

Regular meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas June 6th 1904
Hon R. E. White Mayor, presiding

Roll Called
Present Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Wilken
Worce Nitschke Redd Schmidt Shelley Shumate
Smith & Whit 12
Absent Aldermen Macken & Maddox 2

On motion the minutes of the last regular meeting were approved as recorded by the clerk without reading

Petitions, Memorials etc

Petitions etc
Citizen for
Public Water trough
2nd street

The Mayor laid before the Council the following petitions referred to the Council by the Hon Water Light Commission, viz from Citizens asking for the erection of a public watering trough to be located on the east side of East Avenue at the intersection of east 20th street. Read and on motion referred to the water and light Committee

W & U for water
for fountain

Petition of W. S. & U asking for water for fountain corner Congress Avenue & 5th St. Read and referred to the water and light Committee

Citizen for five
hydrant Blanca
street

By Alderman Shelley, petition of Citizen for five hydrant to be located on Blanca street. Read and referred to the water light Committee

Soney Wicks to
remit fine

By the Mayor, petition of Percy Wicks asking the remission of a fine assessed in Mayor's Court against Cornelius Wicks. Read and on motion referred to Police Committee

Citizen to remove
slaughter pen

By Alderman Shumate, petition of Citizen asking removal of slaughter pen on Mount Bonnell road. Read and on motion referred to the Sanitary Committee with instructions to report at the next regular meeting

Citizen for foot
bridge near street

By Alderman Nitschke, petition of Citizen for a foot bridge across Walker creek on east 8th street. Read and on motion referred to the street Committee

Reports City
officers

Reports of City officers

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City Clerk, City Physician & Sexton Engineer for the month of April 1904, and that of the Marshal for April 1904, which were on motion referred to their appropriate Committees without reading

Reports standing
Committees

Reports of standing Committees

Alderman Haynes for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Assessor & Collector, the Treasurer and Clerk for the month of March 1904, presented a report, stating that same had been examined and correct. On motion the report was adopted

Finance officers
reports

Alderman Haynes for the claims & accounts Committee, to

Claims + accounts
Taylor & wife care Co.
for fund boxes

Chas H. Allen for
damages.

Sanitary Section
report

Unfinished business
Mayors Veto
Bond Ordinance

whom a petition of Taylor & Co to refund certain taxes, presented a
report stating that they find no law giving the Council power
to remit or refund taxes paid. On motion the report was adopted
Alderman Hayes for the Claims + accounts Committee to whom
was referred a petition from Chas H. Allen, asking damages on
account of his horse falling through bridge on corner of 4th and
Congress Avenue, presented a report recommending that he
be allowed the sum of \$10.50 in full payment of all damages -
On motion the report was adopted

Alderman Ullit for the Sanitary Committee to whom was
referred the report of the City Doctor for the month of April 1904,
presented a report stating that same had been examined and
found correct. On motion the report was adopted.

Unfinished business.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Veto Message
Austin Texas, May 19th 1904

To the Honorable City Council

I return to you herewith, without my
approval, an ordinance, entitled "An ordinance to
amend Article 127 of the Revised Penal Ordinances of the
City of Austin, and to repeal all ordinances in conflict
therewith" The purpose and effect of this ordinance is
to enlarge the found limits of the City of Austin, which
are already quite extensive, to such an extent that it
would be impossible for the Council Member to properly
discharge the duties devolving upon him, in such
enlarged territory. The discharge of such duties in the
present found limits taxes the utmost capacity of that
department, and it would not, in my opinion be wise
to impose additional duties or work on that department,
without the employment of additional assistance
The financial condition of the City does not warrant the
employment of such additional help for this purpose, and
I am constrained, therefore, to return to you this ordinance
with this my veto thereof

R. E. White, Mayor

Alderman Crooker moved to reconsider the vote by
which the ordinance was passed, which motion
prevailed.

Alderman Macken entered the Council Chamber.

A motion was made to pass the ordinance
Notwithstanding the Mayors objection, which
motion was lost by the following vote -
Yeas None

Nays Alderman Crooker Hayes Stone Macken
Miller Moore Kitchin Redd Schumaker Shelby
Shumate Smith Ullit

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance

Veto sustained

Ordinance defining duties City Engineer

Defining the duties of the City Engineer, which was read the third time, and on motion of Alderman Nitche was laid over subject to call.

Plumbing ord

The Mayor laid before the Council the plumbing ordinance which was read by caption the third time and on motion was laid over until the next regular meeting

Eglehart fountain

Alderman Shumate for the special Committee on the Eglehart fountain, presented the following report to the honorable Mayor and City Council

The your special Committee to whom was referred the matter of the public drinking fountain presented to the City of Austin by Mrs O. Eglehart, beg leave to report and recommend that an iron fence of an inexpensive pattern be placed around the fountain half of the expense of same to be borne by the City, the other half to be paid by Mrs Eglehart. It also recommends that one incandescent or arc light be placed near the fountain for the convenience of those who wish to use the water after night, and also to prevent defraudations on the fountain. It also recommends that the City Engineer be authorized to grade the street immediately east of the fountain for a distance of at least 100 feet. It further recommends that a formal acceptance of the fountain be drawn up by the City Attorney and presented to this Council at its next meeting.

Respectfully submitted
J. M. Shumate
C. W. Moore
Joe Macken

Special Committee

On motion the report was referred to the street Committee
New business

Ordinance directing Marshal to open road South Austin

By Alderman Miller An Ordinance instructing the City Engineer Marshal of the City of Austin to open the road in South Austin leading from South Congress Avenue to Barton Springs - The Ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Police Committee

Market Committee authorized to sell certain property

On motion of Alderman Redd the Market Committee was authorized to dispose of certain articles belonging to the City and now in charge of the City Marshal

W B Walker for to erect platform

Alderman Nitche for the street Committee to whom was referred the petition of W. B. Walker sons for permission to erect a platform in front of their building on W. 4th street, by permission of the Council, presented a report recommending that the petition be granted. On motion the report was adopted

Resolution to purchase street signs

Alderman Shumate offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Street Committee Resolved that the Street Committee be and are hereby authorized to receive bids for the making of certain signs to designate the various streets of Austin, it being understood that any reputable concern shall have the privilege for the best consideration in the judgement of the Street Committee to place signs on the various street corners in the City of Austin designating the name of said street in plain and approved lettering, the said most satisfactory bidder, having the privilege of placing an advertisement immediately under said street sign, said advertisement not to be more conspicuous than the said name of street

\$150. to grade & improve W. 10th St. W. Avenue to Shoal Creek

By Alderman Crocker. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$150.00 for the purpose of grading and improving W. 10th Street from West Avenue to Shoal Creek The ordinance was read the first time, Alderman Schneider moved that it be referred to the Street Committee which motion was lost by the following vote

Yeas Alderman Schneider
Nays Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Macken Miller Moore Nitochke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith & Udit 12

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

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Macken Miller Moore Nitochke Redd Shelley Shumate Smith & Udit 12

Nays Alderman Schneider 1

Sidon Harris to establish & maintain cemetery

By Alderman Macken An ordinance granting to Sidon Harris the right to establish and maintain a public cemetery on out-lots Nos 6 & 9. Div. B.

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

\$100. to work 7th ward

By Alderman Smith An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100.00 for the purpose of paying for street work in the 7th Ward. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Macken Miller Moore Nitochke Redd Shelley Shumate Smith & Udit 12

Nays Alderman Schneider 1

\$75. for foot bridge over street

By Alderman Nitochke An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$75.00 for the purpose of erecting a foot bridge across Walker Creek on 26th Street

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hunt Macken Miller Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith & Ulit 13

Nays none.

Alderman Nitschke moved that the Council now proceed to the election of a dog catcher and an assistant which motion prevailed.

The Mayor declared that nominations for dog catcher were now in order.

Alderman Ulit nominated J. P. Shooter

" Redd " Los Evans

" Moore " Ab Boutwell.

Aldermen Nitschke and Shumate were appointed tellers. The tellers announced the following as the result of the first ballot.

Shooter, 7. Evans, 4. Boutwell 2

Mr J. P. Shooter having received a majority of all the ballots cast the Mayor declared him duly elected dog catcher for the next term.

Nominations for Asst dog catcher were declared in order.

Alderman Nitschke nominated Isham Carl.

" Macken " Joe Coleman.

The tellers announced the following as the result of the first ballot

Carl 5. Coleman 7.

Joe Coleman having received a majority of all the votes cast the Mayor declared him duly elected as Asst dog catcher, for the ensuing term.

On motion the Council adjourned

J. O. Johnson
City Clerk.

J. P. Shooter elected
Dog Catcher

Joe Coleman
elected Asst Dog
Catcher