner of said credits on the first day of January, 1892, submitted a report thereon which states "that we have been unable to ascertain the date of the transfer to Mrs. Pease, she being absent from the city and her agent having no knowledge of the transaction. We therefore return the petition for such action as the council may deem proper in the premises."

The report was adopted.

Alderman Shelley, for the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the petition of John Deehler asking a remission of a portion of the taxes on his assessment of merchandise, offered a report thereon and returned the petition with the recommendation that it be not granted, as the valuation was fixed by the Board of Equalization, whose acts, in the opinion of the committee the council has no authority to revise.

The report was adopted.

Alderman Shelley, for the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the petition of S. C. Granberry asking that the valuation of his property in South Austin, as fixed by the Board of Equalization, be reduced, presented a report thereon, which states "that while the valuation, as stated by Mr. Granberry, is double that of the surrounding property, under the provisions of section 41, page 10 of the city charter the council has no authority to reduce the same."

The report was adopted.

Alderman Shelley, for the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred the claim of J. J. White for damages to submerged lands, offered a report recommending that it be referred to the board of public works. Adopted.

Alderman Anderson, for the joint committee recently appointed to examine and revise the calculations and figures of the general estimate between Mr. Bernard Carrigan and the city of Austin to ascertain the exact amount due Mr. Carrigan on his contract with the city of Austin, presented a report from Mr. Paul Helwig, C. E., which states that "after communicating with Mr. E. H. Groves, engineer in charge

of the present dam work, etc., and going over all the papers, drawings, surveys, contracts, etc., and having carefully refigured all the work under contract by Mr. Bernard Corrigan, I have found the figures correct in every particular.

Ald. Asmann entered

The report was adopted.

Alderman Asmann entered the council and answered to his name.

Unfinished Business.

"Woodside Cemetery"

An ordinance establishing Woodside cemetery was taken up on its third reading.

Alderman Schneider moved to amend the same by striking out the word "Woodside" and inserting in lieu thereof "Austin City" cemetery.

The amendment prevailed by the following vote.

Yeas - 12

Aldermen Anderson, Jackson, Schneider,
Asmann, Linn, Schubert,
Dawson, North, Shelley,
Fischer, Powell, Townsend.

Nays - 7

Aldermen Glass, Platt, Taylor,
Ketchum, Raymond, Harroth,
Miller.

The ordinance was then read a third time and on motion passed.

90\$ for foot Bridge on
E. 13th St.

An ordinance appropriating \$90 for the purpose of building a foot bridge over Haller creek, at East Thirtieth street, was taken up on its second reading and read, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading and that it do now pass, each of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - 19.

Aldermen Anderson, Linn, Schneider,
Asmann, Miller, Schubert,
Dawson, North, Shelley,
Fischer, Powell, Taylor,
Glass, Platt, Townsend,
Jackson, Raymond, Harroth,
Ketchum.

\$125 for Bridge Con.
Cong. Ave. + E. 8th St.

An ordinance appropriating \$125 for building a bridge at the intersection of Congress avenue and East Eighth street, was taken up and read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading which was lost by the vote:

Yeas - 14.

Aldermen Anderson, Ketchum, Raymond,
Dawson, Linn, Shelley,
Fischer, Miller, Townsend,
Glass, North, Harroth,
Jackson, Platt,

Nays - 5.

Ald. North was Excused

\$99.00 for Culvert on
2 3rd. St. bet. S. & S. A. Sts.

\$45,489.33 of W & L.
System.

Cars on E. 4th. St. bet.
Cong. Ave. & E. Ave.

Dam - W & L. system
Sp. Comtee. to make rept.

Aldermen Assmann, Schneider, Taylor.
Powell, Schubert.

Alderman North was excused from further attendance upon the session.

An ordinance to appropriate the sum of \$99.00 for the purpose of constructing a culvert on Twenty Third street, between Guadalupe and San Antonio streets was taken up on its second reading and read, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading and that it do now pass, each of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - 18

Aldermen Anderson, Ketchum, Schneider,
Assmann, Linn, Schubert,
Dawson, Miller, Shelley,
Fischer, Platt, Taylor,
Glass, Powell, Townsend,
Jackson, Raymond, Warrnith.

New Business.

By Alderman Linn: An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$45,489.33 for the purpose of paying certain expenses connected with the construction of the water and light system for the city of Austin.

The items named are as follows:

Bernard Corrigan, final estimate, \$44,461.68; H. L. Breneman, estimate of "2", power house, \$1027.65.

The ordinance was read the first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second and third readings and that it do now pass, each of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - 18

Aldermen Anderson, Ketchum, Schneider,
Assmann, Linn, Schubert,
Dawson, Miller, Shelley,
Fischer, Platt, Taylor,
Glass, Powell, Townsend,
Jackson, Raymond, Warrnith.

By Alderman Glass - An ordinance prohibiting the keeping of cars and engines on Fourth street railway between Congress avenue and East avenue when not in actual use.

The ordinance was read and referred to the ordinance committee with instructions to report on the same at the next regular meeting of the city council.

By Alderman Raymond - A resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of four, two aldermen and two members of the board of public works, whose duty it shall be to prepare a statement to the citizens of Austin, giving an estimate of when the power house and water and electric light system of the city, now in course of construction, will be ready for use, the estimated cost to the consumers of water and

light when system is under headway, and fully and impartially stating any other facts in connection with the dam enterprise, and the impediments thrown in the way of its construction, that may be of interest and enlightenment to the citizens of Austin ***"

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app'ds accts.

Alderman Linn moved to refer it to the committee on water and light, and the motion prevailed.

By Alderman Linn - An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$168949 for the purpose of paying approved accounts.

It was read the first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third readings and that it do now pass, each of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - 17.

Aldermen Anderson,	Ketchum,	Schuber,
Asmann,	Linn,	Shelley,
Dawson,	Muller,	Taylor,
Fischer,	Platt,	Townsend,
Glass,	Prwell,	Warrenth,
Jackson,	Raymond,	

Nays - 1.

Alderman Schneider

200\$ for Culvert Cor.
Cong. Ave. + Second St.

By Alderman Schneider - An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$200 for building a rock culvert at the intersection of Congress avenue and Second street. It was read the first time and referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

The council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,

City Clerk