

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.
Austin Texas Oct. 7th 1895.

Wm. John McDonald, Mayor, presiding.

Roll Call.

Present - Aldermen Fischer, Glascock, North, Daines, Harris, Lawless, Linn, Mitschke, Platt, Towne, Priddy, Robertson, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Tobin Townsend and Warmoth. 18.

Absent - Aldermen Anderson, Cassman, and Glass. 3

On motion of Alderman Taylor the minutes of the last regular and the called meetings were adopted as printed, without reading.

Petitions, Memorials, Etc.

Petition of Dr. H. Phillipson Clothing Co for reduction of assessment as fixed by Board of Equalization

By Alderman Linn, Petition of the Dr. H. Phillipson Clothing Company, requesting reduction of assessment as fixed by the board of equalization. Referred to the Committee on claims and accounts.

By Alderman Mitschke - Proposition of Ben. Kolpke to compromise suit against the City for damages for personal injuries sustained in falling through a bridge.

Referred to Committee on Claims and accounts.

From President of Tex Eye, Ear, and Throat Charity Hospital, Pet. for free Elec. Lights in their building

By Alderman North - Communication from Mrs. Wendette B. Tobin President of the Texas Eye, Ear and Throat Charity Hospital, requesting the Council to donate Electric lights required in its building.

Referred to the Charity Committee and the City Attorney.

Reports of City Officers.

For the month of September 1895.

Alderman Shelley moved that the reading of the reports be dispensed with, and that they be referred to their respective Committees. Carried. The following is a synopsis of the reports.

By the City Assessor and Collector:

Account of General Revenue.

	Collections.
" " Water Works, Interest and Sinking Fund.	\$6,202.85
" " Interest on old Bonds	7,296.23
" " School Fund	583.08
Total.	<u>2,833.64</u>
	\$16,915.80

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

By the City Marshal.

Total amount of fines assessed in the Recorder's Court. \$220.00

Collected in cash. \$123.50

Worked out. 75.00

Carried forward. 21.50

Bound fees. 17.00

Total number of arrests made 40

Referred to the Committee on Police.

By the City Clerk.

Statement of warrants issued against the General Fund during the month of September, 1895.

Total amount issued.

\$10,810.97

Referred to Finance Committee.

Statement of warrants issued against the Water, Sinking and Sundry Funds during

A + C. report for Sept.

The month of September, 1895.

Total amount issued.

\$22,974.09.

Referred to Finance Committee.

Statement of warrants issued against the Water and Light Earnings Fund during the month of September, 1895.

Total amount issued.

\$980.31.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By Superintendent Water and Light system.

Report of Collections made during the month of September, 1895.

From Water.

\$3,496.80.

" Electric Light.

2,782.30.

" " Power.

333.00.

Total receipts during September 1895.

\$7,112.10.

Total receipts from Water, Light and Power, &c and including Sept 30, 1895. \$13,688.48.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer:

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1895.

\$3,408.00.

Account of General Revenue.

" " Interest on old Bonds

1,316.73.

" " Earnings Fund

6,444.58.

" " Water & Light General Fund

127,356.79.

" " Interest on Water & Light Bonds

882.36.

" " Sinking Fund on Water & Light Bonds

15,000.00

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Physician.

Number of Patients in Hospital Sept. 1, 1895.

17

" " " admitted " during Sept. 1895

16

" " " discharged " " " 1895

14

" " Deaths in Hospital " " 1895

5

" " Patients remaining in Hospital Oct. 1, 1895.

13

" " Visits made to Paupers in the City during the month of Sept. 1895.

70

" " Prescriptions written for Paupers in the City during the month of Sept. 1895

131

Referred to Hospital Committee.

By the City Sexton.

Total number of deaths during Sept. 1895.

11

White

11

Colored

1

Still Born

1

Males

7

Females

8

Referred to Cemetery Committee.

Report of Chairman W & L. Alderman Tobin, for the Water and Light Commission, to whom was referred

the petition of Citizens living outside the City limits in regard to laying a

4 inch pipe instead of a 2 inch pipe out near the Manor road, presented their

report, stating that the Commission is not in favor of granting the petition at

this time. The report of the Commission was adopted.

Chairman Anderson asked the Council to order and answered to his mind.

Chairman Tobin and Anderson were excused from further attendance at this meeting.

Report of Chairman W & L. Alderman Tobin, for the Water and Light Commission, to whom was referred the petition of Citizens living outside the City limits in regard to laying a 4 inch pipe instead of a 2 inch pipe out near the Manor road, presented their report, stating that the Commission is not in favor of granting the petition at this time. The report of the Commission was adopted.

Ordinance Comis. report on
to provide for super-
vision connection electric wire

Alderman Taylor, for the ordinance committee, to whom was referred an ordinance to provide for the supervision of connection of any Electric wire within the City with any Electric wire used for the purpose of receiving or supplying Electricity without having first obtained the written permit of the Electrical Engineer, and providing a penalty for violation thereof, presented their report, recommending the passage of the ordinance, which was read and laid over to be taken up with the ordinance.

Purchasing Comis. verbal report
awarding contract for street feed
for quarter

Alderman Shelley for the purchasing committee, submitted a verbal report, stating that they had awarded the contract for furnishing feed for the City teams, for the next quarter to Messrs. Robinson & Co., and authorizing the Mayor to enter into the contract with them for that purpose. Report adopted.

Special Comis. report on investment
of sinking fund of the L. fund

Alderman Taylor, for the special committee, presented the following report, which was read and laid over to come up with an ordinance submitted by the Committee:
Hon. John McDonald, Mayor, and City Council City of Austin: "I return Your Special committee, composed of the Mayor and Finance Committee, who were authorized to invest the Sinking Fund of the Water & Light fund, beg leave to report that we have purchased through the City Stationers & Bank of Austin, 15.5 per cent of Water and Light Bonds of 1000. each at 98½ cents, and respectfully ask that their action be confirmed by your body."

John McDonald. Mayor.
H. A. Linn.
Thomas F. Taylor.
A. C. North.

Cemetery Comis. report on Ord.
granting S. F. Taylor & H. Stamesworth
authority to establish cemetery

Unfinished Business.

An ordinance authorizing Thomas F. Taylor and William H. Stamesworth, their associates, successors and assigns, to establish a Cemetery in the City of Austin, with the report of the Cemetery Committee thereon, was then laid before the Council. Alderman Shelley moved to refer the matter to the City Attorney, which motion was lost.

Alderman Haynes moved to lay the ordinance on the table. Carried by the following vote:

Yeas—Aldermen Glascock, Haynes, Hume, Lawless, Stokely, Platt, Powell, Pread, Tobin, Townsend, and Warmoth. 11.

Nays—Aldermen Fischer, North, Robideau, Schneider, and Shelley. 5.

Alderman Lawless moved to reconsider the vote by which the ordinance was laid upon the table, and to table this motion, Carried.

Mayor's Message on notice
for 1895.

The Mayor then delivered the following message:

Austin, Tex. Oct. 7 1895.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The tax values for 1895, having been completed, showing the assessed valuation of property in the City of Austin to be \$1,344,920.00. The tax levy for 1895 should now be made. For the purpose of arriving at the rate of the tax levy to be made I would ask your attention to the following estimates of income and recommendations:

First—The estimate of the revenue from our Water, Light and Power plants by Mr. John W. Maddox, the Superintendent, is as follows:

From Electric Power	\$6,000.00
" " Light	25,000.00
" " Water	37,500.00

From the City for Water and Light

\$14,977.00

Making total of

\$83,474.00

Estimated Operating expenses as follows:

For Pay roll,

\$111,100.00

" Carbons,

1,200.00

" Oil, waste, grease, etc.,

400.00

— \$16,400.00

Leaving as the estimated net income

\$67,074.00

I have taken the matter up from a different standpoint and find as follows:

The receipts from the Water, Light and power plants, during the month of September were \$7,112.10; the receipts during June were \$2,331.50; showing an increase in three months of \$4,780.60.

The payments during the month of September, are divided as follows:

Water, \$2,996.80 Electric Light, \$2,782.30 Electric Power \$333.00

Of the Water receipts \$3,414. were for a quarter, and \$582.80 were for one month only, and these two amounts multiplied by four and twelve, respectively make \$12,649.60 for water for one year. In addition to this there were \$364.25 due for the quarter beginning September 1st for water, yet to be collected, which should be considered a part of the September receipts, and this for one year amounting to \$1,457. added to that collected in September, makes \$22,106.60 for water for the year.

Of the Electric Light receipts, \$1,242.30 were for one month and \$1,540. were for a quarter, and these two items make \$11,067.60 for the year; and as all the rates for power are payable monthly the \$333. multiplied by 12 makes \$3,996. for power for the year.

We have then the following:

For Water for the year.

\$22,106.60

" Electric Light for the year.

\$11,067.60

" " Power for the year.

\$3,996.00

Making a total of

\$47,170.20

For the year if we have no increase in the number of consumers.

Judging from the September receipts, and taking into consideration the fact that 25 miles of new mains are being laid, and the rapidly increasing number of Electricity takers, we can safely calculate that the receipts from the Water and Light plant for the year beginning December the 1st 1895, and ending November the 30th 1896. will be double the above, or in round numbers \$95,000.00

The estimated operating expenses for the year, as given by the Superintendent, are \$16,400.00

The operating expenses will not materially increase, and we may, therefore, safely count on a net revenue from the Water, Light and Power plant for the year commencing December 1st 1895, of \$78,000. Suppose we set aside out of this amount \$12,000. for making service connections and putting our plant in full operation. We have left \$66,000. which we can count on for general revenue purposes. If we levy a tax of 20 cents on the \$100. for general revenue purposes, we would have, say, \$65,000. from earnings of the Water and Light plant, \$22,695.00 from levy of 20 cents on the \$100. assessed valuation, \$10,000.00 from the assessment rolls of 1894 and other years back, \$10,000.00 from License tax, \$3,000.00 from other sources, or \$110,695.00 as general revenue for the fiscal year commencing, December 1st 1895. which is

\$20,000.00 more than the general revenue receipts for last year. It will require \$110,500. to pay interest and sinking fund on the \$1,550,000.00 Water works and Electric Light bonds now outstanding. Our assessed valuation of property being \$11,347,920.00 it would require a levy of about 98 cents on the \$100.00 valuation for this purpose. To provide for the interest and sinking fund for the \$125,000.00 bonds issued prior to 1890 would require a levy of 10 cents on the \$100.00 on property in the old City limits. For Public school purposes a tax of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ cents on the \$100.00 will have to be levied. I would therefore recommend the levy of taxes for the year 1895, as follows:

Twenty cents on the \$100.00 valuation for general revenue purposes; 98 cents on the \$100.00 valuation for interest and sinking fund on the Water and Light bonds; 10 cents on the \$100.00 valuation for interest and sinking fund on bonds issued prior to 1890; 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ cents on the \$100.00 valuation for school purposes, making the total levy for all purposes for the year 1895. of 161 $\frac{1}{3}$ cents on the \$100.00 valuation.

Very respectfully,

John M. Donald, Mayor.

Ord. to provide for redemption of property sold for taxes.

The message of the Mayor was referred to the Finance Committee.

By Alderman Linn. An ordinance providing for the redemption of property sold for taxes and bid in by the City.

Alderman Tobin was excused from further attendance upon the Council. On motion the rules were suspended, and the ordinance providing for the redemption of property sold for taxes and purchased by the City, was passed by the following vote:

Ayes. Aldermen Fischer, Glascock, Goeth, Haynes, Houme, Lawless, Kitcher, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Warmoth. 16.

Nays None.

Recommendation of Supt. of W. & L. system regarding the free connection of water pipes to consumers.

The following recommendation of the Superintendent of the Water and Light system was adopted:

Austin, Tex. Oct. 7th 1895.

W. H. Tobin, Chairman Water and Light Commission, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir. I recommend that for 30 days only the City run service pipes free to the sidewalk for those who have water mains now in front of them, and that water service pipes be run to the sidewalk free, for other consumers for 30 days only, after water mains shall have been laid in front of them.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Maddox. Superintendent.

Approved and recommended to the City Council.

W. H. Tobin.

Francis Fischer.

O. J. Lawless

J. P. Schneider.

Water and Light Commission.

The following communication from the Superintendent of the Water and Light system was read, and on motion was referred to the Finance Committee.

Austin Texas, Oct. 7th 1895.

W. H. Tobin. Chairman Water and Light Commission Austin, Texas.

W.D. Super. recommendation
to compel owner of boat
houses to use catch basins for all
excrement

Dear Sir. - I would suggest that your Commission recommend to the City Council the necessity of passing an ordinance, which will compel owners of boats and boat houses on Lake McDonald, to use catch basins for all excrement, and that the same be emptied below the dam, and that a severe penalty be provided for the violation of such ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Maddox, Superintendent.

Approved and recommended to the City Council.

W.H. Tobin.
Francis Fischer.
O.J. Lawless.
J.P. Schneider.

Water and Light Commission.

\$1058.⁸² to pay Victor Conley By Alderman Schneider. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1058.80 to pay Victor and Conley for extra draft tubes, and balance contract and for extra work.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Yeas. Aldermen Fischer, Glascock, Gorth, Haynes, Hume, Lawless, Mitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor Townsend and Harmoth. 16.

Nays None.

\$1065.⁷⁵ to pay Dresselher
Mfg Co

By Alderman Schneider. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1065.00 to pay approved account of Dresselher Manufacturing Company for 100 pinch iron valves.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Yeas. Aldermen Fischer, Glascock, Gorth, Haynes, Hume, Lawless, Mitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor Townsend and Harmoth. 16

Nays None.

\$1377.⁵⁵ to pay R.D. Wood & Co

By Alderman Schneider. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1377.55 to pay approved account of R.D. Wood & Co for 75 double hydrants.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Yeas. Aldermen Fischer, Glascock, Gorth, Haynes, Hume, Lawless, Mitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor Townsend and Harmoth. 16

Nays None.

\$3630.⁴¹ to pay Howard Keely

By Alderman Schneider. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3630.41 for the purpose of paying Howard Keely for laying pipe as per contract with the City, from September 16 to Oct. 4, 1895.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Yeas. Aldermen Fischer, Glascock, Gorth, Haynes, Hume, Lawless, Mitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor Townsend and Harmoth. 16

Nays None.

\$6365.⁸⁶ to pay Walter Pipe

By Alderman Schneider. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$6365.86 to pay Walter Pipe estimate \$29 for pipe.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Yeas. Aldermen Fischer, Glascock, Gorth, Haynes, Hume, Lawless, Mitschke,

Blatt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Warmoth. 16.

Stays None.

\$1407.12 to pay abandoned acc'ts.

By Alderman Taylor. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1407.12 for the purpose of paying approved accounts.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Yeas. Aldermen Fischer, Glascock, Gorth, Haynes, Hume, Lawless, Mitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Warmoth. 16.

Stays None.

\$300.00 to pay E. J. White.

By Alderman Taylor. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300.00 to pay the claim of E. J. White for damages to growing crops, caused by overflow by the Lake.

The ordinance was read, and on motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed upon its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas. Aldermen Fischer, Glascock, Gorth, Haynes, Hume, Lawless, Mitschke, Platt, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Warmoth - 15.

Stays Alderman Powell. - 1

The ordinance was then read a second time, and a motion made to further suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas. Aldermen Fischer, Glascock, Gorth, Haynes, Hume, Lawless, Mitschke, Platt, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend, and Warmoth. - 14.

Stays Aldermen Powell and Redd. 2.

\$14,800.00 to pay for bonds.

By Alderman Taylor. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$14,800.00 out of the sinking fund of the Water and Light Bonds, of the City of Austin to pay for bonds purchased.

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

Yeas. Aldermen Fischer, Glascock, Gorth, Haynes, Hume, Lawless, Mitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Warmoth. - 16.

Stays None.

On motion of Alderman Taylor the Council adjourned.

Geo. Johnson
City Clerk.