

The Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Austin, April 3, 1893.

Hon. Henry H. Linn, president of the board of aldermen, presiding.

Roll.

Roll Call. Present. - Aldermen Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Taylor. - 13.

Call.

Absent. Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Hancock, Miller, Schneider, Schubert, Shelley, Townsend, Warmoth. - 9.

Call of Council.

Alderman Platt moved a call of the Council, which was duly adopted.

Recess.

At 8:05 p.m., Alderman Nitschke moved that the Council take a recess of ten minutes. Carried.

To order.

At 8:15 p.m., the Council was again called to order, after which Alderman North moved that Mr Neil McCashin be requested to relieve the city clerk temporarily from attendance on the city Council, to enable him to complete the preparation of the approved accounts ordinance. The motion prevailed and was complied with.

2nd. Roll Call.

Second roll Call. Present. - Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Nitschke, North, P. Powell, Raymond, Schubert, Taylor, Townsend. - 19.
Absent. Aldermen Schneider, Shelley, Warmoth. - 3.

Call of Council suspended.

It was moved and adopted that the call of the Council be suspended.

Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of the City Council which was held on the 20th day of March, 1893, were adopted as

Ad. Shelley & Warmoth printed.

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

Petitions, Etc.

E. 17th St. Bridge matter.

The following petitions were introduced:

By Alderman Platt - The following proposal from Messrs. R. M. Castleman, Chas. Wolf, Menno Miller and others: We, the undersigned taxpayers, being desirous for the erection of a bridge across Waller Creek on East Seventh Street, believing that the Mayor has prepared his Veto forbidding the ordinance appropriating \$2500 to build said bridge from going into effect, basing his reason upon the probable emergency of epidemics coming to our city during the present summer and leaving the city unprepared for the same, we, the undersigned, hereby agree to pay our taxes for 1893 whenever any such emergency may arise after our taxes for 1893 are determined and assessed. Resolved and filed.

Mr. Brown

On the recommendation of the Mayor, a fine of \$10.00 which was assessed in the Mayor's Court against Mr. Brown, 1893, is remitted.

Proposed to be introduced.

By Alderman Hume. A petition from Mr. James H. Winter, asking the City Council to allow him a credit of \$128, on his city taxes now due, in payment of damages to his

property north of the City hall, alleged to have been caused by the city turning water from its natural course.
It was referred to the Committee on Claims and accounts.
Ald. Schneider entered the Council and answered to his name.
By Alderman Thorne. - A petition from citizens asking that the amendment to the so-called "Cow Ordinance", which was passed January 20, 1893, be repealed; also an ordinance to repeal the same. They were received and filed.
By Alderman Anderson. - A petition from citizens requesting the Council to lease to Albert Friske a portion of the City property on or near where he now has a Soda Stand, that he may erect a boarding house thereon, he having been crippled while at work upon the dam.
It was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.
Firemen's Election. Alderman Schuber moved that the Chair appoint a Committee of three to canvass the returns of the Election held on the 20th day of March, 1893, for the purpose of electing officers of the Austin fire department. The motion prevailed and the Chair appointed Aldermen Schuber, North and Raymond as such Committee.
Officers Reports. Reports of City Officers for the month of March, 1893:
By the City Sexton:
Total number of interments, 30.
Total number of deaths, 21.
White, 18; Colored, 9; Mexican, 3.
Remains of six brought here for interment.
Referred to the Cemetery Committee.
By the City Clerk. - A Statement of Warrants issued against the general fund:
Total amount, \$9703.02.
Referred to the Committee on Finance.
By the City Clerk. - A Statement of Warrants issued against the Water Works and Electric light fund. Total, \$75,575.26.
Referred to the Finance Committee.
By the City assessor & Collector. - A Statement of Collections made:
General revenue, \$12,614.85
Water works tax 8,646.78
Interest on bonds issued prior to May 1, 1890, 1,256.00
School tax 4,815.05
Total \$27,333.27
Referred to the Finance Committee.
By the City Physician:
Number of patients in hospital March 1, 1893, 10
" " " admitted to " during " 11
" " deaths in " " 3
" " discharged from " " 5
" " patients remaining in " April 1, 15
" " Visits made to patients during March 105
" " prescriptions written for " 143
" " Cases of death from reported " 3
Referred to the Hospital Committee

By the city Marshal:

Total amount of fines assessed in the recorder's Court	\$60.00
Collected in Cash	\$ 350.00
Worked out	113.00
Escaped	11.00
Carried forward	93.00
Total	\$ 560.00

Back fines Collected \$10.

Paid fees " 57.50

Arrests made 87.

Referred to the police Committee

By the City Treasurer:

Cash on hand April 3, 1893:

Account general fund	\$ 8,955.99
" Interest on bonds issued prior to March 1, 1893	1,919.51
" Water Works and Electric light system	172,044.86
" " Interest fund	530.54
" " Sinking "	7,000.00

Referred to the Committee on finance.

By the Secretary of the Board of Public works:

An itemized statement of bills and accounts approved by the board of Public works during the month of March, 1893. Total amount, \$75,575.26.

Referred to the Water and Light Committee.

By Engineer Groves: A report of the progress made in the construction of the dam during March, 1893.

Referred to the Committee on water and light.

By Engineer Wierenskiold: A report of the progress made in excavating for wheel pits, construction of return and abutment walls, etc.

Referred to the Committee on water and light.

By Engineer Wierenskiold: A report of the progress made in the erection of the power house.

Referred to the Committee on water and light.

The Secretary of the Board of Public Works on behalf of said board, to whom was referred a resolution, which reads as follows:

"Resolved, That the Eleventh Ward shall be included in the distribution of water mains when laid by the city generally." Submitted a report thereon which states that the resolution was read at a meeting of said board on March 20, 1893, and a motion prevailed by a unanimous vote that so far as the distribution of water and light in the Eleventh Ward is concerned, the board heartily agrees with the resolution, and that water and light should be furnished as soon as practicable.

On motion the City Council concurred in the report.

Reports of Committees.
Alderman Holmes, for the Street Committee, to whom was referred the petition of citizens, relative to the construction by the city of a foot and roadway in the center of East Avenue, between Seventh and Eighth Streets, Dubuque.

Water + lights
11th ward.

The report was adopted.

East Ave. North of Blind
Inst.

The report was adopted.

East 4th St. Etc

The report was adopted.

Dunal property for St.

The report was adopted.

Firemen's Election

It was then moved that the Committee be authorized to open the ballot box and take the returns therefrom. Adopted.

Unfinished Business.

1st. & 5th. St. Bridge

The Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,745 "for the purpose of remodeling Fifth Street bridge across Wabash Creek and remaining iron bridge now over Wabash Creek on Fifth Street and floor down over Wabash Creek on First Street, 1892 taken up on the second reading and read, when which motion was made to be dropped the order and given the ordinance on the third reading, which was lost by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Emerson, Fischer, Gross, Howard, Johnson, Ketchum, Mission, Natchez, Pratt, Smith, Warrineth - 12.

Kaup - Aldermen Anderson, Hume, Linn, North, Raymond,
Schneider, Schuber, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend - 10.
New Business - Veto.

Veto.

E 7th St Bridge.

The following message was laid before the Council:

Mayor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 23, 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 appropriating the sum of \$2,500 for the purpose of building a bridge across Waller Creek on East Seventh Street, believing it my duty to do so for the following reasons:

First - Because of the condition of the general fund of the city as Exhibited by the following statement, to which I respectfully invite your attention:

Austin, Texas, March 23, 1893.

Hon. John Mc Donald, Mayor of the city of Austin:

Dear Sir:- In accordance with your verbal request of the 22nd. inst., I have the honor to hand to you herewith a statement of the general fund of the city to date.

Estimate of the probable income from all sources which will be collected for the general fund during the present fiscal year:

From assessment roll of 1892,	\$82,600.00
From license tax	11,000.00
From pound fees	500.00
From ground rents	300.00
From hospital (portion paid by Travis County)	1,750.00
From Recorders Court	3,500.00
From Miscellaneous	350.00
From taxes of 1891 and prior years	3,000.00
Total,	\$103,000.00

Estimates of Expenditures to pay salaries and wages of officers and regular employees, and of the amount required to meet the other ordinary expenses of the city government during the present fiscal year, not including work on streets and bridges or other public improvements:

Salaries of officers	\$13,600.00
Salaries of policemen	14,230.00
City Cemetery	275.00
Fire Department	7,300.00
Sanitary Department	3,665.00
Meals for city prisoners	750.00
Street lights	6,200.00
Printing, Stationery, and Postage	2,040.00
City and County hospital	4,506.00
Druggists, &c.	4,560.00
Food for horses	1,409.00
Water	13,157.00
Charity	1,235.00
Resident to the city	400.00
Attorney fees as per "book"	3,335.56
Miscellaneous	8,000.00

Total, \$85,353.35.

Total amount available for other purposes 17,646.64

Appropriations made to date, not included in the above:
1893.

Jan. 2. - To repair fire building on Market Hill, \$ 280.00

Jan 2. - For lumber, Culvert pipe, blacksmithing, repairs 670.26

Jan. 16. - To Construct Culvert on University Ave, between
19th and 20th Streets, 130.00

Feb. 6. - For lumber, blacksmithing, Extra street laborers etc 460.40

Feb. 20. - To pay one-half of Cost of Bouldin bridge 2,500.00

Feb. 20. - To Construct bridge at Southwest Corner
D & D. Inst. grounds, 300.00

March 6. - To pay Extra street laborers, Cost of
Culvert pipes, blacksmithing, etc 512.60

March 20. - To purchase 2000 feet of fire hose 2,000.00
Total 6,853.26

Balance \$10,793.38

Unpaid judgments against the city:

J. O. Hall Vs. City \$ 125.00

Ben Colgate Vs. City 1,750.00

D. D. Egan Vs. City 400.00

Total \$ 2,275.00

Total amount now available, \$8518.38

Respectfully Submitted,

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.

Second. - Because of the large number of demands and appeals that are constantly being made by citizens residing in all portions of the City for small street improvements which are absolutely and undeniably necessary, and therefore, should be made at the earliest practicable moment. But, should the provisions of the ordinance under consideration be complied with, such improvements could not be made during the present year.

Third. - Because I do not believe it just and equitable to spend at this time so large a sum at one point, in view of the fact that we have only a small amount available for street work.

Fourth. - Because it occurs to me that it would be unwise to reduce our available fund to such an extent so early in the year. We yet have eight months of the present fiscal year before us, and we know not what our my encounter in the way of Epidemics and other unforeseen emergencies are they pass. It will be remembered by your honorable body that it has been scarcely two years since you were called upon to spend \$4,000 to stay and subdue that dread disease, Smallpox. The rainy seasons yet to come may leave us with badly washed and damaged streets all over the City, to repair which may require a large expenditure.

Fifth - Because we now have on hand due and unpaid accounts to the amount of \$1,000, and the regular expenses now about due amount about \$500, making a total of \$1,500, which is in the City Treasury to the credit of the general fund only \$15,000.

Sixth - Because there are bridges across South and North and Fifth streets which I am constrained to believe offend

Sufficient accommodation to travel to make it unnecessary for the city to assume obligations which she cannot afford to meet.

I therefore recommend that you reconsider the vote by which the ordinance was passed.

Respectfully,
John McDaniel,
Mayor.

It was then moved that the vote by which the ordinance passed be reconsidered, and it was adopted by the following vote.

Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Nitschke, North, Plath, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Schubert, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth - 22.

The pending question, "shall the ordinance pass, notwithstanding the veto of the mayor?" was then put and decided in the negative by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Jackson, Ketchum, Miller, Nitschke, Plath, Schubert, Warmoth - 12.

Nays - Aldermen Anderson, Hume, Linn, North, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend - 10.

Secret Service.
World's Fair.

A communication from Capt. John Banfield, Chief Secret Service World's Columbian Exposition, was read, suggesting that it would be well for this city to detail two police officers to go to Chicago and serve in the above named department during the Exposition, and proposing to pay them each \$50 per month and furnish transportation, the city, to continue their salaries while so engaged. The object being to have officers from every city in the United States of 25,000 or more inhabitants to make each others acquaintances, interchange views, point out to each other the errors from their locality, and in that way add to their knowledge and experience, making their services much more valuable to the Corporation that details them as well as to the Exposition Company. The following message was read:

Mayer's Office,
Austin, Texas, March 20, 1893.

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin:
Gentlemen: Referring to the communication of Capt. John Banfield, Chief of secret service bureau, I would respectfully recommend that officers John E. Kennerly and C. H. Gibson be detailed from our police force to report to Captain Banfield about the 15th of April to serve for three months, as is suggested in the communication of said communication.

Aldermen Nitschke moved that the communication be referred to the Finance Committee of the City. Alderman Asmann moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Police.

Secret Service
World's Fair

and the City Marshal.

Alderman Platt moved to lay the substitute on the table.

The motion was lost by a rising vote of 11 to 11.

The question having recurred upon the adoption of the substitute it was lost by a rising vote of 11 to 11.

The pending question being the adoption of the original motion, it was put and lost by a rising vote of 11 to 11.

Alderman Anderson moved that the Communication be received and the recommendations adopted, and that two policemen be detailed.

Alderman Glass moved to lay the motion on the table, which was agreed to by a rising vote.

Firemen's Election.

The Committee appointed to canvass the returns of the election held on March 20th, for the purpose of electing officers of the fire department of the city of Austin, presented the following report:

"Your Special Committee appointed to canvass the vote cast for Chief Engineer, Assistant Engineer and recorder of the Austin fire Department, beg leave to report that we have canvassed said election returns and find that Grant O. Babcock received for Chief, a majority of all votes cast, Henry W. Brown, for assistant Chief, a majority of all votes cast, and W. P. Ford, for recorder, a majority of all votes cast."

The report was adopted.

Meetings of Council

Alderman North moved that the regular meetings of the city Council shall begin at 8:30 p.m. Carried.

Dam - Misc. \$5000-

By Alderman North - 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 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 - Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Schubert, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth - 22.

Extra work - B. Corrigan
\$294.42.

By Alderman North - An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$294.42 for the purpose of paying Bernard Corrigan for work of Stone Cutters and laborers on West End of Dam.

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

Yeas - Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Schubert, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth - 22.

Dam - Construction etc.

By Alderman North - An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$22,400 for the purpose of paying certain 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 place the ordinance on

its second and third readings, and that it do now pass, each of which were adopted by the following vote:

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E. 17th St. foot bridge By Alderman Nitschke - An Ordinance appropriating \$100 for the purpose of building a wooden foot bridge over Waller Creek on East Seventeenth street. It was read the first time, after which Alderman Nitschke moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading.

Alderman Raymond moved as a substitute that the Ordinance be referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys and the motion prevailed.

app'd acct

By Alderman Taylor - An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1257.18 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 - Aldermen Anderson, Assmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schubert, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warmoth - 21.

Nay - Alderman Schneider.
The Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris
City Clerk.