

The Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council

Austin, Tex., May 15, 1893.

Hon. John O. McDonald, Mayor, -presiding:
Roll Call.

Roll

Present - 14.

Aldermen - Assmann, Dawson, Fischer, Jackson, Ketchum, Kitchke, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Taylor, Schuber, Townsend, Warmoth.

Call.

Absent - 5.

Aldermen - Anderson, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Linn, Miller, North, Shelley.

Call of Council.

Recess.

Roll

A Call of the Council was moved and duly seconded and adopted. It was then moved that a recess of 10 minutes be taken. Carried. After the Expiration of recess the roll was again called with the following result:

Present - 19.

Call.

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

Absent - 3.

Call suspended.
Minutes.

Aldermen - Anderson, Hume, Hancock.

The Call of the Council was then suspended.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the City Council as printed, which caused a renewal of the discussion of the ruling of Chairman Linn at said meeting concerning the Ordinance providing for remodeling the bridge over Waller Creek on East Fifth Street and erection of iron bridge over Waller Creek on East First Street, which was returned to the Council at that time together with the Mayor's Veto of the same. The motion to approve the minutes as printed was adopted by the following Vote:

Yeas - 12.

Aldermen - Assmann, Jackson, Linn, North, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Schuber, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth.

Nays - 7.

Aldermen - Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Ketchum, Miller, Kitchke, Platt.

Resolutions on Completion
of the dam.

Alderman North presented the following:

Whereas, On this, 15th. day of May, 1893, the noble Colorado has, for the first time, surmounted its barrier and Commenced its Eternal flow over the Crest of the dam,

Resolved, That this is a fit occasion to Commemorate the successful Completion of this, the first and most difficult step in the progress of our great undertaking,

Resolved, That it is the duty of this body that the thanks of our Citizens be due to the board of public works for their energy and wisdom in completing this difficult undertaking,

Resolved, That this body express the appreciation of this undertaking, and the thanks it imposes upon our Citizens pending its Completion, and pledge

itself to practically demonstrate its appreciation of the patience of our citizens under this temporary burden of taxation, by rigid Economy in its administration of the City's finances. It was moved that the resolutions be adopted and the motion prevailed by the following Vote:

Yeas-19.	Aldermen	Assmann,	Platt,
		Dawson,	Powell,
		Fischer,	Raymond,
		Glass,	Schneider,
		Jackson,	Schuber,
		Ketchum,	Shelley,
		Linn,	Taylor,
		Miller,	Townsend,
		Mitschke,	Warmoth,
		North.	

Report of the City Engineer.

Lewis-Mercer Co. The City Engineer submitted a report which states that in accordance with a resolution adopted by the City Council May 1 1898, he notified the Lewis-Mercer Construction Co. to at once place all streets and alleys disturbed by said Company in as good condition as they were before said Company made Excavations and fills in the same; and that in reply he received assurance that the matter will receive immediate attention. No action was taken on the report.

John F. Hart + wife Alderman Mitschke presented a deed from John F. Hart and his wife Ellen Hart, dated May 13, 1893, conveying to the City of Austin, for street purposes, a strip of land situated in the Eleventh Ward near the San Antonio road. Alderman Mitschke moved that the deed be accepted, and the motion prevailed.

Reports of Committees.

Spl. policemen Alderman Townsend for the Committee on police, to whom was referred a resolution providing for the appointment of 20 Special policemen to serve from June 6 to June 12, submitted a report thereon recommending that the City Marshal be authorized to appoint five Special policemen to serve, and that they be allowed \$2 per day for such time as they may be employed. The report was adopted.

Frank H. Raymond Alderman Shelley, for the Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the petition of Frank H. Raymond to be relieved from the payment of taxes on an item of \$1000 in Credits erroneously assessed in his name for the year 1892, offered a report thereon which states that they find the statements contained therein to be true, and therefore recommended that the petition be granted and the tax collector instructed to make the correction suggested. The report was adopted.

Alderman Nelson was excused for a short time.

Alderman Platt, for the Committee on Comptrolery, to whom was referred a communication from the Police Comptrolery Association, requesting the City Council to make an appropriation

Lewis-Mercer Co.
Sewer

of \$100 to be used by the association in "cleaning the large area, so unkempt - old part" - and suggesting name for streets and walks in the city Cemetery, Etc., submitted a report recommending the passage of two Ordinances presented therewith concerning the subjects embraced in the Communication. The report was adopted and the Ordinances referred to were laid over to be taken up under the head of new business. Alderman Raymond offered the following:
To Hon. John McDonald, Mayor:

Your Special Committee appointed at the last regular meeting of the City Council for the purpose of investigating as to the feasibility of making changes in the plan by which the Lewis-Mercer Construction Company are laying sewer pipe in the City of Austin, beg leave to make the following report:

In certain portions of the Sixth and Fifth wards your Committee have authorized said Construction Company to lay their pipes in alleys instead of in the streets as called for in the original diagram. This change was authorized from the fact that certain streets in that part of the City have been graded and partly macadamized, and to allow excavations to be made through them would almost if not wholly destroy such improvements - at any rate it would seriously injure the work upon streets which has cost the City hundreds of dollars. Again, your Committee deemed it advisable to have said sewer pipes laid in the alleys because of the fact that by so doing connections can be made with the sewer at less cost to the citizens, and therefore more connections would be made, thereby facilitating cleanliness and improving the sanitary conditions of the City.

Your Committee deem it advisable, and recommend that in future said Lewis-Mercer Construction Company be allowed to make changes where demanded by citizens living and owning property along the routes of said sewer, upon the recommendation of the City Engineer that such changes are practicable, and will save the streets from injury and cheapen the facilities for making connections with said sewer. The report was adopted.

Unfinished Business.

An Ordinance appropriating \$2100 for the purpose of building a stone Culvert bridge over Waller Creek on East Seventh Street, was reached on the Calendar and, on motion, further action on the same was postponed.

New Business.

By Alderman Raymond -

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$99 for the purpose of constructing a Culvert on Twenty third Street, between Duval and San Antonio Street. It was read and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.
By Alderman Raymond - An Ordinance appropriating \$40 for the purpose of building a foot bridge over Waller Creek, at East Seventh Street. It was read and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By Alderman Pett - An Ordinance prohibiting persons

Bridge E. 7th St.

Culvert on 23rd St.

Foot bridge over Waller Creek

Cemetery

from Entering the City Cemetery) Within certain hours and prescribing a penalty for the violation. It was read and referred to the Committee on Cemetery. Section 1 of the Ordinance makes it unlawful for any person, not having the consent of the sexton, to enter the City Cemetery at any time before 8 o'clock a. m. or after 7 o'clock p. m. between the first day of March and the first day of October, or to enter said Cemetery without such permission before the hour of 8 o'clock a. m. or after the hour of 6 o'clock p. m. between the first day of October and the first day of March each year. Alderman Linn was excused from further attendance upon the Session of the Council.

Ald. Miller

City Cemetery

Alderman Miller Entered the Council and answered to his name.

By Alderman Platt. An Ordinance appropriating \$100 for the purpose of improving the City Cemetery. 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 pass, each of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-18. Aldermen Assmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Jackson, Ketchum, Miller, Kitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Schuber, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth.

"Woodside Cemetery"

By Alderman Platt. An Ordinance to Establish Woodside Cemetery. It was read the first time after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-7.

Aldermen Ketchum, Raymond, Miller, Taylor, North, Warmoth, Platt.

Nays-11.

Aldermen Assmann, Powell, Dawson, Schneider, Fischer, Schuber, Glass, Shelley, Jackson, Townsend, Kitschke.

The following was read:

"Resolved, That the City Council the City of Austin be and is hereby requested to appoint a Committee of three of its members to act with a like Committee to be appointed by the Chairman of this board, to examine into and report to the City Council and to this board if the Contract of Bernard Carrigan with this City to Construct its dam across the Colorado River has in all respects been complied with, and what sum of money remains due and unpaid said Contract to Mr Carrigan. Resolved further, said Committee be, and is hereby authorized to employ such experts as it may deem necessary to carry into effect the first clause of this resolution."

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Comtee. to Examine
Carrigan's Estimates

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the board of public works at a meeting held on this date, and that the Committee appointed on the part of the board consists of Messrs. Frank Hamilton, John W. Maddox and Wm. C. Walsh and that by a vote of the board, Hon. John M. Donald, mayor and President of the board, was added to said committee.

H. J. McPherson

Secretary Board of Public Works

Alderman Nitschke moved that the recommendations of the board of public works be concurred in and that a committee of three be named. The motion prevailed and it was then moved that the chair appoint the committee which was also agreed to, and Aldermen Anderson, Ligon and North were appointed.

Alderman Nitschke moved that Alderman Fischer be added to the committee. Carried.

Alderman Shelley moved that Alderman Schubert be added to the committee. Adopted.

A resolution from the board of public works was read, asking the city council to make appropriation of \$5000 for the purpose of paying for submerged lands, engineering and miscellaneous expenses connected with the construction of the water supply system for the city of Austin. See ordinance.

By Alderman Platt - A resolution concerning the sale of the remaining \$500,000 of the water and electric light bonds of the city.

Alderman Shelley moved to lay on the table and the motion prevailed.

By Alderman Fischer - An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$7211.40 for the purpose of paying estimate No. 9 in favor of James B. [unclear] under his contract with the city of Austin.

It was read the first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and pass 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 Cassman, [unclear], Fischer, Glaser, Jackson, Ketchum, Miller, Nitschke, North, Platt, [unclear], Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Schubert, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Harman.

By Alderman Fischer - An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5000 for the purpose of, paying for submerged lands, engineering and miscellaneous expenses connected with the construction of the water and light system for the city of Austin.

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

Submerged lands etc.

Bonds. W. & L.

Waterston, Jas.

Submerged lands etc.

The following vote:

Yeas - 18

Alderman Asmann,	Platt,
Dawson,	Powell,
Fischer,	Raymond,
Glass,	Schneider,
Jackson,	Schuber,
Ketchum,	Shelley,
Miller,	Taylor,
Nitschke,	Townsend,
North,	Harrocks,

James Street.

By Alderman Powell - An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$77 for filling up a ditch at the foot of Levee Street. It was read the first time after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its second reading, which was adopted by a two thirds vote of the whole board of aldermen. The ordinance was accordingly read after which it was moved that the following proviso be added to section two thereof: Provided said work shall be done under the supervision of the street committee and city engineer. Adopted.

Motions were then made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading and that it do now pass, both of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - 18

Alderman Asmann,	Platt,
Dawson,	Powell,
Fischer,	Raymond,
Glass,	Schneider,
Jackson,	Schuber,
Ketchum,	Shelley,
Miller,	Taylor,
Nitschke,	Townsend,
North,	Harrocks,

By Alderman Jackson - An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$90 for the purpose of building a foot bridge over Haller creek on East Second Street.

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 - 18.

Alderman Asmann,	Miller,	Schneider,
Dawson,	Nitschke,	Schuber,
Fischer,	North,	Shelley,
Glass,	Platt,	Taylor,
Jackson,	Powell,	Townsend,
Ketchum,	Raymond,	Harrocks,

By Alderman Miller - A petition from the old Allen concerning an error in the assessment of his property for the year 1892. It was referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

Cemetery

Expenses of City & County

By Alderman Raymond - An ordinance prohibiting persons from entering the city cemetery within certain hours and prescribing a penalty for the violation, submitted a favorable report thereon, which was adopted.

By Alderman Fischer - An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$9,123.95 for the purpose of paying expenses connected with the construction of the sewer works and electric light system for the city of Austin. The items are as follows:

R. J. Bell, assignee of J. L. Taylor to damaged lands	\$6,618.15
One half cost of arbitration in above matter	38.03
Pumping on 200 ft. in foundation of dam, B. Corrigan	1,882.00
For cement &c. purchased from B. Corrigan	585.47
Total	\$9,123.95

The ordinance 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:

Aye - 18.

Aldermen Asmann, Miller, Schubert,
Dawson, Nitschke, Schneider,
Fischer, North, Shelby,
Glass, Powell, Taylor,
Jackson, Plumb, Townsend,
Ketchum, Raymond, Warrick.

Cemetery

Alderman Raymond moved to take up the ordinance prohibiting persons from entering the city cemetery within certain hours and prescribing a penalty for the violation, but a motion to adjourn was made and adopted.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.