

Minutes of the Council of the City of Austin, Texas, held on the 16th day of September, 1896.

Hon. Lewis J. ... presiding.
Roll called.
Present: Mayor, Council, ...
On motion of Alderman ... the minutes were approved as printed, without reading.

Pet. of South Austin Fire Co.

By Alderman ... Petition of South Austin Fire Company asking that certain remains be made to their Fire Hall, etc. On motion the petition was referred to the Fire Committee.

Pet. of Mrs Amelia Hall for damages caused by overflow of Sauer.

John Dowell, Attorney for Mrs Amelia Hall; claim for damages to land by reason of the high water in lake overflowing road. Read and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Pet. of W.H. Firebaugh to abate a nuisance

Petition of W.H. Firebaugh et al.: to abate a nuisance. Read and referred to the Committee on Sanitation.

Mayor's Veto of Ord. Appropriating \$230 to repair bridge over Newing's Branch

The Mayor then read the following veto message:
Mayor's Office
Austin, Tex., Sept. 16, 1896.

To the Honorable City Council:
Gentlemen, I herewith return to you, with my disapproval, an ordinance passed on the 7th of September, 1896, entitled An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$230. for the purpose of repairing the bridge on Riverside drive, over Newing's Branch in South Austin. My reasons for disapproving same are as follows: I made a personal inspection of the bridge and of the streets and population affected, and found that none of the residents of South Austin are inconvenienced in getting to and from the City, by the closing of said bridge, those living east of said Newing's branch having a good road running by the Wather homestead. The only inconvenience caused by the closing of said bridge is, that the residents on either side of the said branch and north of said bridge have to go about an eighth of a mile to the south and out of the way in communicating with each other. The population thus affected is comparatively small, probably not over a dozen families. While it would be just to consider their inconvenience if the City was in a financial condition to do so, in view of the small number of citizens affected, the small amount of inconvenience caused them and the bad condition of the City finances, I do not consider this an important expenditure at this time.

Respectfully,
Lewis J. ...

Messrs Aldermen Beatty, Glass, South, Haynes, Horton, Layless, Linn, Platt, Powell, Read, Robendean, Rosenberg, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 18.

Mayor Alderman Fischer 1.

Alderman Read moved that the ordinance do now pass, notwithstanding the Mayor's objections. Took by the following vote:

Messrs Aldermen Glass and Read 2.
Messrs Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, South, Haynes, Horton, Layless, Linn, Platt, Powell, Robendean, Rosenberg, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 17.

Let. of J.M. Brown & Co regarding power rates

By Alderman South, Petition of J.M. Brown & Co. in regard to power for machinery.

Read and referred to the Water and Light Committee, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Finance Com's report on bids for 5% Bonds for Act of Sinking Fund.

The following report of the Mayor and Finance Committee was presented and read:

Austin, Texas, Sep 11th 1896.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee and Mayor held today at 5 p.m., acting under resolution of the City Council, the following bids for City of Austin 5 per cent Bonds, to be purchased for account of the Sinking Fund, were received and opened:

- A. B. Woodbridge, Austin offers two Bonds at 97 1/2 flat.
- Geo. A. Fraser, San Antonio, offers two Bonds at 98 flat.
- Geo. W. Brackenridge, San Antonio offers ten Bonds at par flat.
- J. S. Hank, St. Louis, offers one Bond at 99 and interest and exchange.
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- Del. Coquard, St. Louis, offers ten Bonds at 97 1/2 and interest.

The following being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend the acceptance of said bids:

- A. B. Woodbridge, Austin two Bonds at 97 1/2 flat.
- Geo. A. Fraser, San Antonio two Bonds at 98 flat.
- Geo. W. Brackenridge, San Antonio six Bonds at par flat.

As it is necessary to accept and pay for said Bonds immediately, we recommend the prompt passage of the accompanying ordinance appropriating \$10,000. or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay for the ten Bonds at once.

Lewis Hancock, Mayor
A. W. Townsend
W. D. Shelley
A. C. South, Finance Committee

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted, and the ordinance appropriating money was laid over to come up at the next meeting of the Council.

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report that on account of the urgent necessity of protecting the valuable Electric Machinery in the Power House from lightning, and in pursuance of a resolution passed by the City Council July 20th 1896, an order was given on the 14th instant for twelve station switch board and twenty four pole line arresters at a cost of \$2,200.00, to be shipped by express, said to be placed at once on the switch board and near the Power house. These arresters have already been received and are now being placed in position. In order to further protect the Electrical distribution system, on the 14th instant an order was given for eighty four pairs of pole line arresters, the same to be shipped by freight, and at the same time an order was given for 65,000 pairs of Carbons for the arc lamps supplying the City with light at \$15.25 per 1000 delivered in Austin, with the understanding that the City should have a reduction on the price stated if a railroad for this section could be obtained. These Carbons were ordered at this time on account of the necessity of having a full supply before those on hand were exhausted, the supply on hand being quite small.

Very respectfully submitted,
 Francis Fischer,
 J. C. Lawless,
 Water and Light Committee.

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

Report of Street Com. on pet. of L. W. Goldbeck

Alderman Zilker for the Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of L. W. Goldbeck for permission to establish a 15 foot sidewalk in front of lots in Block 13 division D, presented their report recommending that the petition be granted. The report was adopted.

Report of Street Com. on pet. of T. Stephan to open Alley in Block 139

Alderman Zilker for the Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Theodore Stephan asking to have the Alley in Block 139 opened, presented their report recommending that the Alley be opened to its proper width. The report was adopted and the City Engineer instructed to open said Alley.

Report of Police Com on City Marshals reports for Aug.

Alderman Powell, for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the reports of the City Marshal for the month of August, 1896, presented their report, stating that the reports had been examined and found correct. The report of the committee was adopted.

Report of Police Com. on pet. of Citizens of Groome's Addition

Alderman Powell, for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Citizens of Groome's addition requesting the Council to extend the provisions of the street ordinance to include Groome's addition, presented their report recommending that the petition be not granted. Report adopted.

Unfinished Business.

and other matters of the day
 9 o'clock
 adjourned

The Council adjourned on motion of Alderman Powell at 9 o'clock this evening.
 E. B. Boring, Secy.
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Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glass, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Platt, Powell, Redd, Oberdean, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker. 18
Nays None.

Ordinance appropriating \$50. to pay Mrs. Huddle & \$7.50 to pay Mary Matter for damage to land submerged by Lake

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$50. to pay claim of Mrs. Stannie Z. Huddle and \$7.50 to pay claim of Mrs. Mary Matter for damage to land submerged by the lake.

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

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glass, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Platt, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker. 16.

Act. of N. Austin Fire Co. for admittance to Fire Department

Yeas Aldermen Oberdean and Schneider 2.
The Mayor then laid before the Council the petition of North Austin Fire Company asking to be admitted into the Fire Department, with the favorable report of the Fire Commission. Alderman Stumpf moved that the Company be admitted.

Alderman Schneider moved as a substitute that the matter be referred back to the Fire Commissioners and that they submit written report, in accordance with the City ordinances. Adopted.

Ord. Appropriating \$10,000 to purchase 10-5% Bonds for Debt of Sinking Fund.

The Mayor then laid before the Council an ordinance submitted by the Finance Committee, appropriating the sum of \$10,000 to purchase ten 5 per cent Water and Light Bonds of the City of Austin for account of the Sinking Fund.

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

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glass, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Platt, Powell, Redd, Oberdean, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker. 18.
Nays None.

Resolution inviting the National Prison Assn. of the U.S. to meet in Austin in 1897

By Alderman Goeth, Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin, that a cordial invitation is hereby extended to the National Prison Association of the United States to hold their annual Congress in the City of Austin some time in the fall of 1897.

Resolved, further, that Mr. S. J. Whalley, Superintendent of the Penitentiaries of Texas, member of the Association, who will attend the Congress of the Association, to be held at Milwaukee, Wis., September 26 to 30, 1896, is hereby authorized to present this invitation, to which express acknowledgment is to be given in his report to serve its object.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Ord. Appropriating \$3000 to pay Expenses of the Park

An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3000. to pay expenses of the Park and Light Board. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glass, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Platt, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker. 18.

Stump, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 18.

The following resolution moved by Alderman Goeth was read and adopted:

Resolution authorizing Mayor to receipt to Geo W Maddox late Supt. of W & L Plant for all books papers Etc.

Be it resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the Mayor of the City of Austin is hereby authorized and empowered to receive from Geo. W. Maddox, late Superintendent of the Water, Light and Power Plant of said City, all books, papers and property whatsoever held by him as such Superintendent, and create a proper receipt therefor.

Ord. Appropriating \$1600. to pay the Gould Co for pumps

By Alderman Townsend An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1600 to pay the Gould Company for balance due for pumps furnished, together with a report from the Water and Light Committee recommending the payment of the claim.

The ordinance was read first time and on motion of Alderman Beaty was referred to a special committee of three, together with the Mayor and City Attorney.

Ord. Appropriating \$16,687.50 to pay interest on W & L Bonds

By Alderman Townsend, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$16,687.50 to pay interest due Oct. 1st 1896, on the Water and Light Bonds of the City.

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

Yeas Aldermen, Beaty, Fischer, Glass, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robidreau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stump, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 18.

Stabs Stone!

Ord. Appropriating \$2175 to pay interest on Funding Bonds

By Alderman Townsend, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2175 to pay interest due Oct. 1st 1896, on Funding Bonds of the City of Austin.

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

Yeas Aldermen Beaty, Fischer, Glass, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robidreau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stump, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 18.

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Ord. Appropriating \$1241. to refloor bridge across Colorado River

By Alderman Redd, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1241. to refloor the bridge across the Colorado River.

The ordinance was read first time and on motion was referred to the street committee.

Mayor appointed W & L Com. and Special Com. on claim of Gould Co's claim

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Tobin, Lawless and Fischer, the Water and Light Committee, also Aldermen Beaty, Goeth and Haynes, the special committee to act with the Mayor and City Attorney in the matter of the account of the Gould Company.

Transfer of \$1800. from Commission to General Fund

Alderman Townsend moved that that the sum of \$1800. be transferred from the Commission Fund to the General Fund and the same be placed to the credit of the City of Austin.

The motion was carried by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen, Beaty, Fischer, Glass, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robidreau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stump, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 18.

Council Meeting hour
changed from 8:30 to 8:00 p.m.
until further order.

and until further order, at 8 o'clock p.m. Carried.
On motion the Council adjourned.

J. W. Johnson
City Clerk.