

Regular meeting of the City Council, Austin, Texas, February 3 rd 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 14

Absent none

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

Petitions, Memorials, etc:

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition and proposition from the Christian Church, in regard to sidewalk and street at their Church, On motion their proposition was accepted.

*Petition Christian Church
1101 West Street*

Reports of City Officers;

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Assessor and Collector, the Treasurer, the Clerk and the Sexton for the month of January, which were on motion referred to their appropriate committees, without reading.

*Reports Standing Com
Finance
Reports*

Reports of standing committees;

Alderman Scott for the street committee stated that that committee was of the opinion that the City should have a telephone at the stable where the teams are kept, as it would save a great deal of time of employees, getting orders etc.

*Stable
Telephone*

On motion the committee was authorized to have a phone put in to be paid for by the City.

On motion of Alderman Cuneo all Ex-Mayors and Ex-Aldermen were invited to seats within the bar of the Council.

Alderman Moore for the City Hall committee presented the following reports;

Austin, Texas, Feb 3, 1908

Hon F M Maddox, Mayor, and City Council.

Gentlemen:

We, your City Hall Committee, beg leave to report, that we have advertised for bids for the repairing of the Smith building, and received the following three bids; namely:

Henry Vogle	\$ 410,00
R A Flume	315,00
Chas A Shurr	245,00

Mr Shurr being the lowest responsible bidder, we have awarded the contract of said work to him, and beg that your Honorable Body confirm and approve same. Signed by the entire City Hall Committee. On motion the report was adopted.

Austin, Texas, Feb 3, 1908.

Hon F M Maddox, Mayor, and City Council.

Gentlemen :

We, your City Hall Committee, beg leave to report, that we have appointed the Hon Henry Petri to furnish the City Hall with thermometers and cuspidors needed for said building, and he will make his report to you at the next regular meeting. We beg that our action therein be approved by your Honorable Body

*Thermometers
Cuspidors*

Respectfully ,

Signed by the City Hall Com

On motion the report was adopted and the action of the Committee approved.

Austin, Texas, Feb 3, 1908

Hon F M Maddox, Mayor, and City Council.

Gentlemen: We, your City Hall Committee, beg leave to report, that we have caused to

*Full
Writing the bill*

be built by the street Committee ,concrete foundations for the fire bell in the rear of the new City hall ,and have also engaged with Mr John Sheehan to move said tower and bell and place same in position on said foundation. Mr Sheehan is not able to name the amount, but said it cost \$ 40,00 to move it to the Smith building, and that he would do it as cheap as possible; and we beg that our action be confirmed by your Honorable Body

Respectfully,

Signed by the City Hall Committee

On motion the report was adopted ;

Austin, Texas, Feb 3, 1908

Hon F M Maddox, Mayor, and City Council .

*City Hall Committee
Stores, Wagons etc on
Grunds City Hall*

Gentlemen : We, your City Hall Committee, beg leave to report and request that an ordinance prohibiting the tying, hitching of any horses, wagons or other vehicle upon the grounds of the new City hall lot, or the placing thereon of any wood, coal or sheds, and we respectfully ask that an ordinance be prepared by our City Attorney making copy from this report.

Respectfully .

Signed by the City Hall Committee

On motion the report was adopted .

Austin, Texas, Feb 3, 1908.

Hon F M Maddox, Mayor, and City Council.

*City Hall, self furniture
etc*

Gentlemen : We, your City Hall Committee, beg leave to report, that the old furniture left in the old Smith building was turned over to a sub-Committee consisting of the Hons C W Moore and Henry Petri, to dispose of said furniture at private or public sale as seemed best to them for the City. They, the said sub-Committee , at the instance of the Chairman of the Hospital Committee, have turned over to him for the use of the City Hospital, chairs and other property, a schedule of which will be filed with you at the next regular meeting of the City Council; and we ask that our action be approved by your Honorable Body

Respectfully

Signed by the City Hall Committee

of the Committee approved.

On motion the report was adopted, and the action of the Committee approved.

Austin, Texas , Feb 3, 1908.

Hon F M Maddox, Mayor, and City Council.

Gentlemen:

City Hall

We, your City Hall Committee, beg leave to report that we have received the furniture from the Zier Phillips Furniture Co, on the 30th day of January 1908, as per schedule attached to said contract, marked exhibit A.

We have carefully examined and counted . said furniture and find the same to be, both in number and quality, as per said schedule in said contract. We further beg leave to report that we have sold to the Water and Light Commission, for the Superintendents office, at the same price we paid the Zier Phillips Furniture Company, one large Desk; one large table; and six chairs; and one office chair, amounting in the aggregate to \$118,20, leaving a balance due to said Zier Phillips Furniture Co of \$ 1443,80; same to be paid as per contract, on or before May 1st, 1908 .

We, therefore, beg to report further that an appropriation covering said

Amount of \$ 1443,80 be made, to be paid to the said Zier Phillips Furniture Co as per contract

Respectfully,

Signed by the City Hall Committee

On motion the report was received and laid over to come up with an ordinance appropriating the amount suggested .

Austin, Texas, Feb 3, 1908.

Hon F W Maddox, Mayor and City Council .

Gentlemen: We, your City Hall Committee, beg leave to report that we have turned over to the street Committee the old shed back of the Smith Office building, placed there for the horses of the policemen. Said shed is to be removed by the said street Committee, at its expense, to their new lot for the use of the said street Committee, for the protection of its property in said lot, and we ask that your Honorable Body confirm our action.

Respectfully,

Signed by the City Hall Com

On motion the report was adopted .

Alderman Crocker for the Cemetery Committee to whom was referred the report of the Sexton for the month of Dec 1907, presented a report stating that same had been examined and found correct, On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Cuneo for the special Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Commissioners Court of Travis County, in regard to the maintenance of the hospital, asked for further time in which to report; On motion further time was granted.

Alderman Cuneo for the special Committee on the Bartons creek road, presented a verbal report and asked for further time, which was granted.

New Business;

Alderman Wilhelm offered the following resolution which was read and adopted; Whereas, within the past few days the City of Austin has been visited by several disastrous fires in which a great deal of valuable property has been lost; and

Whereas, a great deal of said property would not have been lost had the members of the fire companies been promptly advised by an alarm, which could be generally heard; and

Whereas, the bells located with the different fire companies throughout the City are not heavy enough to be heard throughout the City; and

Whereas, the best means of advising the fire department throughout the City of the existence and location of a fire is by the blowing of the steam whistle situated at the Water and Light plant belonging to the City of Austin; and

Whereas, said whistle for some unknown reason has not been sounded as a fire alarm within the last thirty or sixty days.

Therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the Water and Light Commission be and they are hereby requested, for the sake of the property of the citizens of the City of Austin, and for the purpose of notifying the fire companies, to sound said whistle in accordance with the rules heretofore in existence for the sounding of said whistle, and that the same be sounded giving notice of the existence of a fire and giving the ward of said fire as heretofore.

By Alderman Meredith: an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$375,00 for

Commission, Section Report

Special Hospital

Special Bartons Creek road

*Resolution of the Council
The resolution has
been adopted.*

*Committee on
Municipal Affairs*

the purpose of making necessary improvements, cement walkways, etc. Notwithstanding the fact that the ordinance was read the first time; Alderman Haynes moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee to be considered in making the budget. Alderman Meredith moved that Mr Walter White be permitted to address the Council, which motion prevailed; After remarks by Mr White, the vote was taken on the motion to refer and was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd, Scott & Wilhelm 7
Nays Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Meredith, Moreland, Smith Sutor and the Mayor 8

The ordinance was then passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller Moore, Moreland, Petri, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm 13
Nay Alderman Redd 1

*Paying for furniture
City Hall*

By Alderman Moore an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,443.80 for the purpose of paying for furniture for City Hall; The ordinance was read the first time; Alderman Moore moved to amend same by adding the following,

" Section 2 The appropriation herein provided for shall not be available until on or after May 1st 1908; The amendment was adopted and the ordinance passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Sutor & Wilhelm Smith 14
Nays none

Extra labor and teams

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of paying for extra street labor and teams, 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 Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm 14
Nays none

*Incidental expenses
Congress Avenue*

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 250.00 for the purpose of paying for laterals, moving back curbing and incidental expenses in connection with Congress Avenue paving work.

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, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm 14
Nays none

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$120.00 for the purpose of paying salary of Assistant Engineer for the months of January and February 1908. The ordinance was read the first time and Passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote P

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm 14
Nays none

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100.00 for the

Ordinance

purpose of paying commission on account to Guy S Boyce ,for superintending work on Congress Avenue paving and retaining wall: 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, Moore Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm 14
Nays none

Cement work & drain

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$34,00 for the purpose of paying for cement work on street and drain pipes 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, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm 14
Nays none.

City Hall Com to purchase Water Coolers.

Alderman Cuneo offered the following resolution which was read and adopted .

Resolved that the City Hall Committee be instructed to purchase a suitable receptical for drinking water, and for the purpose of cooling the fevered agitation of members and citizens and for other purposes.

Resolution W & C to rebuild dam

Alderman Moore offered a resolution instructing the Water, Light and Power Commission to take steps to rebuild the dam across the Colorado River; The resolution was read, Alderman Wilhelm moved that the resolution be referred to the Ordinance Committee; Alderman Cuneo moved as a substitute that the resolution be laid on the table. The motion of Alderman Cuneo was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Moreland, Petri, Smith & Wilhelm 9
Nays Aldermen Miller, Moore, Redd, Scott & Sutor 5
On motion the Council adjourned

J. O. Johnson
City Clerk