

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council. Austin, Texas, August 1st 1898.

Hon. W. D. Shelley, President of the Council presiding.

Roll called.

Present. Aldermen Beatty, Crooner, Horton, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Stitschke, Blath, Ryngaert, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend. 13.

Absent. Aldermen Quinn, Fischer, Haynes, Sulm, McSamore, Powell, Redd, Roberdson and Zilker. 9.

Minutes approved
as recorded

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

Petitions, Memorials etc.

Pet. of J. C. Stines to
erect shed

By Alderman Beatty. Petition of J. C. Stines, for permission to erect a corrugated iron shed in rear of 413 Congress Avenue. Read and referred to the Fire Committee.

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

Pet. of Scarborough & Hiers
to erect stairway

By Alderman Stitschke. Petition of Scarborough & Hiers, for permission to erect a stair way in rear of their store. Read and referred to the Fire Committee.

Reports of City Officers.

City Officers Reports

The Chair laid before the Council, the reports of the City Treasurer, Clerk, Marshal, Physician and Sexton, for the month of July. On motion the reports of the Treasurer were read, and the other reports referred to their appropriate committees without reading.

The following is a synopsis of the reports:

Treasurer

By the Treasurer.
Balances July 2nd 1898, Account of General Fund.

	\$ 10,943.47
" Bonds issued prior to May 1st 1890	3,718.69
" 20% General Fund	4,334.20
Receipts during July	10,800.00
" Ad Valorem Tax	340.00
" License	109.00
" Fines in Recorder's Court.	170.00
" Miscellaneous	1415.00
" Int. on Bonds issued prior to May 1st 1890	\$ 21,960.36

Disbursements.

Print Warrants for July 1898.

Balance Account of General Fund

" Interest on Bonds issued prior to May 1st 1890.	\$ 8464.02
" 20% General Fund	1744.65
	5133.69
	<u>16618.00</u>
	\$ 21,960.36

Interest and Sinking Fund Water & Light Bonds.

Balance Account of Interest Fund.

" Sinking	\$ 414.84
	3000.00
Received during July	<u>4526.85</u>
	\$ 17941.79

Balance Account of Interest Fund

" Sinking	6941.79
	<u>6000.00</u>
	\$ 12941.79

Referred to Finance Committee.

City Clerk. By the City Clerk.
Total amount of Warrants issued during the month of July Account of General Fund \$5747.03
Referred to Finance Committee.

Marshal. By the City Marshal.
Total fines assessed in Recorder's Court. \$290.00
Paid in Cash \$135.75
Worked out 120.00
Escaped 8.00
Carried forward. 26.25 \$290.00
Collected on back fines. 17.25
Bond fees. 21.00
Total number of arrests during the month. 56.
Referred to Police Committee.

Physician. By the City Physician.
Number of Patients in Hospital July 1st 1898. 13
" " " Admitted during " " 15
" " " Dismissed " " 26
" " " Died " " 2
" " " Remaining August 1st " 20
" " Visits to Paupers during July " 87
" " Prescriptions to " " 194
" " Cases Diphtheria reported " 2
" " Other contagious or infectious diseases reported.
Referred to Hospital Committee.

Sexton. By the City Sexton.
Total number of Deaths. 19
White. 14
Mexican. 2
Colored. 3
Male. 9
Female. 10
Referred to Cemetery Committee.

Alderman Haynes entered the Council Chamber.
On motion Alderman Padd was excused on account of sickness.
Reports of Standing Committees.
Fin. Com. report on Alderman Morris, for the Finance Committee, to whom was referred an Ord. to pay Mrs. E. ordinance directing the Assessor and Collector, to allow Mrs. E. C. Bease a credit on taxes for 1897, of \$1158.92 this being the amount illegally collected illegally paid by her from her on taxes for 1898, presented a report recommending that the ordinance do not pass, for the reason that the City cannot at this time spare this sum from the General Revenue. The report of the Committee was adopted.
Alderman Edwin G. Baker entered the Council Chamber. Alderman Haynes excused.
Police Com. report on City Marshal's report for June. Alderman Powell, for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the report of the City Marshal, for the month of June presented a report stating that the report had been examined, and found correct. The report was adopted.
The Chair laid before the Council a report from the Water & Light Commission to whom was referred the bill of the Austin Water, Light & Power Co., stating that the bill was returned to the Council, because not within the jurisdiction of the Commission. They also returned to the Council the petition of Citizens to

have a boom constructed across the mouth of Bull Creek, which had been referred to them, without any report. The matters were then referred to the Water & Light Committee.

Unfinished Business.

Ord prohibiting
Appropriation made

The Chair laid before the Council, an ordinance prohibiting appropriations being made when there was not money in the Treasury to pay same.

The ordinance was read the third time, and on final passage was lost by the following vote:

Ayes. Aldermen Maddox, Morris, Platt, Shelley and Stumpf 5.

Nays. Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crocker, Horton, Kuhn, Miller, Mitschke, Rosengren, Taylor and Zilker 10.

City Clerk's report
Read from estate of
B. H. Wisdom and

The Chair laid before the Council a report from the City Attorney on the deed to the City, from the Executors of the estate of B. H. Wisdom deceased, to certain ground for street purposes. On motion the deed was accepted, and the City Clerk directed to have same recorded.

New Business.

Reconsideration of vote
Adopting Res. Beatty
Com. report on pet. of
Scarborough & Hicks
for reduction of tax

Alderman Horton moved to reconsider the vote had at the last session of the Council, adopting the report of the Claims and Accounts Committee upon the petition of Scarborough & Hicks, asking the Council to annul and set aside the action of the Board of Equalization in raising their assessment for the year 1897 on goods, wares, etc. The motion prevailed. Mr. Scarborough being present, was invited to address the Council in behalf of the petitioners, after which Alderman Belvin moved that the petition be referred to a Special Committee of four, which motion prevailed, and the Chair appointed as the Committee Aldermen Belvin, Maddox, Taylor and Zilker.

Dr. Graves granted
2 weeks leave of absence

On motion of Alderman Maddox, City Physician Graves, was granted a leave of absence for two weeks from this date.

City Clerk directed
to ask City Treas for a
receipts and disbursements
of the Earnings Fund, of the
Water & Light Plant, last
report of Earnings

Alderman Maddox moved that the City Clerk be instructed to call upon the City Treasurer, and find out why he had not made a report for the month of July of the receipts and disbursements of the Earnings Fund, of the Water & Light Plant, last report of Earnings required by resolution of the Council, which motion prevailed.

Mayor's veto message
passed at the last meeting
of the Council appropriating
the sum of \$345.00 to repair
bridge in Fair View Park.

The Chair laid before the Council, a veto message of the Mayor, of the ordinance passed at the last meeting of the Council appropriating the sum of \$345.00 to repair bridge in Fair View Park. The message was read and the question put, shall the ordinance now pass notwithstanding the Mayor's objection, and the motion lost by the following vote:

Ayes. Aldermen Beatty, Crocker, Miller, Taylor and Zilker 5.

Nays. Aldermen Belvin, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Morris, Mitschke, Platt, Rosengren, Shelley and Stumpf 10.

Bill of Costs from Dist.
Court presented.

Alderman Morris presented a bill of costs due the Officers of the District Court. The bill was on motion referred to the Finance Committee.

Ord granted until
next meeting of the Council
to present his report for the
month of July.

On motion of Alderman Morris, the Assessor & Collector was granted time until the next meeting of the Council to present his report for the month of July.

By Alderman Morris. A
resolution authorizing the
Assessor & Collector to credit
tax receipt of D. B. Finney,
for 1897, with \$10.00 being
amount of taxes assessed
against him on certain note,
being a lien on Lot No. 14,
Block 164, the taxes having
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The resolution was, on
motion, referred to the
Claims and Accounts Committee.
By Alderman Kuhn. An
ordinance providing for the
inspection of boats used
for carrying passengers on
Lake Mc Donald and providing
penalties for the violation

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By Alderman Kuhn. An ordinance providing for the inspection of boats used for carrying passengers on Lake Mc Donald and providing penalties for the violation

The ordinance was read first time and on motion was referred to the ordinance Committee
 Ord. granting permit By Alderman Kitchner, by request. Resolution granting permit to Geo. Dennis, to
 to Geo Dennis to exhibit in the City, at No 600 East 6th Street Concert performances of the nature or
 variety theatrical performance Character of variety theatrical performances under certain conditions.

The resolution was read, and on motion was referred to the Police Committee and
 City Attorney.

Ord. approp. \$899.⁷¹ to By Alderman Morris. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$899.⁷¹ to pay
 pay approved. City approved accounts.

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

Yeas: Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Morris,
 Kitchner, Platt, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker. 15.
 Nays: None.

Ord. Approp. \$121.³⁸ to By Alderman Kitchner. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$121.³⁸ to pay
 pay approved. City approved accounts. Street Department.

Street Dept.

The ordinance was read first time and a motion made to suspend the rule and
 place the ordinance on its second reading, and the motion lost by the following vote:
 Yeas: Aldermen Belvin, Crooker, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Kitchner,
 Platt, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker. 14.
 Nays: Alderman Beatty 1.

Bill from W. & O. Platt
 for W. & O. Platt

The Chair laid before the Council an account of the Water Light & Power
 Plant, of the City, for Water & Light furnished the City to July 31st 1898.

On motion the account was referred to the Water & Light Committee.

Ord. Approp. setting
 aside part of funds of
 City Fund to pay
 interest upon W. & L. Bonds.

By Alderman Morris. An ordinance appropriating and setting aside that
 part of the taxes levied and collected for the year 1897 under the head of
 General Revenue, which was intended to pay interest and provide sinking
 fund upon Water & Light Bonds. Read first time and referred to the Finance
 Committee.

Ord. directing Mayor
 & Fin. Com. to purchase
 10 W. & L. Bonds

By Alderman Taylor. Resolution instructing the Mayor and Finance Committee
 to purchase ten Water & Light Bonds of the City of Austin at the best bid obtain-
 able. Read and on motion referred to the Finance Committee by the following vote:
 Yeas: Aldermen Belvin, Crooker, Horton, Kuhn, Miller, Morris, Kitchner, Rosen-
 gren, Shelley and Stumpf 10.

Nays: Aldermen Beatty, Maddox, Platt, Taylor and Zilker 5.

Alderman Beatty moved to reconsider the vote had, whereby the Council refused
 to suspend the rule and place the ordinance appropriating the sum of \$121.³⁸
 to pay approved accounts Street Department on its second reading, which motion
 prevailed.

A motion was then made to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its
 second reading, and was lost by the following vote:

Yeas: Alderman Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Morris,
 Kitchner, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker 14.
 Nays: Alderman Platt 1.

Ord. Approp. \$45.⁵⁰ to
 build & bridge on
 West 2nd & 5th Sts.

The Chair then laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum
 of \$45.⁵⁰ to build bridges on West 2nd & 5th Streets and Congress Avenue.

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

Yeas: Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Rosengren.

Also directing City
Health Officer to
investigate cess pool at
New Pumping Station
etc.

Taylor and Zilker to
Aldermen Horton, Kitchner, Platt, Shelley and Stumpf 5.

Alderman Maddox offered the following resolution:

Be it Resolved, by the City Council:

That the City Health Officer be instructed to investigate the cess-pool and its connections at the New Pumping Station, and should same be in use now for the purpose of dumping the excrement from said Pumping Station, that he be instructed to disconnect same. Be it further resolved,

That he be instructed to stop the dumping of trash, at the foot of Lavaca Street and also at Mc Gills Ford.

Alderman Taylor moved to lay the resolution on the table, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Crocker, Kuhn, Kitchner, Rosengren, Stumpf, Taylor and Zilker 8.

Nays Aldermen Belvin, Horton, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Platt and Shelley 7.

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. O. Johnson
City Clerk.