

Minutes of a called meeting of the City Council.  
Austin, Texas, December 15, 1889.

Hon. John McDonald, Mayor, presiding.

Roll Call. Present, Aldermen.

Anderson, Assmann,  
Beland, Parleton, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Linn,  
Mutz, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips,  
Platt, Schuber, Townsend, Zeller - 18.

Call. Absent - Aldermen - Jones, Schneider - 2.

Call of the following. Call of the Council was then read:  
Austin, Texas, Dec. 18, 1889.

To the members of the City Council of the City of  
Council. Austin:

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned mem-  
bers of the City Council of the City of Austin hereby  
call a special meeting of the Council, to meet at  
the Council rooms on this, the 18th day of December,  
1889, at 8 o'clock p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To take action on an ordinance, to be introduced,  
making an appropriation for the purpose of employing  
an Engineer or Engineers to make surveys and calculations  
with reference to the city building a dam across the  
Colorado river, for the purpose of furnishing the  
city with water and light.

2. To consider and provide for a method of arbit-  
rating with citizens whose lands will be required by  
the city or overflowed with water by reason of the  
dam being built, as to the price the city shall pay  
for such land, if the proposed dam shall be built.

3. To pass on the bonds of such city officers as  
shall present their bonds for consideration.

4. To take such action as the Council may deem  
proper, on the pending ordinance, to repeal the  
ordinance creating the office of street Commissioners.

5. To take such action as the Council may deem  
proper, on the pending ordinance amending and  
adding to the city election ordinances.

6. To take such action as the Council may see  
proper to take with reference to abolishing any city  
office created by ordinance.

7. To consider amendments to the ordinance

Creating the office of Sanitary Inspector.

J. S. Morris,  
W. A. Linn.

Minutes. The minutes of the meetings of City Council, which were held on the 7th and 14th days of December, 1889, were adopted and printed.

Dam \$2000- Alderman Morris introduced an Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to make an appropriation of the sum of two thousand dollars to employ an Engineer or Engineers to make necessary surveys to determine the practicality, expense and locality of damming the Colorado River above Austin for the purpose of furnishing water and light for the City, and to authorize the Mayor to employ such engineer or engineers." It was read first time, and under suspension of the rules, was read a second and third time, and passed by the following vote:

Ayes, Aldermen - Anderson, Assmann, Ireland, Carleton, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Linn, Morris, Newton, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Schubert, Townsend, Zeller - 16.

Nays, Aldermen - Metz, Platt - 2.

Sterzing, Morris,  
Myrick, McFall,  
Lucy, Nitschke.

The official bonds of Fred Sterzing, City Assessor and Collector; Milton Morris, City Clerk; J. S. Myrick, City Treasurer; J. K. P. McFall, City Engineer; W. L. Nitschke, City Doctor, and James E. Lucy, City Marshal, were presented, and the names of the Sureties read.

They were referred to the City Attorney for examination as to their form. He reported them as being in due form, and, on motion, they were approved, and the officers named, except W. L. Nitschke, who had previously qualified, came forward, and the oath of office was administered to them by the Mayor.

of St. Com.

An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance repealing an Ordinance creating the office of Street Commissioner of the City of Austin and prescribing the salary and duties of that officer, approved December 19, 1889, and vesting the duties

of that office in the City Engineer," was taken up on its second reading.

Alderman Linn moved to postpone further consideration of the Ordinance until the next regular meeting of the Council. The motion was adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen - Anderson, Assmann, Boland, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Linn, Newton, Nitschke, Phillips, Plath, Townsend, - 12.

Nays - Aldermen - Carleton, Metz, Morris, North, Schubert, Ziller - 6.

Elections.

An Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for printing and distributing election ballots by the City of Austin, to regulate voting at city and ward elections in the City of Austin, and to amend article 254 of the revised Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin," was taken up on its second reading, and read.

Alderman Schneider entered and answered to his name.

San Insp.

Alderman Morris introduced an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend section 9 of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance Creating the office of Sanitary Inspector of the City of Austin, and prescribing the salaries and duties of that office'."

The amendment fixes the term of office at two years, instead of one year, as at present.

It was read first time, and under suspension of the rules read a second and third time, and passed.

On motion, the Council then adjourned.

Milton "Morris,  
City Clerk.