

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas, November 16th 1896.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, Presiding.

Roll called.

Present Aldermen O'Leary, Fischer, Glass, Booth, Haynes, Norton, Lawless, Lynn, Kitchin, Platt, Powell, Fidd, Probstman, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend, and Dilker. 19.

Absent, Aldermen Glascock, Rosengren and Blair 3.

On motion of Alderman Platt, the minutes were adopted as printed without reading.

Petitions

By Alderman Platt, Petition of H. Hirschfeld, asking that a rock wall be built to protect his lots in Block 10 of the City. The petition was read, and, on motion, referred to the Street Committee.

Pet. of H. Hirschfeld to have rock wall built to protect his lots in Blk. 10.

A communication from the City Engineer in regard to the bridge across the Colorado River was read, and, on motion, referred to the Street Committee, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Communication from City Engineer request to Bridge across Colorado River

Alderman DeWitt, for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the reports of the City Marshal for the month of October, presented their report, stating that the reports had been examined and found correct. The report was ordered received and filed.

Police Com report on Marshals reports for Oct.

Alderman Lynn, for the ordinance committee, to whom was referred the petition of George Ash in regard to an erroneous assessment of the S.H. Philpott stock of merchandise, presented their report, recommending that the petition be granted. On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

Ord. Com report on pet. of Geo. Ash regarding erroneous assessment S.H. Philpott's st.

Alderman Taylor, for the Special Committee, to whom was referred a resolution in regard to street sprinkling, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Special Com report on street sprinkling

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, and City Council of the City of Austin: Gentlemen, Your special committee, to whom was referred a resolution relative to the sprinkling of the streets of the City, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the same and they deem it impracticable at the present time to do anything in relation thereto.

Your Committee also listened to the complaints made by the parties who were awarded the contract for street sprinkling. They represent that when they bid for this service they did so under the impression that it was to be an exclusive privilege within the territory they covered; that they have since found out that individuals were allowed to sprinkle the streets in front of their premises thus defeating the contract. In view of the fact that they were the City, to whom was referred a resolution in regard to street sprinkling, and they had reasonable grounds to believe that the City would not allow such a thing to be done, they are of the opinion that the contract should be annulled, and the City should be held liable for the same.

I believe that an injustice has been done the contractors, but that it would not be advisable to prohibit water takers from sprinkling in front of their premises, and, therefore, recommend to your honorable body that the present contract price for water to the sprinkling contractors be reduced from \$6. per month, commencing in September 1st 1846, to \$4. per month to the expiration of their contract yearly 1st 1847.

Thos. J. Taylor,
A. H. Townsend,
W. C. Shelley,
H. L. Haynes,
J. Lawless.

Aldermen Rosenowen and Tobin entered the Council Chamber.

Unfinished Business.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance ordering an election of one Alderman for each of the wards of the City.

Ord. ordering an Election for Aldermen for each Ward of the City.

The ordinance was read the second time and the blanks as to places at which the election would be held, and the names of judges of election having been filled, the ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Deaty, Fischer, Glass, Gorth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Linn, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilker 21.
Nays None.

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

Ord. Approp^g \$1700. to pay Salaries of Officers & Employes of W & L Plant.

By Alderman Lawless, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1700. to pay Salaries of Officers and Employes of the Water and Light Plant. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules, by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Deaty, Fischer, Glass, Gorth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Kitchin, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilker 20.
Nays None.

Ord. Approp^g \$1274.⁶⁵ to pay Hazen for professional services etc.

By Alderman Tobin, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1274.⁶⁵ out of the Water and Light Fund to pay approved account of Hazen for professional services etc. The ordinance was passed, under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Deaty, Fischer, Glass, Gorth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Kitchin, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilker 20.
Nays None.

Alderman Zilker signed the following resolution which was read and adopted:

Resolution regarding the use of water in the streets.

Resolved, by the City Council of Boston, That at any time the fire engines are used to extinguish fires, a hose shall be attached to the water into the street, instead of discharging water into the middle of the street as is being done now. By Alderman Zilker. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$400.

Ord. Approp^g Ho. to pay salaries of Officers and Employees of the City for the year ending
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November 30th 1896.
The ordinance was passed, under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Deas, Alderman Deady, Fischer, Glass, Goeth, Higgins, Horton, Sawies, Stike-
cine, Smith, Towne, Reed, Robertson, Posner, Schneider, Kelley, Clump,
Saylor, Sovin, Townsend and Zilker 20.

Stave Stone

Ord. Approp^g \$50⁰⁰ to purchase
Sorb-Respirator for Fire
Dept.

By Alderman Stump, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$50.00
to purchase the Sorb-Respirator now in the hands of the Chief of the
Fire Department.

On motion, the ordinance was referred to the Fire Committee.
On motion, the Council adjourned.

J. W. Robinson
City Clerk