

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, December 21st 1908 :

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

Present Aldermen Armstrong, Creeker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Scott & Wilhelm 9

Absent Aldermen Meredith, Mereland, Radd, Smith & Suter 5

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

On motion Alderman Mereland was excused from attendance at this session of the Council

Aldermen Smith & Suter entered the Council chamber .

On motion the call was suspended.

The minutes were approved, without reading .

Petitions, etc:

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Citizens of Hyde Park Annex, asking for an extension of Light wires to that part of the City, which was read and on motion referred to the Water & Light committee.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Austin Coal & Wood Co asking the passage of an ordinance compelling persons selling wood to give full measure, which was read and referred to the ordinance committee.

By Alderman Creeker petition of J L Washam asking damages on account of a fall on one of the streets. Read and on motion referred to the Claims & Accounts committee and the City Attorney .

By Alderman Scott petition of Warren W Moore in regard to street and side walk west 8th & Guadalupe streets . Read and on motion referred to the street , with instructions to report at the next meeting .

Reports of Standing Committees :

Alderman Scott for the street committee to whom was referred a resolution demanding that the Austin Electrical R R Co place its tracks in the centre of the street at Rio Grande & 5th streets, presented a report recommending the passage of the resolution . On motion the report was adopted .

Alderman Scott for the street committee to whom was referred a proposition from H H Glissman proposing to deed to the City a certain strip of land for street purposes , upon certain conditions, presented a report recommending that the proposition be accepted . On motion the report was adopted .

Alderman Cuneo for the ordinance committee stated that owing to personal sickness he had been unable to call his committee together to act on several matters before that committee, and asked for further time in which to report on these matters. On motion further time was granted .

Alderman Creeker for the Cemetery committee to whom was referred the Report of the City Sexton, presented a report, stating that it had been examined and found correct . The report was adopted .

Alderman Moore for the City Hall committee made a verbal report recommending that trees be cut out around the City Hall. Alderman Haynes moved that the Committee draw up plans , etc, for same , which motion prevailed .

Petitions etc

Citizens Hyde Park Annex for lights,

Austin Coal & Wood Co for ordinance to compel dealers to give full measure

J L Washam for damage

W W Moore sidewalk W 8th Guadalupe St

Reports Standing Comms

St. Electric in track

Street - H H Glissman land for street purposes

Secy of City

City Hall committee

Alderman Redd for the Paving committee presented the following report, which was read and adopted .

Austin, Texas, Dec 21, 1908

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

Gentlemen:

We, your Paving committee and City Engineer, wish to report that on account of the building of the new bridge across the Colorado river on congress Avenue, the contractors will not be able to go ahead with the work of paving from First street south. As they have delivered on the ground 9500 bricks, and have done considerable work grading, we would recommend that an estimate of \$369,80 be allowed them to reimburse them for money paid out, with the understanding that the bricks become the property of the City, and that the amount of the estimate be deducted from the amount of subsequent estimates made in accordance with their contract when the paving is completed. Following is the itemized estimate :

9500 bricks at \$ 14,00 per thousand	133,00
Hauling brick to Congress Avenue and first street .at \$1,25 per thousand	12,88
Freight on brick to Austin	75,92
300 cu yards ,fill at 43 cents	129,00
4 months rent of store house from Raymond Platt Aug, Sept, Oct and November , at \$ 500 per month	20,00
Total	\$ 369,80

Yours very truly

W C Redd, P A Scott , C W Moore

Paving committee

G S Iredell City Engineer

Alderman Redd for the Paving committee presented the following report, which was read and adopted .

Austin, Texas, Dec 21, 1908

Mr A C Goethe, Chairman Paving Committee,

City of Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir :

On account of several unforeseen circumstances the cost of the storm sewer on west sixth street will be somewhat more than originally estimated. The items causing additional expense are as follows.:

1st. It was found necessary, on account of the location of the 20" water main on the south side of the street, to lower the grade of the sewer, in order to get under the main with the laterals running from the south side.

2nd. After the estimate was made, I was instructed by the Mayor and paving committee to work in conjunction with the Water and Light Department in taking out an old main on the north side of the street, that department agreeing to pay for the additional work necessary .

3rd. A gas main and sanitary sewer were encountered which made additional excavation necessary. The companies using them have agreed to pay the additional expense involved, and bills have been rendered them.

4th. It was found necessary ,after the work was in progress, to increase the thickness of the concrete beyond what was originally intended.

5th. The cores which were purchased for this work at a cost of \$ 288,75 and paid for out of this appropriation, while they do first class work and are economical

*Paving on paving
Contractors for instance
furnished*

*Paving on west
side of street*

for a short run of sewer, were found not to be suitable for a continuous sewer. It was therefore, necessary to have wooden moulds made at an additional expense of \$ 53,40. The company from which the steel moulds were purchased have promised to dispose of them for us if possible, or we may be able to trade them for pipe moulds for general use. These moulds are on hand in good order, and can be used for other sewer work. For this reason they are not really chargeable to this account, but should be charged to general equipment.

6th. Owing to unknown persons interfering with our lamps placed on the ditch at night, by stealing, breaking or throwing them into the ditch and leaving traffic unprotected, it was found necessary to put on a night-watchman at an additional expense.

There should altogether, including the moulds, the amounts to be received from the sewer and gas companies, and the Water and Light Commission, be a credit of about \$ 525,00, on this account. As these credits, however, I am told, must go into the general fund, and are not available directly on this particular account, I would recommend that \$ 800,00 additional be appropriated out of the Permanent Paving fund for the purpose of paying current pay rolls and bills.

I estimate that it will cost about \$ 800,00 more to complete the work, which, with the credits noted above deducted, will make in the neighborhood of \$ 175,00 more than the original estimate, due to the several reasons previously noted.

I have watched this work very carefully, and believe it is being carried on as economically as possible, and there is no question that the City is getting a first class storm sewer. The original appropriation was \$ 7125,00. With the additional amount stated the cost will be brought up to a figure approximating the lowest bid we had on that work. If the bid had been accepted, however, the contractor would have had to be paid extra for the additional excavation, so that we should still come out ahead. I would respectfully ask that the \$ 800,00 be appropriated.

Yours very truly,

G S Iredell, City Engineer.

We recommend the above appropriation:

A C Goeth, Chairman Per Iredell

(signed by his instruction)

W C Redd, F A Scott, C W Moore.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Mayor stated to the Council that he had written the Receiver for the I & G N R R Co in regard to the building of the bridge across Shoal Creek on west 3rd street, but as yet had not received a reply.

The Mayor recommended to the Council the remission of fines assessed against the following persons in the Recorder's Court, stating his reasons for the recommendations, viz: Lula Bonner, Elberta Higgins, Mamie Brown, Fannie Johnson and A B Haigler. On motion the fines were remitted, as recommended.

Bridge across
Shoal Creek

Fines remitted
Lula Bonner
Elberta Higgins
Mamie Brown
Fannie Johnson
A B Haigler

Unfinished business :

The Mayor laid before the council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 75,00 for the purpose of paying salary of Assistant to the Engineer for the month of December 1908. The ordinance 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 :

Claiming with Engineer

Yeas Aldermen Crocker, Meredith, Moore, Redd, Scott, Smith & Suter 7
Nays Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Petri & Wilhelm 6

New business :

Extra Labor

BY Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 300,00 for the purpose of paying the weekly pay rolls for street work. 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, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13

Nays none .

West 6th - Storm Sewer

BY Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 800,00 for the purpose of building a storm sewer on West 6th street . 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, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13

Nays none .

Tuberculosis Exhibit

BY Alderman Moore an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 50,00 for the purpose of obtaining the tuberculosis exhibit for the City of Austin. 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, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13

Nays none .

Interest on Bonds

BY Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$30,590,00 for the purpose of paying the Interest due January 1st 1909 on Refunding Bonds. 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, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13

Nays none .

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, Texas, be and he is hereby instructed to pay overdrafts, on Account of " Interest and Sinking " fund for an amount sufficient to pay any balance of interest due January 1st 1909 on the bonds of the City, over and above the amount now in said fund

By Alderman Suter an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 500,00 for the purpose of building a crematory. 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, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13

Nays none .

On motion the Council adjourned .

Geo. S. Johnson

City Clerk

Interest on Bonds

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