

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Kustia Texas, Jan 16. 1893.

Hon John McDonald, Mayor, presiding.

(Roll Call)

Roll call.

Present - Aldermen Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hanesock, Nune, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Kitchka, North, Platt, Porcell, Raymond, Schubert, Shelley, Townsends, Warrmoth - 20.

Absent - Aldermen Schneider and Taylor - 2.

The minutes of the meetings of the City Council which were held on the 2nd and 6th days of January, 1893, were accepted as printed.

Petitions Rea

Petitions Memorials, etc.

The following petitions, memorials etc. were introduced.

Chas. Duesterhoeft A. Petition from Chas Duesterhoeft stating that on the 26th day of December, 1892, between 10 and 11 o'clock p.m. he was returning home in his wagon and on account of the bad condition of the road near Goulden's bridge where a cedar post was obstructing the road, he met with an accident and was thrown from his wagon, thereby fracturing his skull and otherwise injuring himself. He asks the Council to allow him \$45.45 as damages. Alderman Linn moved to refer the petition to the Claims and Accounts Committee.

Alderman Ketchum moved to amend by inserting "Shack Committee" before "Claims and Accounts Committee". The amended motion was adopted by the following vote: Yeas - Aldermen Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hanesock, Ketchum, Kitchka, Platt, Porcell, Shelley, Warrmoth - 11.

Nays - Aldermen Anderson, Nune, Jackson, Linn, Miller, North, Raymond, Schubert, Townsends - 9. Aldermen Taylor and Schneider entered the Council and answered to their names.

The motion above named was then adopted as amended by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Hanesock, Ketchum, Miller, Kitchka, North, Platt, Porcell, Warrmoth - 12.

Nays - Aldermen Anderson, Nune, Jackson, Linn, Raymond, Schneider, Schubert, Shelley, Taylor, Townsends - 10.

James Linn

San Antonio, Texas

By Alderman Jackson: A. Petition from Jacob Linn requesting permission to construct a switch "from the north southern track of the Northwestern railroad across East 4th Street, and thence onto and along south on Dawson Street 138 feet" as for us, his property, known

as the Gordon gin, extends, and also that he be permitted to lay a sewer pipe from said property to Miller Creek

Alderman Kitchke moved that the petition be granted and the motion prevailed.
By Alderman Porcell: A petition of citizens property owners and residents on and adjacent to 5th Street west, requesting the Council to open for travel said street to the main boulevards.
It was referred to the Street Committee.

5th Street from opening

By Alderman Miller: A communication from Adams Borwin concerning the settlement of his back taxes.

Adams Borwin as to back taxes

Alderman North moved to refer it to the Committee on Claims and Accounts and the motion prevailed.

By Alderman North: A communication from a committee of the board of school trustees of the City of Austin stating: That at a meeting of said board of trustees, held on the first Tuesday in January 1893, the following resolutions were adopted: Resolved, First, that a special committee of three be appointed by the president to consider as to the advisability of procuring the passage of special law by the Legislature, authorizing the Board of Trustees of Austin City Public Schools to sell the block in West Austin known as Academy block, and devote proceeds of sale to building school houses in Austin City.

Board of School Trustees as to sale of Academy Block

Resolved, Second, that if in the judgment of said committee it be deemed advisable to have special law passed as specified in first resolution, that said committee is directed to confer with the honorable City Council on the matter and procure counsel and co-operation of that body in carrying the measure, and in case counsel be had from the City Council, their publication of intention to apply for passage for a special law embracing these measures, be made by the committee appointed by virtue of this resolution and a bill be prepared embracing the subject matter herein specified, and submitted to the honorable Legislature at the next session.

Resolved, Third, that the action had by passage of the resolution and securing the passage of the special law as sought does not commit the Board of Trustees to actual action in selling the property, but is solely intended to give the trustees power in case they may deem it proper to sell the Academy block for uses specified.

Second: In accordance with said resolution the chairman appointed as a committee to carry out said resolutions, D. G. Orndorff, Lewis Hubbard and J. M. Graham.

Third: Said committee have considered the matter and

said resolution and are agreed in opinion that it is advisable that a special law be passed at this session of the Legislature authorizing the sale of the block known on the map of the city of Austin as "Academy block" and appropriation of proceeds of sale for building school houses in Austin City or purchase of building sites on both purposes, as may be needed for convenience of the Austin Public Schools.

We therefore respectfully ask the honorable City Council, in case the honorable members agree with us as to the propriety of the action, to pass an ordinance at this meeting of the honorable City Council, giving consent of said City Council to the passage of the special law as designated, and of authorizing his honor, the Mayor, to co-operate and join with the President of the Board of School Trustees of the Austin City Public Schools in making proper publication of the intention to apply to the present session of the Legislature for the passage of a special law in the terms stated in the resolutions, and also in the preparation of a bill embracing the matter to be contained in said special law.

Respectfully Submitted

J. M. Graham

Lewis Hancock

It was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Reports of Committees

By Alderman Nune:

For the street committee, to whom was referred a petition of citizens asking that East Ninth street be opened, and a communication from Harry Orsby, stating that he intends to place improvements on lots Nos 1 and 2, block 3, district 1, Division B, through which East Ninth street will run if it is opened, as has been suggested, and states that he gives this notice "so that in the event of a purchase by the City of said property for street purposes there will be no question raised as to higher valuation when improved than it is today, and the question of purchase should be decided without unnecessary delay," submitted a report thereon, which states "that many residents of the Eighth ward and of East Austin are greatly inconvenienced by the want of the extension of Ninth Street across the lot of Harry Orsby, as shown in said petition, but in view of the present condition of the finances of the City, we do not deem it advisable to expend money in acquiring land for street extensions, we therefore cannot recommend granting the relief asked. We recommend that if the right of way can be acquired without cost to the City, that the Ninth street be

East 9th St

opened across Mr. Onay's lot.

The report was adopted.

By Alderman Nune:

6th Ward

For the Street Committee, to whom was referred a petition from citizens residing in the northwestern portion of the Sixth Ward asking the City Council to do the following named street work: Beginning at the South Gate to the Linnet asylum park grade and drain what is known as Asylum avenue to its intersection with State Street. From this point grade and drain State Street easterly to its intersection with King Street; thence survey, grade and drain King Street southerly to its intersection with Thirtieth Street; thence Thirtieth Street to its intersection with the street on which is located the Rapid Transit railway, submitted a report thereon which states "That we have investigated the facts connected with the subject matter of said petition and recommend that the same be granted so far as the repairing and draining the streets embraced in said petition that are now laid out so far as the petition calls, to pass over lot No. 72, division D, through which there is no street laid out, we would recommend that steps be taken to have a street laid out across said lot as soon as practicable, as many of the citizens have no direct communication with the City."

To grade &c.
State St.
King "
& 30th "

It was moved that the report be adopted.

Alderman North moved to amend the report by adding thereto: Provided, it can be done without cost to the City. The amendment was carried and the report as amended was adopted.

By Alderman Nune:

No. 9 Br's

For the Street Committee, to whom was referred a petition from No. 9 Br's, which states that owing to a drain pipe having been placed by the Street Commission on the sidewalk of lot corner Varasota and East Sixth Street, the water washes into their lot and damages the foundation of their building, presented a report concerning the matter, which states "That upon investigation of the facts connected with the subject matter of said petition, we find the same to be true, and recommend that the City Engineer be instructed to have the work done as soon as possible."

The report was adopted.

For Alderman Nune, for the Street Committee, to whom was referred a petition of citizens of the Third Ward asking that the street be opened, so as to give the citizens who reside along the south side of the International and Great Northern Railroad, west of and near the water tank, a more direct means of reaching the central portion of the city, offered a report, thereon which states "That the complaints of the petitioners are well founded, to grant the reliefs asked will, however, involve the condemnation and

1st Ward

To open St. Anthony's
St. Anthony's

purchase of land for the street giving the outlet desired, which expenditures we do not deem advisable in the present state of the city finances, and in view of the further fact that we believe in the near future the lands for such street can be obtained without expense to the city. We recommend that at present the relief asked be not granted."

The report was adopted.

9th Ward

For

Bridge E. 7th St.

By Alderman Kune, for the Street Committee, to whom was referred a petition from citizens of the North ward requesting the City Council to build a stone bridge across Waller Creek on East Seventh Street, and to cut down the hill to a grade opposite St. Mary's Academy and the Episcopal Church, and also the hill east of Waller Creek on Seventh Street so as to make the street easy of travel, offered a report thereon, which states, "That the City Engineer has estimated the cost of such bridge and improvements and reports to us, that the bridge will cost about \$4000. The approaches thereto will cost about \$1500. While a bridge across said stream is very much needed we do not think the condition of the city finances is such at present as to authorize the expenditure, we therefore are constrained to recommend that the petition be not granted."

It was moved that the report be adopted. Alderman Powell moved as a substitute that the report be recommended to the Street Committee. Alderman Raymond moved as a substitute for the substitute that action on the report of the Committee be postponed until the next regular meeting of the City Council. The motion to recommend was adopted.

Alderman Shelley called for a report on a resolution which he introduced September 19, 1897, and which was referred to the Street Committee, requiring the Austin Rapid Transit Company to place timbers of suitable thickness on either side of the rails, to be on a level with the top thereof at the intersection of Fifth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Streets and at the curve on Eleventh Street on Congress Avenue, and at the crossings on Sixth Street between Congress Avenue and Red River on the east and on the west including Rio Grande Street. Said timbers to be securely fastened to the cross ties and beveled on the outer edges for the convenient crossings of vehicles of all kinds.

The committee not being ready to report, the matter was laid aside.

Alderman North, Chairman of the Ordinances Committee, to whom was referred a resolution relating to procuring an amendment to the City Charter providing for the election of City officers and employees by the qualified voters of the City, asked for further time in which to prepare a report thereon.

Austin Rapid Transit

to

for crossings

on

5th St

7th "

8th "

9th "

10th "

11th " &c.

City Officers
election of

Alderman Linn moved that the committee be given until the next regular meeting of the City Council to prepare a report on the resolution.

Carried

E. Von Boeckmann Alderman Ketchum, for the Printing Committee, presented a report which recommends that the contract for doing the City's job printing until December 1, 1893, be awarded to Eugene von Boeckmann, his bid being low and the only one received for doing such work.

The report was adopted.

Statesman Pub Co
Contract

Alderman Ketchum, for a majority of the Printing Committee, also presented a report which states that two bids were received for doing the City's newspaper printing from January 1st to December 1, 1893. One from the Statesman Publishing Company and one from the Evening News, and we recommend that the Statesman be awarded the contract for newspaper printing for the coming year.

The report was adopted.

Hospital
Resident Physicians
Report

Alderman Warmath presented a lengthy report made by the resident physicians of the City and County Hospital to the Hospital Committee, of the expenses of the City and County Hospital for the past year, ending December 31, 1892, and a comparison with its management for the year previous, and what its expenses would have been had the City accepted the proposition made by the physicians.

The report recommends that an appropriation of \$200 be made to purchase instruments, surgical appliances, electrical apparatus, etc. which are daily needed.

Alderman North moved that the report be received and referred to the Hospital Committee, to the end that the recommendations therein contained may be carried out.

The motion prevailed.

Contracts awarded
J. G. Taylor
H. Greubach
J. M. Valdez

Alderman North, for the Committee on Purchases, to whom was referred the matter of inviting bids for supplying the City with culvert pipe and stock feed and shoeing the City's mules, made a verbal report recommending that contracts be awarded as follows: To J. G. Taylor, for culvert pipe; H. Greubach for stock feed and J. M. Valdez for shoeing mules; the persons named being the lowest bidders in their respective lines.

The report was adopted and the City Attorney was directed to prepare contracts and bonds according to specifications and bids, and the Mayor was authorized to execute the contracts.

Alderman North moved to reconsider the vote by which the communication from a Committee of the Board of School Trustees concerning "Academy Block"

was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

The motion was adopted.

Alderman North then moved that the Board of Aldermen concur in the recommendations contained in the said communication, and that the City Clerk be instructed to so officially notify the Board of School Trustees.

Carried.

New Business

By Alderman Linn:

\$41,380 for Officers
& Employees

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$41,380 for the purpose of paying officers and employees of the City of Austin from January 1. to November 30. 1893. 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:

Ayes - Alderman Anderson, Asmann, Dawson, Fischer, Glass, Harwick, Hume, Jackson, Kelheim, Linn, Miller, Nitschke, North, Platt, Powell, Raymond, Schneider, Schuber, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Wasmuth

By Alderman Glass -

Sanitary Dept
cars to be under
control of

A Resolution providing that all the employees and carts that are now and may hereafter be employed in the sanitary department of the City shall be under the control of the Health Officer.

Alderman Anderson moved that it be referred to the Ordinance Committee, and the motion prevailed.

By Alderman Schuber:

Travis County,
\$2500. reimbursement
for bridge

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2500. to reimburse Travis County one-half of the costs of the bridge built by said County across Boudin Creek. It was read the first time, after which, Alderman Schneider moved that the ordinance be referred to the Finance Committee.

Carried.

By Alderman North -

Income from all
sources for 1893.

An estimate of the probable income from all sources which will be collected for the general fund during the present fiscal year, and of the expenditure 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, not including work on streets and bridges or other public improvements. Alderman North moved that it be printed in the synopsis of the minutes and referred to the Finance Committee.

Adopted.

By Alderman Townsend:

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100 for

#130. For box culvert
University Ave. The purpose of building a box culvert on University Avenue between 19th and 20th streets.
It was read the first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second and third readings and that it do now pass, each of which were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes - Alderman Anderson, Kessmann, Fischer, Glass, Hancock, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Miller, Mitschke, North, Platt, Porcell, Raymond, Schneider, Schuler, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, Warrmoth. - 21.

Nay - Alderman Dawson - 1.
Alderman Hume moved that the City Engineer be instructed to have the work done at once.
Carried.

Colorado R. Smith
New Span for By Alderman Dawson: A resolution to authorize the Mayor to advertise for plans and bids for the erection of a new span on the east side of the present bridge at Congress Avenue, of at least the same capacity and strength of the present span, thereby making said bridge of double present strength and capacity. Said plans and bids to be opened within thirty days from date, and if the said work is found to be possible of accomplishment by the city, the same shall be prosecuted without delay.

#11th Ward to And further, that the Eleventh ward shall be included in share alike with other wards in the distribution of water mains, when laid by the city in benefits &c.
generally, that the roads shall be kept in good condition and kept so, and that as to the other needs of the section, they shall be attended to as soon as practicable, and in all respects shall a just and equitable division of the city's benefits be accorded the Eleventh Ward.

Barbed wire fences Alderman Linn moved that the resolution be referred to the Finance Committee and the motion was adopted.
By Alderman Schneider: An ordinance prohibiting the erection of barbed wire fences within the corporate limits of the city of Austin.
It was read the first time, after which Alderman Dawson moved to refer it to the Street Committee and the motion prevailed.
By Alderman Miller: An ordinance appropriating \$2500.00 to build a bridge over Waller Creek on East 7th street.

#2500. for bridge on Waller Creek. E. 7th st.
It was read the first time, after which Alderman Ketchum moved to refer the ordinance to the Finance Committee.
Alderman Miller moved to amend the motion by adding thereto "and Street Committee." The amendment was adopted and the motion as amended prevailed.
Alderman Linn moved that the City Attorney be instructed to file answer and accept service in cause No. 10,896 J. M. Day vs. City of Austin et al., now

paying in the district court of the 53rd judicial district
of Texas

Carried

Mayors. Message

The Mayor reads his annual message as follows:

To the Honorable Members of the City Council of the
City of Austin, Texas:

Gentlemen:— It again becomes my duty under
charter regulations to report to you, and through you, to
the citizens of Austin, the condition of the city affairs,
financially and otherwise.

We have good reason to congratulate ourselves upon the
steady growth, increasing wealth and general prosperity
of our City during the past year.

Police Department

Through the vigilance of our very efficient police depart-
ment, the hearty co-operation of the county officers
and the moral and intelligent support of our citizens,
the laws have been strictly enforced, good order has
been maintained, and no great crimes have been
committed in our city. Life and property are safe in
our midst.

Fire Department

Our very efficient fire department, being always prompt
and ready for duty, has kept all fires under control,
so that we have had no great conflagrations, and our
citizens have suffered but little loss from fires.

The health of our city has been exceedingly good.
No epidemics of any kind has visited us and our
death rate, as shown by the sexton's report, has been
remarkably small for a city of our population, and
we can truthfully say that we have one of the
healthiest cities in the world.

Trade with the surrounding country has been good,
and our merchants and tradesmen have prospered
as is evidenced by the absence of failures in business
during the present year.

In fact we are a prosperous and ought to be a
happy people.

Dam

The building of the dam and the completion of the
water and electric light works, has progressed
fairly well, and although they are not as far ad-
vanced as we had hoped they would be at this time,
we are in a fair way to have the entire work com-
pleted at an early date, as shown by the very clear
and able report of the proceedings of the board of
public works, by its very efficient secretary, to which
I call special attention.

Finances

Finances

The bonded indebtedness of the city of Austin on November
30, 1892 was as follows:

Five percent bonds due Jan. 1, 1894.	\$ 30,500.00
Five percent bonds due Jan. 1, 1895.	24,000.00
Total 10 percent bonds	\$ 54,500.00

Mayors Message

Refunding bonds due in 1901.	\$ 12,500.00
Refunding bonds due in 1905.	40,000.00
Total 6 per cent bonds	\$ 52,500.00
Nine per cent water works and electric light bonds due Aug 1. 1930.	400,000.00
Total bonded debt	\$ 1,025,000.00

There are yet on hand \$500,000 of the water and light bonds, the sale of which has been authorized. There was to the credit of the water and light funds on December 1, 1892. \$330,367.47.

The amount of general fund collected from all sources and paid into the Treasury during the year ending Nov. 30, 1892. was \$99,970.87
Amount on hand December 1, 1891. ~~10,398.54~~
Total \$110,369.41

General Fund The amount of general fund paid out during the year was \$108,944.20
Leaving a balance on hand of \$1,425.21

The balance of interest fund of bonds issued prior to May 1, 1890, on hand Dec. 1, 1892. was \$4,604.79

The balance of interest and sinking fund of water and light bonds on Dec. 1, 1892 was \$10,876.37

Value of assessments The assessed value of property returned for taxation for 1892, as shown by the books of the Assessor and Collector was as follows:

Real Estate, old City limits	\$6,813,457.00
Personal property Old City limits	2,544,008.00
Real Estate, New Addition	1,240,954.00
Personal property New Addition	125,310.00
Total assessed value	\$10,723,723.00

The taxes assessed on the above for 1892 are as follows:

For general revenue 80c on the \$100.	\$8,618.945
For public schools 33 1/2c on the \$100.	35,902.37
For interest and sinking funds on water and light bonds 60c on the \$100.	64,641.97
For interest on bonds issued prior to May 1, 1890. 10c on the \$100.	9,406.57
Total	\$96,140.31

Per Long

The tax levy for all purposes for the year 1892. was \$1.83 1/2 on the \$100. valuation.

The estimated revenue for general purposes for the fiscal year ending December 30, 1893 is as follows:

From assessment roll of 1892.	\$87,600.00
From license tax	11,000.00
From Pound fees	300.00
From ground rents	300.00
From hospital	1,750.00
From recorder's court	3,500.00
From miscellaneous sources	850.00

Mayor's message From taxes of 1891 and prior years. \$ 3,000.00
 Total general funds \$ 103,000.00

Estimated Expenses The estimated fixed expenses for the year ending November 30, 1893, are as follows:

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	4,396.00
Recesses, etc.	4,360.00
Fees for licenses	1,409.00
Water	13,257.00
Charity	1,238.00
Assistant for assessment and collection	900.00
Attorneys fees as per contract	3,333.36
Miscellaneous	8,000.00
Total	\$ 85,363.36

Assuming that the revenue for general purposes will be \$103,000.00 and the fixed charges \$85,363.36 we will have a balance of \$17,636.64 for general improvements, including streets bridges etc.

Streets & Bridges

Streets and Bridges

There has been expended in caring for and improving the streets and bridges during the year the sum of \$20,769.37.

The principal streets within the old city limits are in much better condition than ever before and are likely to need very little attention during the coming year. The streets of general travel through sub urban or outlying portions of the city need immediate attention. The city receives support from the surrounding country and should provide good thoroughfares from its outside limits to the business portions of the city.

Very little work has been done upon the streets or roads of the newly acquired territory. Such streets should be placed in passable condition as early as possible with our limited funds. Moreover, the small amount of general revenue over and above fixed charges makes it necessary to be very careful in its expenditure.

City Hospital

I have heard no complaint about the management of the city hospital during the past year and

Mayors Message Therefore conclude that it has been well managed
The report shows:

Number of patients received	164
Number of patients discharged	128
Total number of deaths	24

There has been expended on account of the hospital during the year the sum of \$5,787.64. Of this amount there was paid out for furniture and repairs \$1,134.22 which leaves the sum of \$4,653.42. There was received during the year from pay patients the sum of \$313.35 and this leaves as the actual cost of maintenance during the year the sum of \$4,340.07 of which \$1,750 was paid by the county.

Fire Department

Fire Department

Our fire department consists of five volunteer companies with a total membership of 226 men. Total value of property owned by the companies \$29,006.00
Value of city property in care of the fire department \$18,057.00
Total value \$47,113.00

The maintenance has cost the city during the year ending Nov. 20, 1892. \$8,836.85

I heartily concur in the recommendation of the chief of the department that more fire hose be purchased. But I do not think we can incur the expense of a first-class fire alarm system during the present year. Our fire department has made a good record and deserves our hearty and cordial support.

I herewith submit the report of Prof. John B. Wine, superintendent of public schools, together with the report of Lewis Hancock, Treasurer of the School board, also the reports of the various city officers, all of which your attention is called.

Again allow me to thank you for the cordial support and generous treatment I have received at your hands during the past, and to hope that our future associations will be as pleasant and harmonious.

Yours Respectfully,
John Mc Donald Mayor

Message ordered printed

Alderman Linn moved that the message be printed in the synopsis of the minutes of the City Council and also in the Evening News.

Alderman Ketchum moved to amend the motion with reference to the Evening News by adding "Provided, that the News will print it at the rate named in their last bid, for doing the City's printing. The amendment was accepted and the motion was adopted.

Alderman Ketchum also moved that the message be printed in the Texas Forwards.

Carried

Alderman Ketchum moved that the City Clerk be instructed to have 500 copies of the Mayor's message and officers annual reports printed in pamphlet form.

Alderman Linn moved to amend the motion by striking out 500 and inserting in lieu thereof "1000".

The amendment was accepted and the motion prevailed.

The Council then adjourned

Milton Morris,
City Clerk