

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Texas September, 20th 1891.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, presiding.

Roll called.

Present Aldermen Delvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 17.

Absent Aldermen Beatty, Lawless, Linn, Kitchner and Rosengren 5.

Minutes adopted as printed. On motion of Alderman Platt the minutes of the last regular and subsequent called meetings were approved as printed, without reading.

Pet. of Jacob Stern to erect a wagon scale on Sabine St

By Alderman Platt. Petition of Jacob Stern, asking permission to erect a wagon scale on Sabine Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets. On motion the petition was granted, the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer.

Pet. of Henry Moore to have certain found fees remitted

By Alderman Redd. Petition of Henry Moore, asking that certain found fees paid by him be refunded. On motion the petition was referred to the Mayor.

Pet. of G. F. Roswell asking for damages to milk wagon

Alderman Kitchner entered the Council Chamber. The Mayor laid before the Council petition of Geo. F. Roswell, for damages to milk wagon, caused by running over a water plug. Alderman Platt moved to grant the petition.

Alderman Taylor moved as a substitute that the petition be referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Aldermen Beatty, Lawless and Rosengren entered the Council Chamber.

The vote was then taken on the motion to grant the petition of Roswell, and the motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Townsend and Zilker. 13.

Nays Aldermen Delvin, Horton, Kitchner, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Stumpf and Taylor 8.

Pet. of Paul McComb asking that certain Tax Costs be remitted. Police Committee's report on City Marshal's reports for August

By Alderman Shelley, Petition of Paul McComb to have certain costs remitted. On motion the petition was referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Alderman Powell, for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the reports of the City Marshal for the month of August, presented a report stating that they had been examined and found correct. The report of the Committee was adopted.

Claims and Accounts Committee's report on pet. of Mrs. Talliehet

Alderman Platt for Claims and Accounts Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Talliehet, presented their report stating that they have no authority to grant the petition, and therefore, recommend that it be not granted. The report was adopted.

Claims and Accounts Committee's report on claim of Mrs. Ben Walker for damages to cow

Alderman Platt, for the Claims and Accounts Committee, to whom was referred the account of Mrs. Ben Walker for damages to cow. Presented a report stating that the bill failed to set forth a single fact connecting the City with the damages claimed, nor is the bill addressed to the Mayor or board of Aldermen, and therefore, report that the claim is not properly before the Committee, and that they, therefore, return same to the Council that it may take such action as they may deem best and.

Water & Light Commission report
for quarter ending Aug. 31, 1897

proper. The report was adopted.
The following report of the Water and Light Commission was read, and on motion was referred to the Finance Committee:

Austin Texas, September 20th 1897.

The Hon. City Council of the City of Austin:

Austin Texas.

Gentlemen:- Complying with section 99.9. of the Charter of the City of Austin, I am authorized by the Water Light and Power Commission to make the following estimate for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1898, to-wit:
Receipts from the City for Water, Light and Power from April 1st 1897, to November 30, 1898.

Receipts from the City for Water, Light and Power from April 1 st 1897, to November 30, 1898.	\$ 24,500.00	
Receipts from private consumers from December 1 st 1897 to November 30, 1898, for Water, Light and Power		\$ 72,000.00
		\$ 96,500.00
Operating expenses for the year	\$ 32,000.00	
Extensions and Improvements	28,000.00	
Estimated Surplus.		\$ 60,000.00
		\$ 36,500.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. W. Doon, Secretary pro tem.

Unfinished Business.

Ord. appropriating \$387.26 to pay approved accounts of Street Department

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$387.26 to pay approved accounts Street Department. The ordinance was read second time and passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Grady, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Reed, Robertshaw, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 21.

Nays None.

Ord. declaring keeping of hogs in certain limits of the City a misdemeanor

The Mayor then laid before the Council an ordinance declaring the keeping of hogs within certain limits a misdemeanor, and providing a penalty for its violation, on its final passage Alderman Belvin, offered the following amendment:

"In section one, beginning at the end of line six, strike out the following words, 'Twenty-seventh Street, to Guadalupe Street, thence south with Guadalupe Street to Twenty-sixth, thence with Twenty-sixth Street to Rio Grande Street,' and in lieu thereof insert the following: 'Twenty-ninth Street thence west ^{with} Twenty-ninth Street to Rio Grande.'"

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Grady, Belvin, Haynes, Horton Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Kitchner, Powell, Robertshaw, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend 14.
Nays Aldermen Fischer, Kuhn, Platt, Reed, Rosengren, Schneider & Zilker.

Alderman Kitchner moved to amend by making the eastern limits Water Creek instead of Romal Street.

Alderman Robertshaw moved to table the amendment, which was lost. The amendment of Alderman Kitchner was then lost by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Reed, Schneider and Zilker 9.

Nays Aldermen Grady, Belvin, Haynes, Lawless, Maddox, Powell, Robertshaw,

Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend. 12.
 Alderman Kitchel moved to make East Avenue the east boundary line instead of Comal Street. The amendment was lost by the following vote:
 Yeas Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Miller, Kitchel, Platt, Radd, Schneider, Stumpf and Zihner 11.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Haynes, Sawless, Maddox, Powell, Robendrau, Rosengren, Shelley, Taylor and Townsend 10.

The ordinance was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Haynes, Sawless, Maddox, Miller, Powell, Radd, Robendrau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend 14.

Nays Aldermen Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Kitchel, Platt, Schneider & Zihner 7.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following special message:

Mayor's Office,

Austin, Texas Sept. 20, 1897.

To the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen: - In view of ^{the} outbreak of yellow-fever in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, I have deemed it advisable to put the City in as sanitary a condition as possible, and have instructed the City Engineer and sanitary officer to exercise the utmost activity and vigilance in remedying all abuses, to drain off all stagnant water and to use lime freely wherever it can be beneficially used as a disinfectant. I also instructed the City Marshal to detail the Police force to the special work of systematically inspecting all alleys, privies, and back alleys, and to enforce a strict compliance with the sanitary ordinances of the City. I am pleased to say that a ready acquiescence has been met with on the part of all our citizens and that the City is rapidly being put in a satisfactory condition of cleanliness. The four carts at the disposition of the Sanitary department not being sufficient for the heavy demand thus thrown upon the department, I have instructed the City Engineer to have four of the City Street teams brought in from the pasture, and to use that number of wagons to supplement the work of cleaning up. I trust these measures will meet your approval and that they along with such others as you may see fit to adopt, will insure perfect cleanliness for the City. Our Streets and Alleys are in an unusually cleanly condition, and the only matter for serious consideration is the cesspools and privies, and I shall use all the powers at my command to enforce cleanliness in that regard. It has been suggested to me that local quarantine should be established by the City. After careful consideration of the matter and consultation with State Health Officer Swearingen, City Physician Graves, Dr. J. H. McLaughlin, Dr. Daniel and other physicians, I am of the opinion that local quarantine is not at present necessary or desirable.

There is no fever west of the Mississippi River and many hundreds of miles and a strict State quarantine separate us from the infected districts. Considering the mildness of the epidemic now prevailing and the lateness of the season, it is reasonable to hope that the disease will not secure a foothold within the State, and as long

Mayor's Special Message
 regarding placing the City
 in a sanitary condition.

as it does not local quarantine would seem to be unnecessary. Should the disease enter the State, or the situation change in any particular to the danger of the City, I should at once call you together in special session and ask you to take measures for protection.

Respectfully,

Lewis Stanlock, Mayor.

Ord. to provide for the appointment of a Board of Plumbers

By Alderman Shelley. An ordinance to provide for the appointment of a board of Plumbers, etc. The ordinance was read first time. Alderman Schneider moved to refer to the Water and Light Committee. Alderman Fischer moved as a substitute that it be referred to the ordinance Committee. The substitute prevailed.

Invitation from City of Columbus, Ohio inviting Mayor & members of City Council to attend Conference of Mayors & Councilmen

The Mayor laid before the Council an invitation from the City of Columbus, Ohio, inviting the Mayor and members of the City Council to attend the National Conference of Mayors and Councilmen on September 28th to October 1st 1897. On motion the invitation was received and the thanks of the Council extended to the City of Columbus, Ohio, for same.

Resolution changing hour of meeting from 8:30 to 8:00 A.M.

Alderman Belvin offered the following resolution which was adopted: Resolved, that hereafter the City Council meet at 8 o'clock p.m. instead of 8:30.

By Alderman Townsend. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$510.00 to pay the per diem of the Board of Equalization for the year 1897. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Craty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Rubin, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Kitcher, Platt, Powell, Roberson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 20. Nays None.

Ord. appropriating \$78.00 to pay Drivers of Street Teams

By Alderman Townsend. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$78.00 to pay drivers of Street Teams for the month of September 1897. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Craty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Rubin, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Kitcher, Platt, Powell, Reed, Roberson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker 20. Nays None.

Ord. appropriating \$16,312.50 to pay Int. due Oct. 1 1897 on \$1,205,000. W.W. & E. L. Bonds

By Alderman Townsend. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$16,312.50 to pay interest due October 1, 1897, on \$1,205,000 water works and electric light bonds of the City.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Craty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Rubin, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Kitcher, Powell, Reed, Roberson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 20. Nays Alderman Platt 1.

Ord. appropriating \$21,500.00 to pay Int. due Oct. 1 1897 on \$475,000 Bonding Bonds

Alderman Zilker was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council. By Alderman Townsend. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$21,500.00 to pay interest due October 1, 1897, on \$475,000 refunding bonds of the City of Austin.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Craty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Rubin, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Kitcher, Platt, Powell, Reed, Roberson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend 20.

Ord. appropriating \$115.⁹⁵/₁₀₀ to pay
Approved Accounts

Days, None.

By Alderman Townsend. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$115.⁹⁵/₁₀₀ to pay approved accounts.

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

Yeas, Aldermen Deaty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Nitscher, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertsdau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend. 20.

Days, None.

Ord. amended by adding \$20.⁰⁰/₁₀₀
to pay claim of B. F. Boswell.

Alderman Maddox moved to amend the ordinance by adding "to pay the claim of B. F. Boswell for damages to milk wagon, \$20.⁰⁰/₁₀₀". The amendment was adopted.

The ordinance was then passed, under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Deaty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Nitscher, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertsdau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend 20.

Days, None.

Ord. amending an Ord. granting
to M. M. Shipe his assigns etc.
right of way over streets of Austin

By Alderman Schneider. An ordinance amending an ordinance granting to M. M. Shipe, his assigns, etc., right of way over the streets of Austin. The ordinance was read first time, and on motion was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Ord. appropriating \$750. to
repair City & County Hospital

By Alderman Taylor. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$750.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ to repair the City and County Hospital.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Deaty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Nitscher, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertsdau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend. 20.

Days, None.

Ord. appropriating \$400 to
place the City in a good sanitary
condition

By Alderman Shelley. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$400.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ to place the City in a good sanitary condition.

The ordinance was passed, under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Deaty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Nitscher, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertsdau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend. 20.

Days, None.

Alderman Taylor moved to reconsider the vote by which the Council adopted the report of the Claims and Accounts Committee on the petition of Mrs. Talliehet. The motion was lost.

Alderman Taylor moved that the Cemetery Committee be instructed to advertise for bids, for hauling pauper's remains to Cemetery. The motion was adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Cemetery Committee directed
to advertise for bids for hauling
pauper's remains to Cemetery

J. C. Johnson
City Clerk.