

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, presiding. Martin Road November 1st 1897.

Roll called.

Present: Aldermen Brady, Belvin, Fischer, Hays, Kufin, Maddox, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Shump, Townsend, and Zilker. 11

Absent: Aldermen Horton, Lueders, Linn, Miller, Reed and Taylor 6.

On motion the minutes were approved as published, without reading. Aldermen Miller and Reed entered the Council Chamber.

Petitions - Etc.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from St. Annes, in regard to taxes, which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Also petition of Thos. Hume, Division Superintendent of the International and Great Northern Railroad Company, in regard to a change of road, which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Rosengren presented a petition of Alfred Smith asking certain street work, which was referred to the Street Committee.

By Alderman Platt. Petition of Hal. Mason, asking the Council to pay him for one week's work as dog catcher. Referred to the Police Committee.

Reports of City Officers.

The reports of the City Officers for the month of October, 1897 were laid before the Council, and on motion were referred to their appropriate committees without reading, except that of the City Treasurer, which was read.

Alderman Taylor entered the Council Chamber.

The following is a synopsis of the reports:

By the Assessor & Collector.

To Collections as follows:

From General Revenue.	\$ 6872.46
" Interest & Sinking Fund Water & Light Bonds.	8173.49
" Interest on Old Bonds.	749.80
" School Tax.	2906.31
Total Collections	\$ 18,652.06

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Treasurer.

Balance to Credit of General Fund October 1, 1897.	\$ 2567.67
" " " Interest on Old Bonds " " "	2137.91
Receipts Acct. Ad Valorem, October 1897.	3272.95
" " License Tax " " "	2057.50
" " Miscellaneous " " "	742.26
" " Interest on Old Bonds " " "	229.80
Total.	\$ 11,510.09

Disbursements.

Paid Wardens Acct. General Fund from Oct. 1 st 1897 to Nov. 1 st 1897.	\$ 6170.64
Wardens Nov. 1 st 1897 Account, General Fund.	2441.11
" " " " Interest on Old Bonds	2864.00
" " " " Interest Fund Water & Light	11201.92
" " " " Sinking " " "	6000.00

Receipts for October

Account of Interest & Sinking Fund Water & Light Bonds \$ 7623.19
 Balance Nov. 1st 1897 Int. Interest Fund " " 18,875.33
 " " " " Sinking " " " 6,000.00

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Clerk.

Total amount of Warrants drawn against the General Fund during October 1897. \$ 5761.62

Referred to Finance Committee.

By the City Marshal.

Total amount of Fines assessed in Recorder's Court. \$ 235.00

Paid in Cash \$ 142.00

Worked out 76.00

Carried forward 17.00

Collected on back fines 235.00

Bound fees collected. 15.75

Total number of arrests during the month 39 44.50

Referred to Police Committee.

By the City Physician.

Number of Patients in Hospital October 1, 1897. 15

" " " admitted " " 22

" " " dismissed " " 16

" " " died " " 2

" " " remaining November 1 " 19

" " Visits to Paupers October " 85

" " Prescriptions " " 190

No contagious or infectious diseases reported.

Referred to Hospital Committee.

By the City Sexton.

Interments during the month 28

Number of deaths 26

White and Mexican 25

Colored. 1

Male 14

Female 14

Infants. 2

Referred to the Cemetery Committee.

The City Engineer presented a report stating that he had complied with a resolution of the Council instructing him to notify the Rapid Transit Railway Company to comply with their Charter in regard to their tracks and that said railway company is now complying with the terms of said resolution.

On motion the report was laid over subject to call.

Udeman Fisher, for the Water and Light Committee, to whom was referred a communication from the Water and Light Commission fixing rates to be charged for Water, Light and Power, furnished the City for the next fiscal year. presented a report recommending the adoption of the proposed rates and that they may be authorized to enter into contracts for the coming year at the rates stated.

Report of City Engineer on Rapid Transit R.R. regarding the same -

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Finance Comte majority
report on Ord. levying taxes
for 1897

One report of the Committee was adopted
Alderman Townsend for the majority of the Finance Committee, to whom was
referred an ordinance levying taxes for the year 1897, presented the following
report:

Austin, Texas, Nov. 14th 1897.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, and City Council of the City of Austin.
Gentlemen, Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance
entitled "An ordinance levying taxes for the year 1897", beg leave to
report the same back to the Council with the recommendation that
it pass, with the following amendment: Strike out sixty-five cents
in section 1 and insert seventy cents.

Very respectfully,

A. W. Townsend,

W. D. Shelley. Finance Committee.

Alderman Horton entered the Council Chamber.

Alderman Taylor, a minority of the Finance Committee, presented a verbal
report, recommending the passage of the ordinance without amendment.

The report of the majority of the Committee was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox,

Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Shelley, Stump, Townsend & Zilker 15.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider & Taylor 5.

Claims & Deeds Comte report on
pet. of Mrs. Ben Walker

Alderman Platt, for the Claims and Accounts Committee, to whom was
referred the petition of Mrs. Ben Walker for damages to cow, presented
a report recommending that the petition be not granted.

The report of the Committee was adopted.

Alderman Lawless entered the Council Chamber.

Unfinished Business.

Ord. levying taxes for 1897
read second time.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance levying taxes for the
year 1897. The ordinance was read second time.

Alderman Shelley moved to amend section 1 by striking out 65 cents and
inserting 70 cents.

Alderman Zilker offered an amendment to the amendment by inserting
75 cents instead of 70 cents. The amendment of Alderman Zilker was
lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Kuhn, Platt, Schneider, Stump, Townsend & Zilker 6.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Maddox,

Miller, Nitschke, Powell, Beatty, Robertson, Rosengren, Shelley & Taylor 15.

The amendment offered by Alderman Shelley was then adopted.

Alderman Zilker moved to amend the ordinance, section 1, by striking
out 70 cents and inserting 72 cents, thus making the taxes for General
Revenue 72 cents. The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Miller, Nitschke, Platt, Powell,

Schneider, Stump, Townsend and Zilker 11.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Lawless, Maddox, Beatty, Rob-
ertson, Rosengren, Shelley and Taylor 10.

Alderman Platt moved to postpone further consideration of the ordi-
nance, and that it be printed. The motion was lost by the following vote:
Yeas Aldermen Haynes, Lawless, Maddox and Beatty 4.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Miller, Kitchner, Powell, Padd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpff, Taylor Townsend and Zilker 11.

Alderman Powell moved to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on a third reading, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Miller, Kitchner, Powell, Padd, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpff, Townsend and Zilker 11.

Nays Aldermen Fischer, Lawless, Maddox, Platt, Robertson, Rosengren, Taylor. Alderman Maddox moved that the ordinance be published in full in the proceedings of the Council.

Alderman Kitchner moved to table the motion, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Belvin, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Miller, Kitchner, Powell, Robertson, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpff, Townsend and Zilker 13.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Lawless, Maddox, Platt, Padd, Schneider and Taylor 8.

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

The Mayor read the following special message:

Mayor's Special message regarding the purchase of 2500 ft. of Fire Hose.

Mayor's Office,
Austin Texas, November 1st 1897.

To the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen, Since presenting my message recommending a tax rate of 65 cents for General Revenue purposes, information has come to me from the Chief of the Fire Department that the department is in urgent need of 2500 feet of new hose. This need should be supplied at once. I therefore, recommend that the Council make provision for same.

Respectfully,

Lewis Hancock, Mayor.

Resolution directing the Chairman of Fire Committee to advertise for bids for 2500 ft. Fire hose.

Alderman Stumpff offered the following resolution which was read and adopted: "Be it resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the Chairman of the Fire Committee is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids for furnishing 2500 feet of hose for use by the Fire Department of the City of Austin, and that the Fire Commissioners be requested to report upon such bids to the Council."

Resolution directing the City Marshal to enforce the Ord. regulating the carrying of Fire Arms in South Austin.

Alderman Padd presented the following resolution which was read and adopted: "Whereas, The constant discharge of firearms on the south side of the river, and in the Corporate limits, of the City, greatly to the annoyance of the residents of South Austin: Therefore be it Resolved, That the City Marshal be and is hereby instructed to strictly enforce the ordinance regulating the same."

Ord. also directing \$45 to pay the per diem of Aldermen for the month of October 1897.

By Alderman Townsend. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$45 to pay the per diem of Aldermen for the month of October 1897.

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

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Lawless, Miller, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Padd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Stumpff, Townsend and Zilker 13.

Nays Aldermen Maddox and Blanton 2.

Ord. appropriating \$3005.56
to pay salaries of Officers &
Employees for Oct. 1897.

By Alderman Townsend. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3005.56 to pay salaries of Officers and employees for the month of November 1897. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules, by the following vote: Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn Lawless, Miller, Mitschke, Platt, Powell, Radd, Robendreau, Rosenbaum, Schneider Shelley, Stump, Townsend and Zilker. 19.

Nays Alderman Maddox 1

Ord. defining times residence
of voters in each Ward to be
20th, 21st, & 22nd
last year time

By Alderman Schneider. An ordinance defining the time of the residence of a voter, to be qualified to vote for Aldermen in any of the Wards of this City.

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

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. J. Johnson
City Clerk.