

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Texas. December 24th 1896.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, presiding.

Roll called.

Present Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischy, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Mitchell, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend. 14.

Absent Aldermen Sawless, Schneider and Zilker. 3.

Alderman Platt moved that the minutes be approved as printed without reading. Carried.

Petitions.

Pet. from Citizens of 11th Ward asking Charter Amendment Committee to exclude 11th Ward from City of Austin

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Citizens of the Eleventh Ward, asking that the Charter Committee include in its amendments to the City Charter the exclusion of the Eleventh Ward from the City of Austin, which was read and referred to the Special Committee on Charter Amendments.

Pet. of Capital Compress Co & W. H. & P. Co for new Street opened

By Alderman Powell, Petition of the Capital Compress Company and the Austin Water, Light and Power Company, asking that a Street be opened from West Avenue to Bowie Street through and over the property of the Compress Company and Mrs. Marshall's. Read and on motion referred to the Street Committee and the City Engineer.

Pet. of J. V. Davis relative to a certain Street in S. Austin

By Alderman Redd, Petition of J. V. Davis relative to a certain street in South Austin. Read and referred to the Street Committee and City Engineer.

Reports of City Officers.

Report of Fire Commissioners regarding certain repairs for S. Austin Fire Co. No. 5.

The Mayor laid before the Council a report from the Fire Commissioners recommending certain repairs for South Austin Fire Co. No. 5, which was read and adopted.

Report of Supt Patterson of W & S Plant.

Alderman Schneider entered the Council Chamber and answered to his name.

The following report from Superintendent Patterson of the Water and Light Plant was then read:

Austin, Texas, December 24th 1896.

Hon. Mayor and City Council, Austin Texas:

Gentlemen, After being in Austin about a month and examining the Water and Light Plant very closely it occurs to me that my impressions of the Plant will be interesting to the City Council, and I desire to say that the apparatus and construction are the very best and were absolutely up to date at the time the purchases were made. The arrangement, however, I think could have been better.

My opinion is that both line shafts and wheels should have set directly at right angles to their respective positions. This would give us the advantage of having all wheels set at a line shaft, and all shafts set at a line shaft, making it possible to run any number of shafts at right angles to the line shaft, and the line shaft at right angles to the shafts. This would be a great improvement over the present arrangement, and would be a great saving in space and cost.

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power in these wheels that is absolutely impossible to get the benefit of. I think, therefore, that some change should be made whereby we should run a shaft lengthwise of the building on the 15th level in a way which could be worked out later on. This would make it possible for us to utilize our power to the best advantage and give us interchangeability.

The approximate expense of making this change, including shaft, changes to floors, etc., would be in the neighborhood of \$15000.00.

We are also a little hampered in the fact that should one of our arc machines supplying lights to the towers burn out the circuit would have to remain out all night, and as we are increasing our commercial arc business very rapidly, our arc machines will be shortly loaded to their utmost capacity.

I have found one second-hand 80-arc high speed machine of the same type now being used, which can be bought for \$800. or a little better, with the privilege of examining it before the machine is paid for, I would respectfully recommend that the Committee be instructed to make the best trade for this machine possible, the same to be sent here subject to our approval.

The power business is also in a position to cause us a great deal of inconvenience, if anything should happen to this machine. As we have only one machine of this type it is necessary to run it twenty-four hours per day for the full week, only having a little time on Sundays to clean it up and get it ready for the next week's work, and should anything happen to this machine everything in the power business would be at a standstill.

I would therefore recommend that the Committee be instructed to receive bids for two tri-phase machines of from 200 to 300-H.P. capacity with the understanding that our present 180-H.P. machine be taken as part payment. By the introduction of these two machines it would be practically impossible to be without power at any time. I desire to report to the Council that after dismantling the Gould pump preparatory to making a continuous test, in so doing find the pump is defective in every particular and was defective before its shipment, and I therefore suggest that the Gould people be notified that as they have failed to comply with their contract a new pump be sent here which shall be constructed subject to our approval or the money already paid be refunded to the City.

The subject of getting clean water to the City is one that every citizen has been very much interested in and is also one to which I have given considerable attention since my arrival in Austin, and after several workings of the spring and several visits to Barton's Creek, I am prepared to say that it is my opinion that the so-called spring will not furnish enough water to supply the City. The Barton spring water would supply the City with water for all time, but I understand from good authority that this water will not be delivered to the City, and I am therefore inclined to believe that the City will not be able to get the water it needs. I am, therefore, inclined to believe that the City will not be able to get the water it needs. I am, therefore, inclined to believe that the City will not be able to get the water it needs.

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be acceptable in which we locate one of the Stillwell-Bierce and Smith-Vaile pumps, which could be driven by a large tri-phase motor, and pump water be supplied to our present mains by means of the natural situation. This station the most of the time would, I think, supply the City's demands, but during the summer months it could be run in connection with a pump pumping from the spring at our present station. The expense of building this station, supplying the motor and setting the pump, running mains, etc., would approximately be about \$10,000, and later on if it should be found that the demand for water increased, an ample supply could be taken from the river bed in this way and the other Stillwell-Bierce and Smith Vaile pump could be removed there and the plant at the Dam to be used as a generating station only. I think in connection with these changes also, a stand pipe belonging to the City and located on some high point of land in order to give us some flexibility to our pumping station and a chance to maintain a constant pressure. At the time your Electrical apparatus was bought this style was acknowledged to be the best. Later developments and improvements in this line have been in the nature of directly connecting apparatus which gives very much greater percentage of efficiency and consequently less consumption of power.

The most desirable way to reconstruct this plant would be to raise the wheel to the 30 foot level and by the exchange of your present apparatus get directly connected machines which would run the same speed as your wheels. By this method, I think a saving in power would be effected of about 2000 horse power-hours per day for a saving of about 15,000 cubic feet of water per day, and at the time of low water this would be quite an item. There are a great many features connected with this arrangement which would commend itself to the Citizens very strongly and I should like further time to figure on the expense of making this change. The changes which have been made since my arrival, which were made necessary on account of the plant being in a dangerous condition are as follows:

The rewinding of the Armatures, an arrangement having been made for an expert from Fort Wayne Factory for rewinding the Armatures on the following basis, namely, \$3.50 per day and his expenses and necessary help. He arrived here on Dec. 14th and has rewound the Arc Armatures and assisted us in the arrangement of some other matters which I considered absolutely necessary. After some correspondence with the Fort Wayne people relative to the defective condition of the Switch board they have agreed to furnish us with an entirely new board constructed in accordance with our dictation free of charge to the City, we to furnish the necessary labor to assist in setting it up.

In connection with this switch board it will be necessary to run 40 miles of No. 12 insulated iron wire as pressure wire to give us absolute control of the circuit. The expense of doing this will be about \$400. See Commercial Arc machine on the alternating system which would be very know as a machine and it is possible to run it on an alternating current. The Commission, I was instructed to run a new one since the old one was

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especially for commercial customers. This has already been done and the indications go to show that from 50 to 80 lamps can be secured on this circuit, and arrangements have been made with the Adams-Bagnall Co. to turn back the manufacturing Arc lamps and to give us 15 continuous current lamps in exchange on consideration that we pay them \$30.00 for the old lamps and deliver the old lamps to them in Cleveland, Ohio.

On my arrival I found one of the 44 inch mains broken at the station, due to the station end of the main being fast in the brick wall and the sinking of the other end. This has been repaired by placing a sleeve over the crack, and all other mains have been dug up and the chain taken off of them. I found also that it was the custom of sending out meters previous to their being tested, and as after a shipment of several hundred miles they are very apt to be out of order. I have deemed it advisable to construct a meter testing board, giving us facilities of testing every meter before or after it has gone out on the circuit.

The business of the plant can be arranged as to its importance in the following order:

Lighting, Water and Power.

The lighting being the most important part of the three it is my opinion that three-fourths of our development goes out in the shape of light.

It is therefore of the greatest importance that we receive a fair compensation for this service, and I would suggest that our entire business with the exception of Arc lamps be done on a meter basis.

The usual custom is to fix this price at one-tenth the price of gas, and surrounding cities like Dallas, San Antonio and New Orleans are charging twenty cents per 1000 watts. One feature which I consider of the greatest importance however is that the City should make a yearly appropriation for lights and water and that the appropriation be paid to the Water and Light Department.

The prices set down in the Ordinance for Arc lights are entirely too low, as will be shown by the following figures giving the average prices paid per annum in the States named:

7	Cities in Alabama	\$95.49 per lamp.
3	" " Arkansas	121.33 " "
11	" " California	137.95 " "
9	" " Colorado	136.66 " "
12	" " Connecticut	85.45 " "
1	" " Delaware	125.00 " "
2	" " Florida	159.50 " "
7	" " Georgia	89.89 " "
2	" " Idaho	137.00 " "
26	" " Illinois	87.27 " "
24	" " Indiana	78.66 " "
10	" " Iowa	82.38 " "
15	" " Kansas	89.86 " "
5	" " Kentucky	91.61 " "
1	" " Louisiana	127.50 " "
4	" " Minnesota	84.66 " "

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2	Cities in	Maryland	\$ 93.67	per lamp.
43	"	Massachusetts	91.19	" "
8	"	Minnesota	105.02	" "
24	"	Michigan	79.91	" "
3	"	Mississippi	104.87	" "
17	"	Missouri	92.54	" "
5	"	Montana	159.40	" "
6	"	Nebraska	126.48	" "
9	"	New Hampshire	80.55	" "
13	"	New Jersey	116.90	" "
40	"	New York	90.28	" "
4	"	North Carolina	97.50	" "
30	"	Ohio	87.53	" "
6	"	Oregon	128.57	" "
38	"	Pennsylvania	94.70	" "
3	"	Rhode Island	143.71	" "
7	"	South Carolina	100.00	" "
1	"	South Dakota	125.00	" "
3	"	Texas	84.96	" "
4	"	Tennessee	104.00	" "
1	"	Utah	150.00	" "
4	"	Vermont	75.75	" "
6	"	Virginia	85.10	" "
8	"	Washington	138.57	" "
2	"	West Virginia	86.00	" "
16	"	Wisconsin	71.39	" "
1	"	Wyoming	167.00	" "

making an average for the United States of 104.19 per lamp per year. The price also paid for hydrants by different cities range from \$5.00 to \$100.00 per year, governed by the number. I think therefore the City should pay the Water and Light Department not less than \$30.00 per hydrant, and that all large consumers of water be placed on a meter system. At present we are furnishing to the lines per day in the neighborhood of 6000 kilo Watts making every allowance for losses on the lines and for transformers of 1,400,000 watts we have a balance for what we should receive pay of, 4,600,000 watts, which at one-half of what other cities pay, namely 20 cents per 1000 Watts, would bring us a revenue of \$460. per day. Add to this the probable receipts for water of \$136.00 per day and also probable receipts of Railroads and Power \$500.00 per day, and we have nearly receipts approximating \$1097,000.00

This would be ample to not only take care of running expenses and all fixed charges. Making into consideration our operating expenses and interest account our meter rates fixed by the Council are at present are entirely too low to meet the same. I therefore recommend that an appropriation be made by the City Council, fixing this amount to be paid for one lamp and water and gas, giving a meter basis for both water and light, and that the Water and Light Committee be instructed to get up plans and specifications for new lamps. The Gas House is also for the furnishing station in the town of the same.

Respectfully submitted
H. C. Peterson, Superintendent.

Alderman Powell moved that the report be referred to the Water and Light Committee.

Alderman Taylor moved to amend by adding "and that the Water and Light Committee be authorized to mature plans for the various changes suggested in the report, and to report their action to the Council at their earliest convenience."

The amendment by Alderman Taylor was accepted by Alderman Powell and the motion as amended was then adopted.

W & L Committee report in regard to Insuring Power House & Machinery

Alderman Fischer, for the Water and Light Committee, to whom was referred the matter of insurance on Power House and Machinery, presented the following report:

Austin Tex. Dec. 21, 1896.

Hon Mayor and Common Council, Austin, Texas:

We, the Water and Light Committee recommend that the Power Plant be insured to the extent of Eighty thousand dollars, Fifty thousand on Building, Wheels, etc, rate to be one per cent, and Thirty thousand on Dynamoes at one and one-quarter (1 1/4)

Respectfully,
Francis Fischer,
J. W. Maddox.

Alderman Fischer moved to adopt the report and that the Mayor and the Water and Light Committee be authorized to place the insurance with the local Insurance Agents.

Aldermen Lawless and Zilker entered the Council Chamber and answered to their names.

Alderman Beatty moved that the matter of insurance be referred to a special Committee of three, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Horton, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Blatt & Schneider -
Nays Aldermen Calvin, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, Lawless, Kitchner, Powell, Redd, Robendean, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 15.

The motion of Alderman Fischer was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Calvin, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Kitchner, Blatt, Redd, Robendean, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 16.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Horton, Linn, Miller, Powell and Schneider 6.

W & L Committee report on Alderman Fischer, for the Water and Light Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Alderman Kitchner, instructing the Water and Light Committee to have fire hydrant moved from East Sixth and

Olmo Streets to East Sixteenth and Poquito Streets, presented a report referring the matter back to the Council with the recommendation that the resolution be referred to the Fire Commissioners. The report was adopted and the resolution so referred.

W & L Committee report on Alderman Kitchner, for the Fire Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Alderman Kitchner, instructing the Water and Light Committee to have fire hydrant moved from East Sixth and Olmo Streets to East Sixteenth and Poquito Streets, presented a report referring the matter back to the Council with the recommendation that the resolution be referred to the Fire Commissioners. The report was adopted and the resolution so referred.

for the Fire Department, presented their report recommending the passage of the ordinance. On motion the report was laid over to come up with the ordinance under the head of new business.

Police Committee report on
Marshals reports for Nov. 1896

Alderman Powell for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the reports of the City Marshal for the month of November, presented their report, stating that the reports had been examined and found correct.

The report was adopted and ordered filed.

Special Committee report on
Charter Amendment:

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the special committee on Charter amendments, submitting certain amendments to the City Charter in relation to the Water, Light and Power Commission, and stating that the Committee would devote its attention to such other amendments to the Charter as may be deemed proper. The report of the Committee was adopted.

Unfinished Business.

The Mayor laid before the Council as unfinished business the message of the Mayor which was submitted to the Council at the meeting held December 12 and which was, on motion, laid over until this meeting.

Recommendations contained
in Mayor's Message referred
to Committee effected.

Alderman Roberdeau moved that the recommendations contained in the message, except in regard to Police, be referred to the different committees effected by the recommendations, which motion prevailed.

The recommendations in the matter of the Police force were laid over to come up under the head of new business.

New Business.

Ord. appropriating 100. to pay
Extra Street Laborers

By Alderman Zilker, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100 to pay extra street labor. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Alvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Sinn, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Reed, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 22.

Nays None.

Resolution directing City Engineer
to prepare plans and specifications
for placing East Sixth St. in
good passable condition

By Alderman Lawless, Resolution directing the City Engineer, under the advice of the Street Committee, to prepare plans and specifications for placing East Sixth Street in good passable condition, etc., and that the Engineer and Street Committee are asked to report their recommendations to the next meeting of the Council. The resolution was, on motion referred to the Street Committee.

Ord. appropriating \$3498.60
to pay salaries of Officers and
Dec. 1896.

By Alderman Townsend, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3498.60 to pay salaries of Officers and Employees of the City, for the month of December, 1896. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Alvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Sinn, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Reed, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 22.

Nays None.

Ord. appropriating \$153.53
to pay approved accounts for
expense of Section

By Alderman Townsend, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$153.53 to pay approved accounts for expense of Section. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Alvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Sinn, Maddox, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Reed, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 22.

Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 22.
Nays None.

Ord. appropriating \$210 to pay
Salaries of Aldermen for Dec. 1896

By Alderman Townsend, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$210. to pay Salaries of Aldermen for the month of December, 1896. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Besty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren;

Schneider, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 20.

Ord. appropriating \$1661.12 to pay approved accounts

Nays Aldermen Maddox and Stumpf 2

By Alderman Townsend, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1661.12 to pay approved accounts. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Besty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren;

Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 22.

Nays None.

Ord. appropriating \$22,587.50 to pay Interest due Jan. 1, 1897

By Alderman Townsend, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$22,587.50 out of the Interest and Sinking Fund of the Water and Light Bonds to pay interest due January 1, 1897. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Besty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren;

Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 22.

Nays None.

Ord. appropriating \$1575.00 to pay Interest due Jan. 1, 1897

By Alderman Townsend, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1575.00 out of the Interest and Sinking Fund on Bonds issued prior to May 1st 1890, to pay interest due January 1st 1897. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Besty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren;

Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 22.

Nays None.

Ord. appropriating \$2000.00 to pay Salaries of Employees of W & L Plant.

By Alderman Fischer, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2000 to pay Salaries of Officers and Employees Water and Light Plant.

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

Yeas Aldermen Besty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren;

Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 22.

Nays None.

Ord. appropriating \$23,400.00 out of Earnings Fund to pay approved accounts

By Alderman Fischer, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$23,400.00 out of the Earnings Fund for the purpose of paying approved accounts.

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

Yeas Aldermen Besty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren;

Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 22.

Nays None.

Ord. appropriating \$18,500.00 to pay approved accounts

By Alderman Fischer, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$18,500.00 out of the Earnings Fund for the purpose of paying approved accounts.

Ord. requiring owners of all property on 1st day of January to list same by May 1st

The ordinance was read first time and on motion of Alderman Powell was referred to the Ordinance and Finance Committee.
By Alderman Maddox, An ordinance requiring owners of all property owned or required on the first day of January to list same by May 1st and authorizing the Assessor and Collector to appoint deputies and requiring him to administer the oath now required by ordinance and requiring the Assessor and Collector to specially interrogate every person listing or rendering property as to whether or not he or she is the owner of each particular item of property required to be listed for taxation and requiring an original assessment of property for each year.

The ordinance was read first time and on motion was referred to the ordinance committee.

On motion Alderman Sawless was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

Ord. requiring Assessor and Collector to make return to Bd of Equalization before 1st Monday in May of each year.

By Alderman Maddox, An ordinance requiring the Assessor and Collector to make return to the Board of Equalization before the first Monday in May of each year, a full and complete assessment of property within the City and to make a supplemental roll of property coming to his knowledge after May 1, which has not been rendered.

The ordinance was read first time and on motion referred to the ordinance committee.

Ord. requiring owners of property residents of the City to render his or her property.

By Alderman Maddox, An ordinance requiring owners of property who are residents of the City to list or render his or her property, and prohibiting the Assessor and Collector from receiving or accepting the rendition or assessment of property from any other person than the owner thereof.

Read first time and on motion referred to the ordinance committee.

Police Committee report on Mayor's suggestions regarding reduction of Police Force.

Alderman Powell, for the Police Committee, presented the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin:
Gentlemen: Your committee on Police, in order to ascertain the advisability of meeting the suggestions of the Honorable Mayor in regard to decreasing the Police force of the City, beg leave to report that we have carefully investigated the matter and have consulted fully with the City Marshal and after having all the facts before us, the undersigned two members of your committee are of the opinion that at this time we can not, with due regard to the public safety and welfare of our City, curtail our present small force in any particular. The City is being patrolled day and night by as small a force as can possibly cover the territory demanding protection. The City Marshal coincides with the views above expressed, and his roster showing the distribution of the force, day and night, is made a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,
H. H. Powell,
H. L. Haynes, Police Committee.

Ord. requiring owners of property to list same by May 1st

By Alderman Powell, An ordinance providing for the sale of wagons and mules owned by the City of Austin. The ordinance was read first time. Alderman Powell moved to table the ordinance and it was so ordered. Alderman Sawless moved to reconsider the ordinance and it was so ordered.

The vote was first taken on Alderman Powell's motion to refer the ordinance to a special committee, which motion was lost by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Haynes, Linn, Kitchner, Powell, Robideau, Rosengren, Schneider and Townsend. 8.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Redd, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker. 13.

The vote was then taken on Alderman Taylor's motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which was lost by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Kuhn, Maddox, Robideau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, and Zilker. 11.

Nays Aldermen Haynes, Horton, Linn, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider and Townsend. 10.

Resolution regarding the
order of electing City Officers

Alderman Powell offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the City Council now proceed to the election of City Officers in the following order:

First, Sergeant of Police,

Second, Bond Master,

Third Bridge Keeper,

Fourth Porter.

Fifth, Seventeen Policemen.

Ord. amending Art. 279 of the
Revised Ordinances

By Alderman Taylor, An ordinance amending article 279 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Austin, which was read first time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its second reading. Alderman Powell moved as a substitute that it be referred to the ordinance committee.

The vote was first taken on the motion of Alderman Powell to refer to the ordinance committee, and was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Linn, Miller, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider and Townsend. 10

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Maddox, Kitchner, Robideau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker. 11.

The vote was then taken on the motion of Alderman Taylor to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Kitchner, Robideau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker. 13.

Nays Aldermen Haynes, Linn, Miller, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider and Townsend. 8.

Alderman Zilker moved that the Council adjourn until Wednesday, December 23, 1896. Lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Belvin, Robideau, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker. 5.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley and Townsend. 11.

Alderman Beatty moved to table the resolution of Alderman Powell, which was to refer to the ordinance committee, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Kitchner, Robideau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker. 14.

Stays, Aldermen Haynes, Linn, Miller, Platt, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Schneider and Townsend 9.

Alderman Linn moved to adjourn which motion was lost by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Haynes, Kuhn, Linn, Powell, Roberdeau, Stumpf and Zilker 7. Nays Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Horton, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Redd, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor and Townsend 14.

Alderman Linn moved to adjourn until Wednesday night December 23, at 8 o'clock. Lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Belvin, Kuhn, Linn, Platt, Powell, Roberdeau, Stumpf and Zilker 8. Nays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Redd, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor and Townsend 13.

By Alderman Taylor, An ordinance repealing Article 278 of the Revised ordinances of the City of Austin.

Alderman Taylor moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading.

Alderman Kitchner moved to refer to the ordinance committee which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Belvin, Haynes, Horton, Linn, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider and Townsend 17.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker 9.

Ord. repealing an Ord. creating office of Pound Master

By Alderman Taylor, An ordinance repealing an ordinance creating the office of Pound Master passed January 17th 1891 and approved January 19th 1891. The ordinance was read first time and on motion was referred to the ordinance committee.

Alderman Linn moved to adjourn until Wednesday night December 23 1896. Lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Belvin, Haynes, Linn, Powell, Roberdeau, Stumpf and Zilker 7.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Redd, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Taylor and Townsend 14.

Resolution directing the Supt. of Streets to do at once all street work necessary on West 12th & 13th streets

By Alderman Taylor, Resolution directing the Street Superintendent to do at once all street work necessary on West Fourteenth, Thirteenth and Twelfth streets and the streets adjacent thereto, and to keep at least three teams with the necessary force of street employes engaged in such work until completed as specified by the City Engineer.

Alderman Belvin moved to refer the resolution to the Street Committee, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Belvin, Linn, Powell, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker 6.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley and Taylor 15.

Alderman Platt moved to amend by inserting "and four teams to work in the Ninth ward when through in the Seventh Ward."

Alderman Powell moved to table the resolution. Lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Belvin, Kuhn, Linn, Powell, Schneider, Stumpf and Zilker 7.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Shelley, Taylor and Townsend 14.

Alderman Taylor accepted the amendment offered by Alderman Platt.

And Alderman Shelley moved to adopt the resolution, which motion

prevailed.

Alderman Kitchner moved to adjourn. Lost.

Alderman Platt moved to reconsider the vote by which the Council refused to suspend the rules and place the ordinance offered by Alderman Taylor, amending Article 279 of the Revised Ordinances of the City, on its second reading, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Kitchner, Platt, Robertdean, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 16.

Nays Aldermen Haynes, Linn, Miller, Powell and Redd 5.

Alderman Fischer moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Kitchner, Platt, Robertdean, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 17.

Nays Aldermen Linn, Miller, Powell and Redd 4.

The ordinance was then read a second time.

Alderman Schneider moved to amend by striking out 15 and inserting 17 which motion was lost by the following vote.

Yeas Aldermen Haynes, Kuhn, Linn, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider and Townsend 10.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Fischer, Horton, Maddox, Robertdean, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker 11.

Alderman Kitchner moved a call of the Council, which was ordered.

Alderman Fischer moved that the Council have a recess of ten minutes, Carried.

At the end of the recess the Council was called to order.

Alderman Powell moved to suspend the roll. Carried.

Roll called.

Present Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Linn, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertdean, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 22.

Absent none.

Contract of Bethany Cemetery for burial of Paupers. Alderman Kitchner presented the contract of the City of Austin with the Bethany Cemetery Company for the burial of Colored Paupers and asked that it be referred to the Cemetery Committee and it was so referred.

Ord. amending Article 279 was further amended by adding Sec. 5 regarding number of the Police force. Alderman Robertdean moved to amend the ordinance introduced by Alderman Taylor amending Article 279 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Austin, by adding the following:

Sec. 5. That Article 279 of the Revised Civil Ordinances of the City of Austin shall hereafter read as follows:

Article 279. The Police force of the City of Austin shall hereafter consist of a City Marshal, a Sergeant of Police, and fourteen Policemen and such other Special Policemen as may from time to time be appointed under the authority of the City Council.

Alderman Linn moved to table the amendment. Lost.

Alderman Kitchner moved the adoption of the amendment offered by Alderman Robertdean, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Linn, Maddox, Kitchner,

Call of Council

Roll suspended
Roll Call.

Contract of Bethany Cemetery for burial of Paupers

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Platt, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker. 15.

Nays Aldermen Haynes, Linn, Miller, Powell, Redd, Schneider and Townsend. 8.
A motion to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its third reading was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Sawless, Maddox, Kitcher, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker. 14.

Nays Aldermen Haynes, Linn, Miller, Platt, Powell, Redd, Schneider and Townsend. 8.
Alderman Platt, moved to reconsider the vote just taken by which the Council refused to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its third reading, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Sawless, Maddox, Kitcher, Platt, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker. 15.

Nays Aldermen Haynes, Linn, Miller, Powell, Redd, Schneider and Townsend. 8.
The ordinance was then read a third time and passed.

Mayer signed amended Ord.

Election of Sergt of Police.

Tellers appointed

Marshal Sney nominated Harry Montgomery for Sergt of Police

City Clerk instructed to cast vote of Council for Harry Montgomery as Sergt of Police.

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The Mayor then gave notice that he had signed the ordinance.

Alderman Fischer moved that the Council now proceed to the election of a Sergeant of Police and Fourteen Policemen as provided for in the ordinance just passed, which motion prevailed.

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Powell, Kuhn and Rosengren as Tellers.

Marshal Sney nominated Harry Montgomery for Sergeant of Police.

Alderman Fischer moved that the City Clerk be instructed to cast

the unanimous vote of the Council for Harry Montgomery as Sergeant

of Police, which motion prevailed.

The Tellers reported that Harry Montgomery had received twenty-two

votes and the Mayor declared him duly and constitutionally elected to

serve as Sergeant of Police for the ensuing term.

Alderman Powell moved that Marshal Sney furnish the Council with

a list of the names presented by him for election as Policemen, which

motion prevailed and the following list of names was presented by the

Marshal.

Neill McLashin, John Chenneville, P. J. Plumb, J. E. Kennerly, E. C. Folt

well, J. D. Platt, O. H. Gibson, S. J. Campbell, B. D. Bell, W. A. Lato, Sam Platt

A. S. Corwin, H. Maddox, J. E. Griggard, Scott Wilson, D. Langill, H. McGar.

The following persons were placed in nomination by the following Aldermen:

Alderman Fischer nominated Ed. Johnson

Alderman Delvin nominated Rutledge and J. W. Danel

Alderman Redd nominated Mrs. Chapman

Alderman Haynes nominated O. S. Blanton

Alderman Kuhn nominated Tom Duxnam

Alderman Kitcher nominated G. J. O'Rourke and S. H. Cox

Alderman Platt (by request) nominated Gus Evans.

The result of ballot as reported by the Tellers was as follows:

McLashin 20 votes; Chenneville 10 votes; Plumb 5 votes; Kennerly 18

votes; Foltwell 18 votes; J. D. Platt 14 votes; O. H. Gibson 14 votes; S. J. Campbell

14 votes; B. D. Bell 15 votes; W. A. Lato 12 votes; Sam Platt 15 votes; A.

S. Corwin 14 votes; H. Maddox 14 votes; J. E. Griggard 14 votes; Scott Wilson

14 votes; D. Langill 14 votes; H. McGar 14 votes; Ed. Johnson 5 votes; Rutledge 5 votes; J. W. Danel 5 votes; Mrs. Chapman 5 votes; O. S. Blanton 5 votes; Tom Duxnam 5 votes; G. J. O'Rourke 5 votes; S. H. Cox 5 votes; Gus Evans 5 votes.

Policemen elected.

Quilledge, Wm. Daniels, Wm.

The following named persons having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared by the Mayor duly and constitutionally elected as the Police force for the ensuing year viz:

Policemen elected.

Wm. McLashin, J. J. Kennedy, C. L. Smith, W. J. Hall, O. H. Johnson, S. J. Campbell, R. D. Bell, W. A. Lutz, Sam. Hall, H. E. Corwin, H. Maddox, J. Briggard, Scott Wilson, Hiram McGraw.

On motion of Alderman Taylor the Council adjourned.

Jno. B. Johnson
City Clerk.