

Regular meeting of the City Council, Austin, Texas, December 7th 1904 :

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

Present Aldermen Armstrong, Cunniff, Creeker, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Mereland, Petri, Redd, Seatt, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 14

Absent none .

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

Petitions, Memorials, etc :

By Alderman Mereland Petition of Citizens asking the Council to order an election to vote upon a proposition to change the City Charter. On motion the petition

By Alderman Creeker communication from J C Shuter Ex-dog catcher , stating that in 1904 he as dog catcher sold to one T J Moore two dogs from the pound, which he had never called for, and recommending that the amount paid by Mr Moore be refunded to him. On motion the communication was referred to the Committee on Claims & Accounts

By the Mayor petition from Marks Grain Co for permission to move a building within the fire limits. On motion the petition was granted .

On motion of Alderman Moore all Ex-Mayors and Ex-Aldermen , were invited to seats within the Council Chamber .

By the Mayor petition of V V Warwick to remit fine assessed against him in the Recorder's Court . On recommendation of the Mayor, the petition was granted .

By the Mayor petition of W F Seavright to have pound fees refunded. On motion the petition was granted

By Alderman Creeker communication from W Ziller in regard to a claim for damages filed with the Council in June last . On motion the communication was referred to the Street Committee.

By Alderman Creeker petition of Moore & Morrison asking to have certain pound fees refunded. On motion the petition was referred to the Committee on Claims & Accounts

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Joe C Kirby in regard to Assessment made by the Board of Equalization , which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims & Accounts .

By the Mayor petition of Citizens asking to have a water main put in to block 23 Division C of the City . Read and on motion referred to the Water & Light Committee with instruction to report at the next meeting of the Council .

By Alderman Haynes a Communication from Carl Mayer in regard to a building permit , Read and on motion referred to the Claims & Accounts Committee .

By Alderman Creeker Petition of Citizens on the east side of the City asking the Council to consent to a change of the boundaries of the City so as to take in territory on the east side . Read and on motion referred to the Ordinance & Finance Committees , The Mayor & City Attorney .

By Alderman Meredith petition of Citizens asking that 34th street from Guadalupe to Speedway be opened . Read and on motion referred to the Street Committee .

By Alderman Petri petition of the Carnichael Co , Contractors for the new bridge across the the Colorado River for permission to erect certain buildings , read and on motion the permission was granted .

By Alderman Petri Petition of Riedy & Weber for permission to erect a building within the fire limits. Read and on motion the petition was granted , provided the application was approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners .

Petitions of Citizens to extend City limits Charter

Moore to refund money paid for dogs

Marks Grain Co to remove building

V V Warwick to refund fine

W F Seavright to refund fees

W Ziller damages

Moore & Morrison pound fees

J C Kirby Assessment

Citizens in water main Division "C"

Carl Mayer building permit

Citizens to extend City limits

Citizens to open Street 34th St to Speedway

Carnichael Co to erect buildings

Riedy & Weber building permit

7th Street paving

By Alderman Petri petition of W Deike to have certain sound fees refunded . A motion was made to refer to the Claims & Accounts Committee , which motion was lost by the following vote :
Yeas Aldermen Cance, Meredith, Miller, Mereland, Seott, & Wilhelm 6
Nays Aldermen Armstrong, Creeker , Haynes, Moore, Petri, Redd, Smith & Suter 5
On Motion of Alderman Haynes the petition was granted for \$ 4,00

Reports City Officers

Reports of City Officers :
The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City Assessor & Collector, The Treasurer, the Clerk, The Marshal & The Sexton For the month of November 1908. , which were on motion referred to their appropriate Committees without reading .

Reports Standing Com.

Reports of Standing Committees :
Alderman Seott for the Street Committee to whom was referred a petition of John Young and others for a public weigher for the City of Austin, presented a report stating that they had investigated the matter and believed that it was necessary and recommended that the matter be referred to the City Attorney and the Ordinance Committee , with instructions to prepare an ordinance creating the Office of Public Weigher and prescribing his duties , etc , and report back at the next regular meeting of the Council . On motion the report was adopted .

Street on petition for Public Weigher

Deed to City for Fire Station

Alderman Mereland presented to the Council a deed from Chas Wolf Herman Becker & A J Zilker to Lot No 13 Block No 2 of subdivision of east lot Nos 31 & 32 in Division 0 of the City of Austin . Said Lots deeded upon condition that that they are to be held for a public fire station , and that the City shall maintain and keep on said property a public fire station and Hall. On motion the deed was accepted.

Alderman Cance for the ordinance Committee asked for further time in which to report on certain matters that had been referred to that Committee, which request was granted .

Printing Com on Revised Ordinances

Alderman Mereland Chairman of the Printing Committee stated that the Revised ordinances of the City had been printed and turned over to the City Clerk, and moved that a committee be appointed to examine same and see if they were correctly printed, which motion prevailed, and the Mayor appointed Aldermen Mereland, Haynes & Meredith as such Committee .

Com to examine them appointed

Alderman Mereland for the Special Committee to whom was referred the communication of Mr R C Brooks Supt of the Water & Light Plant , in answer to the report of Auditor Morris, presented a report , sustaining the report of the Auditor.

Letter on report of Supt of Water & Light Plant

On motion of Alderman Cance the report was adopted and ordered printed.

Alderman Seott for Street Committee presented the following report .

Austin, Texas, Dec 7th 1908:

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

Gentlemen:

24th street, at the west side of Rio Grande street, and does several hundred feet west, although intended to be sixty feet wide, is only approximately 55 feet. The properties on the south side of the street

Street on sidewalk

have encroached on the street, probably on account of the incorrect location of 23rd street and other streets, as these properties are said to be a foot or more short between 23rd and 24th streets, even with the amount of encroachment added in. Some time ago a curb line was given by a former City Engineer for the property on the southwest corner of 24th and Rio Grande streets, evidently with reference to the existing fence, and a brick curb built on this line. This brings the curb out about four feet nearer the true centre of the street than it should be, but to throw the curb back to the proper line, viz, 15 feet from the centre of the street, would bring it into a line of trees. The property owners to the west of the corner have recently completed a large house on their lot, and are anxious to build a cement sidewalk and curb, and set out trees. The property owners on the west of the corner have recently completed a large house on their lot, and are anxious to build a cement side walk and curb, and set out trees. The curb on the opposite side of 24th street in this block is on the old ten foot line, and the property owners on that side of the street do not care to change. As the roadway is the proper width, notwithstanding the curb is out about four feet too far, we, your street committee and City Engineer, recommend that the new curb be allowed to be placed in line with the one now there, and that it be established as the curb line for that block, also that the present north curb line be established as the permanent line, inasmuch as the property owners agree to this, and it will enable the present tree line to be continued.

Respectfully submitted

F A Scott

W C Redd

C W Moore

Street committee

G S Isedell, City Engineer.

On motion the report of the committee was adopted.

New business :

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

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

That whereas an election will be called to be held on Tuesday December 29th 1905, for the purpose of selecting a new charter for the City of Austin, to be presented to the 51st Legislature of the State of Texas.

Therefore be it further resolved that all parties desiring to present complete drafts of charter to be considered at said election, be and they are hereby notified and required to file same with the City Clerk on or before Dec 14th 1905, at noon, in order that same may be placed on the Official ballot.

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

Resolved that St Marys Catholic Church be permitted to occupy 10 feet of the sidewalk on the north side of East 9th street for the purpose of building cement steps to the entrance of the building known as the old Catholic Church.

Alderman Miller offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the vast amount of products from the Colorado Valley below Austin, must come over East 6th street, and it is naturally one of the most important thoroughfares to every property owner and resident of the City, and whereas said street is now in a fearful condition from the heavy traffic that passes over it daily,

and is dangerous for driving, Therefore, be it resolved by the City Council

New Business

Resolution on submitting new charter for City

St Marys Catholic Church to use part of sidewalk for entrance to building

Street committee to work on East 6th

of the City of Austin that the Street Committee and the City Engineer should give this street needed attention in preference to residence streets and should without delay place it in a good condition.

Alderman Moreland moved to amend the resolution by adding "E 1st street"

The amendment was lost by the following vote :

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

The resolution was then adopted .

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

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

Whereas in Congress Avenue, the City of Austin can boast the handsomest street in all the southland, save and excepting its badly illuminated condition, giving it, at night the appearance of a deserted and lonely village street, and whereas, the Water & Light System is now in a condition to furnish better lights to the citizenship, and because it is the wish of all our people, therefore be it resolved the Hon Board of Water & Light Commissioners of the City of Austin are hereby most respectfully requested to place an Arc light on each and every trolley pole of the Austin street R R Co on Congress Avenue Between 11th street and first street in the City of Austin Texas.

Alderman Haynes moved to suspend the regular order of business, and allow him to introduce a petition, which motion prevailed.

By Alderman Haynes petition of the Austin Electric R R Co asking permission to change its line known as the "Blind Institute" line

The petition was read and laid over to come up with an ordinance granting the permission .

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance permitting the Austin Electric Railway Company to change its track from 17th & San Jacinto streets to East 11th & Brazos street, East 13th & San Jacinto street to a connection with its present tracks on 15th and Congress Avenue .

The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Ordinance and Street Committees .

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 1597.31 for the purpose of paying approved Accounts: The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm	13
Nays none .	

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 218.74 for the purpose of paying approved accounts, Street Dept .

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

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm	13
Nays none .	

Water Light Commission requested to place Arc light on trolley poles on Congress Avenue.

Austin Electric R R Co for permission to change track

Approved a/c

Approved a/c Street Dept

Extra Street Light

. By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 500.00 for the purpose of paying weekly copy rolls of street Dept: The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :
Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Reid, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm 13

Nays none .

Culvert Avenue "G" Hyde Park

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 55.00 for the purpose of paying for a permanent culvert across Avenue " G " at Neys lake Hyde Park. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

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

Nays none .

\$75 Salary asst City Engineer

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 75.00 for the purpose of paying salary of Assistant to the City Engineer for the month of Dec 1908: 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 :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Haynes, Meredith, Moore, Moreland, Redd, Scott & Smith 8

Nays Aldermen Cuneo, Miller, Petri, Sutor & Wilhelm 5

On motion the Council adjourned until 8 o'clock P M Monday Dec 14th 1908

Geo. Johnson
City Clerk .

Adjourned regular meeting of the City Council, Austin, Texas Dec 14th 05
Hon F M Maddox, Mayor Presiding. Roll called:

Present Aldermen Crocker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Petri, Redd,
Scott & Wilhelm & Smith 10

Absent Aldermen Armstrong, Moore, Moreland & Sutor 4

Alderman Moore moved a call of the Council, which was seconded and the
Marshal directed to bring in the absentees .

On motion Alderman Moreland was excused from attendance at this ses-
-sion of the Council.

Aldermen Armstrong, Moore & Sutor entered the Council chamber and
answered to their names. On motion the call was suspended .

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from J P Schneider
Vice President of the Water & Light Commission announcing the death
of Mr Geo L Hume President of the Water & Light Commission.

Alderman Moore moved that the Communication be received and filed and
that a committee of three be appointed to draft suitable resolutions,
and report the same to the Council, which motion prevailed, and the Mayor
appointed Aldermen Moore , Crocker and Haynes as such committee.

Petitions , Memorials, etc :

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from the Excelsior meat
market, asking to have certain pound fees refunded, which was read and
on motion referred to the Committee on Claims & Accounts.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Issac Bledsoe
asking permission to remove a building inside the fire limits. The
petition had been approved by the Fire Commissioners. On motion the
Petition was granted.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Mrs Cabiness asking
permission to make an addition to building within the Fire limits .
The petition was recommended by the Fire Commissioners, and on motion
same was granted.

New business :

Alderman Redd offered the following resolution, which was read and adop-
-ted:

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

That the Fire Committee is hereby instructed to advertise for the
purchase of 5000 feet of fire hose and four shut-off nozzles .

By Alderman Cuneo an ordinance ordering an election for the purpose
of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Austin two
propositions for a new charter for the City . The ordinance was read
the first time and on motion the rule was suspended and the ordi-
-nance placed on its second reading by the following Vote:

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

Nays none .

The ordinance was read the second time. The blanks as to places for hold-
-ing said election, and for judges of election were filled , and
the ordinance passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote :

*Death of Geo L Hume
Announced to Council*

Com to draft resolutions

*Excelsior meat market
pound fees.*

*Issac Bledsoe building
permit*

*Mrs Cabiness
building permit*

*Fire Committee to
advertise for hose*

*Election on new charter
ordered*

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Creeker, Cunnec, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd,
Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13
Nays none.

Pres. in Park Keeper

By Alderman Smith an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 40,00 for the purpose of paying for work done in Pease Park. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Creeker, Cunnec, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd.,
Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13
Nays none .

Lateral 19th & Rio Grande

By Alderman Scott an ordinance to appropriate the sum of \$ 20,00 for the purpose of paying for lateral at 19th & Rio Grande Streets . The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Creeker, Cunnec, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd,
Scott, Smith , Suter & Wilhelm 13

Bridge 3rd & Rio Grande

Nays none .

Alderman Cunnec for the Special Committee to whom was referred the proposition of the I & G N R R Co for a bridge across Sheal Creek on 3rd street , made a verbal report , stating that the committee thought it best to erect a concrete bridge which would cost considerable more than the one proposed by the R R Co, .

On motion the Mayor was authorized to submit a counter proposition to the R R Co in accordance with the recommendations of the Comitte.

Mortuary & Vital Statistics Ordinance

By Alderman Cunnec an ordinance providing for the keeping of authentic and official record of mortuary and other vital statistics in the City of Austin, etc The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the ordinance committee..with instructions to report at the next meeting .

St. Car Co to Change Track to Rio Grande

Alderman Cunnec offered the following resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee ; viz: Resolved that the Austin street R R Co be instructed to remove its tracks at the corner of 5th & Rio Grande streets and the same be placed in the exact centre of the Rio Grande street where the track enters same from 5th street .

Member Water Commissioner

On motion the matter of filling the vacancy in the Board of Water and Light Commissioners, was postponed until the next meeting .

On motion the Council adjourned

Joseph Johnson
City Clerk .