

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council
 Christian Grove, December 16th 1895.

Hon. Lewis Spencer, Mayor, presiding.
 Roll called.

Roll Call

Present: Aldermen Beatty, Fisher, Glascock, Stone, Scott, Barnes, Horton, Sawyers,
 Linn, Kischke, Matt. Powell, Gadd, Brandenburg, Rosenberg, Schneider, Shelby,
 Shampol, Taylor, Ebin, Townsend and Clark. 22.
 Absent: Stone.

Ald. Taylor moved to dispense with reading minutes and that they be adopted as printed. Carried.
 Mayor's Message ordered printed in full in Daily Statesman and Evening News

Alderman Taylor moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and that they be approved as printed, which motion prevailed.
 The Mayor then delivered his message, which was, on motion of Alderman Taylor, ordered printed in full in the Statesman of December 17.
 Alderman Fisher moved to amend, that the message be printed in the Evening News, which motion was adopted.
 The resolution as amended was then adopted.
 The Message is as follows:

Mayor's Message

To the Honorable City Council:
 As required by the Charter, I herewith submit to you such information and suggestions as would seem to demand your early attention.
 I congratulate you that the City is free from floating indebtedness and that the substantial completeness of the City's great Water, and Light Plant relieves you of the harassing duties of providing for and supervising its construction, thus permitting you to devote your whole time and attention to the orderly conduct of the City's affairs.
 The condition of the general revenue need give no uneasiness, though its administration will require rigid economy.
 An estimate by the City Assessor and Collector of the amount of this fund for the current fiscal year is as follows:

Ad Valorem Taxes 1895	\$ 38,000.00
Ad Valorem Taxes, previous years	6,000.00
License Tax	10,000.00
Records Court	2,400.00
Bound fees and dues	600.00
Eraville County support of Hospital	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
Dog Tax	400.00
	\$ 60,400.00
Balance in Treasurer's hands Dec. 1, 1895.	14,168.10
Total	
	\$ 74,568.10

This is some \$13,000.00 less than the estimate of my predecessor, but as it is the official estimate of the Assessor and Collector it can not be properly disregarded.
 The estimate submitted to me by the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, which was \$49,000.00, or about \$11,000.00 less than the official estimate, is not in accordance with the Charter, which requires that the estimate be submitted to the City Council by the Assessor and Collector.
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time it is impossible to foresee what extraordinary demands may be made upon this fund.

The expectation that the general fund will be increased by the earnings of the Water and Light plant is a just one, but too much reliance must not be placed upon it at this time, as the plant is not yet in full working order, the increase of consumers being therefore necessarily slow, and the required extensions may be a necessary demand upon the earning funds.

Another possible demand upon this fund is that arising out of the litigation between the City and the old Water Company.

This litigation comprises several suits and it is quite complicated and cannot be properly laid before you at this time. I will make it the subject of a future message to you at as early a day as practicable.

On the whole the condition of the earnings fund of the Water and Light plant cannot be regarded as a sufficient warranty for the present departure from your late policy of economy, and I trust you will bear this in mind in your consideration of the important matter of fixing salaries, which is likely to come before you at your present session.

The most important subject for your care is, and must continue to be, the City's great Water, Light and Power plant. It is now so near completion that the period of construction may be said to have passed and that of management to have begun. You are therefore to be congratulated that you are not likely to be called upon to face any extraordinary municipal problems.

The policy adopted by you of reaching practically all parts of the City with pipes of ample size is now being carried out.

There has been some unavoidable delay on the part of the contractor in delivering pipe for this purpose, but he has made arrangements satisfactory to the Water and Light Commission for the prompt delivery of pipe in the future and from now on the work of laying it will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

The only unsettled questions in connection with the construction of the plant are those as to the location, size, cost and sanitary protection of the reservoir. While I have decided opinions upon this subject and am convinced that the health and convenience of the City require the ultimate construction of a reservoir, I feel it my duty to postpone any specific suggestions to you on this subject until I have had an opportunity to acquaint myself with the extensive data collected by the Board of Public Works, and the Water and Light Commission.

The present practical importance of the question is largely decreased by the utilization of the spring flowing through the powerhouse, whereby consumers will be supplied during the winter with perfectly clean and pure water. So far, therefore, as concerns the business of supplying water, light and power, to our citizens, the plant may be said to have passed through the period of construction.

It would be a mistake to suppose that the City's water supply will be any less secure or its duties less exacting.

The construction of the plant is a great and important work, and it is to be hoped that the City's water supply will be as secure as that of any other city in the world.

the passing we seek, will require unremitting labor and energy, firmness, self-denial, watchfulness and economy. The magnitude and peculiar nature of the interests involved require, in my opinion, that they should ultimately be placed in the hands of a commission organized for that special work. But pending legislative amendment of our charter, these responsibilities devolve upon you as the representatives of the people.

I am most happy to say that I am convinced that each and all of you appreciate the important duties thus imposed upon you and will bring to their performance your best efforts.

The situation in brief is as follows:

The City has increased its indebtedness to the extent of one million and six hundred thousand dollars, thereby necessitating a great increase in taxation which imposes an enormous burden upon our property, our labor and our industries. The proceeds of this indebtedness have been invested in a great manufacturing plant, the conduct of which is solely in your hands.

In the revenue derived from this plant we can alone look for the money with which to pay this indebtedness and its annual cost, and thus lift the burden from our shoulders. On the one hand a great indebtedness imposing a heavy burden upon the energy of every citizen; on the other a great manufacturing plant intended to carry this burden and capable of doing so if properly managed.

In so far as it becomes self-sustaining, or better still, profit producing, just so far will it add to the population of our City, the employment and remuneration of labor, the value of property, the profits of business, and the energies of every citizen, rich or poor. In so far as it fails to be self-sustaining, it will remain a burden upon all the property, and all the labor, and all the energies of all our people.

The proper management of the plant therefore, becomes of the first importance. And as it is, in its nature, an ordinary manufacturing enterprise, though a large one, for the production and sale of certain commodities, therefore its conduct requires the application of the same business principles that are applied to the conduct of any other manufacturing enterprise. You do not require from me a discussion of what these business principles are, but I may say that for our purpose they would be largely covered by the following general rules:

First, The exercise of the most watchful economy in all expenditures, and, second, the employment of the very best men to be had in the United States in all grades of your salaried employees.

The manufacture and sale of any commodity, requires the services of experts, and this is particularly so in our case, where one of our commodities, power, is but little known or used in this part of the world, and another, electricity, is but just coming into general use. We have a vast amount of costly and delicate machinery which must deteriorate without expert supervision and care, and we can and must produce a vast output of commodities which will go to waste without expert and energetic handling.

We cannot compel or dissuade our citizens to take our water and light and buy our power. We can only induce them to do so, showing them that it is in their interest, and to do this we must have expert advice, supervision, and management. We are entitled to sell our power and light and commodities at the best price we can get for them. I am convinced that the best way to do this is to have the plant managed by experts.

or prosperity of our City will depend upon the capacity and energy of our salaried employees.

The City is confronted with a peculiar problem in the disposal of its surplus power. The hopes and sacrifices of our people in constructing the dam, the prosperity of the City, and the interests of all our citizens, demand that this surplus power should be utilized as soon as is possible at remunerative rates, both on account of the increased revenue and increased industrial activity. If our own citizens had the requisite knowledge of manufacturing I am convinced that home capital and energy would soon absorb this one of our products. But such is not the case at present. An effort is being made to start a Cotton Mill which would take some of it, and you have wisely encouraged the movement by granting power for this, the initial enterprise, at a very low rate. There your efforts to encourage the use of power by home people must necessarily cease. Any further efforts must come from the people themselves. But the City has surplus power for sale, and I understand it to be the settled policy of the people, as well as their wish, to utilize this power in bringing capital here to build up our City. With this policy and wish I heartily agree, and to this end I would urge now to take such action as may seem most efficacious in spreading a knowledge of our power plant and other industrial advantages in other localities, notably the Eastern and Middle States, even to that extent if permissible of sending or employing a personal representative there.

In this connection I will call your attention to a most interesting and valuable letter upon this subject from the Hon. J. D. Rogers, member of Congress from this district and which, later on, I will ask your permission to read.

In this connection, also, I suggest that our citizens organize among themselves, as supplemental to any work in this direction the City may do, a power utilization company or committee, similar to the deep water utilization committee recently organized in Galveston, whose object would be to take such action as might be desirable, but which you could not take, to advertise our power and encourage foreign capital.

I urge upon your attention the necessity of further energetic action to prevent the selling of the land by persons occupying or using boats and houses on or about it.

I also ask that you keep in mind the desirability of enclosing, grading, sodding and otherwise beautifying the land owned by the City at the dam so that the same may in time become an ornament to the City and a cleanly place of recreation for our people.

The condition of the City Cemetery is not what it should be, owing to the small amount of money spent upon it by the City.

Many of our citizens are interred in this Cemetery, and its maintenance in a good and sanitary condition would seem to be a public duty.

See also the report of the Board of Health upon the sanitary condition of the City Cemetery, and the report of the Board of Health upon the sanitary condition of the City Cemetery, and the report of the Board of Health upon the sanitary condition of the City Cemetery.

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at least once a year, and often if the City's financial condition will permit. There is considerable complaint growing out of the last City election and others which have preceded it, of the improper activity of members of the City Police force at the polls, and of their presence there as active political workers rather than as guardians of the peace. This is a grave abuse, which must, of necessity, tend to discourage and injure the Police force, shew the public sense of decency, and bring the City officials and government into disrepute. It is an abuse which should never be allowed to occur again, as the entire control of such matters is well within the powers of the Council. The Mayor I shall exercise every power conferred upon me by the Charter to remove all grounds for such complaint in the future. In this connection it is proper to say, that this abuse is to some extent encouraged by the custom of electing Policemen annually, and allowing their election to depend to some extent upon the friendship of the Mayor or Aldermen. This tempts the Policeman desirous of retaining his position to become an active politician, and to support too earnestly, both before and at the election a friend who will vote for him, against a candidate who will not do so. I can not but think that Austin is now large enough to prohibit by the application of civil service methods to the formation and control of her Police force at least to the extent that admission to the force shall be upon merit and not upon friendship, and that Policemen shall be secure in their places as long as they perform their duties.

Another complaint of even a greater nature is as to active electioneering of Judges or Clerks of election, inside the election rooms and booths, and while supposed to be in the discharge of their duties.

I need not enlarge upon the seriousness of such a complaint, if well founded, but earnestly commend it to your consideration, with a view to your examination and such correction as the case may demand. The mere existence of such a complaint brings the purity of our elections into question, and would do much to defeat the objects sought to be accomplished by the Australian system of balloting. The condition of the general revenue does not permit us to hope that there will be much money available for street work. Such money as is spent in this way, however, should be spent to the best advantage, and a system should be adopted which can be profitably pursued when greater sums can be spared. To this end, I earnestly recommend that all work done upon the streets be divided into two classes, first, repairs, such as filling washes, etc. which have become dangerous, and which must be made according to the nature of the case, and second, improvements, which should be made in pursuance of resolutions of the Council. Improvements, as thus designated, should always be made where they are most needed, and no improvements should ever be begun until the City has the money, the teams and the time to do it. I wish it from the lowest point of grading to the last coat of macadam, so that when once done it will permanently conduce to the ornament of the City, the conduct of business and the comfort of the people. This method of carrying street work can be adopted even with the small means at our disposal and would thus come into operation the moment the money was available. It would be a most economical and efficient system, and would be a great improvement upon the present system of street work, which is now so wasteful and so inefficient. It would be a most economical and efficient system, and would be a great improvement upon the present system of street work, which is now so wasteful and so inefficient.

material, and save us much time and money by planning for us a scientific system of road making. But in the meanwhile the plan suggested above, of rigidly separating repairs from improvements, and strictly enforcing the distinction in each improvement undertaken, will, I am convinced, result in a great saving of money and creating increased efficiency in street work.

As soon as the condition of the general revenue will permit it, a great saving of labor can be effected and much done for the comfort of our citizens and the strangers who may visit us, by sprinkling the most travelled streets.

In the meanwhile, I recommend to the consideration of the Council the following plan: Wherever practical along the most dusty streets, let the City furnish water to residents free at the spout line, same to be used by such residents for the purpose of sprinkling the streets in front of them, and for no other purpose. This would enable and encourage our citizens, at the cost of only a small amount of labor, to keep down the dust on many streets where it is impossible to run watering carts.

It is done in other cities, and would, I believe, prove practical and beneficial in Austin.

As the best means of keeping the citizens in touch with their Water Right and Water Plant, I recommend that the Water and Light Commission be required to report monthly to the Council, the receipts and expenditures under proper headings, the increase in the number of boxes and such other facts as shall be of value in keeping the public informed as to the operation of the plant, and that such report shall form part of the published proceedings of the Council.

The balance in the Sinking Fund account should be as early as possible invested according to law.

I shall from time to time in the future, as occasion shall suggest address you upon the above subjects and upon others that may seem to demand your consideration.

In conclusion I have to say that my only desire is to cooperate with you in all measures for the good of the City. For all measures suggested by me I ask your deliberate and impartial consideration, promising to treat in the same way all those originating with you. In naming the Standing Committees of the Council, which will be submitted to you this evening, I have endeavored to be impartial, to make as few changes as possible and those only which seemed to me to facilitate the work of the Council.

A thorough acquaintance on the part of the Mayor with details of the affairs of the City will facilitate the dispatch of public business and redound to the public good. I therefore would be gratified to attend the different meetings of the committees, whenever practicable, and I solicit invitations to do so.

Lewis Hancock, Mayor.

Regular order of business
Suspended.

Alderman Simon moved that the regular order of business be disbanded and that the Council now proceed to the consideration of new business, which motion prevailed.

Announcement of Standing
Committees for the City.

The Mayor announced the following as permanent standing committees.

Streets. Aldermen: Linn, Townsend and Johnson.
Finance. Aldermen: Townsend, Johnson, and Cook.

Parks Aldermen, Glascock, Haynes and Stumpff.
 Fire Department Aldermen, Robertson, Bealy and Chubb.
 Police Aldermen Powell, Kelley and Haynes.
 Ordinances Aldermen Linn, Taylor and Kelley.
 Claims and Accounts Aldermen Platt, Horton and Zilker.
 Public Printing Aldermen Haynes, Rosengren and Robertson.
 Markets Aldermen Beed, Stumpff and Horton.
 Cemetery Aldermen Horton, Stumpff and Rosengren.
 Sanitation and Sewerage Aldermen Glass, Powell and Bealy.
 Hospital Aldermen, Miller, Robertson and Glass.
 Charity Aldermen Smith, Mikachuk and Glascock.
 Purchases Aldermen Linn, Platt and Beed.

Report of Special Committee
 on Fixing Salaries

Alderman Linn, for the special committee to fix salaries, presented the following report:

The Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor of the City of Austin:

Sir: Your special committee, appointed to report an ordinance fixing salaries of the Officers and employees of the City of Austin, beg leave to submit herewith an ordinance covering the subject, and we recommend that the same do pass.

We beg to state that we have provided in the ordinance herewith presented only three changes:

First. We recommend an increase of the City Detective's salary to \$1080.

Second. An increase in the Assistant Clerk's salary to \$900.

Third. That the Street Commissioner receive an annual salary of \$1080.

Your Committee makes the latter recommendation for the reason that it will not increase expenses, in that it will do away with the necessity of a foreman of the street force, who draws a salary of \$60. per month, and this amount, considered in connection with the salary heretofore paid the Street Commissioner, say \$30 per month, amounts in the aggregate to the sum heretofore expended for this service.

The salary of your City Detective has heretofore been \$867. We regard the increase to \$1080. as just and proper, because the Detective pays his own office rent and for his telephone.

In the case of the Assistant City Clerk, we think the character and importance of his many duties call for a salary of at least \$75. per month.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry A. Linn.

J. B. Smith.

C. D. Horton.

Ord. fixing salaries of Officers and employees of the City of Austin, Texas, for the term of two years, commencing the third Monday in December, 1895.

The ordinance was read the first time and, on motion of Alderman Linn, the rules were suspended and the ordinance to read the second reading.

Read by Aldermen Bealy, Beed, Glascock, Linn, Horton, Haynes, Stumpff,

Smith, Linn, Platt, Beed, C. D. Horton, Rosengren, Robertson, Kelley, Stumpff, Taylor, Edwin, Powell and Haynes.

May Stone.

The ordinance was then read a second time.

Amendment by Ald. Sawless - Alderman Sawless moved to amend the ordinance by making the salary of Street Commissioner \$600 per annum instead of \$1080. The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Sawless, Schneider, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zikew. 6
Nays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Gorth, Haynes, Horton, Simm, Stickschne, Platt, Powell, Ridd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Shelley and Sobin. 16.

Ald. Taylor moved to amend Alderman Taylor moved to amend by striking out \$1080. and inserting \$600. as salary of Street Commissioner.

Ald. Beatty moved to make the salary of Street Commissioner \$900.

The motion of Alderman Beatty was lost by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Gorth, Powell, Schneider and Stickschne. 6
Nays Aldermen Glascock, Glass, Haynes, Horton, Sawless, Simm, Stickschne, Platt, Ridd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Stumpf, Taylor, Sobin, Townsend and Zikew. 16.

Ald. Stickschne moved to further suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading.

The vote on the amendment offered by Alderman Taylor to make the salary of Street Commissioner \$600. instead of \$1080. was then taken and the amendment lost by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Fischer, Schneider, Taylor and Townsend. 4.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Glascock, Glass, Gorth, Haynes, Horton, Sawless, Simm, Stickschne, Platt, Powell, Ridd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Sobin and Zikew. 18.

Ald. Stickschne's motion to suspend the rules adopted.

The motion of Alderman Stickschne, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading, was then adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Gorth, Haynes, Horton, Simm, Stickschne, Platt, Powell, Ridd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Sobin and Zikew. 17.

Nays Aldermen Sawless, Roberdeau, Schneider, Taylor and Townsend. 5.

The ordinance was read a third time and passed by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Gorth, Haynes, Horton, Simm, Stickschne, Platt, Powell, Ridd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Sobin and Zikew. 16.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Sawless, Roberdeau, Schneider, Taylor and Townsend. 6.

Proposition of Drs. Denton, Bennett, McLaughlin and Hudson to lease the City and County Hospital.

On motion of Alderman Sawless the proposition was referred to a special committee of four Aldermen and the Mayor.

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Sawless, Roberdeau, Townsend and Taylor the special committee provided for in the motion of Alderman Sawless.

Ord. for \$2640. to pay salaries of Aldermen

By Alderman Simm, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2640. to pay salaries of Aldermen for the year ending November 30. 1896.

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

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Gorth, Haynes, Horton, Sawless, Simm, Stickschne, Platt, Powell, Ridd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Stumpf, Shelley, Stickschne, Taylor, Sobin, Townsend and Zikew. 27.

Nays Aldermen

Ord. for \$3535. to pay salaries of Aldermen

By Alderman Simm, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3535. to

Officers & Employees for Dec. 1895. To pay salaries of Officers and employees of the City for the month of December, 1895. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Deas Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Gorth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertshaw, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Skumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilker. 22.
Nays None.

Ord. for \$1575.00 To pay interest on Bonds issued prior to May 1, 1890. By Alderman Linn, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1575.00 to pay interest due January 1, 1896, on Bonds issued prior to May 1, 1890. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Deas Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Gorth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertshaw, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Skumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilker. 22.
Nays None.

Ord. for \$16,687.50 To pay interest on \$1,335,000.00 Bonds due Jan. 1, 1896. By Alderman Linn. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$16,687.50 to pay interest due January 1, 1896, on the \$1,335,000.00 Water Works and Electric Light Bonds of the City of Austin. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Deas Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Gorth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertshaw, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Skumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilker. 22.
Nays None.

Ord. for \$6000.00 To pay interest on \$200,000.00 Bonds due Jan. 1, 1896. By Alderman Linn. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$6000.00 to pay interest due January 1, 1896, on the \$200,000.00 Water Works and Electric Light Bonds of the City of Austin. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:
Deas Aldermen Bealy, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, Gorth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Linn, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertshaw, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Skumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilker. 22.
Nays None.

Ald. Taylor moved to transfer ten percent from Earnings fund \$6000.00 to pay interest due on \$200,000.00 Bonds. Alderman Taylor moved that the sum of \$6000.00 be transferred temporarily from the Earnings fund, to the interest fund of the \$200,000.00 Water and Light Bonds, which motion prevailed.

Pres. instructing Com. on Printing to advertise for bids for job & newspaper printing for 7 years. Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the Committee on Printing be authorized to advertise for bids for job printing for the City and for printing the minutes of the Council for the two years ending November 20, 1897.

Pres. by Ald. Glass that the Sanitary Officer be authorized to employ extra laborers. Alderman Glass offered the following resolution which was read and adopted. Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the City Sanitary Officer be, and is hereby, authorized to employ two extra men to assist him until the City is put in a good sanitary condition.

Pres. by Ald. Glass that the Sanitary Officer have charge of all employees in San. Department. Alderman Glass offered the following resolution which was read and adopted. Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That all employees in the sanitary department shall be under the immediate control of the Sanitary Officer, his wife and designated deputy and no person shall be employed in the sanitary department without the order of the City Council.

Pres. by Ald. Glass that the City Council be authorized to appoint and confirm the City Engineer and City Collector and asked that the Council confirm the appointment of the City Engineer and City Collector. The Council confirmed the appointment of the City Engineer and City Collector.

The Council.

Bonds of City Officers referred to Finance Com. for examination.

Mr. Powell moved the Council proceed to election of Police.

Mr. Richardson moved that City Marshal submit the names of 17 men to be balloted for

3 Tellers appointed

Names of Men submitted by the City Marshal for Police.

Names of Men submitted by Aldermen for Police.

On motion the Bonds of the newly elected City Officers were referred to the Finance Committee for examination and report.

Alderman Powell moved that the Council proceed to the election of Police and that a colored Policeman be elected first, which motion was lost.

Alderman Richardson moved that the City Marshal now submit the names of 17 men, and these with the names submitted by the different Aldermen be balloted on and that the 17 names receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected as the Police force, which motion was adopted.

Alderman Cross moved that the Mayor appoint three Tellers. Carried, and the Mayor appointed Aldermen Fischer, Richardson and Reed as Tellers.

Captain Sney, City Marshal, then submitted the following nominations for Police:

Teill McLaughlin, John Chermerville, W. A. Cato, Geo. Kennedy, E. C. Folwell, B. J. Plumb, J. D. Clark, Sam Clark, O. Gibson, J. J. Campbell, Dr. D. Bell, H. Maddox, E. C. Briggs, J. McFar, A. J. Corwin, Scott Wilson, and D. Cargill.

Alderman Skunk nominated William Rutledge.

Alderman Booth nominated S. M. Gentry.

Alderman Fischer nominated M. J. Grant.

Alderman Zilker nominated H. Musgrove.

Alderman Horton nominated J. B. McCrema.

Alderman Clark nominated Gus Evans.

Alderman Chase nominated Tom Moore and Los Evans.

Alderman Schneider nominated John Quist.

Alderman Fitcher nominated Brown and W. C. Brown.

Alderman Taylor nominated W. F. Bankin.

Alderman Shelley nominated W. B. Allen.

Alderman Horton nominated Jim Overstreet.

Alderman Fitcher nominated U. B. James.

Alderman Zilker nominated S. Ross.

Alderman Skunk nominated W. C. Haddock.

Alderman Beatty nominated John Meredith.

Nominations were then declared closed.

The Tellers reported the following as the result of the first ballot:

McLaughlin 20, Chermerville 19, Cato 21, Kennedy 18, Folwell 20, Plumb 16,

J. D. Clark 19, Sam Clark 17, Gibson 18, Campbell 20, Bell 10, Maddox 21,

Briggs 21, McFar 17, Corwin 18, Wilson 16, Cargill 17, Rutledge 3,

Gentry 4, Musgrove 4, Grant 7, McCrema 5, Gus Evans 4, Moore 4,

Los Evans 1, Quist 7, Brown 7, Brown 6, Bankin 6, Allen 4, Overstreet 1,

James 1, Ross 7, Haddock 7, Meredith 1, James Plumb 1, Beatty 1.

The Mayor declared the following named persons duly and constitutionally elected to serve as policemen for the ensuing term:

St. McLaughlin, Day Clerk.

Chermerville, Cato, Kennedy, Folwell, B. J. Plumb, J. D. Clark, Sam Clark,

Gibson, Campbell, Maddox, Briggs, McFar, Corwin, Wilson and Cargill.

Alderman Taylor moved that the Council do not elect any more Police,

but that it is the duty of the Council to elect the Police for the ensuing term.

The Mayor, Aldermen Skunk, and the Police Committee were then appointed to

Amendment by Ald. Glascock to Ald. Taylor's Motion that the 7 names receiving the highest no. of votes be declared elected. Motion lost.

Ald. Taylor's motion tabled

select name at once.

Alderman Glascock moved as an amendment to the resolution of Alderman Taylor, that the 14 names receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot be declared elected, which motion was lost by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Glascock, Glass, Haynes, Lawless, Simm, Platt, Bedd and Rosenberg. 9

Stays Aldermen Fischer, North, Horton, Kischke, Powell, Robertson, Schneider, Shelley, Kumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilker. 13.

The motion of Alderman Taylor was on motion of Alderman Simm, tabled by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Glascock, Glass, North, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Simm, Platt, Bedd, Rosenberg, Shelley, Kumpf, Tobin and Townsend. 15.

Stays Aldermen Fischer, Kischke, Powell, Robertson, Schneider, Taylor and Zilker. Alderman Taylor moved to adjourn, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Taylor and Zilker 2.

Stays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glascock, Glass, North, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Simm, Kischke, Platt, Powell, Bedd, Robertson, Rosenberg, Schneider, Shelley, Kumpf, Tobin and Townsend. 20.

Ald. Glascock moved that Council now proceed to elect our more Police men

Alderman Glascock moved that the Council now proceed to elect one more Policeman and that the person receiving the highest number of votes last be declared elected provided he has received a majority of all the votes cast. Carried. The tellers declared the result of the second ballot to be as follows: Bell 13, McVenna 1, Cooper 8.

Mayor declared Bell elected

The Mayor declared B. L. Bell, duly elected.

Alderman Townsend, for the Finance Committee, submitted the following report: Austin, Texas, December 16, 1895.

Finance Committee's report on Bonds of Officers submitted to them.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen: Gentlemen, Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Official Bonds of the several City Officers, have examined the same and find them in proper form and with sufficient securities.

A. W. Townsend.

W. D. Shelley.

J. L. North.

Ald. Taylor moved the Committee's report lie over until next meeting adopted.

Alderman Taylor moved that the report of the Committee lie over until the next meeting of the Council which motion prevailed.

Aldermen Platt, Lawless and Simm were excused from further attendance at this meeting of the Council.

Communication from Chief of Police J. F. White. Referred to Crime & Detect. Com.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the Attorney at Law J. F. White in regard to the City's interest in the property of the City.

Alderman Taylor moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts which motion prevailed.

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On motion of Alderman Taylor the Council adjourned.

J. F. White
City Clerk