

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the City Council:
Austin Texas April 20, 1896.

The Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, having been called upon to preside at the Cotton Mill mass meeting, the Hon. Henry Simm, president of the Council, called the Council to order.

Roll called.

Present, Aldermen Haynes, Horton, Simm, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Schneider, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilber 14.
Absent, Aldermen Beaty, Fischer, Glass, Glascock, South, Lawless, Drosingren and Shelley. 8.

Alderman Platt moved to correct the minutes of the last meeting, where they state that "Alderman Platt moved to reconsider the vote granting the petition of Martin Robinson for correction of assessment, and that the petition be referred to the committee on claims and accounts", stating that he did not make the motion to refer. The motion prevailed and the minutes as corrected were then approved.

Alderman Taylor moved that Dr. A. S. Graves, City Physician, be granted leave of absence for ten days from April 21st which motion prevailed and the leave granted.

The following communication was read and the invitation accepted:
Austin, Texas April 20, 1896.

To the Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen:
Gentlemen, You are most cordially invited to attend the Annual inspection of the Austin Fire Department on April 21st at 10 A.M. to be held at Fireman's hall on west Eighth Street; also a grand department ball to be given at night.

Yours respectfully,
Tom. D. Smith,
Recorder, A. S. D.

Aldermen Beaty, Fischer and Glass entered the Council Chamber and answered to their names.

By Alderman Kitchner, Petition of Citizens asking that a special Policeman be appointed to take care of the City Cemetery.

Read, and referred to the Police and Cemetery Committee.

By Alderman Glass, Petition of Leonard Cox, asking permission to move wagon scales in South Austin.

On motion the petition was granted, providing the Street Committee and the City Engineer approve the same.

By Alderman Glass, Petition of Citizens of the Eleventh Ward, asking that a special election be called to elect an Alderman for said Ward in place of S. H. Glascock who has left the City.

On motion the petition was referred to a special committee of three, together with the City Attorney.

The chair appointed as the special committee Aldermen Redd, Beaty and Schneider.

Alderman Powell for the Police committee presented the following report which was read and adopted:

Austin, Texas, April 18, 1896.

Dr Graves granted 10 days leave of absence.

Invitation from A.S. Dept. to attend Annual inspection accepted.

Petition of Citizens asking that a special Policeman be appointed for City Cemetery.

Pet. of S. Cox to remove wagon scales in South Austin. Granted.

Pet. of Citizens of 11th Ward asking that a special election be held to elect an Alderman in place of S. H. Glascock.

Report of Police committee.

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin:
Gentlemen, Your Committee on Police to whom was referred the City Marshal's reports for the month of March, 1896, beg leave to report, that said reports were examined and found to be correct.

J. W. Powell,
H. S. Haynes,
Committee on Police.

Aldermen Goeth and Rosengren entered the Council Chamber and answered to their names.

The Chair laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$400. for work at the City Cemetery, with the report of the Cemetery Committee recommending the passage of the ordinance.

The report of the Committee was adopted and the ordinance read a second time, and on motion of Alderman Horton the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed upon its third reading, by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Besty, Fischer, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Simm, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilker. 17

Nays Aldermen Glass and Redd 2.

Alderman Lawless entered the Council Chamber and answered to his name. The ordinance was then read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Besty, Fischer, Glass, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Simm, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilker. 20

Nays None.

On motion of Alderman Tobin the Council stood adjourned until 8 o'clock P. M., Friday, April 24, 1896.

J. W. Johnson
City Clerk.

Ord. appropriating the sum of \$400. for work at City Cemetery.

Passed.

Minutes of an adjourned Regular meeting of the City Council:
Austin Texas, April, 24, 1896.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, presiding.

Roll called.

Present Aldermen, Beaky, Haynes, Norton, Linn, Stischer, Platt, Powell, Reed, Robertson, Rosenzweig, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend.
Absent Aldermen Fischer, Hancock, Glass, Coyle, Lawless, John + Zilker

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On motion of Alderman Linn, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and they were adopted as printed.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication:
Galveston, Texas, April 21, 1896.

Communication from the State Good Roads Association inviting the Council to send delegates.

Hon. Mayor and City Council, Austin, Texas:
Gentlemen: The Committee in charge desire to make the State Good Roads Convention, which convenes at Galveston June 9 to 13, a large and representative body. It is believed the attendance will embrace delegates from every City and County in the State. We would urge upon your honorable body the importance of assisting in a work which will materially advance the interests of all the people, and to that end we suggest that your City make a modest appropriation with which to send one or more duly accredited delegates to the convention. One of the subjects that will be tactically discussed will be street paving. Upon this branch especially you can doubtless impart and receive information of great value.

The movement is started, and by united and co-operation, tangible results can be accomplished.

Awaiting an early and favourable reply, we are yours truly,

Committee on Invitation State Good Roads Convention.
Geo. M. Courts, Chairman.

On motion of Alderman Linn, the communication was received and referred to the Street Committee.

Report of Special Committee in regard to suit brought by State of Texas to recover possession of River Water.

Alderman Haynes, for the Special Committee, presented the following report:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council:
Gentlemen: Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the City Attorney in regard to a suit brought by the State to recover possession of River Water, or River Avenue on West side of Congress Avenue and fronting on the River, have carefully considered and advised with City Attorney Condit in regard to the matter, and have to report that we find no evidence of title in the City to the property in question other than shown by the official map of the City, and while in the opinion of our City Attorney the City would most likely win the case, the grounds, being public property, can not, in his opinion, be legally diverted to private use under lease, as is now being done, and the location of the bridge is such that it would be out of the question to improve it as a levee.

On the other hand, if the proposition of the State, made through the Watermen, appears to be established, the City is assured to gain from street & canalizing, with the street on the east side of the Avenue between the landmarks in question and the bridge as shown on the map, which improvement would improve the City.

only a narrow margin of land between said street and the river and this small strip of disputed territory, passing to the State would probably be used for the general good and a better class of buildings be erected on it than can be done under the existing conditions of title.

It would, therefore, seem advisable for the City to accept the proposition offered.

Respectfully submitted,
H. L. Haynes, Chairman.
Henry A. Simm,
J. W. Powell,
J. M. Beaty. Special Committee.

Aldermen Goeth and Fischer entered the Council Chamber and answered to their names.

Louis report adopted

Alderman Simm moved to adopt the report of the Special Committee just read and that the City Attorney be authorized to effect the compromise offered, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beaty, Fischer, Goeth, Haynes, Simm, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Townsend 14
Nays Aldermen Horton, Kitschke and Taylor 3

New Business

Ord. authorizing Austin Rapid Transit Railroad Co. to construct switch on 14th St.
Passed.

By Alderman Goeth, an ordinance authorizing the Austin Rapid Transit Railroad Company to construct a switch on South Street.

Alderman Zilker entered the Council Chamber and answered to his name.

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

Ayes Aldermen Beaty, Fischer, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Simm, Kitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 17
Nays Alderman Roberdeau 1.

Com. of Citizens of 11th Ward granted permission to address Council

On motion, a committee of Citizens from the Eleventh Ward were granted permission to make a statement and file evidence concerning the vacancy of Alderman in said Ward.

The evidence offered by the committee was on motion referred to the special committee appointed to investigate the matter.

Com. District on 11th Ward Feb. ordered to report at next meeting.

Alderman Horton moved that the special committee to whom was referred the petition of Citizens of the Eleventh Ward in regard to a vacancy which is claimed exists in said Ward in the office of Alderman be instructed to report at the next regular meeting of the City Council.

Alderman Schneider moved to lay the motion on the table.

Lost by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Fischer, Goeth, Haynes, Kitschke, Powell, Rosengren, Schneider and Zilker 8

Nays Aldermen Beaty, Horton, Simm, Platt, Roberdeau, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend 9.

Motion adopted.

The motion of Alderman Horton was then adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beaty, Horton, Haynes, Simm, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf and Townsend 9

Nays Aldermen Fischer, Goeth, Kitschke, Platt, Powell, Schneider, Taylor and Zilker 8.

Alderman Beaty moved to suspend the rules and read the following resolution: Res. That the City Council be authorized to...

Resolution authorizing City Clerk to deliver warrant to Widow of W. Chambers
Ord. of E. S. Hughes in regard to claim for damages

City Warrant, issued to Sam. Chambers, to his widow. Carried.
The Mayor laid before the Council and had read, a communication from Geo. S. Walton, Attorney for E. S. Hughes, in regard to claim for damages to land submerged by the Lake, which, on motion of Alderman Stitscher, was referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

An Ord. appropriating \$95.00 to rebuild a bridge in South Austin

By Alderman Zilker.
An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$95.00 to rebuild a bridge in South Austin
On motion of Alderman Schneider, the ordinance was referred to the Street Committee.

Ord. Appropriating \$11.00 to paint & repair roof of Co. Austin Fire Hall.

By Alderman Redd.
An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$11.00 to repair and paint the roof of the South Austin Fire Hall.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Linn, Stitscher, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker. 18

An Ord. appropriating \$100 to pay extra street laborers.

Stayed.
By Alderman Zilker.
An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100.00 to pay extra street laborers.

The ordinance was read first time and Alderman Redd moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Goeth, Haynes, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker 17
Nays Aldermen Fischer, Horton, Linn, Stitscher, Platt and Taylor 6

Ord. amending Art. 118, Title 3 Chapter 3 of Revised Penal Ordinances.

By Alderman Linn
An Ordinance amending Article 118, Title 3, Chapter 3 of the Revised Penal Ordinances of the City.

The ordinance was read first time and, on motion of Alderman Fischer, the rules were suspended and the ordinance read a second time. On motion of Alderman Stitscher the ordinance was referred to the ordinance committee.

Ord. authorizing redemption of Real Estate sold for taxes.

By Alderman Townsend,
An Ordinance authorizing the redemption of Real Estate heretofore sold for taxes and bid in by the City.

On motion of Alderman Goeth the ordinance was referred to the ordinance committee.

Resolution in regard to Employes of the City who do not patronize City's Water & Light system.
Referred to the Council

Alderman Linn moved that the Council do now adjourn. Lost.
Alderman Schneider offered the following resolution which was read and referred to the Water and Light Commission:

Whereas, there are employes of the City of Austin that are not patrons of the City's Water and Light system; therefore be it Resolved, that it is the opinion of this Council that all Officers and employes of the City, who take water from any water company should patronize the City's Water and Light system or send in their resignations.
By Alderman Beatty,

Ord. amending an ordinance to prevent persons from laying out, building, or using streets, alleys and lanes of the City.

An ordinance amending an ordinance to prevent persons from laying out, building, or using streets, alleys and lanes of the City.

Streets, Alley & Parks of the City. The ordinance was read and on motion of Alderman Platt was laid on the table.

On motion of Alderman Fischer the Council adjourned.

J. G. Johnson
City Clerk.