

Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin, Texas, Oct 3rd, 1904

Roll Called
Present Aldermen Crooker, Haynes, Turner, Miller, Moore
Witschke, Redd, Currier, Scheider, Sumner, Smith, Whit 12
Absent Aldermen Macken, Maddox 2

On motion the minutes were approved as recorded
by the clerk without reading.
Petitions, Memorials etc

Petition of
Board of
Children's Home to remit
Fines

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from
the Board of Managers Children's Home asking that
certain fines on property belonging to the Home be
remitted. Read. Alderman Scheider moved that it
be referred to the Committee on claims & accounts, which
motion was lost by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Scheider & Shelley 2

Nays Aldermen Crooker, Haynes, Turner, Macken,
Miller, Moore, Witschke, Redd, Sumner, Smith, Whit 11

On motion the petition was laid over to come up with
an ordinance on the subject under the head of new
business.

Reports City Officers

Reports of the City Officers
The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the
Assessor & Collector, the Clerk, the Physician & Doctor for
the month of Sept 1904, that of the Marshal for the month
of August and that of the Water Light Commission
for the quarter ending March 31st 1904, which were
referred to their appropriate Committees without
reading.

Reports Street Committee
Streets. Lane from
See Co to put in switch

Reports of Standing Committees
Alderman Witschke for the Street Committee to whom
was referred an ordinance authorizing the Lane Street
Company to put in a gas track, presented a report
recommending that the ordinance do pass, upon
certain conditions. On motion the report was adopted.

Streets. Repairing Bridge
Little Snow Creek
D. O. W.

Alderman Witschke for the Street Committee to
whom was referred a communication from the City
Engineer asking for an appropriation for the purpose
of repairing bridge over Little Snow Creek on W 6th Street,
presented a report requesting the City Engineer to
prepare plans & specification for the work and an
estimate of the cost of same. The report was adopted.

Police Department

Alderman Shelley for the Police Committee to whom
was referred the reports of the Marshal for the month
of Sept 1903. ... presented a report stating
that same had been examined & found correct.
On motion the report was adopted.

Ordinance
to whom was referred

Alderman Hume for the ordinance Committee to whom was referred an ordinance providing for the colonization of common franchises etc into a certain reservation presented a report recommending that the ordinance be referred to the City Attorney for his opinion as to the favor of the Council in the premises. On motion the report was adopted
The Mayor laid before the

Ordinance on plumbing

Alderman Hume for the ordinance Committee to whom was referred the plumbing ordinance presented a report recommending its passage.

Sanitary Board report

On motion the report was adopted
Alderman Whit for the Sanitary Committee to whom was referred the reports of the City Doctor for the months of July & August 1904, presented a report stating that they had been examined and found correct.

Finance Statement Valuations 1903 & 1904

On motion the report was adopted
Alderman Haynes for the Finance Committee presented a statement from the Assessor & Collector showing the aggregate assessments for the years 1903 & 1904, and showing an increase in Taxable Values for the year 1904 over that for 1903, of \$179,332.00

Finance Committee directed to bring in Tax Ordinance

Alderman Haynes moved that the Finance Committee be directed to bring in an ordinance levying taxes for the year 1904, which motion prevailed
Unfinished business

Unfinished business City Atty's opinion on Barton's Creek road.

The Mayor laid before the Council an opinion of the City Attorney upon the ordinance directing the City Marshal to open the Barton's Creek road in South Austin, which was read and on motion laid over to come up with the ordinance

Plumbing Ordinance

The Mayor laid before the Council the plumbing ordinance together with the report of the Ordinance Committee on same

Alderman Moore moved to amend by adding "that all plumbing now in position to remain that has been put in by a licensed plumber but all new work shall be effected by this ordinance"
The Amendment was adopted by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Macken Moore Schneider Shelley Thumate Smith 10
Nays Alderman Miller Nitschke Redd 3

Alderman Hume moved to amend so as to make the Sanitary Inspector, the Plumbing Inspector which was lost by the following Vote
Yeas Alderman Hume Macken Nitschke Smith 4
Nays Aldermen Crocker Haynes Miller Moore Redd Schneider Shelley Thumate Smith 9

On motion the ordinance was re-referred to the

Ordinance Committee with instructions to amend or bring in a new ordinance on the subject.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance directing the City Marshal to open the Barton's Springs road in south Austin.

Alderman Nitschke moved that the ordinance do now pass, which motion prevailed by the following Vote -
Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Walker Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shumate Smith 9
Nays Aldermen Kume Macken Shelley & Smith 4

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance requiring the owners of vacant lots to keep the weeds mowed on such lots etc together with the substitute for said ordinance, submitted by the City Attorney.

Alderman Schneider moved to adopt the substitute which motion prevailed -

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

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Kume Macken Walker Moore Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith & Nitschke 12
Nays None

New business

By Alderman Shelley an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$37.80 for the purpose of aiding the Children's Home of the City of Austin. 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 Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Kume Macken Walker Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith & Nitschke 13
Nays None

The ordinance was read the second time

Alderman Haynes moved to amend by adding "for the payment of back taxes due the City of Austin"

The amendment was adopted and the ordinance passed under suspension of the rule by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Kume Macken Walker Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith & Nitschke 12
Nays None

Alderman Haynes offered the following resolution which was read and on motion of Alderman Moore referred to the Street Committee

Whereas - The Castles iron foot bridges recently removed from the Avenue should be placed where of most benefit to the general public and not distributed to certain residence dealers for the benefit of a few, and

Whereas, the old wooden foot bridges on East Street, the principal business street of the City

Placing...

Need...

...

New business \$37.80...

Resolution...

are constantly in need of repair and the continual expense to the City, these iron bridges can be advantageously used on said street

Therefore be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the City Engineer be and is hereby instructed to place all of said iron bridges on Sixth Street Crossing, where most needed, and as several of said bridges were broken when removed from the Avenue Crossings and must be repaired before they can be used, the City Engineer is instructed to ascertain and report to this Council the cost of placing such broken bridges in repair

\$375 to purchase
adding machine
for the Assessor and
Collections Office

By Aldermen Haynes & Schneider resolution appropriating the sum of \$375.00 for the purpose of purchasing an adding machine for the Assessor and Collections Office

The resolution was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken Miller Moore Nitche Redd Schneider Shumate Smith & Whit

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Nays None

\$650. to repair
streets

By Alderman Macken an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$650.00 for repairing the 8th Street Fire Hall
The ordinance was read the first time and on motion was referred to the Fire Committee

\$150. to repair
17 streets

By Alderman Shelley an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$150.00 to repair 17 streets. Read the first time & a motion made to refer the ordinance to the Streets Committee, which motion was adopted by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Haynes Hume Miller Moore Nitche Redd Schneider Shumate & Whit

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Nays Aldermen Crooker Macken & Shelley

Confetti ordinance

By Alderman Shumate an ordinance prohibiting the picking up, gathering and throwing of Confetti etc
The ordinance was read the third time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken Miller Moore Nitche Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith & Whit - 13

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Nays None

Quorum
present

Alderman Macken stated that Jua W. Namara was clerk at the Police Station had tendered his resignation which he moved be accepted, and the Marshal requested to nominate a man for the position, which motion prevailed. The City Marshal submitted the name of Harry A. Cohen for appointment as P. S. man. The nomination was confirmed by the Council

paid to repair street

Alderman Smith moved to reconsider the vote by which the Council referred the ordinance appropriating the sum of \$650. to repair the street Firehall, to the Fire Committee which motion prevailed by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Macken Moore Shelley Humate Smith

Nays Aldermen Hume Miller Nitschke Redd Schneider & Whit 6

Alderman Crocker moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its second reading, which motion was lost by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Macken Moore Shelley Humate Smith

Nays Aldermen Hume Miller Nitschke Redd Schneider & Whit 6

Alderman Nitschke moved to refer the ordinance to the Fire Committee,

Alderman Shelley moved as a substitute that the ordinance be referred to the Fire Committee with instruction to report at the next regular meeting of the Council - The substitute was adopted by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Macken Moore Shelley Humate Smith

Nays Aldermen Hume Miller Nitschke Redd Schneider & Whit 6

\$144.00 to pay approved accounts

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$144.00 for the purpose of paying approved accounts. 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 Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Humate Smith & Whit 13

Nays None

to be used to repair street

Alderman Hume moved that the balance to the credit of the appropriation to improve Guadalupe Street, be used to repair Biogrande Street, which motion prevailed

\$182.00 to pay approved accounts

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$182.00 for the purpose of paying approved accounts street Dept. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Haynes Hume Maorien Miller Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Humate Smith & Whit 13

Nays None

Alderman Haynes offered the following Resolutions

City Treasurer
directed to transfer
certain funds

which was read and adopted
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin
that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby directed
to transfer from the General fund to the Street Improvement
fund the sum of \$85.00 being the amount erroneously
drawn from the Street Improvement fund for repairs
to City Hall.

In witness whereof the Council adjourned,

J. W. Johnson
City Clerk