

The Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council,

Austin, Texas, May 1st 1893.

Hon. Henry A. Linn President of the board of aldermen, Presiding.

Roll.

Roll Call. Present - 17 - Aldermen - Anderson, Asman, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Pawell, Raymond, Schneider, Schuber, Taylor, Warmoth.

Roll.

Absent - 5 - Aldermen - Hume, Miller, Ketchum, Shelley, Townsend.

The minutes of the meeting of the City Council which was held on the 17th day of April, 1893 were adopted as printed.

Alderman Anderson moved that Mr. Neil M. Cashin be requested to relieve the city clerk temporarily from attendance on the City Council to enable him to complete the approved accounts ordinance.

The motion was adopted and complied with.

Petitions &c.

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The following petitions, etc., were introduced:
By Alderman Raymond -

Animals

A numerously signed petition of citizens and persons interested in the Sixth Ward against repealing the amendment to the ordinance passed a few weeks ago extending the boundaries in which stock are prohibited from running at large.

It was received and ordered filed.

Ald. Townsend and Ketchum;

Aldermen Townsend and Ketchum entered the Council and answered to their names.

By Alderman Schneider -

R.R. Switch
Protest against

A petition from residents and property owners residing upon and owning property on West Third St. in this City protesting against the construction of an additional rail-road track which is now being built on said street by the International & Great Northern Rail-road company.

It was read and referred to the committee on Streets and Alleys, and the City Attorney, with instructions to investigate the matter and if it can be legally prevented for the time being, to instruct the City Marshal to cause work thereon to cease until further action in relation thereto is taken by the City Council.

Cemetery Assn.
Ladies

Alderman Platt, by request, presented a communication from the Ladies Cemetery Association.

requesting the City Council to appropriate \$100.00 on October and April 1st, of each year to be used by "The Association in cleaning the large area so unsightly - old part, etc." and suggesting names for streets and walks in the City Cemetery and the name "Woodside" in lieu of "city" as a suitable name for the cemetery. It was referred to the committee on cemetery.

H. B. Minney.
Dyer.

By Alderman Anderson, by request:—
A communication from H. B. Minney, complaining that the valuation of Blocks 11 and 12 in lot 37, Division B, as fixed by the late board of equalization is too high, and asking that the matter be referred to a committee for investigation.

It was referred to the committee on claims and accounts and the city attorney.

Reports City
Officers

Reports of City officers for the month of April 1893:—

By the City Sexton -

Total number of deaths	25
White	16
Colored	9
Mexican	4
Male	21
Female	8

By the City Physician. —

Number of patients in hospital Apr. 1 st 1893	13
Number of patients admitted to hospital during Apr. 1893	10
Number of patients discharged from hospital during April 1893,	4
Number of deaths in hospital during Apr. 1893	4
Number of patients remaining in hospital May 1 st 1893	15
Number of visits made paupers in the City during April	96
Number of prescriptions written for paupers during April	148
Number of cases of scarlet fever reported in April	1
Referred to hospital committee.	

By City assessor and collector —
Collections.

Account general revenue	\$6,742.89
Account water - works tax	4080.10
Account interest on bonds issued prior to May 1 st 1890	593.87
Account lease of Dam railroad	1,750.00
Total	\$17,666.86
School Tax	2,305.51

Referred to finance committee

By the City marshal -

Total amount of fines assessed in the recorder's court	\$505.00
Collected in Cash	\$243.75

Hauled out

\$ 182.75

Escaped

18.00

Carried forward

61.00

Total

\$ 505.00

Back fines collected

\$ 18.00

Iram City Pound

131.00

Total number of arrests made

.80

Referred to the Police Committee —

By the City Clerk —

Statement of warrants issued against the general fund;

Total amount \$ 5759.12

Referred to the finance committee.

By the City Clerk —

A Statement of warrants issued against the water and light fund:—

Total amount \$ 40,174.22

Referred to the finance committee.

By the City Treasurer —

Cash on hand

Account general revenue

\$ 13,640.85

Account interest on bonds issued prior

to May 1st 1890

4,800.82

Account water and light fund

131,101.97

Account water and light interest fund

4,802.42

Account water and light sinking fund

10,000.00

Referred to finance committee.

Reports of Committees.

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\$ 500.00 Sewer Com.

nection Hospital.

15th St. grading

Alderman North, for the committee on ordinance to whom was referred "an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 500.00 for the purpose of grading Fifteenth Street and connecting the County and City Hospital with the sewer of the Lewis-Mercer Sewerage Company," presented a report recommending the passage of the same. The report was laid over to be considered with the ordinance named therein.

Unfinished Business.

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Sewer Connection

Hospital. 15th St.

\$ 500.00

The ordinance last above named was then 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 was adopted by the following vote:— Yeas — 19— Aldermen, Anderson, Assman, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Ketchum, Sinn, North, Kitchester, Powell, Platt, Raymond, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend Taylor, Starnoth.

An ordinance appropriating \$ 2700.00 for the purpose of building a stone culvert bridge over Walker Creek on East Seventh Street, was taken up on its second reading and read, after which Alderman North moved to lay the same

Walker Creek Bridge

E. 7th St. \$ 2700.00

Ald. Miller.

Recess

Re-convened

on the table.

Alderman Miller entered the Council and answered to his name.

The Council took a recess of five minutes, and after the expiration of the same the motion by Alderman North was lost by the following vote: Yeas - 9 - Aldermen, Anderson, Linn, North, Powell, Raymond, Schubert, Schneider, Taylor, Townsend.

Nays - 11 - Aldermen - Assman, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Ketchum, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Warmoth.

A motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, which was lost by the following vote: Yeas. 9

Aldermen - Assman, Fischer, Hancock, Miller, Warmoth, Dawson, Glass, Ketchum, Platt.

Nays - 11 - Aldermen; Anderson, Linn, North, Raymond, Schubert, Townsend, Jackson, Nitschke, Powell, Schneider, Taylor.

Alderman Shelly entered the Council and answered to his name.

New Business:—

By Alderman North.

\$1466.06. An-
proved accounts

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1466.06 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 same on its second and third readings, and that it do now pass, each of which were adopted by the following vote:— Yeas - 20 - Alderman -

Anderson, Assman, Jackson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schubert, Shelly, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth.

Nays. 1 - Alderman, Schneider.

The following vote was then read:—

Mayor's Office,

Austin, Texas, April 20, 1893 }

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin;—

Gentlemen:— I herewith return to your honorable body without my approval an ordinance entitled:—

" An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1745.00 for the purpose of remodeling Fifth street bridge across Hallett Creek and removing iron bridge now over Hallett Creek on Fifth Street and place the same over Hallett Creek on First Street.

It has been so short a time since I presented to your honorable body my objections to an ordinance similar in its provisions to the one now under consideration, that I deem

Mayor's Veto -
5th & 1st St Bridge.

it unnecessary to again present them at length, but shall feel that my duty has been performed when I state that the condition of the general fund of the city, recently presented to your honorable body, will not warrant this expenditure. Furthermore, I am informed by the City Engineer that the iron bridge caught to be removed from Fifth to First street is only 35½ feet in length in the clear, or between the abutments, and that the creek at First Street runs diagonally across the street, thereby requiring a bridge 75 feet in length to properly span it. Should the bridge now on Fifth Street be placed at First Street, it would be necessary to extend the wing walls and construct abutment walls 20 feet from the banks of the stream, which would, as your honorable body will readily perceive, close up 40 feet of the channel check the flow of water, and in time of high water, probably destroy the bridge, and damage other property in the vicinity.

The City Engineer also informs me that the iron portion of the bridge now over Keller Creek, on Fifth Street, is in good condition, and that with a small expenditure for stringers and flooring it can be placed in a thoroughly safe condition, capable of bearing the weight of any of our city traffic. I therefore cannot see any reason for removing the same.

But in conclusion, I beg leave to state that while I deem the objections other than that of want of finances, amply to justify my action in returning this ordinance to your honorable body without my approval, the lack of funds is my chief objection.

I therefore request your honorable body to reconsider the vote by which the ordinance was passed.

Very Respectfully,
John M. Canale,
Mayor.

Alderman Glass moved to reconsider the vote by which the ordinance was passed, and it was agreed to by the following vote:—

Yeas—21—Aldermen—Anderson, Asman, Dawson, Discher, Glass, Hanover, Jackson, Stettin, Linn, Miller, Kitchie, Koch, Platt, Powell, Rayman, Schneider, Schubert, Shelly, Taylor, Townsend, Harmonth.

The chair then put the question:

"Shall the ordinance pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor?"

It was decided in the negative by the following vote:- Yeas - 1 - Alderman Assman.
Nays - 12 - Aldermen - Anderson, Jackson, Sinn North, Powell, Raymond, Schuber, Schneider, Shelly, Townsend, Taylor, Wornath.
Declined to Vote - 8 - Aldermen - Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Ketchum, Miller, Witschke, Platt.

\$11,250.00 Interest
Water Works &
Electric Light Bond

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$11,250.00 for the purpose of paying interest on the water works and electric light bonds of the City of Austin, due Apr. 1st 1893, was presented. 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 - 21 - Aldermen - Anderson, Assman, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Ketchum, Sinn, Miller, Witschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Schuber, Shelly, Taylor, Townsend, Wornath.

Lewis-Mercer.
Repair Streets

By Alderman Raymond:-

A resolution instructing the City Engineer to inform the Lewis-Mercer Construction Company, or its agents, that the provision of the franchise requiring the said company to properly and promptly repair all streets placed in a rough condition by reason of the excavations made by said company, must be strictly complied with.

Adopted.

By Alderman Shelly:-

Fire Dept. Streamer.

A resolution granting the Austin Fire Department the right to place a streamer across Congress Avenue, at such point as may be selected, during the annual convention of the State Firemen's Association, which meets here May 10, 11, and 12.

Carried.

By Alderman Ketchum -

\$150.00 Bridge
South Cong. Ave.

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$150.00 for the purpose of building a stone culvert on South Congress Avenue just North of the Entrance to Fairview Park.

It was read and referred to Committee on Streets and Alleys.

By Alderman Raymond -

Lewis-Mercer.
Sewer Franchise
Com. to Examine

A resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of three "to examine the franchise and investigate the laying of sewer pipe by the Mercer Construction Company upon the streets of the city, where and when it is practicable to lay said pipes in alleys, and that the City Engineer be instructed to assist said committee in their labors."

Election Porter.

Alderman Platt moved to amend the resolution by adding thereto, "and be it further resolved that said company shall be required to strictly comply with the terms of its franchise." The amendment was accepted, and the resolution was adopted.

Aldermen Raymond, Platt, and Glass were appointed as the committee.

The election of a porter being next in order, Alderman Kitchschke moved that three tellers be appointed to canvass the ballots. The motion prevailed, and Alderman Kitchschke, Hancock and Dawson were appointed.

The names of the following persons were then placed in nomination for the position:-

Geo. Dantaine, Hal Mason, Jerry Foster, Wm. St. Harrison, Wm. Lee, Joe Bridges, Jeff Moore, H. B. Gregg, J. J. Love, J. Cavanaugh, Geo. B. Washington, and Lee Hopson.

The first ballot resulted as follows:-

Harrison received one vote:-

Bridges received five votes.

Dantaine received one vote.

Lee received two votes.

Mason received four votes.

Cavanaugh received two votes.

Gregg received two votes.

Foster received one vote.

Hopson received two votes.

Love received one vote.

Washington received one vote.

There being no election, it was moved that all persons receiving less than two votes, be dropped from the next ballot.

The motion prevailed and the chair called for a second ballot, which being duly cast and canvassed was reported as follows:

Bridges received 6 votes

Lee received 2 votes

Mason received 7 votes

Gregg received 1 vote.

Love received 1 vote

Hopson received 3 votes

There being no election it was moved that after each ballot the persons receiving less than two votes be dropped from the next ballot.

The motion was adopted and the chair called for a third ballot, which was duly cast and canvassed and the result thereof as follows:

Bridges received 7 votes

Mason received 8 votes

Lee received 2 votes

Hopson received 4 votes

There being no election the chair called for a

fourth ballot, which was duly cast and canvassed and reported as follows:-

Bridges received 8 votes
Hapsan received 5 votes
Masun received 8 votes

No one having received a majority of all the votes cast, the chair directed that another ballot be taken, which was duly cast and canvassed, and the result thereof reported as follows:-

Bridges received 14 votes
Masun received 7 votes

The chair then declared Joe Bridges duly elected
Porter

Adjournment.

Alderman North then moved that the ^{City} Council stand adjourned until Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock.
Carried.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk

The Minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council,

Austin, Texas, May 3rd 1893.

Hon. John McDonald, Mayor, Presiding.

Roll.

Roll Call. Present - 5 - Aldermen - Linn, North, Raymond, Schuber, Warrmoth.

Call.

Absent - 17 - Aldermen - Anderson, Arman, Dawson, Fisher, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend.

Call of Council
Recess.

Alderman North moved a case of the Council, and that a recess of five minutes be taken.
Carried.

Second Roll

After the expiration of the recess, the roll was again called and showed the following result:-

Call.

Present - 13 - Aldermen - Anderson, Arman, Fischer, Linn, Miller, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Schuber, Taylor, Warrmoth.

Roll Suspended

Absent - 9 - Aldermen - Dawson, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Nitschke, Shelley, Townsend.

Shuber - Lewis - Mercer
Petition from.

The case of the Council was then suspended. The following was read and referred to special committee on Sewer, with power to act:-

Austin Texas, May 3rd 1893

Hon. John McDonald, Mayor, and Members of the City Council of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:- There are some changes in the location of our Sewer asked for by the citizens of Austin, which we are ready to make with the approval of your honorable body.

I then for respectfully request that your Sewer Committee be authorized to approve of such changes for the city, in order to meet the wishes of citizens, with as little delay as possible, and not delay our work.

John Dorrey.
Mgr. for the Lewis-Mercer Can Co.

Reports from
Engineers Groves
& Warrmoth

The reports of Engineers Groves and Warrmoth for the month of April, 1893, were read and ordered filed.

Resolution from
Bo. Pub. Works.

Resolutions from the Board of public works were read, recommending that Whitwell - Brown & Smith - Lumber Company, and Riley & Cantley be given \$10,000 each as their contracts with the city, the former for building wharves, piers, etc., and the latter for fire sheds, etc.

\$43,507.93 to
May 11, 1893

The balance of the appropriation for the purpose of paying certain

Expenses for
Water & E. Light.
Recess

expenses connected with construction of the
water and light system for the City of
Austin, was presented and read after which
a case of the Council was ordered, and a recess
of five minutes taken.

The items in the ordinance are:

Bernard Carrigan, Estimate No. 30.	\$16,727.68
James Watson, Estimate No. 8.	6,780.25
Stilwell-Bierce & Smith-Vails Company Estimate No. 7	10,000.00
Riter & Lanley, Estimate No. 7	10,000.00

3rd Re

After expiration of recess the case of the Council
was suspended, and the case was again called with
the following result:

Present - 16 - Aldermen - Anderson, As-
man, Fischer, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, North, Platt,
Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Schuber, Shelley, Taylor,
Townsend, Warrmoth.

Case.

Absent - 6 - Aldermen - Dawson, Glass,
Hancock, Thorne, Jackson, Kitchie.

Motions were then 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 - 16 - Aldermen. Anderson, Asman,
Fischer, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, North, Platt, Powell,
Raymond, Schneider, Schuber, Shelley, Taylor, Town-
send, Warrmoth.

Adjournment.

The Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.