

. Called meeting of the City Council Austin Texas January 3rd 1906

on F M Maddox Mayor, presiding; Roll called;

Present Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Petri,

Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm 12

Absent Aldermen Moreland & Redd 2

Alderman Crooker moved a call of the Council, which was seconded, and the Marshal directed to bring in the absentees Alderman Moreland entered the Council

chamber and answered to his name ; A motion was then made to suspend the call, which motion was lost by the following vote;

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Moreland Petri, Smith &

Wilhelm 9

Nays Aldermen Miller Moore, Scott & Sutor 4

Alderman Redd entered the Council chamber and answered to his name.

On motion the call was suspended . *Call considered. See page 40. Clerk*

Alderman Crooker moved that the Council proceed with the order of business by commencing at the bottom and going up as mentioned in the call . Alderman Redd

moved as a substitute that the matters be considered in the order as named in the call . The substitute was lost by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Miller Moore, Moreland, Redd, Scott & sutor 6

Nays Aldermen Armstrong Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Petri Smith & Wilhelm 8

The motion of Alderman Crooker was then adopted by the following vote ;

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Petri Smith & Wilhelm 8

Nays Aldermen Miller, Moore, Moreland, Redd, Scott & Sutor 6

The Mayor laid before the Council the Dam ordinance , which was read the third time

The ordinance was then passed by the following vote ;

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Moreland Petri,

Scott, Smith & Wilhelm 10

Nays Aldermen Miller , Moore, Redd & Sutor 4

Alderman Moore offered the following resolution ;

Whereas, the gross annual earnings of the water Light and Power Plant are now One hundred and Ninety two Thousand, Five Hundred (\$192,500,00) Dollars and the annual cost of fuel now required to run said Water Light and Power Plant is Twenty -four Thousand and Ninety (\$ 24,090,00) Dollars; and ,

Whereas, the total annual operating expenses of said plant , including repairs and fuel, (according to statement made by Superintendent R C Brooks) will not exceed Seventy five Thousand (\$ 75,000,00) Dollars, which annual operating expenses will in the near future be further reduced not less than Six Thousand (\$ 6,000,00) Dollars, which will leave a net annual earning of One hundred and twenty three Thousand , Five Hundred (\$ 123,500,00) Dollars; and

Whereas, our Water Light and Power Plant has been paying Twenty two Thousand, five Hundred (\$ 22,500,00) Dollars annually on the purchase of the old water company plant and judgements- having paid since April 1st 1903, One Hundred and twelve thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$ 112,500,00.) ~~xxxxxxx~~ and will, annually hereafter, on April 1st of each year pay Twenty two Thousand, Five hundred (\$ 22,500,00) Dollars, on said purchase, until April 1 1917 when the last payment of Twenty two Thousand nine hundred and ninety three 43/100 (\$ 22,993,43) dollars thereon will have been paid : and ,

Whereas, it is apparent that the net annual earnings of our Water, Light and Power

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Dam Ordinance

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plant, at the present rates and number of consumers, will be sufficient to pay the annual estimated operating expenses, and the annual installment of Twenty two Thousand Five Hundred (\$ 22,500,00) dollars, and have an annual balance of One Hundred and one thousand (\$101,000,00) dollars; and Whereas, the people of the City of Austin, in order to obtain cheap power and the beautiful lake, are very desirous of having the dam and power house re-built in a substantial, permanent and lasting manner, and to have same so re-built, are willing, if necessary, to have the present water, light and power rates maintained; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

First; In our opinion the time has arrived when our Water, Light and Power Commission can and should take steps to re-build said dam and power house.

Second: That our Water Light and Power commission be requested to annually deposite, to the credit of a fund to be called and known as the " Dam Fund ", all the net earnings of our Water, Light and Power Plant, for the purpose of re-building the dam and power house, and placing therein the necessary machinery to economically use the power created by such re-building.

Third: That our Water, Light and power Commission, be further requested to, at once, employ a competent and skilled Engineer to make a thorough and complete survey and soundings of the site for said dam and power house, and to make full, complete and detailed plans and specifications for said dam and power house, together with a full, complete and careful estimate of the cost of said work.

Fourth: That as soon as Two hundred Thousand (\$ 200,000,00) dollars shall have been accumulated in said " Dam Fund " by said annual deposite, then our Water, Light and Power Commission shall advertise, for not less than four weeks, in not less than four newspapers published in the State of Texas, and such other newspapers published outside of the State as they may deem necessary, for sealed bids, to be addressed to the water, Light and Power Commission, at Austin, Texas, for the re-building of said dam and power house - requiring each bidder to accompany his bid with a check certified by some solvent Bank or Trust Company doing business in the State of Texas, for ten (10%) per cent of the amount of their bid - reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Said certified check to guarantee that a good and sufficient bond for an amount of not less than twenty-five (25%) percent of his bid will be given thirty (30) days after the awarding of same, that he will build and complete said dam and power house, as shown and required by the plans and specifications of the Engineer, within two (2) years from the date of award of bid.

Fifth: That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby requested and directed to send to the President of the Water, Light and Power commission a certified copy of this resolution

Alderman Reed moved to adopt the resolution, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Miller, Moore, Reed & Sutor

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Nays Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Moreland, Petri,

. Scott, Smith & Wilhelm

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Alderman Scott for the Street Committee, presented a report stating that they had advertised for bids for cutting down Colorado and west 8th streets near the New City Hall, and recommending the acceptance of the bid of J W Rutledge, for the sum of \$ 1745,00, On motion the report was adopted and the Mayor directed to enter into contract with Mr Rutledge for said work at his bid.

On motion the Council adjourned

J. O. Johnson
City Clerk

*Bill Rutledge
to purchase land*

. Regular meeting of the City Council, Austin, Texas, January 5th 1908,

Hon F M Maddox, Mayor, Presiding: Roll called;

Present, Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm

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Absent none

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

Petitions, Memorials, etc;

By Alderman Redd, petition of Mr & Mrs Quisenberry for permission to close a certain alley, The petition was read and on motion was referred to the St Com The Mayor laid before the Council the following petitions, which were read & referred Tom Roberts, C L Crockett, S H Weaver, for refunding pound fees, referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts One from Citizens to open E 5th street, which was referred to the Street Committee, and one from the Ladies Cemetery Association which was referred to the Finance Committee;

By Alderman Smith, petition of Lee Wilson asking that the Council to refund to him amount paid for a substitute driver while he was unable to drive, caused by being thrown from his wagon and for his Doctors bill On motion the petition was granted

Reports of City Officers

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City Assessor & Collector, the Marshal, the Clerk and the Sexton, which were on motion referred to their appropriate Committees without reading;

Reports of Standing Committees;

Alderman Reed for the Fire Committee to whom was referred a petition from the Driskill Laundry for permission to put a roof over stairway within the fire limits presented a report recommending that the petition be granted, which report was adopted

Alderman Miller for the Committee on Purchases, presented a report recommending that certain bids for supplies for the term ending June 30th 1908, be accepted and contracts awarded; On motion the report was adopted

Alderman Moore for the City Hall Committee presented a report stating that they had advertised for, and received bids for Rostrums and other stationary furniture in the new City hall, and recommending that the bid of R A Flure for \$ 1100,00 be accepted and that he be awarded the contract, and that the Mayor be authorized and directed to enter into contract with him in accordance with his bid; On motion the report was adopted

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