

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.  
Austin, Texas, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Hon. Jno. D. McCall, Mayor, presiding.

Roll called.

Present: Aldermen Crook, Hays, Kuhn, Maddox, McLeMore, Morris, Platt, Powell, Rosegren, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilber, 13.

Absent: Aldermen Beady, Belbin, Fischer, Horton, Miller, Kitchner, Redd, Robertsons and Shelley, 9.

Minutes adopted On motion of Alderman Morris, the minutes were approved as recorded without as recorded. reading.

**Petitions, Memorials etc.**  
By Alderman Taylor. Petition of E. Silverman asking that the Council authorize the Assessor and Collector, to correct an error in his assessment for 1898. On motion the petition was granted.  
The Mayor laid before the Council, petition of O. Salinas, to have fine against M. Cruz remitted. On motion the petition was granted.  
The Mayor laid before the Council a petition of W. B. Smith asking permission to erect a show window on East 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

The petition was granted.  
The Mayor then laid before the Council a petition from Dean Walling asking permission to erect a corrugated iron shed on East 5<sup>th</sup> Street within the Fire limits. On motion the petition was referred to the Fire Commissioners.

Aldermen Beady, Miller, Redd and Shelley entered the Council Chamber.  
The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from E. F. Alley, asking the Council to allow him the sum of \$13.44 as rent of ground for the purpose of burying dead animals for the present fiscal year.  
On motion the petition was granted.

**Reports of City Officers.**  
The reports of the City Assessor & Collector, for the month of July 1898 and the report of the City Treasurer showing receipts and disbursements on account of Earnings Fund for July were read, and referred to the Finance Committee.

The following is a synopsis of the reports:  
By the Assessor & Collector.

To Collections as follows:

From General Revenue	\$ 24,108.38
" Interest & Sinking Fund W & E Bonds	24,565.48
" " " " Old Bonds	5,062.26
" School Tax	18,636.54
Total	\$ 92,372.66

By the City Treasurer.

Balance on hand, July 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1898	\$ 6,765.73
Received from Superintendent during this month	5,422.24
	\$ 12,507.47

Disbursements:

Paid Warrants during the month	\$ 8,003.08
Balance on hand August 1 <sup>st</sup> 1898.	<del>4,122.49</del> \$ 12,507.47

Alderman Belvin entered the Council Chamber.

Committee Reports

Fin. Com. report on Resolution to purchase Canal-Works & Dam

Alderman Morris for a majority of the Finance Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Alderman Taylor, instructing the Mayor and Finance Committee to purchase San Water & Light Bonds, presented a report recommending that the resolution do not pass. A motion was made to adopt the report of the Committee, and the motion lost by the following vote: Yeas. Aldermen Belvin, Morris, Powell, Shelley and Stumpf 5. Nays. Aldermen Beatty, Crocker, Haynes, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Redd, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 11.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote: Yeas. Aldermen Beatty, Crocker, Haynes, Kuhn, Maddox, Miller, Platt, Redd, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 11.

Nays. Aldermen Belvin, Morris, Powell, Shelley and Stumpf 5.

Fin. Com. report on part of J. E. Hines to erect addition to Smith

Alderman Zilker for the Fire Committee to whom was referred the petition of J. E. Hines for permission to erect a corrugated iron shed within the Fire limits, presented a verbal report returning the petition, and asking its reference to the Fire Commissioners. The report was adopted, and the petition so referred.

Police Com. report on part of Geo. Denis

Alderman Powell for the Police Committee to whom was referred the petition of Geo. Denis for permission to exhibit and maintain a variety show, at No. 600 East 6th Street, presented a report recommending that the petition be not granted. The Committee's report was adopted.

Police Com. report on City Marshal's reports for July 1898

Alderman Powell for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the reports of the City Marshal, for the month of July, 1898, presented a report stating that the reports had been examined and found correct. The report of the Committee was adopted.

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

Special Com. on Ellis franchise granted further time to report

On motion the Special Committee on the application of E. Ellis for a Street Railroad franchise, were granted further time, in which to make a report.

City Engineer granted 2 weeks leave of absence

The City Engineer, was on motion, granted a leave of absence for two weeks from August 14th 1898.

Unfinished Business

Ord. Appr. \$19,200 to pay approved Accts Street Dept.

The Mayor laid before the Council, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$19,200 to pay approved accounts Street Department.

The ordinance was read second time and passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote:

Yeas. Aldermen Beatty, Crocker, Haynes, Kuhn, Maddox, McLenore, Miller, Morris, Platt, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 12.

Nays. None

Ord. Appr. \$8,500 to build bridges on West 2nd & 5th Streets and Congress Avenue

The Mayor then laid before the Council, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$8,500 to build bridges on West 2nd & 5th Streets and Congress Avenue

The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas. Aldermen Beatty, Crocker, Haynes, Kuhn, McLenore, Miller, Morris, Platt, Powell, Redd, Rosengren, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 15.

Days, Aldermen Maddox and Shelley 2.

New Business.

Water & Light  
Commissioner  
requested to place  
and maintain Arc Light

Alderman Zilker moved that the Water & Light Commissioners be authorized and requested to place an Arc Light at corner of West 6<sup>th</sup> and Rio Grande St. and one on the Georgetown road, near the gate at the Lunatic Asylum grounds. Alderman Haynes moved to amend by adding, "and one at the end of the Street Car track near the City Cemetery". The amendment was accepted and the motion as amended was referred to the Water and Light Committee.

Ord. appropriating \$4950 to pay salary of Gutterman, Sanitary Department for the months of July & August 1898.

By Alderman Crocker. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$4950 to pay salary of Gutterman, Sanitary Department for the months of July & August 1898. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Leahy, Crocker, Haynes, Duhm, Maddox, McLenore, Miller, Morris, Platt, Powell, Padd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 17.

Mays Stone

City Treasurer directed to transfer 20% from General Fund to the 20% of General Fund

Alderman Morris moved that the City Treasurer be authorized and directed to transfer from the General Fund, to the 20% of General Fund set aside, to pay the second installment of the judgement against the City in favor of P. L. Bartholomew, Receiver etc. the sum of \$987.50 which motion prevailed.

Ord. authorizing redemption of Real Estate sold for taxes

By Alderman Miller. An ordinance authorizing the redemption of Real Estate heretofore sold for taxes and bid in by the City.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Leahy, Crocker, Haynes, Duhm, Maddox, Miller, Morris, Platt, Powell, Padd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 16.

Days, Alderman McLenore 1.

Ord. correcting error in tax levy for the years 1896 and previous years and conforming the same to the law as construed by the Courts.

By Alderman Maddox. An ordinance correcting error in the tax levy, for the years 1896 and previous years and conforming the same to the law as construed by the Courts.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Leahy, Crocker, Haynes, Duhm, Maddox, McLenore, Miller, Morris, Platt, Powell, Padd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker 16.

Days Alderman Taylor 1.

Ord. to amend Sec. 1 of Ord. regulating running of Dogs

By Alderman Powell. An ordinance to amend section nine, of an ordinance regulating the running at large of dogs, and licensing the same, and fixing a penalty for the violation thereof.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote: Yeas, Aldermen Leahy, Crocker, Haynes, Duhm, Maddox, McLenore, Morris, Platt, Powell, Padd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend & Zilker 16.

Days Stone

Ord. appropriating \$10150 out of the Interest and Sinking Fund, Water & Light Bonds, to purchase and retire San Water & Light Bonds of the City.

By Alderman Taylor. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$10150 out of the Interest and Sinking Fund, Water & Light Bonds, to purchase and retire San Water & Light Bonds of the City.

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

Yeas, Aldermen Leahy, Crocker, Haynes, Duhm, Maddox, McLenore, Miller, Platt, Powell, Padd, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 13.

Ordinance to  
pay cost of bills in  
District Court

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Ays. Aldermen Morris, Rosengren, Shelley and Stumpf 4.  
By Alderman Morris. An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$64.20 to pay  
Court costs in the District Court.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:  
Yeas. Aldermen Beatty, Crocker, Haug, Huhn, Maddox, McLenore, Miller, Morris,  
Platt, Powell, Reed, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zicker. 17.  
Nays. None.

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. W. Johnson  
City Clerk.