

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Texas, January 20th 1896.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, presiding.

Roll call
Members present

Roll called
Present Aldermen: Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Haynes, Sawless, Simm, Kitchner,
Patt. Powell, Reed, Robertson, Rosenyon, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin,
Townsend and Tyler. 18

Members absent

Absent Aldermen: Beatty, Booth, Horton and Schneider. 4.

Adoption of minutes of
previous meeting as printed

On motion of Alderman Powell the reading of the minutes was dispensed
with and they were approved as printed.

Proposition of C. B. Beard
to furnish coal

The proposition of C. B. Beard to furnish the City with coal, was read, and
referred to the purchasing committee.

Pet. of Citizens on Austin Rapid
Transit R.R. Co.

By Alderman Simm. Petition of Citizens in regard to the Austin Rapid
Transit Railroad Company, which was read, and on motion was referred
to a special committee consisting of Aldermen, Simm, Glass, Kitchner,
Shelley and Stumpf.

Leave of absence granted Fred.
Carlton, Recorder

On motion of Alderman Simm, leave of absence was granted the Recorder
from February 3rd to February 6th 1896.

Pet. of J. H. Brush et al.

The petition of J. H. Brush et al. asking to be refunded amount paid by
them for paper laid was read.

Alderman Kitchner moved to refer the petition to the committee on
Claims and Accounts.

Alderman Fischer moved as an amendment, that the petition be granted,
which motion prevailed.

Alderman Beatty, Booth and Horton entered the Council Chamber and
answered to their names!

Pet. of A. H. Bressler for per-
mission to construct R.R. on 3rd St.

By Alderman Powell, Petition of A. H. Bressler asking permission to con-
struct a Railroad on West Third street in front of Demp's beer house read
and on motion referred to the street committee with leave to act.

Pet. of J. H. Franklin for remission
of fine in Recorder's Court

Petition of J. H. Franklin for remission of fine imposed in Recorder's Court
was read and on motion was referred to the Mayor.

Ordinance granting permission
to Austin Dam and Suburban R.R. Co.
to lay tracks on W. 4th St.

By Alderman Sawless, An ordinance granting permission to the Austin
Dam and Suburban Railway Company to lay two tracks from its line on
Fourth Street to its Car shed on the old Court House square, was read and
laid over to come up under the head of new business.

Pet. of Trustees of Swedish
Evangelical Church

By Alderman Townsend, Petition of the Trustees of the Swedish Evangelical
Church, for permission to use a portion of the side walk in front of
their Church was read and granted.

Pet. of Citizens to have 21st
south of the University graded

By Alderman Townsend, Petition of Citizens to have Twenty First Street
south of the University graded, read, and on motion referred to the Street
Committee.

Pet. of Austin Base Ball and
Athletic Assn. to lease City Park
Report of City Auditor & Com.
on Bonds

The petition of the Austin Baseball and Athletic Association to lease the
City Park was read, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Parks.

The report of the City Auditor and Com. in the matter of bonds heretofore
issued and on file in the office of the City Clerk, was read and on motion the
report was ordered filed, and a committee of Messrs. Robertson, of Aldermen
Powell, Glass and Beatty, were appointed to select bonds to be issued.

The report of the City Engineer in regard to the proposed widening of
streets, was read and on motion referred to the Committee on Public Works.

To the old Water Company, together with a communication of E. C. Bartholomew Esq. receiver of said company. On the same subject was then read. Alderman Booth moved to refer to the Water and Light Commission which motion prevailed.

The following communication from the Water and Light Commission was then read.
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Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen, I have the honor to report that at a meeting of the Water and Light Commission held on December 28, 1895, the proposition of Mr. Howard Shelby to lay all 4 inch cast iron water pipe for 15¢ cents per foot was accepted by the commission, and on motion the acceptance of said proposition by the City Council was recommended.

Respectfully submitted

H. J. Oltshank, Secretary Water and Light Com.

N+S Com. report on award of contract to Howard Shelby to lay 4" pipe

Action of N+S Com confirmed

Ald. Tobin for N+S Com. stated Contractor for putting in pumps at Dam was now here

N+S Com. authorized to employ Engineer or Engineers

Ald. Shelby excused

Spec. Com. report on destruction of cancelled coupons

Report of Police Com. on City Marshal's report for Dec. 1895

Report of Printing Com.

On motion the action of the Water and Light Commission in the matter was confirmed.

Alderman Tobin, for the Water and Light Commission, stated that the contractor for putting in the pumps at the dam was now here, and asked that the Water and Light Commission have authority from the City Council authorizing them to employ an Engineer or Engineers to supervise this work and also in the matter of the reservoir.

Alderman Fischer moved that the Water and Light Commission be authorized to employ an Engineer or Engineers for the purpose indicated and that the Mayor, with the authority of the Water and Light Commission, be authorized to enter into contract with him or them, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Shelby was excused from further attendance at this meeting of the Council.

The special committee appointed to destroy the cancelled coupons presented their report, stating that they had burned the coupons as directed.

On motion of Alderman Kitchner the report was received and ordered filed, and the committee discharged.

By Alderman Powell, Report of the Police Committee on the report of the City Marshal for the month of December 1895.

On motion the report of the committee was received and ordered filed. Alderman Baynes for the Printing Committee, presented the following report, which was read and ordered filed.

January 20, 1896.

To the Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Austin: Gentlemen, - Your committee on Printing to whom was referred the bill for 5000 copies of final report of the Board of Public Works with illustrations, as contemplated in resolution of the Council of the 14th day of December last, and also a copy of the same to the Board of Public Works, and informed by Mr. Von Doorman that the bill for 5000 copies of the same, including the illustrations, as contemplated in the resolution of the Council of the 14th day of December last, had been ordered by the Council to be printed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Haynes.
By E. Roberdeau,
S. E. Prosemyers.

Printing Committee.

Report of Com. on Sanitation and
Sewerage on their Res on 11th 1896

Wideman Class, for the committee on Sanitation and Sewerage, presented the following report:

Austin, Texas, January 20, 1896.

To the Honorable Lewis Hancock, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen, Your committee on Sanitation and Sewerage to whom was referred two petitions, regarding a stock pen on East First Street, beg leave to report that we have examined said pen and find it well kept and in a good sanitary condition, as previously reported by the City health officer. We also find that the danger complained of inspection, if there is any, by driving cattle on said street, would be caused by cattle driven to the railroad shipping pens and cattle driven to the City pound, which we find is in same enclosure with said stock pen. We also find that said pen is not extensively used and very few stock kept there, and only for a few days at a time.

W. A. Glass,
P. W. Powell,
J. M. Beatty,

Committee on Sanitation and Sewerage.

Alderman Simm moved that the report be received and filed and that the committee be discharged from further consideration of the matter, which motion prevailed.

Rept. of Spcl Com. on Ord. defining duties of Street Commissioner

The Special committee to whom was referred an ordinance defining the duties of Street Commissioner reported a substitute ordinance for the original ordinance. On motion of Alderman Roberdeau the report was laid over to come up with the ordinance.

Ord. appropriating \$1800 for Fire hose

Alderman Roberdeau moved that the Council take up an ordinance making an appropriation to purchase fire hose, which motion prevailed.

An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1800 for the purchase of purchasing fire hose was then taken up and read a second time.

On motion of Alderman Roberdeau, the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas 11

Yeas: Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Hancock, Glass, Boeth, Haynes, Horton, Kitcher, Platt, Powell, Reed, Roberdeau, Prosemyers, Skimpel, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend, Sauters, Simm and Zilker. 11.
Nays None.

Ord. to regulate payment of Water, Light and Power rates

By Alderman Tobin, An ordinance to further regulate the payment of Water, Light and Power rates.

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

Yeas: Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Hancock, Glass, Boeth, Haynes, Horton, Prosemyers, Simm, Kitcher, Platt, Powell, Reed, Roberdeau, Prosemyers, Skimpel, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker. 11.
Nays None.

Rept of Purchasing Com on award of Contract for Drains & Pipes

Alderman Clatt, for the purchasing committee, reported that they had awarded the contract for furnishing the City with clay pipes for the year 1896, to Messrs. J. P. Martin & Co., and the contract for string mules belonging to the City for 1896, to H. H. Cook & Son.

Pet. of Citizens in 10th Ward in regard to Open Sewer Pet. laid on table

Alderman Sawbes moved that the report be adopted, and the Mayor authorized to enter into contract with the parties named in accordance with the contract, which motion prevailed.

The Mayor laid before the Council the petitions of citizens in the South Ward, in regard to a stock pen.

Req. of C. Anderson for permission to move frame building out to lot

Alderman Glass moved that the petition be laid upon the table, which motion was adopted.

The Mayor laid before the Council the petition of Mr. C. Anderson for permission to move a frame building within the line limits.

Bond of City Auditor referred to Fin. Com.

Alderman Glascock moved that the permission be not granted, which motion prevailed.

The bond of S. H. Wheatley, City Auditor, was referred to the finance committee. The Mayor laid before the Council the substitute ordinance offered by the special committee defining the duties of street commissioner.

Sub. Ord. defining duties of Street Commissioner

Alderman Simm moved that the substitute offered by the committee be substituted for the original ordinance. Carried.

The ordinance was then read a second time.

Ald. Powell moved to amend Sec. 1

Alderman Powell moved to amend section 1 by striking out the words "subject to the approval of the street committee."

Ald. Taylor offered substitute

Alderman Taylor offered as a substitute for Alderman Powell's motion to add "the Mayor"

Ald. Glascock to amend substitute Sec. 1

Alderman Glascock moved to amend Alderman Taylor's motion by adding "the City Council," which was lost.

Taylor substitute lost Powell's amendment adopted

Alderman Taylor's substitute was then lost. The amendment of Alderman Powell was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas, Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Haynes, Horton, Sawbes, Stitschke, Clatt, Powell, Priddy, Proengren 17.
Nays, Aldermen Booth, Simm, Proberdeau, Skumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend, Zilker 5.

Ald. Zilker moved to amend Sec. 4

Alderman Zilker moved to amend section 4 by inserting after the word "supervision," the words "and control," which motion was adopted.

Ald. Simm excused

Alderman Simm was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council by the following vote:

Yeas, Aldermen Fischer, Glass, Beatty, Sawbes, Clatt, Powell, Priddy, Proberdeau, Proengren, Skumpf, Tobin, Townsend, and Zilker 13.
Nays, Aldermen Glascock, Haynes, Horton, Stitschke and Taylor 5.

Suspension of rules & final passage of Ord.

Alderman Stitschke moved a suspension of the rules and the ordinance be laid upon its final reading and final passage, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas, Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Haynes, Glass, Beatty, Haynes, Horton, Townsend, Stitschke, Clatt, Powell, Priddy, Proberdeau, Proengren, Skumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend, and Zilker 10.
Nays, Aldermen 0.

Aldermen Clark and Glasgow were excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

Ord. appropriating \$12,791.00 to pay for Water and Light Fund. By Alderman Eakin, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$12,791.00 out of the Water and Light Fund, for the purpose of paying certain approved accounts. The ordinance was read and sustained by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glass, Goth, Hayes, Horton, Lawless, Kitcher, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Stumpf, Taylor, Tabin, Townsend and Ziker 17. Nays None.

Ord. appropriating \$480 to pay extra sanitary labor. By Alderman Glass, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$480.00 to pay salaries of extra sanitary laborers, was read. Alderman Glass moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed upon its second reading, which motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glass, Goth, Hayes, Horton, Lawless, Kitcher, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Stumpf, Taylor, Tabin, Townsend and Ziker 17. Nays None.

Ord. read second time. Alderman Taylor moved to amend the ordinance by striking out \$480 and inserting \$240. which motion was lost.

Alderman Fischer moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, which motion was lost by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glass, Goth, Hayes, Horton, Lawless, Kitcher, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Stumpf and Ziker 11. Nays Aldermen Taylor, Tabin and Townsend. 3.

Alderman Fischer offered the following resolution, which was lost: Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the ordinance committee be and they are hereby instructed to prepare an ordinance creating the office of Inspector of weights and measures, defining his duties and fixing his fees.

On motion of Alderman Redd the Council adjourned.

Jno Johnson
City Clerk.

Ord. creating office of Inspector of Weights & Measures lost.

Adjourned