



Regular meeting of the city council Austin Texas October 21, 1907

Hon. FM Maddox, Mayor, presiding

Roll called

Present: Aldermen Armstrong, Croker, Cuneo, Hayne, Meredith, Miller, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, and Wilhelm.

Absent: Alderman Moore

On Motion the minutes were approved as recorded by the clerk, without reading.

Petitions, memorials etc.,

By the mayor, petition of Mr. and Mrs. Longley asking correction of assessment for years 1905 and 1906, read and on Motion refers to this committee on claims and accounts

By the mayor, petition of rem Mrs. M.B. Dial, for damages, read and on motion referred to the Committee on claims and accounts and the city attorney.

By the mayor, petition of Philip Lewis, asking remission of fine assessed against him in the recorder's Court, on Motion the petition was granted.

By the mayor, petition of Frank Daniels, asking remission of fine assessed in the recorder's Court, on motion the motion was granted.

The Mayor submitted to the Council of the following communication,

Austin Texas October 21st 1907

Gentleman of the council;

On October 9th one R L Reed was arrested and fined for being intoxicated. Reed is a married man and his wife is now in Taylor in a delicate condition. Reed has now been in prison 13 days, and I am of the opinion that he has been sufficiently punished. I therefore recommend that the remainder of Reeds fine be remitted and that he be given a ticket to tailor, Texas.

F.M. Maddox Mayor

On motion the fine was remitted and the mayor authorized to send him to Taylor.

By alderman Cuneo, petition of Miss A. Wright, asking for damages caused by falling on side-walk. Read and on motion referred to the Committee on claims and accounts.

Reports of City Officers

The Mayor laid before the council this report of the treasurer for the month of September 1907, which was on motion referred to the Finance Committee, without reading.

Also a report from the city engineer which was read and orders filed, the mayor also laid before the council the report of the water in light commission for the quarter ending September 30, 1907, which was read and ordered published one time in each of the following named papers, viz; the Statesman, the Tribunal, the Sifter and the German paper.

Alderman Cuneo offered the following resolution which was read and adopted, resolved that the water and light and Power Commission of the city of Austin be requested when making their quarterly and annual reports, to make an itemized report for the purpose of truly auditing said reports, that the public may know the actual condition of their Water and Light System.

Reports of Standing Committees

Alderman Wilhelm for the Water and Light Commission to have a light placed at 27th street and Speedway, presented a report recommending the passage of the resolution.

On Motion report was adopted.

Alderman Redd for the fire committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Bledsoe for permission to erect a certain building within the fire limits presented a report recommending that the petition be granted,

Alderman Smith for the police committee to whom was referred an ordinance amending the pound ordinance, presented a report stating that they had carefully considered same and had ordered the city attorney to prepare an ordinance amending the ordinance as it now stands which they proposed to offer as a substitute for the ordinance referred to them, on motion the report was laid over to come up with the ordinance.

Alderman Crooker for the cemetery committee to whom was referred the reports of the City Sexton for the month of August and September 1907, presented a report stating that they had examined people for that purpose and found them correct, on motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Armstrong for the hospital committee presented a report showing expenditures for the quarter ending September 30th of 1907, which was read and adopted.

Alderman Miller for the purchasing committee presented a report stating that they had advertised for and received bids for furnishing the hospital with 17 cords of hardwood and eight chords of cedar wood, also for furnishing coal for the City Hall, and recommending that the contract for wood be awarded to T J Brodie for \$6,000 for Cedar and 5.25 per cord for hardwood, and that the contract for coal for City Hall be awarded to the Austin: Coal and Wood Company at 8.50 per ton, on Motion report was adopted.

The paving committee presented a report stating that they have advertised for and received bids for a concrete retaining wall for extension of Congress Avenue storm sewer, and recommending that the bid of R.D. Dixon be accepted, he being the lowest bidder, and that the mayor be authorized to enter into contract with him in accordance with his bid; Alderman Cuneo moved that the matter layover until the next regular meeting of the Council, which motion was lost by the following vote;

Yays: Alderman Armstrong, Cuneo, Haynes, Petri, Redd, and Smith

Nay: Alderman Crooker, Meredith, Miller, Moreland, Scott, Wilhelm and the Mayor.

Alderman Scott moved that the report of the committee be adopted which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas: Aldermen Crooker, Meredith, Miller, Moreland, Scott, Wilhelm, and the Mayor.

Nays: Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Haynes, Petri, Redd, and Smith.

On motion of Aldermen Scott the city clerk was directed to return to the unsuccessful bidders their certified checks, filed with their bids.

Alderman Cuneo for the special committee to whom was deferred the matter of telephone, presents a report as follows:

Austin, Texas, 10/21/07

To the Mayor Frank Maddox and the City Council of the city of Austin:

Your special committee to whom was referred the matter of telephones for the different departments of city government, beg leave to report that we recommend the placing of a "party line phone" at the disposal of the fire chief, the assistant fire chief, and the recorder of the fire department of the city of Austin.

A.E. Cuneo

C.J. Williams

W.D. Miller

On Motion the report was adopted.

The Mayor asked for and was granted a leave of absence for three or four days.

Unfinished business

The mayor laid before the council an ordinance ordering an election for alderman at large from the second Ward. The ordinance was read the third time, amendments fixing a date for November 8th 1907, and fixing different blanks, fixing places of holding the election, and naming judges of election in the different wards, were adopted, and the ordinance, as amended passed.

New business

Alderman Haynes moved that Mr. George L. Humes be permitted to address the Council regarding a shed which he had erected within the fire limits contrary to the city ordinance, which motion prevailed. After remarks by Mr. Humes, alderman Haynes moved that the application of Mr. Hume for permission to erect a lumber shed within the fire limits be granted, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas: Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes Mayor, Miller, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, and Wilhelm.

Nays: Alderman Cuneo and Moreland.

On motion county judge Hornsby was invited to address the council on the matter of the city and county hospital, Judge Hornsby in behalf of Travis County presented the following proposition:

Austin, Texas, October 21, 1907

Honorable F.M. Maddox, mayor and members of the city council city of Austin

Gentleman:

Under authority of the commissioners court hereby I hereby submit a proposition from Travis County to pay to the city of Austin \$1 each per day for each patient chargeable to Travis County now in the city and county hospital or that may hereafter be placed in said county and city hospital.

Very respectfully
Jno W. Hornsby County Judge
Travis county Texas

On motion proposition was referred to the hospital committee.

On motion Alderman Moreland was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

The mayor laid before the council resignation of Mrs. Marcy F. Britnell as nurse at the hospital, which was read and accepted.

The mayor laid before the council a communication from the city engineer tendering his resignation, to take effect October 25, 1907, which on motion was accepted.

Alderman Haynes offered the following resolution which was read and adopted. Resolved that in view of the vacancies now in the office of city engineer and the imperative necessity of having an experienced engineer in charge of the paving and retaining wall work, that the mayor, paving Committee, and Street committee, with the approval of the City Council and is hereby authorized to employ an engineer and an assistant as in their judgment they may deem necessary until such time as the council might elect a city engineer.

By alderman Cuneo an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled an ordinance providing for the repair and improvement of, and paving of the sidewalks of the city of Austin has passed the 5th day of August 1907, and approved the 15th day of August 1907. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following the vote:

Yeas: Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, and Wilhelm

Nays: none.

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance amending an ordinance levying an annual occupation tax on malt and liquor dealers. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote;

Yeas: Aldermen Armstrong: Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes Meredith, Miller, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, and Wilhelm.

Nays: none

Aldermen Crooker offered the following resolution which was read and adopted. Resolved that the mayor be authorized to buy four cords of wood for the city's poor.

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300 for the purpose of paying for extra street work: the ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following the vote:

Yeas: Alderman Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, and Wilhelm.

Nays: none

On motion the council adjourned until 8:00 p.m. Monday October 28th 1907

Jno O Johnson City clerk