

Present, Aldermen Gehring, Haynes, Hartney, Kuhn, Landiss, Linn.
Muddar, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Richardson, Rosengren.
Shelley and Townsend. 15.

Absent Aldermen: Andy, Fischer, Field, Schneider, Shumby, Taylor
and Wilson.

On motion the minutes of the last meeting were approved as published, without reading.

Petitions, &c.
 The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Mrs. Ann Walker, asking damages to cows injured in the pound.

On motion, the petition was referred to the Finance and Accounts Committee. The reports of the City Officers for the month of September were laid before the Council and were referred to their respective Committees without reading, except the reports of Assessor and Collector and Treasurer, which were ordered read.

Widener, Beatty, Fischer, Redd, Schneider and Taylor entered the Council Chamber.

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

Reports of City Officers.

The following is a synopsis of the reports of City Officers for the month of September:

By the Assessor and Collector.

To Collections, as follows:

From General Revenue	\$ 7,425.47
" Interest and Sinking Fund Water and Light Bonds	15,435.63
" " on Old Bonds	1,429.50
" School Tax	5,476.71

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer.

General Fund Oct. 4.

Balance on hand	General Fund Oct. 4.	\$ 7567.67
"	" " Interest on Old Bonds	7137.91
"	" " " " Water and Light Bonds!	11,701.84
"	" " Sinking Fund Water and Light Bonds!	6,000.00

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Clerk.

Total Warrants drawn against General Fund during the month	\$ 5801.58
" " " for interest on Bonds issued prior to May 1, 1940	7175.00
" " " " " " Notes and Sight Bonds	16314.50

Presented to Finance Committee,

By the City, Vice-President

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John C. Smith 02/08

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To Travis County Jail \$40.00
Carried forward 34.75 \$740.00
Bond and collected 50.00
Collected on back fines 11.50
Total number of arrests during the month 37

City Physician

Referred to Police Committee.
By the City Physician.
Number of Patients in Hospital September 1st 12
" " " Admitted to Hospital in September 20
" " " Dismissed from " " 14
" " " deaths " " 3
" " " remaining October 1st 15
" " Visits to Paupers in September 152
" " Prescriptions to Paupers " 249

No cases of contagious or infectious diseases reported.
The general health of the City good, with exception of dengue, which has been generally in a mild form.

City Sexton

Referred to Hospital Committee.
By the City Sexton.

Interments 13
Total number of deaths 11
White 8
Mexican 1
Colored 4 13
Male 6
Female 7 13
Once born 1
Premature 1

Referred to Cemetery Committee.

Report of W&L Commission A report was read from the Water and Light Commission, giving rates fixed for Water, Light and Power for the City for the next fiscal year. Referred to the Water and Light Committee.

W&L Committee report on report of W&L Commission for two months. Reports of Standing Committees. Alderman Fischer for the Water and Light Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Water and Light Commission for the two months ending May 31st 1897, presented a report recommending that hereafter certain additional information be embodied in their reports.

City Clerk directed to furnish The report of the Committee was adopted, and the Clerk directed copy of W&L Committee report to furnish the Commission with a copy of the report of the Committee. Alderman Shulley, for the Ordinance Committee, to whom was referred an Ord. Committee report on Ord. to ordinance to provide for the appointment of a Board of Plumbers, to be known as the examining and supervising Board of Plumbers, etc., presented a report recommending the passage of the ordinance. The report of the Committee was adopted.

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On motion, the report of the Committee was laid over to come up with the ordinances, under the head of unfinished business.

Ord. Smith report on Ord. amending Chapter 8 Title V of Revised Civil Ordinances

Alderman Shelley, for the Ordinance, to whom was referred an ordinance amending Chapter 8, Title 5, of the Revised Civil Ordinances of the City, presented a report recommending the passage of the ordinance with certain amendments.

The report was laid over, to come up with the ordinance, under the head of unfinished business.

Claims & Account Committee report on pet. of Paul McCombs

Alderman Platt, for the Claims and Account's Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Paul McCombs, asking the Council to remit certain costs on delinquent taxes, presented a report recommending that the petition be not granted.

Alderman Maddox, moved that the report be laid over, to come up under the head of unfinished business.

The motion was lost, and the report of the Committee was adopted.

Alderman Stumpe, entered the Council Chamber.

Cemetery Committee report on award of bids for hauling Pauper's remains to Cemetery recommending acceptance of V.O. Heed's bid

Alderman Horton, for the Cemetery Committee, presented a report stating that the Committee had advertised for bids for hauling Pauper's remains to the different Cemeteries, and that they had received two bids, and recommending the acceptance of the bid of V.O. Heed.

The report of the Committee was adopted, and the Mayor authorized to enter into contract with Mr. Heed in accordance with the bid.

Unfinished Business.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance amending Articles 29 and 31, Chapter 6, Title 2 of the Revised Penal Ordinances of the City, together with the report of the ordinance Committee.

The ordinance was read second time.

Alderman Haynes moved to table the report of the Committee and the ordinance, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Calvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Miller, Mitchell, Platt, Powell, Pridg, Rosengren, Stumpe, Taylor and Townsend 15.
Nays Aldermen Grady, Maddox, Roberson, Schneider and Shelley 5.

The Mayor then laid before the Council an ordinance to amend Chapter 8, Title 5, of the Revised Civil Ordinances, together with the report of the Ordinance Committee.

The ordinance was read second time.

The amendments recommended by the Ordinance Committee, were then read and adopted.

Alderman Taylor offered the following amendment, which was adopted: Provided, that no fee shall be charged for copies furnished the Mayor, members of the City Council or the City Attorney.

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

Yeas Aldermen Calvin, Calvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Maddox, Miller, Mitchell, Platt, Powell, Pridg, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpe, Taylor and Townsend 20.
Nays None.

For Mayor's report on the ordinance for printing, 1st.

Ord. amending Articles 29 & 31 of Chapter 6 Title 2 of Revised Penal Ordinances

Ord. amending Chapter 8 Title V of Revised Civil Ordinances

Ord. providing for a Board of
Plumbers -

Board of Plumbers, etc. The ordinance was read second time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its third reading, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yves, Aldermen Early, Gilling, Fischer, Fisher, Mulder, Miller, Platt, Radd, Proffendauer, Schneider, Shelley and Townsend 12.
Nays Aldermen Hughes, Horton, Landies, Mitchell, Powell, Rosenbaum, Stumpf and Taylor 8.

Alderman Powell moved that the ordinance be published in the minutes of the Council.

Alderman Mulder moved to table the motion, which motion prevailed.

Henry Moore asking to have pound fees remitted which was granted.

The Mayor then laid before the Council the petition of Henry Moore to have certain pound fees refunded. The petition was recommended by the Mayor, and was granted.

New Business.

Mayor's Message recommended the Mayor laid before the Council the following message:

Mayor's Message,
Austin, Texas, Sept. 30, 1897.

To the Hon. City Council:

Gentlemen:- The time is at hand to make provision for the various obligations of the City for the next fiscal year. The situation of the City is substantially the same as it was last year, and the last budget adopted by the Council may be taken as a basis for estimating the needs of the General Revenue for the ensuing year. This was as follows:

Salaries of Officers	\$ 13,875.00
Salaries of Police	13,750.00
Cemetery Department	283.02
Sanitary Department	3,564.53
Fire Department	8,105.50
Meals for City Prisoners	470.50
City and County Hospital	4,272.54
Printing, Stationery and Postage	1,462.11
Charity	1,053.81
Salary of Pound Master	876.00
Salary of City Auditor	250.00
Salary of Aldermen	2,640.00
Salary of Porter	480.00
Pay Old Water Company	10,960.00
Miscellaneous	3000.00
Total	\$64,343.01

To this should be added \$6000. for street work, \$24,500. for water and light rental from April 1st 1897 to November 30 1898, and \$1000 additional on account of miscellaneous expenses, making a total of \$95,843.01. The Council and Collector estimate receipts on account of General Revenue from houses other than the Water and Light as follows:

House License Tax	\$ 12,000.00
Street License Tax	1,700.00
Street License Tax	600.00

Mayor Hancock levying tax
for 1891

Interest and Costs (account of taxes)	900.00
Pay Patients City Hospital	175.00
Travis County (Hospital account)	2000.00
Reg Tax	500.00
Taxes prior to 1891	<u>4000.00</u>
Total	\$71,875.00

and leaving a balance to be raised by direct tax of \$3,968.51.
The assessed valuation of property in the City is \$11,513,845 and a tax of
65 cents on the hundred dollars would yield \$74,839.99. I therefore
recommend a tax of 65 cents on the one hundred dollars for General
Revenue purposes.

Interest and Sinking Fund requirements on \$1,305,000 of 5 per cent
Dam Bonds, and \$200,000 of 6 per cent Dam Bonds will be \$104,350.
Of this sum the Water, Light and Power Commission report that, with
the amount above estimated to be paid by the City for Water and
Light rentals from April 1st 1891, to November 30th 1898, they will be
able to contribute the sum of \$36,500, leaving \$70,850 to be raised by taxation.
A tax of 67 cents on the hundred dollars will yield \$7,135.83 and
I therefore recommend a levy of that amount.
The total valuation of property within the old City limits is \$10,076,968
and I recommend a tax of 10 cents on the hundred dollars to raise 6 per
cent interest and 2 per cent Sinking Fund on \$125,000 Bonds issued prior
to 1890.

It will further be necessary to levy a tax of 33 1/2 cents on the hundred
dollars for School purposes.

This will make a tax rate as follows:

General Revenue	65 cents on the \$100
Dam Tax	67 " " " "
Bonds issued prior to 1890	10 " " " "
School Tax	<u>33 1/2</u> " " " "
Total	\$170 1/2 " " " "

I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying ordinance
levying taxes as above.

Respectfully,
Lewis Hancock, Mayor.

The message and ordinance accompanying it, with, on motion referred
to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Gilmer entered the Council Chamber.

Alderman Haynes offered the following resolution, which was adopted:
Whereas, the Austin Rapid Transit Company, is failing to comply with
the provisions of Section 6 of its Charter, which requires the tracks of
said Company to be kept "not more than one inch above the grade of the
Street; the tracks or rails being from two to four inches above grade in
numerous places, and especially on our business streets, to the great danger
and detriment of vehicles;

Therefore be it

Resolved, by the City Council, that the City
Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to at once notify said Company

Resolution directing City
Commissioner to notify the Austin
Rapid T. & P. Co. to comply with
the provisions of Section 6 of
its Charter.

to place its officers within the requirements of its Charter within thirty days from the passage of this resolution, and that the City Engineer report to this Council at the close of thirty days whether or not this resolution had been fully complied with."

Clerk was regarding audit-
relation of City Engineer and
City Clerk.

Admiral James introduced the following ordinance, which was read and referred to the ordinance committee.

"It is ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin: that from and after the date of the passage of this ordinance, any person acting as attorney in fact or otherwise, representing any person, firm, or corporation holding charter or other franchise from this City or State, or from any other government, shall not be eligible to the office of City Attorney or assistant City Attorney in this City."

Ord. appropriating \$500 to pay
Drivers of Street Cars for Oct.

By Alderman Zilker. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$481.00 to pay Drivers of Street Cars for the month of October 1897.

The ordinance was passed, under suspension of the rules, by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Miller, Mitschke, Platt, Powell, Todd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpff, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 20

Nays Alderman Maddox 1

Ord. appropriating \$325 to pay
Drivers of San Antonio Cattle for Oct.
Nov. 1897.

By Alderman Stumpff. An ordinance appropriating \$325 to pay Drivers of San Antonio Cattle for the months of October and November 1897.

The ordinance was passed, under suspension of the rules, by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Miller, Mitschke, Platt, Powell, Todd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpff, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 20.

Nays Alderman Maddox 1.

Ord. appropriating the sum of
\$2955.00 to pay salaries of
Officers & Employees for Oct. 1897.

By Alderman Townsend. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2955.00 to pay salaries of Officers and employees, for the month of October 1897.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules, by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Miller, Mitschke, Platt, Powell, Todd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpff, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 20

Nays Alderman Maddox 1.

On motion the Council adjourned

Geo. G. Johnson
City Clerk.