

Regular meeting of the City Council, Austin, Texas June 1st 1908 :

Hon F. Maddox, Mayor, Presiding; Roll Called:

Present Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Moore, Moreland,  
Petri, Scott & Smith. 10

Absent Miller, Redd, Suter & Wilhelm 4

The minutes were approved, without reading.

Petitions, memorials, etc

Hon Walter Tips, Chairman of Citizens Committee, presented the following  
Communication.

At a meeting of the Citizens Committee of fifty, held  
May 21, 1908 at 10 o'clock in the Parlors of the Driskill Hotel Austin,  
Texas, Hon Walter Tips Chairman, Presiding and William G Bell Secretary.  
Meeting was held for the purpose of meeting Mr W L Church of the  
Ambursen Hydraulic Construction Co of Boston, Mass, who is here looking  
over the situation with reference to rebuilding the Austin Dam.  
After a general discussion the following resolution was offered by H L  
Haynes a member of the Committee, on motion duly seconded, resolution  
was adopted as follows:

Resolved; It is the sense of the Citizens Committee of fifty, that the  
City Council be requested to take no action, looking to nullifying or  
rescinding of the ordinance, known as the Dam ordinance; until requested  
to do so, by the Citizens Committee of fifty, called in executive session  
by the Chairman of the Committee.

(Sgd) Wm G Bell Secretary. (Sgd) Walter Tips, Chairman  
Alderman Wilhelm entered the Council chamber.

Alderman Moore moved that the communication presented by Col Tips be  
received and filed.

Alderman Moreland offered the following resolution.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the City  
Council of the City of Austin grant the request of the Citizens  
Committee of fifty " in this, that the said Council take no action  
towards nullifying what is commonly known as the " Dam ordinance " until  
requested so to do by said " Committee of fifty "

Alderman Cuneo offered a substitute for Alderman Morelands resolution.

Alderman Moore moved a call of the Council, which was seconded, and the  
Marshal directed to bring in the absentees. Alderman Miller was excused  
as he was paying on a jury in the Dist Court and was locked up.

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

Alderman Crooker moved to suspend the call, which motion the Mayor ruled  
was out of order. Alderman Redd entered the Council chamber and  
answered to his name. The Council being full the call was suspended.

Alderman Moreland withdrew his resolution Alderman Cuneo withdrew his  
substitute and the motion of Alderman Moore to receive and file the  
communication was adopted.

By the Mayor Petition of Mrs Prowse to refund pound fee. Read and on  
motion the petition was granted.

By Alderman Crooker petition of Mrs M A Taylor asking to have pound fee  
refunded. Read and on motion referred to the Committee on Claims & Accounts

*Dam Committee  
report resolution*

*Mrs Prowse's  
fee.*

*Mrs M A Taylor*

.Committed by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Moore, Moreland, Reid & Wilhelm 5

Nays Aldermen Crooker, Petri, Scott, Smith & Suter 5

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Geo L Hume asking the Council to approve a survey of City Lots made by the City Engineer. Read and on motion referred to the Street Committee and City Attorney.

Alderman Cuneo offered the following resolution .viz;

Resolved that no action shall be taken by the City Council looking to the annulment of what is commonly known as the present Dam ordinance until such time as the Water & Light Commission shall make a positive proposal to the City Council looking to the construction of the dam. The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Moreland, Petri & Wilhelm 7

Nays Aldermen Meredith, Moore, Redd, Scott, Smith & Suter 5

By the Mayor petition of J B Fischer asking reduction of Assessment for taxes. Read and on motion referred to the Committee on Claims & Accounts.

By Alderman Moore petition of Ben Morall asking correction of Assessment for tax taxes, Read and on motion referred to the Committee on Claims & Accounts.

Reports of City Officers :

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the City Sexton for the month of May 1908 and that of the Water & Light Commission for the quarter ending March 31st 1908 which were on motion referred to their appropriate Committees without reading.

Reports of Standing Committees :

Alderman Scott for the Street Committee presented the following report, which was read and adopted.

Austin, Texas June 1, 1908

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council, City of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

We, your Street Committee, and City Engineer, beg to report that the American Motor Road Roller which was taken on trial from the Austin-Western Company of Chicago has been thoroughly tested, and proven to be entirely satisfactory for the work for which it is intended. The machine is easily controlled, consumes no fuel while it is not actually running, and is economical in operation. The consumption of gasoline per day is between 15 and 20 gallons, according to the character of the road on which the rolling is done. Naptha can also be used satisfactorily in the engine, at a saving of about three cents per gallon. We are using the latter as a matter of economy, the total cost of about \$2,500 for an alloy run. The engine also operates the rock crusher satisfactorily, there being a large margin of power for this work, and an ample margin for rolling.

Since we have had the roller no trouble has developed which could be attributed to improper construction or inefficiency. A crack developed in the cylinder on two occasions on account of defective castings, which were immediately replaced by the Company, who guarantee the roller for one year against such defects. We believe the roller to be a good piece of machinery, and of much benefit in making and repairing of streets. We therefore recommend its acceptance by the City, and the payment of the first installment of the purchase price in accordance with the contract.

*of L. Hume approval survey of lots*

*dam resolution*

*J B Fischer taxes*

*Ben Morall taxes*

*reports city officers*

*Report Standing Committee*

*Rock crusher*

The report was signed by the Street Committee and City Engineer Alderman Scott for the street Committee presented a general report as to damages to streets during the late heavy rains, which was read and ordered filed .

Finance Officers reports

Alderman Haynes for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the report of the Assessor & Collector for the months of Feb'y, March & April and those of the Treasurer for March & April and that of the Clerk for April 1905, presented a report stating that they had all been checked and found correct .On motion the report was adopted .

Ordinance Claim Boyce

Alderman Cuneo for the ordinance Committee to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 155,00 to pay G S Boyce for services superintending Paving and Retaining wall, presented a report recommending that the ordinance do pass .On motion the report was adopted .

City Hall building

Alderman Moore for the City Hall Committee presented a report showing the cost of the New City Hall, which was read and ordered filed . On motion of Alderman Moore the report was ordered published .

Finance Paving Ordinance

Alderman Haynes for the Finance and Paving Committees to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1000,00 for the purpose of paying for paving work on Congress Avenue between 3rd street and the River, presented a report stating that there is now pending a suit for damages against the Contractors and the City and that until said suit has been disposed of ,or until such time as the Contractors secure the City against loss occasioned by said suit, that the City hold the money due said Contractors. On motion the report was adopted .

Unfinished business

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Paving Congress Avenue

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 2200,00 to pay for Paving Congress Avenue between 3rd street and the Colorado River .The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes, Meredith, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith , Sutor & Wilhelm 12

Nays none .

Chicken Ordinance

The Mayor laid before the Council the Chicken ordinance, which was read the second time, and a motion made to suspend the rule and place it on its third reading, which motion was lost by the following vote  
Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes, Meredith, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Scott & Sutor 9

Nays Aldermen Paul Smith & Wilhelm 3

G S Boyce bill

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 155,00 for the purpose of paying G S Boyce for services Supt paving and work on retaining wall, together with the report of the Committee stating that the original ordinance had been violated and offering a substitute ordinance .The substitute was read, Alderman Paul moved to adopt the substitute ,which motion prevailed by the following vote ;

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

Nays none .

The ordinance was read the third time & Passed by the following vote :

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

Nays none .The ordinance was read the third time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

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

Nays none .

*Pound fees remitted*

The Mayor announced that he had released stock taken up by the pound Master, without payment of fees for the following named persons, viz; C A Ellingson & E S G Griffitt, and asked that the Council confirm his action. On motion the fees were remitted .

New business :

*D J Kane appointed  
Special Officer at Alliance*

The Mayor stated that the Acting Mayor and the Alliance Yard Committee had appointed Mr D J O Kane as a special officer in charge at the Alliance cotton yard, and asked that the appointment be confirmed. On motion the appointment was confirmed .

*Dog pound located*

On motion the regular order of business was suspended to allow the special Dog house Committee to report .The Committee made a verbal report stating that they had been unable to find a place other than the 7th Ward, and recommended a place lower down the river to locate the dog pound .The report of the Committee was adopted .

*Garbage Examining  
Com. to Houston to  
inspect*

On motion of Alderman Moore the Special Garbage & Creamatory Committee was authorized to go to Houston and examine a creamatory erected there.

Alderman Moore 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 instructed to transfer from the Permanent Paving fund to the Street Improvement fund the sum of Forty six hundred ( \$ 4600,00 ) dollars ,conditioned however, that the Street Improvement fund shall pay back to the Permanent Paving fund said sum of \$ 4600,00 out of the first collections of taxes for the year 1907 .

*Transfer funds.*

On motion the Council adjourned until 8,30 o'clock Thursday June 4th 1906 .

*R. C. Johnson  
City Clerk .*

Adjourned regular meeting of the City Council, Austin, Texas, June 4th, 1910.

Hon F M Maddox, Mayor, presiding: Roll called

Present Aldermen Crocker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moreland, Petri, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 11

Absent Aldermen Armstrong, Moore & Redd 3

Petitions, Memorials, Etc;

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from J B Thornton, asking to have unearned Liquor license refunded, which was read and on motion referred to the Committee on Claims & Accounts.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from W L Mc Elroy asking permission to erect a Building within the Fire limits, which was read & on motion the permit granted.

Aldermen Moore & Redd entered the Council chamber.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the Water and Light Commission asking that the Council confirm sale of certain Real Estate to Walter Tips & Co. Alderman Moreland moved that the Council decline to confirm said sale. Alderman Moore offered the following resolution, viz; Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, that the report of the Water, Light, and Power Commission in so far as said report referred to the sale of the real estate and building thereon, and no further, is hereby approved and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Tips Foundry and Machine Company a good and sufficient deed for said real estate and building and deliver possession of same to Tips Foundry & Machine Company upon their payment of the purchase price, viz. Thirty six hundred and fifty dollars (\$ 3550,00)

On motion of Alderman Cuneo the Attorney for Mr Max Hauschild was invited to address the Council in regard to the bid of Mr Hauschild. After remarks by the attorney the vote was taken on the resolution of Alderman Moore and the same adopted by the following vote;

Yeas Aldermen Crocker, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Redd, Scott, Smith & Suter 8  
Nays Aldermen Cuneo, Haynes, Moreland, Petri & Wilhelm 5

By Alderman Crocker an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$955,00 for the purpose of paying money budgeted for Hook & Ladder and Colorado Fire Companies. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Crocker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13

Nays none.

By Alderman Crocker an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 20,000 for the purpose of repairing Park on Rio Grande Street between 12th & 15th Streets. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Crocker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13

Nays none.

Alderman Moore offered the following resolution which was read & adopted. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That the City

*Petitions, etc  
J B Thornton, refund  
liquor license*

*W L Mc Elroy, building  
permit*

*Water & Light Commission  
to confirm sale of lots etc*

*Walter Cuneo*

*Repairing Parks*

Engineer to make  
estimate cost of  
Storm Sewer  
Comal St  
from 1st to 12th

.Engineer be and is hereby instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of a  
Storm Sewer for ditch on Comal street ,as directed by Street Committee .  
On motion of Alderman Smith the regular order of business was suspended to allow  
him to present a petition .Alderman Smith presented a petition from John Hart one  
of the drivers of City Carts,Asking that he be allowed pay while sick.On motion  
the petition was granted .

Engineer authorized  
to employ with

Alderman Scott presented the following resolution,Resolved that the City Engineer  
be and he is hereby authorized to continue to employ an Assistant ,when needed ,  
for the purpose of giving curb lines and grades,and doing such other work as may  
be necessary,at the rate of seventy five dollars per month,this expense to be  
charged to the Permanent Paving fund,and the employment to be from the date of  
expiration of the present authorization,namely June 15th;

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Crocker, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Redd, Scott, Smith & Suter 9

Nays Aldermen Cuneo, Haynes, Petri, & Wilhelm 4

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 37,50 for the purpose  
~~of repairing and making safe the sidewalk on the north side of the city and~~  
Paying salary of Assistant Engineer .The ordinance was read the first time and a  
motion made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading,whic motion  
was lost by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Crocker, Meredith, Miller, Moreland, Moore, Redd, Scott, Smith & Suter 9

Nays Aldermen Cuneo, Haynes, Petri & Wilhelm 4

Delay with Engineer

Mr A C Geeth, Chairman of the Paving Committee appeared before the Council and tender  
tendered his resignation as a member of said Committee.

Resignation member  
Paving Com.

Alderman Moore offered the following resolution,which was unanimously adopted  
by a rising vote ,Viz;

Resolved: That the City Council have full confidence in the Chairman of the Paving  
Committee and trust that Mr Geeth will withdraw his resignation tendered tonight,  
and continue as Chairman of the Paving Committee till the Paving is completed

On motion the City Clerk was directed to furnish Mr Geeth with a copy of this  
resolution .

Paving Com. 1000

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 1000,00  
for the purpose of paying for paving Congress Avenue South of 3rd street .

The ordinance was read the 3rd time and passed by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Crocker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd,  
Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13

Nays none .

Resolution  
Hospital

Alderman Armstrong offered the following resolution which was read & adopted .  
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Chairman of the  
Hospital Committee be and he is hereby authorized to secure bids for ,plumbing  
at the City Hospital, as per specifications to be had at office of Plumbing  
Inspector .

Resolution  
Junk

By Alderman Haynes An ordinance regulating the purchase of Junk, regulatg  
dealers in second hand materials within the corporate limits of the City of Austin.

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

Yeas Aldermen Crocker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland Petri ,Redd,

Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm

13

Nays none .

By Alderman Smith an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 40,00 for the purpose of paying salary of Keeper of Parks for the month of May 1906 ; The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote ;

Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm

12

Nay Alderman Cuneo

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Alderman Cuneo offered the following resolution; Resolved that whereas public safety demands the cleaning of the paved streets and gutters each and every day as a sanitary precaution, and whereas the street sweeper driver and the two gutter sweeps are compelled to work on all holidays and sundays; Therefore in view of the fact that all other employees receive \$ 1,75 per day for each and every day they labor, therefore be it resolved that the above named employees be paid for each and every holiday and sun day they work \$ 200 for each day they work .

Alderman Moore offered the following amendment " Amend by making salary street sweepers \$ 2,00 per day for legal holidays and sundays "

On motion the resolution and the amendment were referred to the Ordinance Committee and City Attorney with instructions to report at the next regular meeting of the Council .

Alderman Scott offered the following resolution " Whereas Citizens of this City desiring to enjoy the pleasure of the sport of fishing on the Colorado River between the R R Bridge and the Avenue bridge which should not be denied them; And whereas the Austin Gas Company by reason of the oil refuse discharged into the river opposite to their plant in a quantity sufficient to destroy all fish spawn below said point, and ; Whereas said Citizens believe that the discharging of said oil refuse into the river should be stopped; Therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that said Gas Company is hereby instructed to at once dispose of said oil in some other manner than the one now employed .

This resolution to take effect on and after its passage .

On motion the resolution was referred to the Ordinance Committee and City Attorney with instructions to report at the next regular meeting .

By Alderman Redd an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 105,00 for the purpose of refunding to South Austin Fire Company this amount paid out by them for building fence and making other repairs to property used by them . The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller Moreland, Redd, Petri, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm

12

Nays none .

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2050,03 for the purpose of paying approved Accounts . The ordinance was read the first time and passed by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm

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Nays none

*Salary Keeper Parks*

*Resolution to pay Street Sweepers and gutter sweeps for Sunday holidays*

*Gas oil refuse etc in Colorado River*

*\$105 to South Austin Fire Co*

*Haynes*

.By Alderman Sutor an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 200,00 for the purpose of cutting weeds in the streets and alleys of the City .The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :  
Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm 12

Nays none .

On motion the Council adjourned.

*Geo. O. Johnson*  
City Clerk .  
J. O. Johnson.