

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Texas, Oct. 3rd 1898.

Hon. Geo. D. McCall, Mayor, Presiding.

Roll called.

Present, Aldermen Belvin, Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, McSamore, Miller, Morris, Platt, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stump, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 17.

Absent, Aldermen Beatty, Horton, Maddox, Kitchsch and Oberdeau 5.

Minutes adopted
as recorded.

On motion of Alderman Belvin the minutes were approved as recorded without reading.

Petitions, Memorials, etc.

Ord. of Citizens to have
State St. repaved.

By Alderman Crooker. Petition of Citizens asking to have State Street repaved. Read and referred to the Street Committee.

Ord. of Mrs. M. J. McLean
to erect frame building.

By Alderman Kuhn. Petition of Mrs. M. J. McLean for permission to erect a frame building on Lot 10 Block 42, within the Fire limits. Read and referred to the Fire Commissioners.

Communication from
Geo. A. Brush.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication from Mr. Geo. A. Brush.

ing to have Committee
appointed to test
new filtering ditches.

Austin, Tex. Oct. 1898.

To the Honorable City Council:

As it was the understanding with the Committee from the City Council and Water Light and Power Commission, that they would have a Committee appointed to test the new filtering ditches at the New Pumping Station. I ask that such Committee will be appointed, to test same at once, commencing Friday morning of this week, at the Water Light and Power Commission next Thursday, and that such test be continued day after day, so as to practically demonstrate how much water the filtering ditches furnished.

Respectfully,

Geo. A. Brush.

Aldermen Beatty and Kitchsch entered the Council Chamber.

Alderman Zilker moved to indefinitely postpone the petition.

Alderman Taylor moved that the whole matter be laid on the table.

Taylor's motion to table withdrawn temporarily.

Alderman Belvin offered the following resolution as a substitute:

"Resolved, That the request of Geo. A. Brush as to testing water pumps and the appointment of a Committee etc., be granted, provided that the Committee so appointed shall use their discretion as to making the tests, and if they so desire, shall be authorized to decline to make same."

Alderman Taylor renewed his motion to table, which was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Aldermen Beatty, Haynes, Powell, Shelley, Stump, Taylor, Townsend & Yave. Aldermen Belvin, Crooker, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, McSamore, Miller, Morris, Kitchsch, Platt, Redd, Rosengren and Zilker 13.

Alderman Zilker, withdrew his motion.

Alderman Shelley moved to postpone action until the next regular meeting which was lost.

Alderman Horton moved to amend the resolution by providing, that the test shall be made within thirty days.

The amendment was accepted by Alderman Belvin, and the resolution

Referred to the Finance Committee.

City Marshal

By the City Marshal.

Total amount of Fines assessed in Recorder's Court.

\$ 300.00

Paid in Cash

188.00

Worked out.

97.00

Escaped

4.00

Carried forward

11.00

300.00

Collected on back fines

6.50

Bound fees collected.

39.85

Total number of arrests

50

Referred to Police Committee.

City Physician

By the City Physician.

Number of Patients in Hospital Sept. 1st 1898

16

" " " admitted during "

16

" " " dismissed "

11

" " " remaining "

30th

21

" " Visits to Paupers "

"

113

" " Prescriptions to Paupers "

"

146

" " Cases of Diphtheria reported "

"

5

No other contagious or infectious diseases reported

Referred to Hospital Committee

City Sexton

By the City Sexton.

Total number of Deaths

15

White

13

Colored

2

15

Male

6

Female

15

Referred to Cemetery Committee.

Reports from Standing Committees

Mr. Lombard

Changes proposed by B. W. Brush

Alderman Zieher from the Water & Light Committee, presented the following report which was read and adopted:

Austin, Sept. 20th 1898.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
and Members of the Water & Light Commission.

We, your joint Committee appointed to investigate the charges of Mr. Geo. A. Brush, which were in effect, that water was being pumped from the Lake, into the filtering ditches of the New Pump, have investigated the same, and beg to report that we have found nothing to sustain said charges.

Respectfully,

A. J. Zieher

W. C. Samore

W. M. Crocker

Francis Fischer

Geo. Siegel

For the Council.

For the W. & L. Commission.

Adm. " " Alderman Bowler, for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the reports of the City Marshal for the month of August, presented a report stating that the reports had been examined and found correct. Report adopted. Alderman Hall, for the Claims and Accounts Committee, to whom was

Claims & Accts. Com.
right on resolution
directing (Act) to be
H. H. Kimsey's report

referred a resolution authorizing the Assessor and Collector, to credit D. J. Kimsey with \$10.50 on his Assessment for taxes, this being the amount of tax on a certain Vendor's lien note on property which he had been compelled to take under said lien, presented a report, recommending the adoption of the resolution.

Claims & Accts. Com.
right on resolution
H. H. Kimsey's report

Alderman Morris moved to adopt the report, which motion was lost. Alderman Platt, for the Claims and Accounts Committee, to whom was referred the petition of A. H. Harington requesting the Council to correct an error in his Assessment as fixed by the Board of Equalization, presented a report stating that the Committee had no authority to act in the matter, and therefore referred the matter back to the Council for such action as they may deem proper. On motion the report was received and filed.

Unfinished Business.

Ord. granting right of
way to E. A. Ellis et al.
to build street car

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance granting right-of-way to E. A. Ellis, his associates and assigns, to construct, maintain and operate Street Railways, along certain Streets and Avenues of the City of Austin. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Crooker, Haynes, McSamore, Miller, Kitchie, Platt, Powell, Shelley, Taylor, Townsend and Mr. Mayor. 11. Nays, Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Morris, Padd, Rosengren, Stumpf and Zilker 10.

New Business.

Ord. Appor. \$1023.64
to pay Approved Accts.

By Alderman Morris. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1023.64 to pay Approved Accounts. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, McSamore, Miller, Morris, Kitchie, Platt, Powell, Padd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker. 20.

Ord. Appor. \$90.00
to purchase 2 new carts
for the Sanitary
Dept.

By Alderman Crooker. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$90.00 to purchase 2 new carts, for the Sanitary Department. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, McSamore, Miller, Morris, Kitchie, Platt, Powell, Padd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker 19. Nays Alderman Taylor 1.

Bill from W & L P. Co.
for water furnished

The Mayor laid before the Council a bill from the Water, Light and Power Commission, for Water & Light furnished the City to September 30th 1898. On motion, the bill was referred to the Water & Light Committee.

The Mayor also laid before the Council, a communication from the Water, Light & Power Commission, stating that the request for an itemized statement of running expenses of the plant had already been furnished in the quarterly report. On motion, the communication was ordered filed.

Ord. to be laid before
the Council for
the fiscal year ending
Dec. 1st 1899.

The Mayor then laid before the Council an estimate of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending Dec. 1st 1899. Also recommendation as to tax levy for the year 1899. He asked that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee, without reading, and that it be printed in full in the minutes, and it was so ordered. The Finance Committee was referred to.

Mayor's Office,
Austin, Texas, Oct. 3rd 1898.

Wm. H. H. H. H.
on the 1st day of
Oct. 1898

To the Hon. City Council:
Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith the certificate of the City Assessor and Collector, showing the total value of taxable property in the City, for the year 1898, to be \$10,754,846.00

This is a decrease from last year of \$777,873.00. The question now before us is to determine the tax rate for the fiscal year ending December 1899.

To do this it will be necessary to determine what the estimated expenses of the City will be for the next year. Taking last year as a basis, we have the following:

Estimated expenses of the City Government for the year ending Nov. 30th 1899.

Mayor	\$600.00	
Assessor & Collector	1800.00	
Marshal	1500.00	
Attorney	1500.00	
Clerk	1500.00	
Engineer	1700.00	
Recorder	900.00	
Treasurer	600.00	
Physician	600.00	
Deputy	275.00	
2 Assts. A. & R. Office	2100.00	
Asst. Clerk	900.00	
Sanitary Inspector	876.00	
Ground Master	876.00	
Porter	480.00	\$15,707.00
Sergt. of Police		1080.00
Day Clerk		900.00
Bridge Keeper		720.00
5 Mounted Policemen @ \$876.00 each		4380.00
8 Foot " " " \$720.00 "		5760.00
Officers & Employees City & County Hospital.		2040.00
Fire Department		
6 Drivers & 1 Tillerman @ \$600.00		4200.00
2 Drivers Street Teams " \$480.00		960.00
4 " & 1 Butcher Sanitary Dept.		2400.00
Aldermen		2640.00
Sanitary Department		1000.00
Fire		
Feed & Repairs etc.		2183.22
Extra Wagons, Drivers Horse etc.		2570.00
Rent of Engine House		600.00
Wages for City Prisoners		500.00
City & County Hospital, etc. butchers		3000.00
Printing, Stationery & Binding		1000.00
Carriage		1700.00

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Water & Light	\$ 15,000.00
3rd Installment of Judgement due Old Water Co - say -	17325.00
Expenses of City Election	175.00
Board of Equalization	450.00
Miscellaneous	3000.00
Making a total of	\$ 83,790.33
The Assessor & Collector estimates receipts on account of General Revenue from sources other than Ad valorem taxes, as follows:	
From License Tax	10,000.00
" Recorder's Court	1,400.00
" Pound fees	550.00
" Interest & Costs	600.00
" Travis County (Hospital)	2,000.00
" Miscellaneous	135.00
" Dog Tax	
" Pay Patients City Hospital.	
" Tax prior years of 1898.	4,500.00

Making a total of \$ 19,185.00
leaving a balance of \$ 64,605.33 to be provided for by taxation.

To this amount should be added the following:

There is now in the hands of the City Clerk, a warrant for \$ 3660.⁰⁰ drawn on the 5th day of March 1896, due the Water & Light Plant, for the quarter ending Feb. 29th 1896, which has not been paid, the Clerk tells me, for want of funds. In addition to this, there will be due on Nov. 30th 1898, \$ 14,967.⁵⁰ for Water and Light furnished the City from April 1, 1897 to Nov. 30, 1898.

The City Engineer estimates that it will take \$ 4500. this year to repair the Bridges over the City which are in a dangerous condition, making in all the amount of \$ 45,937.83 to be provided for out of the General Fund.

A tax of 90 cents on the \$ 100. valuation, will meet this demand.

The Streets of the City are in bad condition owing to the fact, that little work has been done upon them for several years. The Avenue and Began or 6th Street, should be paved, either with Asphalt or Concrete. By this means we will get rid of the dust, which is more hurtful to the Merchants goods, than mud. This will never be accomplished unless we make a beginning, and if we only pave a few blocks each year, this much will have been accomplished. I earnestly recommend a levy of 10 cents on the \$ 100. valuation out of the General levy to provide a fund for this purpose.

The Bonds issued to build the Water & Light Plant, now outstanding, are as follows: \$ 200,000. 6% and \$ 1,305,000. 5%. The interest and 2% Sinking Fund on these Bonds amounts to \$ 104,250. annually. It is as necessary to collect the Sinking Fund as the Interest, and if the Bonds had been issued with the 2% Sinking Fund in each Coupon, this trouble we have had with the Sinking Fund would not have occurred; besides not only would the principal have increased each year, but the interest would have been increased also, and this would have made it lighter upon the tax-payer. To pay this interest and Sinking Fund, it will take \$ 104,250.⁰⁰. Of this amount, there is now due to the Plant from Nov. 1st, \$ 28,600.⁰⁰. Amount estimated to be due for the fiscal year ending Dec. 1899, \$ 15,000.⁰⁰. Amount estimated to be turned over by the Commission, to

Mayor's Message
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The fund, for the year ending Dec. 1899, \$10,000.⁰⁰ making a total of \$53,627.⁵⁰ leaving a balance to be raised by taxation, of \$53,777.⁵⁰. A tax of 60 cents on the \$100. valuation will meet this amount.

It will have a levy of 33 cents on the \$100. valuation for School purposes.

This will make a tax rate as follows:

General Revenue \$1.⁰⁰ on the \$100. valuation

School Tax 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " 100. "

Water & Light Bonds. 60 " " 100. "

For Bonds issued prior to 1890, the valuation in the Old City limits is not yet complete.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. McCall, Mayor.

Ord. regulating sales
use of Cocaine

By Alderman McSamore. An ordinance regulating the sale and use of Cocaine in the City of Austin, and prescribing penalties.

The ordinance was read the first time, and a motion made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, McSamore, Miller, Morris, Platt, Powell, Bradd, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 18.
Nays: Aldermen Kitchner and Rosengren. 2.

The ordinance was read the second time.

Alderman Haynes moved to amend the ordinance by inserting in Sec. 4 lines 3 & 4, after the word "Physician", the words "or Dentist". The amendment was accepted.

Alderman Fischer moved to postpone further action on the ordinance, until the next regular meeting, which was lost.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Crooker, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, McSamore, Miller, Morris, Platt, Powell, Bradd, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 17.
Nays: Aldermen Fischer, Kitchner and Rosengren 3.

Ord. Appropriating
pay salary of Sanitary
Dept.

By Alderman Crooker. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$147.⁰⁰ to pay salary of Kitchner, Sanitary Dept. for Sept. Oct. and Nov. 1898.

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

Ayes: Aldermen Beatty, Delvin, Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, McSamore, Miller, Morris, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Bradd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker. 20.

Nays: None.

Ord. to prevent the
disturbance of Public
worship

By Alderman Zilker. An ordinance to prevent the disturbance of public worship by the rapid driving of vehicles. The ordinance was the first time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading which was lost by the following vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Delvin, Fischer, Horton, Kuhn, Miller, Kitchner, Rosengren, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker. 10.

Nays: Aldermen Beatty, Crooker, Haynes, McSamore, Morris, Platt, Powell, Bradd, Shelley and Taylor 16.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

Geo. D. Johnson
City Clerk.