

Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin Tex
Austin Texas October 2nd 1899

Hon J.W.D. McCall Mayor presiding
Roll called

Present Aldermen Dunham Fisher Glass Morris Mortimer
Nolen and Stumpf
Absent None.

On motion the minutes were approved as
recorded without reading.

R.D. Bell leave
15 days.

On Motion of Alderman Glass Sanitary Inspector Bell was
granted a leave of absence for 15 days to date from the 5th Inst.
Petitions Memorials etc

Pet J.N. Lunion
to have assess^{mt}
corrected

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from J.N. Lunion
asking a correction in assessment for taxes for the year 1898

On motion the petition was referred to the Finance Committee
The Mayor then laid before the Council the following communication
which was read and on motion referred to the Water and Light Committee
Austin Texas September 20th 1899.

To the Honorable City Council
City of Austin Texas

W.L. Com^{rs}
Res franchise
and water Co.

Gentlemen: At a meeting of the Water, Light and Power Commission
held September 19th 1899, the following resolution was passed
"Resolved that the attention of the City Council be called
to the fact that the franchise of the Austin Water, Light and
Power Company to erect poles and wires in the streets and alleys
of the City expired on the 3rd day of October 1897, with the
request that such steps, as may be necessary, be taken to
remove said poles and wires from the streets and alleys"

Respectfully
A.N. Leitman
Dr. Down
Geo. Siegel
H.B. Northam
J.W.D. McCall Ex

Water and Light Commissioners

Ans to have five
poles reprd

Alderman Stumpf offered the following resolution which was
adopted. "Resolved; By the City Council of the City of Austin
That the Water, Light and Power Commission be and they are
herby requested to have the five poles of the City properly
repaired where needed and said Commission have the cut-offs
removed from all five poles of the City of Austin in order that
accidents at fires from that source may be avoided
That the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to deliver
a Certified Copy of this resolution to the said Commission
Alderman Stumpf offered the following resolution which
was read and on Motion referred to the Ordinance
Committee and the City Attorney
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

Res. providing that if any fire Company of that City shall hereafter fix any fire hose of the City to any fire plug of the Austin Water Light and Power Co, or use or attempt to use the water of said Company in any manner at any fire occurring in said City, in violation of the order of the Chief of the fire department such Company shall be suspended for the period of thirty days without pay, and that if any individual member of said fire department shall so offend he shall be expelled from his Company and forfeit his membership in said department.

Reports of City Officers -

Reports by Officers Sept 99 The Mayor laid before the Council the monthly reports of all the City officers except the Marshall for the month of Sept 1899

On Motion the reports were referred to their appropriate Committees without reading - The following is a synopsis of the reports.

By the Assessor & Collector
 So Collections as follows

From Genl Revenue	\$ 1062.60
" License Tax	1373.25
" Fines in Mayor's Court	238.10
" Pound fees and Sales	21.00
" Penalties interest and costs (afe taxes)	184.98
" Registration fee of dogs	34.00
Total for the general fund \$ 2916.88	
" Interest and sinking fund Water & Light bonds	1054.27
" "	89.40
" School taxes	491.01
Total Collections \$ 4551.56	

Referred to Finance Committee

By the City Clerk

Total amount of warrants drawn against the General fund during the month	\$ 10,386.97
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Referred to Finance Committee

By the City Treasurer

So Balance Aug 31st 99 of General fund	47483.05
Recd during the month of Sept	3081.02
By Warrants paid during the month \$ 10,677.41	
Balance	39836.69
\$ 50514.10 \$ 50514.10	
Balance Interest of Water Light-bonds Aug 31.	8828.84
Recd from Sterging & Co. during the month	1320.22
" "	6038.44
Paid Warrants during the month \$ 16,187.50	\$ 16,187.50

Bal Aug 31 sinking fund W & L bonds	\$ 12,406.52
Recd from Sterging & Co. during the mo	5280.9
Bal Sept 30. 99	12934.6
\$ 12934.6 \$ 12934.61	

Referred to Finance Committee

By the City Physician

Number of patients in Hospital	Sept 1st 99	27
" " " admitted in "	"	18
" " " dismissed "	"	20
" " " remaining "	" 30.	25
" " Visits to pauper	"	88
" " Prescriptions to pauper	"	255
" " Cases scarlet fever reported	"	1

No other contagious diseases reported
 Referred to Hospital Committee

By the City Section

No of deaths during the month		10
White		8
Mexican		1
Colored		1
Male	5	
Female	5	

Referred to Cemetery Committee

Rept Police Alderman stumpf for the Police Committee to whom was
 Com on charges referred the charges preferred by Marshall Sherk against Pound
 against Pound Master Powell presented the following report which was read
 Master Powell and adopted.

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John J. McCall and Board of Alderman of the City of Austin
 Gentlemen

Your Committee on Police to whom was referred
 the charges made by Mr A. J. Sherk City Marshall, against
 Mr J. Powell Pound Master, would respectfully state that
 after carefully considering the testimony presented it is
 thought proper to recommend that the charges be
 dismissed

Very Respectfully
 Joseph Stumpf
 Milton Morris
 H. C. Nolan
 Committee on Police

Unfinished Business

Cops at Rice
 part from

The Mayor laid before the Council the ordinance to put in
 operation the Corporation Court

Alderman Dunham moved to postpone further consideration
 of the ordinance until the next regular meeting of the
 Council which motion prevailed

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Message

Mayors Office Austin Tex October 2nd 1899

To the Honorable City Council

I have the honor to present the

Name of Mr J. W. Robinson Jr., to be a member of the Board
 of Equalization of the City of Austin

Minutes of Council

There are other taxpayers who would doubtless make good members of the Board. The names of some of these were presented, but were not acceptable to the Council. I have no desire except to work in harmony with the Council. If by any chance the Board should not give satisfaction, then the responsibility would be with the Mayor, and not the members of the Council.

Just Robinson
re-nominated &
rejected

Section 39, pages 13 and 14 of the City Charter, says that the Board shall be appointed by the Mayor, and confirmed by the City Council. As it is my duty under the Charter to appoint the members of the Board, I have presented the name of Mr. Robinson, who, in so far as I can learn, is acceptable to the people.

Respectfully
J. B. McCall
Mayor

Alderman Glass moved that the Council vote upon the matter of confirmation by ballot which motion prevailed and the Mayor appointed Aldermen Fischer & Nolan as tellers. The tellers announced the following as the result of the ballot: For confirmation 3 against confirmation 3. Not voting 1. The Alderman not all voting a new ballot was ordered. The tellers announced the following as the result of the second ballot:

For confirmation 1. against confirmation 6.

Bill with Com
for water light
furnished

The Mayor laid before the Council the bill of the Water Works, Electric Light and Power Plant of the City of Austin, for water & light furnished to Sept 30 1899, which was read and referred to the Water Light Committee.

app to pay apts
apts

By Alderman Fischer An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1450.00 to pay approved accounts.

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

Yeas Aldermen Durham Fischer Glass Morris Martinen Nolan and Stumpf
Nays none

Mayor Authorized
to buy 1 car oil
for sprinkling streets

Alderman Glass moved that the Mayor be authorized to purchase one car of oil for sprinkling streets, which motion prevailed - Alderman Morris excused from further attendance.

Alderman Martinen moved that a leave of absence for 15 days be granted to Marshall Thorp - which motion prevailed.

Res requesting
with Com to stop
sprinkling

Alderman Glass offered the following resolution which was read and adopted:

Whereas some of the citizens of Austin are still using water for sprinkling purposes from City water plant which we believe at this time of the year and on account of the scarcity of water can be discontinued without any serious inconvenience.

Now Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Water Light Commission be requested to compel the discontinuance of the use of water for sprinkling purposes until the supply of water be sufficient for the necessary supply of citizens of Austin and that the clerk be requested to notify the Water Light Commission of the passage of this resolution

Alderman Glass offered the following resolution

"Whereas the City Council of the City of Austin has no immediate control of the Water Light Plant of the City of Austin and that the present Water and Light Commission has signally failed to perfect and improve the plant as originally intended by the citizens of Austin

Now to appoint
of 30 citizens to
investigate the
Plant

And we believe it would be more satisfactory to the people of the City that they look into and examine the present unfortunate conditions themselves by a representative Committee appointed from the best citizens of Austin.

Now be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin that the Mayor be and he is hereby required to appoint a Committee of thirty from the representative citizens of Austin to examine into the conditions of the Water and Light Plant of the City with full power to act in the examination of persons and papers accounts and such other matters as may be advisable - to administer Oaths - Compel attendance of witnesses and make a thorough examination of all matters connected with the Water and Light Plant of the City - Also to make such recommendations as they may deem necessary to the further improvement of the plant and such other recommendations as they may see fit to make

Alderman Glass moved the adoption of the resolution - which motion was lost

By Alderman Mortimer an ordinance regulating the running at large of dogs and providing for the registration of same and fixing a penalty for the violation of the regulations hereby established - The ordinance was read the first time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its second reading which was lost by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Burnham Glass Mortimer + Stumpff 4
Nays " Fischer + Nolan 2

Council to meet
at 8 o'clock

Alderman Fischer moved that the Council meet hereafter at 8 o'clock P.M. instead of 8 ⁰⁰ which motion prevailed

On motion the Council adjourned

J. W. Johnson
City Clerk