

Regular meeting of the City Council, Austin, Texas Nov 4 1907

Hon F M Maddox, Mayor Presiding:

Roll called,

Present Aldermen Armstrong, Crocker, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland,

Petri, Scott, Smith, Wilhelm & Cuneo

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Absent Alderman Reed

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On motion the minutes were approved as recorded by the Clerk without amendment.

Petitions, memorials, etc

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from T J Webb, asking the have certain pound fees refunded, On motion the petition was referred to the Claims & Accounts Committee

By Aldermen Meredith, Petition of J D Dillingham, asking pay for hog, claimed to have been killed by the Pound Master. On motion the petition was referred to the Committee on Claims & Accounts :

On motion the regular order of business was suspended:

By Aldermen Haynes An ordinance levying taxes for the year 1907 : The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crocker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Scott, Smith & Wilhelm

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Nays none

Alderman Reed entered the Council Chamber and answered to his name.

Alderman Moore moved that the Council adjourn until 8 o'clock P M tomorrow which motion prevailed by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crocker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Reed, Smith & Wilhelm

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Nays Aldermen Moreland & Scott

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J. O. Johnson
City Clerk

Petitions etc
J. D. Webb

J. D. Dillingham
pound fees

Nov 4 1907

Adjourned regular meeting of the City Council Nov 5th 1907

Hon F M Maddox, Mayor, presiding,

Roll called,

Present Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Spill, Williams

Absent Aldermen Meredith, Moreland, Reed & Sett

Petitions, etc,

The Mayor laid before the Council the following memorial,

Austin Texas Oct 25th 1907

To the Hon F M Maddox, Mayor and members of the City Council, Austin:

Gentlemen:

Whereas, it is known that the City Council of Austin has let out a contract for the building of a retaining wall at the foot of Congress Avenue to a Mr R V Dixon & Company, who are known to be unfair to organized labor. Therefore, be it resolved that the Trades Council representatives of the Union people of Austin request the City Council to reconsider their action in letting of this contract and give the preference to a contractor who is fair to organized labor

Most respectfully submitted

R J C McElanahan

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JB Nitschke

C J Armstrong

August Free

The above resolution was adopted, unanimously, at a special meeting of the Austin Trades October 25th 1907

W H Crow, President

Seal

Attest

E S Slaughter Recorder

On motion the memorial was laid over subject to call.

By Alderman Petri Petition of Mrs V Clark, asking, to have certain pound fees refunded. Report and motion referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

By Alderman Moore Petition of Marks Grain Co, asking permission to place cars on side track in front of lot 12, Block 42, on East Street. On motion the petition was granted.

Reports of City Officers

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Assessor & Collector, the Clerk, the Marshal & the Sexton, for the month of Oct 1907, which were on motion referred to their appropriate committees, without reading.

Reports of Standing Committees

Alderman Cuneo for the Ordinance Committee to whom was referred the pure room ordinance, presented a verbal report stating that the Committee would offer a substitute for said ordinance, which would conform to the needs of new business.

Alderman Petri for the Claims & Accounts Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mrs Agnes & M. Longley asking correction of assessment, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted. On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Petri for the Committee on Claims & Accounts, to whom was

Petition etc

Trades Council
for latest Contract
retaining Wall

Mrs V Clark

Marks Grain Co
Rd side track

Reports in given

Reports Standing Com

Ordinance

Ed J. Petri

Excl
Petition for
Return

Excl
Petition for
Return

Excl
Petition for
Return

Printing
Contract
for
Printing

Hospital
Proposition
to
City
Council
on
Support

referred the petition of J O Lutz to correct assessment, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted, and the Assessor or Collector be notified to make the change as requested. The report of the Committee was adopted. Alderman Petri for the Claims & Accounts Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$355.45 for the purpose of refunding unearned licenses to parties who have quit business (Saloon), presented a report recommending that the ordinance do not pass, except for the sum of \$16.20, the same being to refund to Julius Kauer the amount claimed by him. The report of the Committee was adopted.

Alderman Petri for the Committee on Claims & Accounts, to whom was referred the claim of Mrs A A Dial for damages, presented a report recommending that the claim be rejected. On motion the report was adopted. Alderman Moreland for the printing Committee made a verbal report, stating that the Committee had advertised for, and received bids for Newspaper and Job printing for the next year, and recommended that the newspaper printing be awarded to the Statesmen, and that the Mayor be authorized to enter into contract with that paper at the price named in their bid. He further reported that the Committee had rejected all bids for job printing. On motion the report was adopted. Alderman Armstrong for the Hospital Committee, to whom was referred the proposition of the Commissioners Court of Travis County, for the maintenance and support of the City and County hospital presented the following report

Austin, Texas, Nov 4 1907

To the Hon Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Austin
Gentle men:

We, your Hospital Committee, to whom was referred the proposition of the Commissioners Court of Travis County with reference to the maintenance and support of the City and County hospital, and signed by Jno W Homby, County Judge of Travis County, on behalf of said Commissioners Court, be, leave to submit that we have carefully gone over and considered the proposition made by the Commissioners Court of Travis County for the maintenance and support, which said proposition as made by said Commissioners Court was as follows, to wit: "That the county to take charge and control of a county and city hospital and employ all help and purchase all necessary supplies. The city and county to share equally in the expense of the operation of said institution; no patients to be admitted to said county and city hospital, except upon an order of the Commissioners Court or County Judge."

We think the proposition in part is fair, and we are willing to admit and herewith submit a counter-proposition, believing what we consider to be a fair and equitable proposition, and which we think will be of benefit to the interested parties. The nature of the proposition which we submit is that the City of Austin be not permitted to have patients admitted into the hospital except upon order of the Commissioners Court. This, we think, would put the City of Austin in a weaker position with reference to the sick and afflicted. It is at all times, and is not possible to find a member of the County Judges Court, nor is the Court always in session and if, as is the case very often, it becomes necessary to admit into the hospital a patient for treatment, it would be both injurious and inconvenient for a member of the City government to first look up and obtain a permit from a member of the Commissioners

Court before the patient could be admitted into the City Hospital.

Again, even were it would be impossible to determine whether a patient was a city or county patient; yet at the same time the dictates of humanity and conscience would say that that patient should not be kept exposed and waiting for medical treatment until the pleasure of the Commissioners Court, or until the City and some representative of the Commissioners Court should determine whether or not it was a City or County patient.

The City of Austin pays more than two-thirds of the tax for general purposes that are received by Travis County, and while we are still willing to meet you half way in the support and maintenance of an institution, which we all agree is necessary, still we do not think that we should pay one-half of the expenses, two-thirds of the taxes, and permit you to dictate all the Officers of the institution and the patients as well. We submit for your consideration the following proposition, to-wit: The City of Austin will turn over to the Commissioners Court of Travis County the management and control of the city and county hospital with the privilege of electing each and every Officer and attendants that are necessary in the management thereof, the City of Austin to retain the same right of placing patients in the hospital as does the County. In consideration of which the City of Austin will share equally with Travis County the expense of maintaining the hospital, including the pay of each and every officer.

In making any improvements on the hospital deemed necessary by the county, it shall be first determined by a committee of two appointed from the Commissioners Court, to either with a committee of two appointed by the city council, as to whether or not such improvement shall be necessary, and if said committee so composed shall deem it necessary, then the City shall be liable for fifty per cent of said improvements. In case the improvements deemed necessary shall amount to less than \$250.00, it shall not be necessary to appoint said committee, but the county may make such improvements without the consent or consultation with the City. This proposition, if accepted, to be in force and effect to April 1st 1907, from and after Dec 1st 1907.

We ask the Council to submit the above proposition to the Commissioners Court, and to most liberally receive and treat, after a thorough investigation of the subject and a fair and impartial view of the matter, it will seem to us that the above proposition will meet the views of any fair and impartial body of men, and that it is the only reasonable proposition upon which the city and county hospital can be maintained.

Respectfully submitted

C J Armstrong

A E Cuneo

Henry Petri

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted, and on motion the special Committee was continued and directed to present the proposition submitted by the Committee in its report to the Commissioners Court.

Aldermen Redd and Scott entered the Council Chamber.

Alderman Moore for the City Hall Committee made a verbal report, as to how the building was progressing.

Mr A C Goeth Chairman of the Paving Committee, presented the following:
Austin Texas 11/ 4/07

To the Hon Mayor and City Council Austin, Texas:

Sirs : We hereby recommend ,as per resolution passed by your Paving Committee, that \$250,00 out of permanent paving fund be loaned to Street Committee, to be refunded to us on demand, for opening W 27th St

Yours respectfully

Joe Harrell Secretary

A C Goeth Chairman

On motion the communication was laid over to come up with a resolution on the same subject

Mr A C Goeth, for the printing-- Paving Committee presented the following communication
Austin, Texas 11/4/07

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of Austin, Texas

Sirs : Your Paving Committee recommend that \$ 75,00 out of permanent paving fund be paid Mr A G Paris to complete street profiles as per communication directed to A C Goeth Chairman Street Paving Committee

Joe Harrell Secretary Paving Committee

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication ,which was read and ordered filed

Austin, Texas Oct 25th, 1907

To the City Council , Austin, Texas

Gentlemen: I am instructed by the Water Light & Power Commission of the City of Austin to return you herewith the amended Dam ordinance, passed by your body on Oct 15th, 1907, without its approval

Respectfully

Geo L Hume

President Water Light & Power Commission

By Alderman Scott Petition of Mrs Kate B Bahn , asking for some street work,

Read and on motion referred to the street committee

By Alderman Reed Petition of citizens of Fair View Park, asking for street work

Read and on motion referred to the street committee.

The Mayor laid before the Council a report from the City Attorney , regarding blocking of streets by Rail Road cars, which was read and ordered filed.

New business

By Alderman Cuneo, an ordinance providing for the sale of pure food stuffs, etc,

Dr Matthews of the Board of Health was invited to address the Council on the ordinance, After remarks by Dr Matthews , Alderman Crooker moved that the ordinance be considered by section which motion prevailed:

Section 1 was read and adopted Section 2 was read and adopted :Section 3 was read and adopted by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller & Smith

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Nays Aldermen Moore, Petri, Redd, Scott & Wilhelm

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Sections 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 & 17 were then read and adopted:

Section 18 was read by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Smith & Wilhelm

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Nays Aldermen Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd & Scott

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Section 19 was read and adopted Section 20 was read and adopted by the following Vote

Paving Committee
out of fund

Paving Committee
to complete work

Had time refused to
approve dam work

Wm B Bahn, work

Citizen Fair View Park
st work

Report City Attorney - R R.
blockade

Pure food ordinance

Y~~Yes~~ Aldermen ~~Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Moore, Petri, Scott,~~
Smith & Wilhelm 10

Nays none

The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Y~~Yes~~ Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Moore, Petri, Scott,
Smith & Wilhelm 10

Nays none Y~~Yes~~ Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo Haynes Smith & Wilhelm 6

Nays Aldermen Miller Moore Petri, Redd & Scott 5

On motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading by the following vote :

Y~~Yes~~ Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker Cuneo, Haynes Miller Moore, Petri Scott,
Smith & Wilhelm 10

Nays Redd 1

The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller Moore, Petri, Scott & Wilhelm

On motion Alderman Cuneo was excused from further attendance at this session

Alderman Haynes offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the City

Treasurer of the City of Austin be and he is hereby requested to transfer m

from the permanent Paving fund to the credit of the street Improvement

fund, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, such sum to be returned to

the Paving fund by the City upon demand

By Alderman Scott, an ordinance appropriating the sum of 250,00 for the purpose of grading down west 27th street. The ordinance was read the first time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading, which motion was lost by the following vote :

Y~~Yes~~ Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes, Miller Moore, Redd, Scott, Smith and
Wilhelm 9

Nays Alderman Petri 1

By Alderman Haynes, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 1340,00 for the purpose of paying the per diem of the Board of Equalization:

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

Y~~Yes~~ Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd, Scott,
Smith & Wilhelm 10

Nays none

On motion the City Attorney was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

Alderman Haynes offered the following resolution which was read & adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the regular meetings of the City Council, be called hereafter at 8 o'clock P M

Alderman Smith offered the following resolution, which was read & adopted

Whereas, it often becomes necessary for the Mayor to issue order for transportation of suffering & indigent persons out of the City, before action of the Council can be had: Therefore, be it resolved, that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to issue such transportation orders with the consent of the finance committee, when deemed necessary.

Alderman Petri offered the following resolution, which was read & adopted

Treasurer to transfer funds.

Grading 27th \$250.00

Ordinance to Equalization

Regular Meeting of Council to 8 P.M.

Mayor & Finance Committee to issue for transportation

of the City of Austin, Texas, dated 1907, and the City Council

Duplicate Warrant
to C W Jones

Whereas, on the _ day of 1907 the City Council of the City of Austin appropriated the sum of twenty dollars to C W Jones for damages done wagon, harness & horse by North Austin Fire wagon, and
Whereas, the said Jones lost said warrant in the mails but payment was stopped at the City Treasury.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that a duplicate warrant be drawn for said Jones for said amount

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 75.00 for the purpose of paying A G Paris for completing the data gathered last summer, etc.,

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crocker, Haynes, Miller Moore, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith & Wilhelm

10

Nays none The Mayor announced that he had appointed Alderman Reed as one of the Paving Committee

On motion the Council Adjourned

J. O. Johnson
City Clerk

754 A G Paris