

Regular meeting of the City Council
Austin, Texas, Feb 15th 1904

Hon R. E. White, Mayor, presiding

Roll called

Present Aldermen, Crocker, Haynes, Kame, Maddox
Wilton Moore, Schneider & Hickey, Shumate, Smith & Whit 11
Absent Aldermen Macken, Nitschke & Redd 3

On motion the minutes were approved as recorded by the Clerk, without reading.

Petition
A. R. Evans found fees

Petitions, memorials etc
By Alderman Crocker. Petition of A. R. Evans asking to have certain found fees paid by him refunded.
Read and on motion referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts

Treasurer's report

Reports of City Officers
The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the Treasurer for the month of Jan'y 1904, which was referred to the Finance Committee without reading.

Reports City Com
Parks on File District
Peace Park

Aldermen Nitschke & Redd entered the Council Chamber Reports of standing Committees
Alderman Shumate, for the Committee on Parks which was directed to investigate and ascertain if the City had a title to the street leading from West 12th Street to Peace Park, on the east side of Shoal Creek, made a verbal report stating that Earl W. Stacey had assured the Committee that he would make the City a deed to said street, but as yet he had not done so.

Hospital, Physicians report

On motion further time was granted the Committee Alderman Redd for the Hospital Committee to whom was referred the report of the City Physician for the month of Jan'y 1904, presented a report stating that same had been examined and found correct. Thereupon was adopted

Nitschke streets
drinking fountain

Alderman Nitschke for the Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of the W. S. U. for permission to erect a drinking fountain at the intersection of Congress Avenue and Sixth Street, presented a report recommending that same be granted, and that the fountain be placed on either 5th or 7th streets, at the option of petitioners. On motion the report was adopted.

Patrol wagon

Unfinished business
The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$230.00 for the purpose of purchasing a patrol wagon, horse and harness etc. The ordinance was read the second time.
Alderman Nitschke moved to amend the ordinance by striking out in the Caption and body of same, the words "two hundred and thirty dollars" and inserting in lieu thereof the following "that the Police

Committee be instructed to advertise for bids for furnishing wagon, horse and driver" The amendment was lost by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Haynes Hume Maddox Vitschke Redd Schneider & Witt 7

Nays Aldermen Crocker Macken Miller Moore Shelley Shubate Smith & the Mayor 8

The ordinance was then passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Vitschke Redd Shelley Shubate Smith 12

Nays Aldermen Schneider & Witt 2

New Business

Alderman Crocker offered the following resolution which was read and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of the Council that V. L. Brooks Esq. will probably apply for appointment as District Judge of the twenty-sixth Judicial District of Texas, to succeed Judge A. L. Peun who has resigned that office; and Whereas, Our intimate acquaintance with the professional standing and personal character of Mr. Brooks is such as to satisfy us of his peculiar fitness to discharge the duties of the office mentioned; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin;

Section 1. That we hereby endorse Mr. Brooks as a capable, efficient and honest lawyer, whose appointment and election as District Judge would result in great satisfaction to the people of the twenty-sixth judicial district, because of his learning in the law, his judicial fairness of mind and his incorruptible integrity of character. This opinion of Mr. Brooks is based on our close personal and official acquaintance with him as City Attorney of the City of Austin for many years.

We know him and have many times seen his qualities tested, and from this knowledge derived of experience we endorse him to the Governor and to the people of the twenty-sixth judicial District of Texas, with perfect confidence that his judicial record will, if he be appointed and elected judge, fully justify the great regard and pride which we feel in him.

Section 2. That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to transmit to Governor W. P. Lanham a copy of this resolution.

Alderman Shumate moved that Rev. Campbell be invited to address the Council on the subject of the Colored Baptist Association to be held in this City later, which motion prevailed.

Endorsement City Council
Brooks for Dist Judge

Resolved by the
Convention

After remarks by Rev Campbell, Alderman Shumate offered the following resolution, which was read & adopted. It resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that we heartily endorse the proposed National Convention of Colored Baptists and commend it to our citizens both white and black, and also to the people of the entire state. It further resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed from this Council to cooperate with Rev Campbell in locating a site for the proposed meeting. The Mayor appointed Aldermen Shumate Moore and Crocker as the Committee provided for in the above resolution.

Alderman Haynes for the special Committee to whom was referred the resolution to investigate and report on a market place for wood, hay etc presented the following report.

Austin, Texas, July 15th 1904

To the Hon Mayor and City Council
of the City of Austin:

Spe Com Report
on Market Square
Gentlemen:

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution in regard to investigating the practicability of a market place on stand for the sale of wood and hay from wagons, have carefully examined the matter and beg leave to report that while we deem it advisable that the City Council should use for this purpose, as well as the sale of all Country produce from wagons, the public square designated for that purpose, as the only available place, aside from the streets, we find the Market Square now occupied by the Cotton Alliance, and would therefore recommend that the Mayor confer with them, looking to their removal, if in his judgement it is for the best interest of the City, and pending any arrangement that may be made for the use of this square as a general market place, your Committee would recommend, in order to relieve the residence streets from the standing of wood and hay wagons, that they be allowed only to stand on Fifth Street, between San Jacinto and Neeches streets, and in such manner as will not obstruct the Centre of said street, and the City Marshal is hereby instructed to see that this recommendation is carried out.

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted. On motion the regular order of business was suspended and the fire Committee presented the following report.

Austin, Texas, July 15th 1904

To the Hon White and Board of Aldermen
of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen: Your Committee on fire report to whom

Cotton Alliance

Adopted

Five Com Waffers
for repair Protection
Hall.

was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum
of three thousand five hundred dollars for the
purpose of improving Protection Fire Hall beg
leave to report that we have had the same under
consideration and recommend that the sum of
thirty five hundred be stricken out and the sum
of thirty hundred be inserted in the ordinance
The report of the Committee was adopted

Alderman Maddox for the Finance Committee
presented the following report which was read
and adopted

Austin Texas, Feb 15th 1904

Hon R E White Mayor, and Board of Aldermen
City of Austin:

Gentlemen:

The your Committee beg leave to submit the
following estimate of probable receipts and expenditures
on account of General Revenue for the year ending
December 31, 1904, viz:

From Ad Valorem Taxes for the year 1903, \$86,792 ⁰⁰ , less one fourth set aside by the Charter for street purposes leaving	\$65,094 ⁰⁰
From License Taxes	10,000.00
From fines in Mayor's Court	1,500.00
From Interest Penalties & Costs (of taxes)	2,500.00
From Pound fees & Sales	650.00
From Travis County account of Hospital	2,250.00
From Miscellaneous	3,500.00
<u>Total estimated receipts</u>	<u>85,494.00</u>

Expenditures	
For Salaries of Officers & employees	14,405.00
For " " " Policemen	11,340.00
" " " Aldermen	1,680.00
" " " Keeper of Parks	180.00
" City Secretary (including salary of Clerk)	1,000.00
" Sanitary Dept (" " Inspector)	6,000.00
" Fire Dept (" " Drivers etc)	15,000.00
" City & Co Hospital (" " Pay Roll)	4,500.00
" Charity	1,250.00
" Printing, Stationery & Postage	750.00
" Meals for prisoners	700.00
" Second Installment to old Water Company	22,500.00
" Miscellaneous	5,000.00
<u>Total estimated expenses</u>	<u>\$ 84,605.00</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted

F. W. Maddox

H. L. Hayes

& J. H. ...

Finance Committee

Budget for 1904

Repairs To Protection Hall

Alderman Crocker moved To suspend the regular order of business, and go back to unfinished business which motion prevailed

Alderman Crocker called up the ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3500.⁰⁰ for the purpose of repairing Protection fire hall. The ordinance was read the second time

Alderman Schneider moved to amend same by striking out in the Preamble and body of the ordinance the amt of \$3500.⁰⁰ and inserting in lieu thereof "\$3000.⁰⁰" as was recommended in the report of the fire Committee, which motion prevailed by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Maddox Miller Moore Nitsecke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Ullit 12
Nays Aldermen Macken Smith 2

The ordinance was then passed under suspension of the rule by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Nitsecke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith Ullit 14
Nays None

Regular order of business resumed

Regulating erection & repair Awning

By Alderman Haynes An ordinance regulating the erection and repair of awning and awning sheds on fronts of Congress Avenue and Sixth street, and prohibiting the placing of signs over said fronts of said streets or sidewalks, or gutters adjacent thereto

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

East Austin Invitation Annual Ball

The Mayor laid before the Council an invitation from East Austin Hose Co #4, inviting the Mayor and Council to attend their 18th Anniversary Ball to be given on Monday evening Feb 22nd 1904

On motion the invitation was accepted, and the Council requested to attend in a body.

Sign ordinance

By Alderman Shumate An ordinance prohibiting signs on certain parts of certain streets of city of Austin The ordinance was read the first time

Alderman Schneider moved to refer it to the street Committee, which motion was lost

A motion was then made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading, which motion prevailed by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Macken Miller Moore Nitsecke Redd Shelley Shumate Smith 11

Nays Aldermen Maddox Schneider Ullit 3

The ordinance was read the second time, and a motion made to suspend the rule and place it

on its third reading which was lost by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken Reister
Moore Shelley Shumate Smith 9
Nays Aldermen Maddox Nitschke Ridd Schneider
& Uelit 5

Ald. Crooker
appointed Chairman
Com. to examine opera
houses etc

Alderman Nitschke asked that Alderman
Crooker be made Chairman of the special Committee
appointed to investigate fire escapes etc - in Opera
houses and other buildings. The Mayor appointed
Alderman Crooker as chairman of said Committee.
By Alderman Hume An ordinance appropriating the
sum of \$750.00 for the purpose of improving
Guadalupe street from 13th to 29th streets

\$750.00 improve
Guadalupe street

The ordinance was read the first time and on
motion was referred to the Street Committee
By Alderman Uelit An ordinance appropriating
the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of improving the
City Cemetery. The ordinance was read the first
time and on motion the rule was suspended
and it was placed on its second reading by the
following Vote

\$50.00 to repair City
Cemetery

Yeas Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken
Maddox Miller Moore Nitschke Ridd Schneider
Shelley Shumate Smith Uelit 14
Nays None

The ordinance was read the second time
Alderman Schneider moved to amend same
by striking out in the Caption & body of the ordinance
the figures & words "\$50.00" and inserting in lieu thereof
"\$200.00" The amendment was adopted and the
ordinance as amended passed under suspension
of the rule by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken
Maddox Miller Moore Nitschke Ridd Schneider
Shelley Shumate Smith Uelit 14
Nays None

Dept. of Public requested
to move electric fixtures
out of new hall
South Austin fire hall

Alderman Ridd offered the following
resolution which was read and adapted
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of
Austin, that the Dept. of the City Light Plant
be and is hereby instructed and requested to
change the electric fixtures at present located in
the old South Austin fire Hall to the new Hall
of the South Austin fire Company

\$1600.00 to pay interest

By Alderman Maddox An ordinance appropriating
the sum of \$1600.00 for the purpose of paying
interest on old & new bonds which are being
refunded

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Yea
Yeas Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Nitcuke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith & Whit
ways none 14

\$375⁶⁶ Day Certain approved a/c Storms Sewer.

By Alderman Nitcuke An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$375⁶⁶ for the purpose of paying certain approved accounts. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Yea
Yeas Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Nitcuke Redd Shumate Smith & Whit 12
ways Aldermen Schneider & Shelley 2

approved a/c St Dept

By Alderman Maddox An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1018.⁴⁶ for the purpose of paying approved accounts street kept. The ordinance was read the first time, and on motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed on its second reading by the following Yea
Yeas Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Nitcuke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith & Whit 14
ways none.

The ordinance was read the second time Alderman Maddox moved to amend same by adding, "for work on Pitts Avenue \$49⁰⁰". The Amendment was adopted, and the ordinance passed under suspension of the rule by the following Yea
Yeas Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Nitcuke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith & Whit 14
ways none.

City also have authorized to employ asst for 2 months

Alderman Shelley offered the following resolution which was read and adopted
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the City Assessor & Collector of Taxes be and is hereby authorized to employ an Assistant for not exceeding two months at a salary of not exceeding \$75.⁰⁰

Improvin. Committee

Alderman Nitcuke for the Street Committee to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$700.⁰⁰ for the purpose of improving Guadalupe Street, by permission of the Council submitted a report, recommending the passage of the ordinance.
Alderman Maddox moved that the Council take up the ordinance, which motion prevailed

The ordinance was read the second time and passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Nitschke Redd Shelley Shumate & Smith 13

Nays Alderman Schneider 1

Extra of labor

By Alderman Nitschke An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$75.00 for the purpose of paying for extra street labor & teams.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith & Witt 14

Nays none.

Pet Citizens asking repeal or modification of vendors ord

By Alderman Haynes Petition of Citizens asking the Council repeal or modify the vending ordinance

On motion the Council adjourned

J. O. Johnson
City Clerk