

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council  
Austin Texas, January 16th 1899.

Hon. Jno. D. McCall Mayor presiding.

Roll called

Present, Aldermen, Bealy, Belvin, Brady, Crooker, Deha, Greco, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, McLeMORE, Miller, Morris, Nilsenick, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Walker, and Zicker. P. S.  
Absent, Alderman, Fischer.

Minutes approved

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

Res. of thanks to  
E. A. Howe Co. for  
entertainment

Alderman, Crooker offered the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted. "Be it resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin, that the hearty thanks of the Council are hereby tendered to the East Austin Horse Co. for the elegant entertainment given by that Co. of Jan'y 2<sup>d</sup> 1899, at which the members of the Council were so generously entertained with refreshments, ministering both to the body and mind and at which they had a royal good time. On motion the clerk was directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to the said company.

G. A. Wheatley  
App't. Confirmed  
as Ass't. Clerk

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the City Clerk stating that he had appointed Maj. G. A. Wheatley as City Clerk since D. F. Kelleher resigned, and asking that the Council confirm the appointment. On motion, the appointment was confirmed.

Pet'n of H. Czutzfeldt  
to remove Wagon  
Seats.

By Alderman, Fehr, Petition from H. Czutzfeldt asking permission to remove wagon seats from Trinity Street, between 6th & 7th Sts. to Neches between 5th & 6th St. On motion the petition was granted, the change to be made under the supervision of the City Engineer.

Pet'n of C. J. Hegel  
that Water trough  
be moved.

By Alderman, Horton, Petition from C. J. Hegel asking that water trough be moved from corner of Corral and Chis-cafin Streets, to a point on block west of its present location. The petition was referred to the Water & Light Commission.

Report of the  
W & L Commission

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the Water & Light Commission for the Quarter ending Nov. 30th 1898. which was read and referred to the Water & Light Commission and published in the minutes. The following is the report.

Austin, Texas, November 30th 1898.

To the Honorable City Council,

City of Austin Texas.

Gentlemen: Complying with section 99 of the Amendment to the Charter of the City of Austin, we submit herewith a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Water, Light and Power Plant for the Quarter ending November 30th, 1898; and as the report of this Commission we herewith transmit the report made to us by Mr. H. C. Patterson, Superintendent, for this period. Herewith, also, is a statement of the amount due by the City to this Department to date, Liquid Consumers.

Incandescent Light Consumers to August 31st, 1898. . . . . 1128.  
 New applications 81. Renewals, 72. . . . . 153.  
 but off for non-payment 3. Vacancy 17. by Request 2. . . . . 22.  
 showing an increase of 101 for the quarter and a total of . . . 1229.

Number of Incandescent Lamps Installed -  
 Number of 10. C.P. Incandescent Lamps Installed . . . . . 4.  
 " " 16. " " " " " . . . . . 1169.  
 " " 25. " " " " " . . . . . 149.  
 " " 32. " " " " " . . . . . 234.  
 " " 50. " " " " " . . . . . 16.

--- Arc Lamps ---

Arc Lamps in use by private Consumers, to August 31st, 1898. . . 11.  
 New Applications 11. Renewals 4. . . . . 15.  
 but off during the Quarter, by request . . . . . 3.  
 Arcs in use by the City on Streets (one added this Quarter) . . . 193  
 total . . . . . 208.

--- Water Consumers. ---

Number of water Consumers to August 31st, 1898. . . . . 2508.  
 New Applications 74. Renewals, 141. . . . . 215.  
 but off, for vacancy 75. Request 22. non-payment 16. Summer  
 Consumers 13. total . . . . . 126  
 Showing an increase of 89 for the Quarter, and total of . . . 2597

--- Motors on Three-Phase Circuit ---

There are 31 motors on the three-phase circuit, ranging from 1/4 H.P. to 30 H.P., aggregating 227 1/2 H.P., which includes the 15 H.P. motor used in the City Manual Training School. This is an increase of 12 1/2 H.P. installed during the last Quarter.

Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Water Works, Electric Light and Power Plant of the City of Austin, for the Quarter ending November 31st, 1898. to wit:

Receipts		
Water.	September.	\$3479.42
	October.	2,175.88
	November.	1,927.66
Light.	September.	\$2,488.99
	October.	2,986.68
	November.	2,870.94
Power.	September.	\$1,177.09
	October.	1,108.63
	November.	1,072.86
Meters.	September.	\$44.65
	October.	58.70
	November.	63.73
Motors.	September.	000.00
	October.	56.26
	November.	62.26
Miscellaneous Receipts for the Quarter.		\$183.22
Total Cash Receipts for the Quarter . . .		\$19,708.07

Amount due by the City for Water and Light from  
April 1st, 1897 to November 30th, 1898. for bills ... \$21,957.50.

-- Operating Expenses: --

Including Salaries, Maintenance, Repairs, etc.		
<u>Electrical Expenses:</u>		
Port Hope Electric Corporation	\$	104.44.
I. & N. Ry. Freight bills.		57.90.
Water Tips,		156.95.
H. Shannon Co.,		568.45.
Commercial Electric Supply Co.		15.35.
D. & W. Frew Co.		28.44.
Waters, Pierce Oil Co.		327.95.
Dietsow Car Wheel Co.		33.05.
Fischer Bros.		8.10.
Ben. C. Jones & Co.		12.10.
Link-Belt Machinery Co.		200.30.
Morland Paint & Wall Paper Co.		19.55.
Malone Oil Co.		13.46.
Phoenix Carbon Mfg Co.		45.00.
Phoenix Glass Co.		36.00.
Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co.		14.50.
Statesman Publishing Company.		2.40.
Contingent Account, miscellaneous items.		40.55.
" " Labor.		53.10.
W. A. Burke.		2.04.
W. A. Glass.		11.00.
Frank. Heermann & Bro.		9.15.
Austin Electrical Supply Co.		6.40.
G. C. Bengener & Bro.		3.25.
Geo. H. Childs.		16.00.
General Electric Co.		200.28.
Jewell Belting Co.		71.44.
Chas. Lamm.		6.00.
Chas. Munson Belting Co.		27.00.
P. Thomson.		13.25.
Pay Rolls of August, September & October.	\$2478.25.	\$5623.71.

Water Expenses:

I. & N. Ry. Co.	\$	36.89.
Water Tips.		82.88.
Waters, Pierce Oil Co.		140.61.
Haldeman & Co.		1.00.
Ben. C. Jones & Co.		14.50.
Malone Oil Co.		13.47.
Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co.		21.14.
Malone Oil Co.		146.54.
Statesman Publishing Co.		2.10.
Contingent Account, miscellaneous items		76.50.

Contingent Account, Labor.	\$ 55.50.	
American Pipe & Foundry Co.	107.95.	
Jac. H. Schies.	11.20.	
W. A. Glass.	15.50.	
Frank Heermann & Bro.	4.70.	
P. Thomson.	33.50.	
Custer Electrical Supply Co.	3.00.	
Fischer & Bro.	.90.	
Muller Co.	23.65.	
Atlas Oil Co.	22.50.	
Pay Rolls of August, September and October.	2351.15.	
Total Make Expenses	\$ 3290.49	3290.49
Office Expenses.		
Master Tips	\$ 10.20.	
Comer's Book Store.	31.20.	
Fischer & Bro.	1.55.	
Haldeman & Co.	4.90.	
Morland Paint Co.	.75.	
E. Von Roekmann & Pub. Co.	14.95.	
Contingent Account, miscellaneous, items.	47.14.	
P. R. Deche	3.50.	
Ben C. Jones & Co.	28.35.	
Morrison & Towner	4.00.	
Pay Rolls, August, September and October.	1633.00.	
Total Office Expenses.	\$ 1779.54.	1779.54
Total Expenses for the Quarter.		\$ 10,693.74

-- Extensions of the Plant. --

Electrical Extensions.		
Port Wayne Electric Corporation.	\$ 94.00.	
Master Tips.	396.27.	
W. A. Burke.	89.99.	
Commercial Electric Supply Co.	34.00.	
Haldeman & Co.	9.70.	
Morland Paint & Wall Paper Co.	5.15.	
Seagarden & Humate.	2.75.	
Wagner Electric Mfg Co.	33.70.	
Austin White Lime Co.	21.00.	
Contingent Account, miscellaneous.	12.23.	
General Electric Company.	81.50.	
W. A. Glass.	2.50.	
Custer Electrical Supply Co.	10.16.	
J. O. Duas.	9.25.	
Kosmic Oil & Pipe Co.	30.00.	
Total Electrical Extensions		\$ 8,329.20
Water Extensions.		
Master Tips.	\$ 1147.43.	
W. A. Burke.	27.02.	

M. Demsekke.	31.50.	
Fischer & Bro.	1.75.	
J. Mueller Mfg Co.	34.35.	
S. B. Radkey.	60.64.	
Russell car Mfg Co.	21.50.	
Seagarden & Hummel.	2.75.	
Austin White Lime Co.	21.00.	
A. H. Farrington.	63.47.	
Contingent Account. Labor.	179.35.	
Haldeman & Co.	2.50.	
P. Thomson.	2.00.	
Geo. A. Webb & Bro.	21.50.	
J. O. Buas.	4.25.	
Kosmic Oil Filter Co.	30.00.	
H. Mueller Mfg Co.	6.00.	
Pay Rolls, August, September and October	104.75.	
Total Water Extensions	\$ 1729.76.	1729.76

<u>New Pumping Station.</u>		
I. & G. N. Ry., Freight bills	\$ 3.65.	
Walter Tipes.	122.59.	
W. A. Burkh	.60.	
Isaac Blodson.	1.00.	
J. O. Buas.	31.10.	
Chattanooga Foundry & Pipe Works.	119.49.	
Haldeman & Co.	39.25.	
S. B. Radkey.	11.95.	
Russell car Mfg. Co.	142.00.	
Stanley Electric Mfg. Co.	115.00.	
Austin White Lime Co.	21.00.	
Contingent, Miscellaneous.	.10.	
Engineering Record.	9.20.	
Frank Heermann & Bro.	10.54.	
Mordant Paint & Wall Paper Co.	1.00.	
Austin Electrical Supply Co.	7.70.	
American Pipe & Foundry Works.	30.98.	
Total New Pumping Station.	\$ 629.15.	629.15

<u>Shelving Trenches, Nos. 1 &amp; 2.</u>		
Austin Electrical Supply Co.	\$ 2.35.	
P. Thomson.	18.00.	
Baldwinville Centrifugal Pumps.	30.00.	
Walter Tipes.	17.27.	
Mordant Paint & Wall Paper Co.	6.00.	
W. A. Burkh	4.72.	
Total Shelving Trenches, Nos. 1 & 2.	\$ 53.37.	53.37

Milling Machine N. E.  
 U. S. & Co. 1.55.  
 P. Thomson. 25.  
 Helper, Tins. 3.00.  
 Tribune Publishing Co. 2.00.  
 Pay Roll for August. 265.00. 271.50

Meters, Amount refunded for meters returned. 999.23

Henry B. Worthington. Amount of 2<sup>d</sup> installment on pump. 2,039.62

Interest, Amount paid H. B. Worthington, with 2<sup>d</sup> installment. 91.78

Total Extensions for the Quarter. \$ 5,896.18  
 Total Operating Expenses for the Quarter. 10,693.74  
 Total disbursements for the Quarter. 16,590.92

~ Recapitulation ~

Receipts

Balance on hand for report August 31, 1898. \$ 4,076.89.  
 Receipts for the Quarter 19,703.07.

Disbursements.

For Operating Expenses. \$ 10,693.74.  
 " Extensions of the Plant. 5,896.18.  
 Balance on hand November 30th, 1898. 7,189.74  
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 \$ 23,779.96. \$ 23,779.96

Respectfully a. m. Leitnaker  
 President, Water, Light & Power Commission.

Reports of Committees.

Alderman Morris, for the special committee presented the following report which was read, adopted and ordered filed.

Austin Texas, Jan'y 16th 1899.

To the Hon. Geo. S. McCall Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin.

Gentlemen: Your special committee to exchange bonds, beg leave to report that they exchanged bonds with Mr. L. A. Boquard, as per resolution of the City Council passed Dec 19th 1898, as follows. Bonds numbered, 1299, 1300, & 1301, were exchanged for bonds numbered, 1310, 1308, 1309, & 1310, which are only slightly mutilated. All of said bonds are Austin water & Light 5% bonds.

Geo. S. McCall Mayor  
 Alderman Morris  
 H. D. S. Steffy  
 W. S. Adams  
 Geo. S. Johnson  
 Committee

Rep't of Sp. Comm<sup>ee</sup>  
 to Exchange Bonds.



From the City Attorney.

Austin Texas, January 16th 1899.

To the City Council  
of the City of Austin.

City Atty in  
regard to Suits  
against City by  
E. C. Bartholomew  
Receiver.

Gentlemen: I desire to call your attention to the case now pending in the Federal Court at this place, brought by E. C. Bartholomew Receiver against the City of Austin growing out of the contract made with the City Water Company April 13th. 1889.

The first suit was filed Jan'y. 9th. 1897. for \$16,900.83 and came on for trial upon the exceptions of the City on February 10th. 1897. before U.S. District Judge McManis, and among the demurrers sustained was one that the contract was void because creating a monopoly. This decision was reversed by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans and the case now stands for trial on the merits. This suit involves the contract year of 1896. (See 85 Fed. Rep. 359.)

The second suit was filed Jan'y. 19. 1898. for \$17,080.26 covering the contract year of 1897. and the Attorney for the Receiver informs me that he will at once file a third suit for the amount claimed for the contract year 1898. In each of the cases the plaintiff admits owing taxes to the City which he wants deducted from the amount of his claim leaving \$13,350.00. as the net amount sued for with 6% interest for each year.

As you know these cases involve the question whether the City shall pay for water until April 13th. 1902 whether it uses it or not. The Charter provides that it shall be the duty of the City Attorney to represent the City <sup>in all courts.</sup> in this State unless the City Council shall otherwise direct. This being the law I consider it my duty to call your attention to the cases and to say that if it be the desire of the Council to employ other attorneys to assist or take charge of them, it should be done at once, as it is necessary to arrange for the setting of them as early as possible.

I am willing to discharge my full duty in the premises and to try the cases alone if it is the opinion of the Council that their importance does not require the employment of other attorneys.

This suggestion is made without any desire on my part to escape the responsibility or avoid the labor involved.

My purpose is simply to avoid criticism for assuming to represent the City without assistance in cases of vital importance when perhaps the City Council might have thought that other attorneys should have been employed.

Yours truly

J. D. Cochran.

City Attorney.

William Morris moved to refer the communication to the Sub. & Legal Committee.

William Nuckley moved as a substitute that a committee



of them be appointed to consult with the City Attorney and to report at the next meeting of the Council, and if deemed advisable to employ additional Council, to report names of Council and the amount of fee to be allowed.

The substitute was adopted, and the Mayor appointed as the special committee Alderman Walter, Crocker & Delvin.

By Alderman Crocker. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$199.<sup>00</sup> to pay salaries of four drivers sanitary Carl & one gutter man, sanitary Dept. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following,

Vote: Yeas. Aldermen: Beatty, Delvin, Brady, Crocker, Fehl, Groves, Haynes, Horton, Huber, Maddox, M'Lenore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Walter & Zicker. Nt.

Nays. None. Alderman Haynes offered the following Resolution which was read and adopted.

Whereas, East 7th Street near Tilleton Institute and in front of the Cattle pens, is by reason of the drainage from said pens, now in an almost impassable condition,

Be it resolved that the City Engineer be and is hereby instructed to notify the owners of the Cattle, that they must at once arrange proper drainage along and across said street, that same be done under the direction of the City Engineer.

By Alderman Morris. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2,821.<sup>90</sup> to pay the salaries of Officers and employees of the City for the month of January 1899.

The ordinance was read the first time and on motion the rule was suspended, and the Ordinance placed upon its second reading by the following Vote:

Yeas. Aldermen: Beatty, Delvin, Brady, Crocker, Fehl, Groves, Haynes, Horton, Huber, Maddox, M'Lenore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Walter and Zicker. Nt.

Nays. None. The Ordinance was read a second time. Alderman Maddox moved to amend the Ordinance, by adding the following.

For salaries of Aldermen \$220.<sup>00</sup>. The amendment was adopted, and the Ordinance as amended was passed under a suspension of the rules, by the following, Vote:

Yeas. Aldermen: Beatty, Delvin, Brady, Crocker, Fehl, Groves, Haynes, Horton, Huber, Maddox, M'Lenore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Walter, and Zicker. Nt.

Nays. None. By Alderman Morris. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,224.<sup>29</sup> to pay approved accounts. The Ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following, Vote:

Yeas. Aldermen: Beatty, Delvin, Brady, Crocker, Fehl, Groves, Haynes, Horton, Huber, Maddox, M'Lenore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Walter and Zicker. Nt.

Nays. None. By Alderman Morris. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$960.<sup>00</sup> for the purchase of a suitable file case for the City Police Office.

The Ordinance was read the first time and on motion it, with

Ord. app<sup>d</sup> \$199.<sup>00</sup> to pay 4 Drivers Sanitary Carts & gutter man

Res<sup>n</sup> in regard to draining E. of 7th Street -

Ord. app<sup>d</sup> \$2,821.<sup>90</sup> to pay Sal officers & Empl<sup>s</sup> Jan'y. 99

Ord. app<sup>d</sup> \$1,224.<sup>29</sup> to pay app<sup>d</sup> accts

Ord. app<sup>d</sup> \$960.<sup>00</sup> for file case for Police Office

the plan of the proposed work, was referred to the Market Committee. Alderman Mackey offered the following resolution which was read and adopted. Resolved that the City Council of the City of Austin, as the representatives of the people, tender thanks to the Austin Statesman for publishing the proposed new charter of the City of Austin.

Pres<sup>n</sup> Thanks to Austin Statesman

Ord. app. \$50<sup>00</sup> to pay drivers of Street Teams.

By Alderman Nitschke. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$80<sup>00</sup> to pay salaries of two drivers street teams for the month of Jerry 1899.

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

Yeas. Alderman Bealy, Belvin, Brady, Crocker, Fehl, Gross, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, McLemore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Shelby, Stumpf, Walker, & Zicker. 24.  
Nays. None.

Alderman McLemore offered the following resolution which was read & adopted. Resolved that the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized to lower the street gutter in front of the Driskill Hotel building to any depth he may deem proper in order to drain the alley on the west side of said building.

Pres<sup>n</sup> in regard to draining alley W. of Driskill Hotel

Alderman Zicker offered the following resolution which was read and adopted. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Sanitary Inspector is ordered at once to

Pres<sup>n</sup> to clean out ditch through Canal St.

~~remove the said obstacles that now prevent the drainage that this ditch is intended for.~~ south through of Waller Creek ditch has become the citizens of Austin

Resolved that the Sanitary Inspector be authorized to employ two (2) extra men to remove all impediments that prevent the free drainage of the water in said ditch.

Alderman Haynes moved that the Finance Committee be directed to prepare and report to the Council the budget for the year 1899. which motion prevailed.

Finance Comm<sup>tee</sup> to prepare Budget for 1899.

By Alderman Miller. An Ordinance, appropriating the sum of twenty five dollars, to build a water closet at South Austin Fire Hall. The Ordinance was read first time, and on motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed on its second reading by the following vote:

Ord. app. \$25<sup>00</sup> to build Water Closet at So Austin Fire Hall.

Yeas. Alderman Bealy, Belvin, Brady, Crocker, Fehl, Gross, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, McLemore, Miller, Morris, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Shelby, Stumpf, Walker, and Zicker. 20.  
Nays. Nitschke. 1.

The Ordinance was read the second time. Alderman Horton moved to amend the ordinance by striking out twenty five dollars and inserting in lieu thereof ten dollars.

The amendment was lost, and the ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote:

Yeas. Alderman Bealy, Belvin, Brady, Crocker, Fehl, Gross, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, McLemore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Powell,

the plan of the proposed same, was referred to the Market Committee. Alderman Mackey, offered the following resolution which was read and adopted. Resolved that the City Council of the City of Austin, as the representatives of the people, tender thanks to the Austin Statesman for publishing the proposed new charter of the City of Austin.

Pres<sup>o</sup> Thanks to Austin Statesman

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By Alderman Nitschke. An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$50<sup>00</sup> to pay salaries of two drivers street teams for the month of Jerry 1899.

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

Yeas. Alderman Beatty, Belvin, Brady, Crocker, Fehl, Groves, Haynes, Horton, Huber, Maddox, McLemore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Powell, Read, Rosengren, Shelly, Stumpf, Walker, V. J. Fisher, P. H. Mayo, Nowe.

Pres<sup>o</sup> in regard to draining alley W. of Driskill Hotel.

Alderman McLemore, offered the following resolution which was read & adopted. Resolved that the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized to lower the street gutter in front of the Driskill Hotel building to any depth he may deem proper in order to drain the alley on the west side of said building.

Pres<sup>o</sup> to clean out ditch through

Alderman Zeller, offered the following resolution which was read and adopted. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin Texas. That the ditch running south through Comal Street, draining the 9th & 10th Wards, east of Waller Creek has become so obstructed that the water in said ditch has become stagnant, and is now a menace to the health of the citizens of Austin.

Resolved that the Sanitary Inspector be authorized to employ two (2) extra men to remove all impediments that prevent the free drainage of the water in said ditch.

Finance Comm<sup>ee</sup> to prepare Budget for 1899.

Ord. app. \$15<sup>00</sup> to build Water Closet at So Austin Fire Hall.

Alderman Haynes moved that the Finance Committee be directed to prepare and report to the Council the budget for the year 1899. which motion prevailed.

By Alderman Miller. An Ordinance, appropriating the sum of twenty five dollars, to build a water closet at South Austin Fire Hall.

The Ordinance was read first time, and on motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed on its second reading by the following Vote:

Yeas. Alderman Beatty, Belvin, Brady, Crocker, Fehl, Groves, Haynes, Horton, Huber, Maddox, McLemore, Miller, Morris, Powell, Read, Rosengren, Shelly, Stumpf, Walker, and Zeller. 20. Nays Nitschke. 1.

The Ordinance was read the second time. Alderman Horton moved to amend the ordinance by striking out twenty five dollars and inserting in lieu thereof ten dollars.

The amendment was lost, and the ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote:

Yeas. Alderman Beatty, Belvin, Brady, Crocker, Fehl, Groves, Haynes, Horton, Huber, Maddox, McLemore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Powell,

Redd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Walker, and Zickler. 24.  
Nays. None.

Alderman, Redd, offered the following resolution.

Whereas the people of this City as well as their representatives in this Council, have been entirely ignored by the self constituted "Democratic Charter Amendment Committee" who have in Star Chamber meetings arranged a so called new Charter, and their deliberations never having been made public, until the Statesman generously published, the same in this morning's issue and, whereas the Council being composed of democrats, one half of whom were elected on the same democratic platform as our Hon Mayor, Geo. D. McCall, at the last City election and as the people's representatives, were at least entitled to the courtesy of being advised as to the character of the proposed new Charter, to be submitted to the Hon Legislature, to substitute our present Charter, which was drawn up by some of our most able jurists and democrats, after months of careful investigation and deliberation, and under the wise provisions of which the most magnificent system of Water Works, Electric Light and Power Plant has been given to the Capital City of our State, and under which with a few minor amendments, desired by the people, and Council, our City can soon begin to derive an income over and above the operating expenses and sinking fund and interest on the bonds which under our present Charter, rapidly being retired, giving us at the same time a progressive City Administration.

Therefore be it resolved:

That the proposed new Charter does not voice the will of our people and is not a democratic measure, having been incubated in Star Chamber sessions by a self constituted Committee and our Hon Senate and House of Representatives are hereby respectfully petitioned by this Council composed of democrats and representing the Tax payers of the City of Austin, to require that the so called new Charter in event of its passage, be submitted to the people of our City for their approval or disapproval in order that the ends of justice and democratic principles may be subserved.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yea. Alderman, Beaty, Brady, Crocker, Dehn, Groves, Haynes, Horton, Huber, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Niccotte, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf and Walker. 18.

Nays. Alderman, Belwin, McLenore, and Zickler - 3.

On motion, the Council adjourned

Geo. O. Johnson  
City Clerk.

Recd in regard  
to proposed  
New Charter  
for the City