

Regular meeting of the City Council
Austin, Texas, November 7th 1902
Hon R. C. White, Mayor, presiding

Roll called
Present Aldermen Crocker Haines Hume Macken Madboe
Miller Moore Nitschke Reed Schneider Shelley Shumate
Smith & Whit

Absent None.

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

Petitions etc
C. O. Gates bill for
repairs to pipe

Petitions, Memorials etc
By the Mayor, bill of C. O. Gates for connecting pipe, etc, which
had been disconnected in putting in laterals.
Read and on motion referred to the Claims & accounts
Committee

Stone for street work

The Mayor laid before the Council an account of S. J.
Stone for street work in South Austin, which was read
and referred to the Street Committee.

Proposition Nicholas
to compromise
suit

The Mayor laid before the Council a proposition of
Nicholas (by his attorneys, to compromise suit against
the City for damages, which was read and on motion
referred to the Finance Committee and City Attorney

Reports City officers

Reports of City Officers
The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the
Assessor & Collector, the Treasurer, the Clerk, the Physician
& Sexton for the month of Oct 1901 & that of the Marshal
for Sept 1901, and the Water Light Commission for the
yr ending June 30, 1901, which were on motion referred
to their appropriate Committees without reading

Reports Standing Com
Hospital Physicians
report

Reports of Standing Committees
Alderman Reed for the Hospital Committee to whom was
referred the reports of the City Physician for the month of
Sept 1901, presented a report stating that same had been
examined and found correct

Streets Petition
Phil Katzfeld et al

The reports of the Committees was adopted
Alderman Nitschke for the Street Committee to whom was
referred the petition of Phil Katzfeld et al to open street in
South Austin, presented a report recommending that the
petition be not granted - The Committee report was adopted

Special Com
Opera House

Reports of special Committee's
Alderman Schneider for the special Committee on Opera House
stated that on account of the sickness of the City Attorney
the Committee were not ready to report, and asked
for more time, which was granted

Fire

Alderman Crocker for the special Committee on fire escape
inquiry presented a report on collection fire
escapes which was read and on motion the report
was adopted

Paving

Alderman Sumate for the Paving Committee, presented the following report

Austin, Texas, Nov 7, 1904

Robertson Roberts, Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin

Gentlemen:

Your special Committee on paving, consisting of Mr. Goeth, A. Eilers and Westarrell, Citizens and J. M. Shumate, John Smith and Geo. Skime, Aldermen and A. White, Mayor, ex officio Members beg leave to make you the following report:

We met and were duly organized on Aug. 2, 1904. Mr. J. M. Shumate, Chairman, presiding, Mr. Geo. Skime was duly elected Secretary of the Committee and the paving proposition fully discussed. Several important conferences were had at various times and the duty of the Committee as well as the best method to pursue was carefully considered, and after due deliberation it was considered advisable to have plans, specifications and profile prepared by a competent Civil Engineer, and Mr. J. W. Hawley, of Port Worth was employed by your Committee to prepare plans, specifications, profile etc. as well as to prepare form of Contract and bond, for which he is to receive a fee of \$300.00, which amount has been appropriated by your Hon. body.

Mr. Hawley has prepared such plans etc. and delivered same to this Committee, which plans are entirely satisfactory. Your Committee then advertised for bids for the paving of Perry Avenue upon two propositions. Proposition Number One on the City proposition provides for the payment to the Contractor by the City for all work to be done.

Proposition No. Two on the property owners proposition, provides that Contractor shall deal direct with the property owners street car Co., Railroad Co., and the City as to payment for their respective parts, all work, however, to be done under the supervision of your Committee and in accordance with the specifications.

These bids were to be received until 3.00 P.M. Oct 25th at which time your Committee received and opened all bids, which were as follows:

On proposition No. one Chapman Bros & Co. bid on street sidewalk paving with a ten year guarantee \$1.20 for square yard, on Rock Asphalt (Asphalt) with ten year guarantee \$1.85 for sq. yard, Vitrified brick with five year guarantee \$2.32 for sq. yd. Vitrified brick without guarantee \$2.25, excavation \$.50 per cu. yard.

Wm. Brown & Sabney bid on Vitrified brick with guarantee

\$1.90 per sq yd, Vitrified brick without guarantee \$1.85 per sq yd on excavation \$4.40 per cu yd
 The Nelson Paving Co, bid on rock asphalt with ten year guarantee \$1.85 per sq yd, and \$.45 per cu yd for excavation
 On proposition No Two Mess Fuhrman Bros, bid on rock asphalt with a ten year guarantee \$1.95 per sq yd, on rock asphalt with a ten year guarantee \$1.90 per sq yd, on vitrified brick with five year guarantee \$2.30 per sq yd, vitrified brick without guarantee, \$2.25 per sq yd, and on excavation \$.52 per cu yd
 Mess Brown & Dabney bid on vitrified brick with five year guarantee \$2.00 per sq yd, on vitrified brick without guarantee \$1.90 per sq yd, and on excavation \$.45 per cu yd
 Given carefully considering the said bids and the merit of the respective material bid upon your Committee respectfully recommends the acceptance of the bid of Mess Brown & Dabney on proposition No Two, using vitrified brick without guarantee, they being the lowest bidders

Your Committee after investigation have come to the conclusion that the extra expenditure of ten cents per sq yd for the guarantee on brick is unnecessary, as we are informed by Mr Hawley and other competent judges that the repair on brick paving will not amount to the ten cents per yard charged for guarantee within five years

We sincerely hope that your Hon Body will concur in this recommendation and instruct your Committee to proceed with the duties assigned to it

Trusting that our actions meet with your approval,
 We are,

Very Respectfully
 Submitted
 A.C. Goeth
 Joe Harrell
 A. H. Lewis
 Tom Schmitt
 Geo L. Hume
 R. C. White

Special Committee

Dr. Graves
 leave absence

Communication of Alderman Redd, Dr. R. A. Graves City Physician, was granted a leave of absence for 6 days, commencing Nov 7th 1901

Report of the Com.
 Petitioners in regard to
 the fire
 the fire

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the Fire Commissioners to whom had been referred petition of Geo. L. White in regard to Sewing Machine Co. and Geo. L. White for permission to erect certain buildings within the fire limits, recommending that the petition be not granted. On motion the report was adopted.
 Unfinished business

Wm. H. Shelley, President of the Council presiding

Mayors Veto
Upon purchase
bonds for sinking fund

The Chain laid before the Council a Veto Message from the Mayor, of an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing bonds for the sinking fund of the Water Light bonds of the City, which Message was read.

Alderman Crocker moved to reconsider the Vote by which the Ordinance mentioned in the Mayors Veto, was passed, which motion was lost by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Crocker Macken Moore Nitochke Shelley Smith

Nays Aldermen Hagner Hume Maddox Miller Redd Schneider Shumate & Ulit 8

Alderman Maddox moved to reconsider the Vote by which the Council refused to reconsider the Vote by which the said ordinance was passed, which motion prevailed by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Hagner Hume Maddox Nitochke Redd Shelley Shumate Smith & Ulit 10

Nays Aldermen Macken Miller Moore & Schneider 4

Alderman Crocker moved that the ordinance do pass notwithstanding the Mayors objection, which motion was lost by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen
to reconsider the Vote by which the ordinance mentioned in the Mayors Veto, was passed, which motion prevailed by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Hagner Hume Maddox Miller Nitochke Redd Shelley Shumate Smith & Ulit 11

Nays Aldermen Macken Moore & Schneider 3

Alderman Crocker moved that the ordinance do now pass notwithstanding the Mayors objection which motion was lost by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Maddox
Nays Aldermen Crocker Hagner Hume Macken Miller Moore Nitochke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith & Ulit 13

The chain laid before the Council a Veto Message by the Mayor, Vetoing a resolution transferring from the Sinking Indebtedness fund to the sinking fund of the Water Light bonds the sum of \$17597.00 which was read -

In motion the Vote by which the resolution was passed was reconsidered by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crocker Hagner Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Nitochke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith & Ulit 14

Nays None

Alderman Nitochke moved that the resolution do

Mayors Veto
Resolution to transfer
funds.

now pass, notwithstanding the Mayor's objection,
 which motion was lost by the following vote
 Yeas Aldermen Maddox & Schneider 2
 Nays Aldermen Crooker, Hayes, Hume, Macken, Miller,
 Moore, Nitschke, Redd, Shelley, Shumate, Smith & Ulit 12
 Mayor withdrew in the chair

Plumbing ordinance

The Mayor laid before the Council the Plumbing
 ordinance, which was read the second time by Caption
 Alderman Hume offered the following Amendment
 amended by adding a section requiring the inspection of
 plumbing to be "an experienced plumber of not less
 than five years actual experience" The amendment
 was adopted.

Alderman Schneider offered the following Amendment
 "Strike out all after Sec 21" which amendment
 lost by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Hayes, Miller, Nitschke, Redd
 & Schneider 6
 Nays Aldermen Crooker, Hume, Macken, Maddox, Moore,
 Shelley, Shumate & Smith 8

Alderman Maddox moved that the ordinance be
 referred to a special Committee consisting of Aldermen
 Moore, Nitschke & Shelley, which motion prevailed by
 the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Hayes, Maddox, Miller, Moore,
 Nitschke, Redd, Schneider & Ulit 8
 Nays Aldermen Crooker, Hume, Macken, Shelley,
 Shumate & Smith 6

The Council then took up the report of the special
 Committee on paving

Paving Contract awarded to Mess Brown & Sabney

Alderman Shumate moved that the Council adopt
 that part of the report which recommends that
 vitrified brick be used for paving which motion
 prevailed by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Hume, Macken, Maddox, Moore,
 Nitschke, Redd, Shumate & Ulit 8
 Nays Aldermen Crooker, Hayes, Miller, Schneider,
 Shelley & Smith 6

Alderman Shumate moved that the bid of Mess
 Brown & Sabney, without guarantee be accepted.

Alderman Nitschke moved as a substitute to accept
 the bid of Mess Brown & Sabney with guarantee.

The substitute was adopted by the following vote
 Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Hayes, Hume, Macken,
 Maddox, Miller, Moore, Nitschke, Redd, Schneider, Shelley
 & Ulit 12

Nays Aldermen Shumate & Smith 2
 Alderman Nitschke moved that the report of

the paving Committee as amended by the Council be added and that the Mayor be authorized to enter into Contract with Mess Brown & Rabney in accordance with same, which Motion prevailed

New Business

Series 1904

By Alderman Maddox An Ordinance levying taxes for the year 1904 - The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith Tullit 14

Nays None

Appropriation to have certain parts paved

By Alderman Shumate An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$4,750.00 for the purpose of paving certain Street Crossings - The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote
Yeas Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith Tullit 14

Nays None

Committee to advise with Mayor on paving Contract

Alderman Maddox moved that a Committee composed of Aldermen Nitschke Moore Shumate & Macken & the City Attorney be appointed to advise with the Mayor in making Contract with Mess Brown & Rabney for paving Congress Avenue, which Motion prevailed

Certified checks to be returned to bidders on paving

On Motion of Alderman Nitschke, the Mayor was directed to return to the unsuccessful bidders on paving their Certified Checks

\$5000. advanced to Water Light Commission

By Alderman Maddox An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$5000.00 for the purpose of advancing to Water Light Commission that amt on Water Light furnished the City - The ordinance was read the first time & passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yeas Aldermen Crooker Haynes Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith Tullit 13

Nays None

Committee to advise with Mayor on paving Contract

Alderman Maddox moved that the Citizens Savings Committee be added to the Committee appointed to advise with the Mayor on paving Contract, which Motion prevailed

By Alderman Crooker An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$75.00 for the purpose of making certain improvements to the Fire Department

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following, Yea Aldermen Crocker Hayes Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith Ullit 14

Nays none.

Bridge over
Little
Shoal Creek
\$100-

By Alderman Nitschke An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100.00 for the purpose of repairing bridge across Little Shoal Creek on W. East.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following, Yea Aldermen Crocker Hayes Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith Ullit 14

Nays none.

\$10. for removing
fence South
Austin

By Alderman Nitschke An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$10.00 for the purpose of moving a certain fence off of street in South Austin

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following, Yea Aldermen Crocker Hayes Hume Macken Maddox Miller Moore Nitschke Redd Schneider Shelley Shumate Smith Ullit 14

Nays none.

Engineer to use
lumber from
E 15 St.

Alderman Ullit offered the following resolution which was read and adopted. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That the City Engineer be and he is hereby directed to use old lumber taken out of the bridges on the Avenue, and construct a bridge on 15th street where the same intersects East Avenue.

On Motion the Council adjourned
Jno. Johnson
City Clerk