

The Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Tex., June 5, 1893.

Hon. John W. Donald, Mayor, presiding.

Roll call.

Present - 17.

Aldermen Anderson, Jackson, Raymond,
 Asmann, Ketchum, Schubert,
 Dawson, Lippin, Shelley,
 Fischer, Nitschke, Taylor,
 Glass, North, Townsend,
 Hancock, Powell.

Absent - 5.

Aldermen Hume, Miller, Platt, Schneider, Harwood.

It was moved that Mr. Neil W. Cashion be requested to relieve the city clerk from attendance on the council in order to enable him to complete the preparation of the approved accounts ordinance and the motion prevailed and was complied with.

The minutes of the meetings of the city council which were held on the 15th and 22nd days of May 1893, were adopted as printed.

Petitions, Memorials, etc.

The following petitions, etc., were presented:

By Alderman Linn - A petition from John Dreher, asking the city council to remit a portion of his city taxes on account of an alleged excessive assessment made on his stock of merchandise by the board of appraisers of the city. It was referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

By Alderman Powell - A petition from Mrs. Elizabeth Brown requesting the city council to pay the amount of judgment (\$500) and costs (\$7.81) now due her in accordance with the judgment of the district court of Travis county. This judgment is to satisfy damages to property on West Fourth Street caused by the construction of the railroad to the dam. It was referred to the committee of claims and accounts.

Reports of City officers for the month of May, 1893:

By the city clerk -

Total number of deaths	21.
White	16.
Colored	6.
Mexican	3.
Male	13.
Female	7.

Remains of those brought here for interment, referred to the cemetery committee.

By the city treasurer -

Collection of fees assessed on records and	\$419.50
collected on cash	188.00
Marked out	10.00
expended.	

(If petitions or memorials received from J. J. White regarding the city council to allow him to be allowed to have a shop or warehouse by the city council in the construction of the dam. It was referred to the committee on claims and accounts.)

minutes.

Jos. L. Linn

J. J. White

Elizabeth Brown

Report of City Clerk

Escaped \$115.00
 Carried forward 38.60 \$153.60
 Back fines collected 189.26

Total number of arrests made 88
 Referred to the police committee.

By the Assessors and Collector:

Collections account-

General revenue \$7,688.79
 State work tax 11,407.70
 Interest on bonds issued prior to May 1, 1890 658.07
 School Tax 2,512.61
 \$15,297.22

Referred to the finance committee.

By the City Physician--

Number of patients in hospital May 1. 15.
 Number of patients admitted to hospital during May 9.
 Number of patients discharged from hospital during May 8.
 Number of deaths in hospital during May 3.
 Number of patients remaining in hospital June 1. 18.
 Number of visits made to patients during May 78.
 Number of prescriptions written for patients during May 136.

The health of the city is exceptionally good.

Referred to the committee on hospital.

By the City Clerk--

Itemized statement of warrants issued against the general fund - total amount \$6,678.85

Referred to the finance committee.

By the City Clerk--

Itemized statement of warrants issued against the water and light fund - total amount \$66,373.29

Referred to the finance committee.

By the Secretary of the Board of Public Works--

Itemized statements of accounts approved by the board of public works on account of the water and light system during the months of April and May, 1893.

Total amount approved during April \$110,171.22

Total amount approved during May 66,373.29

Referred to water and light committee.

By the City Treasurer--

Balances on hand June 5, 1893

Account general revenue \$11,191.70
 Account interest on bonds issued prior to May 1, 1890 3,458.91
 Account water and light fund 63,923.10
 Account water and light interest and sinking funds 19,215.17

Referred to the committee on finance.

Aldermen Schneider, Hilster, Harwood and Hunt entered the record and assented to their names.

Reports of Standing Committees.

William Hilster, for the committee on claims and accounts, to whom was referred a communication from Mr. H. H. Hilster, relating to the assessment of blots and 12, out of 37, division B, of the city of Austin, presented a report thereon which states: "That, while in their judgment

Report of at & leave

Finance B. M.

Clerk

Secy B. P. Wks.

Treas.

Attest & certify
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The valuation was excessive, under the provisions of section 41, page 10 of the city charter, which provides the manner of appeal from the action of the Board of Equalization, the council is precluded from taking any action in the matter.

The report was adopted.

Alderman North, for the committee on purchases, offered a report which states: "That having advertised for bids for feed for the city teams for the quarter ending Aug. 31, 1893, beg leave to report that they received two bids, one by C. J. Martin & Co., and the other by H. Breitzfeldt, that the bids of the former being the lowest said bids of C. J. Martin & Co. were accepted and the contract awarded to the latter. Your committee recommend that you ratify our action and that contracts be duly executed in accordance with said bids."

The report was adopted.

New Business.

A communication from Joseph Stalle, president Austin Water, Light and Power Company, was read. It directs attention of the city council to the sum now due and about to become due said company by the city for water and lights; and also mentions the fact that the contract for street lights will expire July 1, next, and states should the city desire to enter into further contract with said company for electric light service, he will be "pleased to submit rates upon proper application at the water company's office at any time convenient to your body, or its authorized representatives." It was referred to the committee on water and lights.

Alderman Ketchum moved that the council do now proceed to the election of a policeman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of H. B. Davis.

Alderman Miller moved as an amendment that the council declare that two vacancies exist on the police force, namely, the position formerly held by H. B. Davis and the other the position held by J. M. Bell.

Alderman Anderson moved that only the position held by J. M. Bell be declared vacant, as H. B. Davis had regularly resigned.

Alderman Glue moved to refer the question of declaring the position held by J. M. Bell vacant to the committee on police, and the motion prevailed.

The motion made by Alderman Ketchum then prevailed and the chair appointed Alderman Ketchum, Raymond and Ketchum as tellers.

The following nominations were made

by Alderman Miller, J. C. Fitzgerald

by Alderman Glue, W. B. McNeill

by Alderman Ketchum, James Smith

Joseph Stalle, Pres.
About Water and Lights

Policeman Election

G. W. Henry
Wm Hutchinson
J. E. Jones

By Alderman Anderson, E. W. Bentley.
By Alderman Hutchinson, Wm Hutchinson.
By Alderman Jones, J. E. Jones.

Nominations were declared closed and ballots were duly cast and canvassed, and the result thereof reported by the tellers as follows:

Hutchinson received 2 votes.

Giggard received 11 votes.

Galwell received 2 votes.

Turnb received 1 vote.

Henry received 4 votes.

Jones received 3 votes.

No one having received a majority of the votes cast, another ballot was ordered, which was duly cast and canvassed, and the result thereof reported by the tellers as follows:

Hutchinson received 2 votes.

Giggard received 11 votes.

Galwell received 3 votes.

Henry received 3 votes.

Jones received 2 votes.

J. E. Giggard having received a majority of all the votes cast, the mayor declared him duly elected a policeman of the City of Austin.

Alderman Dawson was excused from further attendance upon the session of the council.

Alderman North introduced the following:

"Resolved that the city council has unbounded confidence in the fidelity of the board of public works and in its ability to satisfactorily complete our system of water works and electric light.

Resolved, that the board of public works be, and they are hereby requested to continue to devote their best energies to a rapid completion of this grand enterprise.

Resolved, That in view of the momentous importance of having the most minute details of the work scientifically and thoroughly done, the board of public works be, and they are hereby requested to officially pass upon and determine all matters of construction and to cause the same to be carried out under the superintendence and responsibility of skilled and competent civil engineers and superintendents appointed by them, and not members of the board, in strict accordance with the official mandate of the board.

Resolved, That no officer, attorney and all deputizing of official action to the exercise of individual discretion by any member of the board, in the work of construction.

Resolved, That the city clerk furnish a copy of these resolutions to each member of the board of public works, and that they be published in the proceedings of the city council.

Alderman Jones moved to amend by striking

J. E. Giggard elected.

Ald. Dawson Excused

Board of Pub. Works.
Council Expresses Confidence
in

out all of the resolutions except the first two. The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas - 11.

Aldermen Glass, Platt,
Ketchum, Raymond.

Nays - 16.

Aldermen Anderson, Miller, Schuber,
Assmann, Mitschke, Shelley,
Fischer, March, Taylor,
Hancock, Powell, Townsend,
Jackson, Schneider, Harwich,
Linn.

The resolutions were then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - 16.

Aldermen Anderson, Mitschke, Schuber,
Assmann, March, Shelley,
Fischer, Powell, Taylor,
Hancock, Schneider, Townsend,
Jackson, Glass, Harwich,
Linn.

Nays - 11.

Aldermen Ketchum, Platt,
Miller, Raymond.

By Alderman Raymond - An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to amend the ordinance creating the Board of Public Works, etc."

The ordinance provides that when any changes from the plans and specifications of the ^{Engineer} who has been employed to supervise the construction of any work connected with the construction of the power-house and water and light system of the city are proposed by the Board of Public Works or any member thereof, that such proposal shall first be submitted to the city council for its ratification, and that no changes in said plans shall be made without first procuring the consent and ratification of such change by the city council.

On motion the ordinance was laid on the table by the following vote:

Yeas - 11.

Aldermen Anderson, Jackson, Powell,
Assmann, Linn, Schuber,
Fischer, Miller, Townsend,
Glass, Mitschke, Harwich,
Hancock, March.

Nays - 6.

Aldermen Ketchum, Raymond, Shelley,
Platt, Schneider, Taylor.

The following letters, &c., concerning the same, were presented:

By Alderman Linn -

Trustees, &c., Nov 6, 1892

The Annual City Board of Public Works, New York City, N.Y.

Amend Ord. Creating
Bd. P. Wks.

Table

As agents of the city of Austin, Tex., we ship by today's Wells, Fargo & Co's express (expense prepaid) city of Austin water works and electric light bonds, numbered nine hundred and one to fourteen hundred (901 to 1400) both numbers inclusive. Say five hundred (500) bonds, one thousand (\$1000) dollars each - \$500,000 with accrued interest since Oct. 1, 1892. These bonds have been sold by the city to Messrs. Edward Morton & Co., of 53 Broadway, New York, at par and accrued interest, less five (5) per cent commission. Upon payment of proceeds to you (par and interest less 5 per cent commission) deliver bonds to Edward Morton & Co., but not otherwise. If payment is made pass proceeds on your books to the credit of J. S. Myrick, treasurer of the city of Austin, Tex. If payment is not made, hold the bonds subject to our order as agents of the city of Austin, Tex. Write us in either case.

Yours Truly,
(Signed) J. H. Raymond & Co.

By Mayor M. Donald:

Austin, Tex., Nov. 5, 1892.

Messrs. Edward Morton & Co.,

N^o 53 Broadway, New York.

Gentlemen-

The \$500,000 water works and electric light bonds of the city of Austin, contracted for by you have this day been forwarded by express to the National City Bank of New York to be delivered to you upon payment by you to said bank par and accrued interest on said bonds, less five (5) per cent commission, in accordance with your contract.

Respectfully
(Signed) John M. Donald
Mayor of Austin.

The following was introduced:

Engineer's Office, Board of Public Works, Austin, Tex., Jan 5, 1893.

Board met at engineer's office.

Present Mayor M. Donald, Carrington, Houldridge and Halsey.

It having come to the knowledge of the board that the report was in circulation that the unsold bonds of the city of Austin had been hypothecated the following resolution was offered and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the board has heard with astonishment the report that the \$500,000 unsold bonds of the city of Austin have been hypothecated in the city of New York and

Whereas, no such hypothecation has taken place; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the board of public works of the city of Austin, that such report is false in every particular and the board denounces the same as such.

H. to Ketch

Society friends

I was moved that the city council concern in the action of the board of public works as above set forth and the motion was unanimously adopted.

It was moved and carried that the resolution be printed in the minutes of the city council.

Approved 18th
1888

My old friend Lippin - An ordinance of the city council for the purpose of paying approved accounts.

It was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas - 19.

Alderman Anderson,	Lippin,	Raymond,
Assmann,	Mittler,	Schubert,
Fischer,	Kitschke,	Shelley,
Glass,	North,	Taylor,
Hancock,	Platt,	Townsend,
Jackson,	Dowell,	Warrick,
Ketchum,		

Nays - 1

Alderman Schneider.

Henry Zeller

Alderman Shelley moved that Mr. Henry Zeller, deputy city assessor and collector, be granted leave of absence for about three weeks from the 16th inst. and the motion prevailed.

Saints.

Alderman North moved that the question of increasing the sanitary force for the purpose of cutting weeds on the streets and public square of the city be referred to the committee on sanitation and sewerage and the motion carried.

St. Crossings on A. & N.
W. R. R.

Alderman Ketchum, by request, introduced a resolution reciting as a fact that the crossing of the Austin and Northwestern railway on East Sixth street is in bad condition and directing the city engineer to properly repair the same at the expense of said company unless said company, shall, within five days, make such repairs.

The resolution was adopted.

Regatta grand stand

Alderman Schneider presented the following: "Whereas, It has been reported that the grandstand at the lake is not safe for a large gathering of people; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the city engineer be requested to examine the same and report to the mayor as to the safety of the structure. Furthermore, and if the structure is not safe for a large gathering of people, that the mayor or engineer shall be empowered to have the same strengthened immediately."

The resolution was recommended as to require the city engineer, in the event he considers the structure unsafe, to satisfy and require the person in control of the same to properly strengthen it.

The resolution as amended was adopted.
 Alderman, who offered the following:

Resolved, That the mayor make a fresh order of the Dog Bonds mentioned in the letter of J. H. Raymond & Co. of Nov. 5, 1842, and accompany the same with a certified copy of the opinion of the supreme court in the case of Fox v. Hall, vs. The City of Austin.

The resolution was adopted.

By Alderman Shelley - An ordinance entitled "An ordinance to prevent the destruction and to regulate the catching of fish in the Colorado, river within the corporate limits of the city of Austin, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof." It was read the first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rule and place the same on its second reading, which prevailed by a two-thirds vote of the whole board of aldermen. The ordinance was accordingly read and on motion referred to the committee on ordinances.

The council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,
 City Clerk.