

Regular meeting of the City Council  
Austin Texas April 15<sup>th</sup> 1901  
Hon. F. R. McCall Mayor presiding  
Roll called

Present Aldermen Willis Dow Nitcombe Schmidel Shelley  
Shumate and Strunk

Absent None

On motion of Alderman Shelley the minutes were  
Approved as recorded by the Clerk without reading

Alderman Shelley moved that the regular order of  
business be suspended and that the newly elected Mayor  
be installed, which motion prevailed

Alderman Nitcombe moved that a Committee of three be  
Appointed to escort Mayor elect White into Council chamber,  
which motion prevailed and the Mayor appointed Aldermen Nitcombe  
Shelley, Shumate as such Committee

The Committee arrived and returned with, and presented  
Mayor elect White, to whom the oath of office was administered by  
retiring Mayor McCall.

Mayor White then delivered the following address:

"No man ever appreciated more keenly the honor conferred  
upon him than I do the trust recently imposed upon me  
by the Voters of Austin. I am persuaded to believe, Gentlemen,  
that I am your equal and I know that you are mine.  
At all times I shall consult with you about the management of  
the affairs of this City and I sincerely hope that you will render  
me every assistance in your power. We have much to do  
in fact a greater responsibility never fell upon the shoulders of a Mayor  
and Board of Aldermen, than now rests upon ours whatever  
we do, let us work together! let us have harmony!  
let us serve Austin to the utmost of our abilities and  
meet the expectations of her people, I thank you  
The mayor laid before the council the following Message.

- - Mayor's Office - -

Austin, Texas, April 15<sup>th</sup> 1901

To the Honorable City Council:-

The financial condition of the city is such  
as to claim the most serious attention and best energies  
of all of her servants.

The total outstanding bonded indebtedness of the city  
is \$1,636,000. of this amount, \$325,000. bears interest at the  
rate of 6% per annum; and the remainder, viz., \$1,311,000.  
bears interest at the rate of 5% per annum. The total  
annual interest charge against the revenues of the city is,  
therefore \$85,050.

The Constitution of the State and the Charter of the  
City require that there shall be annually raised, in ad-  
dition to this interest for said bonds, a building fund of at

least 2% with which to pay off the bonds at maturity. The total annual charges against the revenues of the City for sinking fund purposes is, therefore, \$32,720. It will thus be seen that the property of our people is burdened, not only with the obligation of annually contributing to the City Treasury the necessary revenues to pay the operating expenses of the City government throughout its various departments, and the operating expenses of our public schools, but also, if our bonded indebtedness is to be met according to the legal tenor and effect of those obligations, with \$117,770. additional.

The total valuation of property within the City as shown by its latest assessments roll is \$8,831,837. The total annual taxing power of the City is limited by its Charter and the State Constitution to 2½% ad valorem of this total taxing power, 1½% is, or may be appropriated to general revenue and school purposes, thus leaving a taxing power of 1% which the City is obligated to exercise for the purpose of raising revenue to pay interest and sinking fund on its bonded indebtedness.

A tax levy of 1% on property values as at present fixed would, if fully collected, net \$88,318.37. Deducting from this sum \$32,720., required to be set aside as sinking fund, there would remain to be applied to bond interest \$55,598.37.

It is clearly to be seen from these figures that the City is over-bonded, and that a re-adjustment of our debt must be had. We are not responsible for this condition of affairs. It was caused by the disaster of April last which resulted in the partial destruction of our water, light and power plant, and in a general depreciation of our property values.

The most threatening danger in the financial situation, as I see it, is as still greater depreciation of our property values. Such a depreciation will inevitably result, if our bonded indebtedness is not settled and settled on a basis which will permit our people to live, and prosper.

I assume that the holders of our securities can be made to see this, and also that they can be made to see if indeed they do not already realize the fact, that it is to their direct pecuniary interest as well as ours, that there should be no further depreciation in our property values. These values are in legal effect mortgaged to secure the payment of our bonded indebtedness. Any policy which impairs these values, depreciates the same, reduces the value of our securities, our creditors against, therefore, the unencumbered

in assisting us to maintain our property values. Policies pursued in the past, probably, have impressed upon our creditors the idea that this City is unwilling to pay even such portions of its debt as it is able to pay. It should be the first care of this administration by its acts, to remove this impression; and I recommend the following measures, as calculated to bring about the desired end, viz:

(1) There is now in the City Treasury to the credit of the interest fund of our water and light Bonds, \$20,402.43. This money was collected from our tax payers for the purpose of paying interest on our Water & Light Bonds.

It belongs to the holders of these bonds. No good purpose can be subserved by withholding it from the persons to whom it properly belongs. It should be promptly appropriated to the purpose for which it was collected.

(2) There was levied for the year 1899 a tax to pay interest and sinking fund on our Water & Light Bonds. After \$2,664.07 had been collected under this levy, the levy was repealed, leaving uncollected a balance of \$61,108.85.

Fairness to our tax payers, who have paid their part of this tax, as well as justice to our creditors, demands that the uncollected balance due on this levy should be promptly collected and turned over to the persons to whom it belongs. In order to bring about this result, the ordinance purporting to repeal this tax levy should be itself repealed at the earliest practicable moment, and the remainder of the tax collected.

(3) When the above measures shall have been enacted and executed in good faith it is to be hoped that our creditors will be convinced that this City intends to pay to them every dollar that she is liable to pay and every dollar that they can, with due regard to their own pecuniary interests, insist on her paying. ample authority has been conferred upon the City in the new Charter just enacted to issue re-funding bonds; use should be made of this power to bring about an adjustment of our entire bonded indebtedness; and the new tax levies for the purpose of paying interest on our bonds should not be voluntarily made until a basis for adjustment is mutually agreed upon by the representatives of the City and representatives of her creditors. I suggest that a special committee be created, and instructed to correspond with the holders of our bonds with a view of bringing about such a conference. Of the obvious difficulties just to some,

the conference deserved, then I suggest that the necessary ordinance be enacted to provide for the issuance of re-funding bonds of the City in such amounts and at such rates of interest as we will be able to pay: that these re-funding bonds be offered to such of our creditors as may be willing to accept them in lieu of bonds at ready hand; that the necessary tax levies be made, to provide interest and sinking fund for all re-funding bonds issued and accepted by our creditors; and in case any of said creditors shall refuse to confer with us, or we are unable to agree with such creditor as to the basis of re-funding any of such bonds, then I will communicate to the council my views as to the proper policy to adopt in dealing with such creditors.

It is highly desirable that our creditors should be consulted before these re-funding bonds are issued; and nothing but a refusal on their part to recognize the fact that we are entitled to relief in our present difficulties and a refusal to consult with us on this subject will justify us in providing for the issuance of such bonds without their concurrence.

The people of this City have by their votes in the last election emphatically and pointedly declared to the world that they do not desire, and will not permit a policy of voluntary repudiation of their municipal debts. They have, by their verdict, condemned the policy of every official who, during the past two years has voted in the Council to withhold from our creditors money which was due and which the City was able to pay.

In formulating our future financial policy we should bear in mind this verdict of our people so recently returned, and should exhaust every effort to reach a just, reasonable and honorable settlement with our creditors before allowing ourselves to be drawn into hostile litigation with them.

I believe that the policy with reference to our bonded indebtedness as above outlined and recommended to you accords with the views of our people; and that, if adopted and carried out, it will relieve us in the eyes of the world, and in our own consciences, from all moral responsibility for a contest with our creditors if such contest should come.

The present status of relations between the City and the Receiver of the Water, Light & Power Company presents a problem for our solution of importance second only to the bond question above discussed.

In the year 1882 there was executed a contract between the City of Austin and the City Water Company, by the terms of which the City undertook to bind itself to take water from that company for a period of 20 years from the date of the contract, for fire protection, sanitary purposes, school purposes, etc., at rates fixed in the contract. After the execution of this contract, the Charter of the City Water Company was forfeited by judicial proceedings instituted in the name of the State. The Austin Water, Light and Power Company, claiming to be the successor to the rights of the City Water Company including its right to furnish this City with water for public purposes, has, through its Receiver, instituted various suits against the City for water alleged to have been tendered the City, under that contract. The City has contested the claim of the Austin Water, Light and Power Company on the theory that it has no contract with that company and is, consequently, under no obligation to pay it for water tendered.

A recent decision by the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, in the case of Joseph Nalle, Receiver, vs. The City of Austin Texas affirms the validity of the contract, alleged to exist between the Austin Water, Light and Power Company and the City and sustains a judgment formerly recovered by such Receiver against the City for approximately \$40,000. On account of hydrolic rentals. The attorney representing the City will attempt to bring this judgment of the Circuit Court of Appeals before the Supreme Court of the United States for review on writ of Certiorari. The application for the writ will be at once made; and it is hoped that it will be passed upon during the present term of Court which ends in May next.

The wisdom of the original policy which placed the City in a position where it might be compelled to pay water rentals for a long series of years for water which it never received, is more than doubtful to my mind. If, from the inception of this controversy with the Austin Water, Light and Power Company, the City had affirmed the validity of its alleged contract, and had expected from the company a rigid compliance with its alleged obligation to furnish the City with water for public purposes, including adequate fire pressure, I think that the controversy would have ended long ago.

It is not less however to discuss the wisdom or otherwise, of the policy actually decided upon in the past, in up to the present time of suspending the proper policy to all persons in the country.

I recognize in this connection that pending litigation to be prosecuted to a final conclusion, with all possible

dispatch; and, that at this termination result adversely to the claims of the City, the Austin Water, Light and Power Company and its Receiver, be advised at once that the City will in the future receive and pay for water tendered under the contract, but that she will, in turn, require a full and complete observance on the part of the company of all terms of the contract, including those terms which specify the character of fire pressure to be furnished.

#### The City Water and Light Plant.

Our people are to be congratulated on the energy and dispatch with which the Water, Light and Power Commission of the City set about repairing the City's plant after the disaster of April last. The management and control of this plant is by law vested in the Commission of which the Mayor is ex-officio a member. It is proper, perhaps, that many recommendations which I have to make with reference to the future management of the plant should be addressed to the Commission and be omitted from this message to the Council. But, as general control of our finances is, by law, intrusted to the Council, and as a successful operation of our Water and Light plant must directly affect the general financial condition of the City government for the better, it is not improper for me to say here, that I think the proper policy to be followed by the Commission in the management of the plant, is that one which will as soon as practicable place the plant on a self-sustaining basis and that, under no circumstances, should the expense of operating the plant be allowed to become a charge upon the City Treasury longer than can be helped.

If however it should become evident that additional funds from the Treasury must be appropriated in order to equip the plant with machinery necessary to enable it to finally operate on a self-sustaining basis, I think that we should not hesitate to make such appropriation.

#### The New City Charter.

The new Charter of the City, which was enacted by the present Legislature, contains no change radically affecting the interests of the City, unless it be that provision restricting the corporate boundaries. The boundary established by the new Charter, was within the City limits which, Water, and Light Board, were issued. It is proper, by chargeable with the proportionate share of this financial burden.

To disregard this fact in making future tax levies might endanger the collection of taxes on all property within our present limits. I, therefore, recommend that such taxes as may be levied in the future for the purpose of paying interest, and sinking fund on Water and Light Bonds or on Revenue Bonds issued in lieu of Water and Light Bonds, be assessed by proper authority without regard to the attempted restriction of our territorial limits, so as to collect from the excluded territory its pro rata share of such taxes.

In conclusion I desire to say to the Council that I keenly appreciate the responsibility which rests on me as Mayor of the City during the time of her present difficulties, and that I also appreciate the fact that each member of the Council is by law burdened with part of the same responsibility. The suggestions of policies above set forth are intended as suggestions merely. My official position carries with it the duty of advising you in this matter as to the condition of the City, and as to my opinions of the policies which should be followed.

No Policy has been recommended to you which does not recommend itself to my best judgment after careful consideration.

I earnestly invite each member of the Council to discuss with me at any time desired, any question which may arise in his mind as to the propriety of any of the policies recommended, or as to the propriety of any other policies which may suggest themselves to him, and take this occasion to assure each of you that I stand ready to adopt any new suggestion in lieu of any here when ever it shall be made apparent to my judgment that such new suggestions will, if adopted, better serve the interests of the City.

A. E. White  
Mayor

On motion of Alderman Nitschke the Message was ordered printed in the minutes.

The Mayor announced the following temporary Standing Committee.

Water & Light	Paw, Shumate & Schneider
Bridge	Mitgukke Shumate & Sheeley
Finance	Sheeley, Shumate & Schneider
Parks	Mitgukke Shumate & Paw
Fire Dept.	Slumpf, Johnson, & Giesler
Police	Sheeley, Slumpf & Giesler

Ordinances - Stumpf Shelley & Low  
 Claims & Accounts - Schneider Shelley & Low  
 Printing - Gillis Low & Schneider  
 Cemetery - Stumpf Shelley & Schneider  
 Markets - Gillis Shelley & Low  
 Sanitary & Sewage - Schneider Gillis & Low  
 Hospital - Gillis Shumate & Low  
 Charity - Stumpf Gillis & Low  
 Purchases - Shumate Stumpf & Schneider  
 The special Committee appointed to investigate  
 and report upon the Bonds of the newly elected  
 City officers, presented a report stating that  
 they had examined the bonds of the City Engineer  
 & Ex officio Street Commissioner, that of the City  
 Treasurer, that of the Marshal, and of the  
 Assessor & Collector of taxes, and recommending  
 that they be accepted and Approved.  
 On motion the report of the committee was  
 adopted and the bonds approved by the Council.  
 The City Marshal and City attorney were then sworn  
 in by the Mayor.

Alderman Shelley then presented to Marshal  
 Montgomery a badge which he had been requested  
 by the friends of the Marshal to present.  
 Alderman Shelley moved that the Council now  
 proceed to the election of the following named  
 Subordinate officers Viz -  
 Pound Master

Sanitary Inspector  
 Bridge Keeper  
 Matron of the Hospital  
 Sexton and

Porter which motion prevailed by the  
 following vote

Ayes - Alderman Gillis, Low Nitshke Shelley  
 & Shumate <sup>5</sup>  
 Nays - Alderman Schneider & Stumpf - <sup>2</sup>

The Mayor declared nominations in order for  
 Pound Master

Alderman Shelley nominated A. T. Cowin  
 Alderman Stumpf nominated Jno Lansing  
 The Mayor placed before the Council the petitions  
 of J. D. Fannahill.

J. O. Williams  
 Rufus Oyer street  
 Tom Glaser  
 W. J. Mudelius  
 Dr. H. Hobart and  
 Galbraith

The Mayor appointed Alderman Wetchke, Fair and Schneider as tellers.

The Tellers announced the following as the result of the first ballot.

Cowen	"
Pensing	"
Haddock	"
Garrison	"

A. J. Cowen having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared elected Board Master for the ensuing year.

Nominations for Sanitary Inspector being declared in order

Alderman Gillis nominated	J. D. Schneider
" Shelley	Knob Johnson
" Wetchke	Joseph Shuber & J. M. Kane
" Stumpf	Wm Weisch

The Tellers announced the following as the result of the first ballot

Schneider	2
Johnson	2
Shuber	2
Weisch	1

No election

The following was announced as the result of the second ballot

Schneider	2
Johnson	2
Kane	2
Weisch	1

No election

The Tellers announced the following as the result of the third ballot

Schneider	4
Kane	2
Johnson	1

J. D. Schneider having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected Sanitary Inspector for the ensuing year.

The Mayor announced that nominations were in order for Bridge Keeper.

Alderman Gillis nominated Fred Malone.

Alderman Wetchke moved that nominations close and that he (Wetchke) be directed to cast the entire vote for the Committee for Fred Malone.

(The Work, 116) 1 vote for Fred Malone for Bridge Keeper. And the Mayor declared him duly elected Bridge Keeper for the ensuing year.

Nominations for Matron of The City & County Hospital being declared in order  
Alderman Schneider nominated Mrs Prudence Hamilton -

On motion of Alderman Nitachke the Clerk was instructed to cast the entire vote of the Council for Mrs Prudence Hamilton for matron of the City and County Hospital

The Mayor declared Mrs Prudence Hamilton duly elected as matron of the City and County Hospital for the ensuing year

<sup>Wednesday evening 11th June</sup>  
Nominations being announced in order for City Sexton Alderman Schneider nominated W. S. Nitachke and on motion nominations were closed and the Clerk directed to cast the vote of the Council for W. S. Nitachke which was done and the Mayor announced that W. S. Nitachke had been duly elected City Sexton for the ensuing year

The Mayor announced that nominations for Postler at the City Hall were now in order

Alderman Sheely nominated

" Stumpf

" Nitachke

H. H. Harris on

John Johnson (Coed)

Tom Hamilton ( )

The Mayor laid before the council petitions from the following named persons.

Ges. A. Beck

James Ramsb

Henry Key's

C. C. Estee

Ges Price

Harrison Taylor

The Tellers announced the following as the results of the first ballot

Key's 1

Estee 1

Johnson 3

Hamilton 1

Harrison 1

No election and a new ballot ordered which resulted as follows

Harrison 4

Johnson 2

Beck 1

The Mayor declared H. H. Harris duly elected Postler for the City Hall for the ensuing term

Alderman Sheely moved that the City Marshal be required to submit his list of appointments as Postler in the month

Alderman Nitockka moved that the number of police men be fixed at 12, with day and night clerks and that they receive the same salaries as now paid to police men, which motion prevailed.

The Marshal submitted the following list of appointments, viz -

J. M. Durst - Day Clerk  
W. E. Russell Night Clerk

Police-men

H. H. Stevens, John Bracken, James Patterson, W. O. Jones,  
A. B. Lane, O. H. Gibson, Jim Pierce, W. M. Sears, E. C. Toliver  
Monroe Sawyer or Frank Stanichie, C. W. Austin -  
The following was the result of the ballot  
For Confirmation

J. M. Durst	1
W. E. Russell	7
H. H. Stevens	6
John Bracken	6
James Patterson	7
W. O. Jones	7
A. B. Lane	7
O. H. Gibson	7
Jim Pierce	7
W. M. Sears	7
E. C. Toliver	6
Monroe Sawyer	7
Frank Stanichie	9
C. W. Austin	7

The nominations of J. M. Durst and W. E. Russell not having been confirmed, the Marshal was instructed to submit other nominations for the positions of Day Clerk & Night Clerk.  
The Marshal submitted the names of

John Mc Namara for Day Clerk  
W. A. Oato for Night Clerk

The nominations were confirmed.  
Mc Namara 7 votes & Oato 6 -

The Mayor announced the following named persons as  
the Police force for the ensuing year -

John Mc Namara Day Clerk  
W. A. Oato Night Clerk

Police men -

H. H. Stevens, John Bracken, James Patterson, W. O. Jones,  
A. B. Lane, O. H. Gibson, Jim Pierce, W. M. Sears, E. C. Toliver  
Monroe Sawyer, Frank Stanichie, and C. W. Austin.

Police, Firemen, Monuments etc

By the Mayor,

Petition of Mrs. H. Jackson to have a certain amount  
paid out by her for repairing side roads taken up  
by the City.

Read and referred to the Street Committee  
By the Mayor - Partition of Gas Class to erect a  
Candy Stand on to the Street.

Read and referred to the Police Committee -

Reports of the City officers -

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the  
City Treasurer for the month of March 1901, which was  
on motion, referred to the Finance Committee without  
reading -

New Business -

Alderman Mitschke moved that the City Clerk be di-  
rected to procure from the Secretary of State a Certified  
Copy of the City Charter as amended by the last Legislature  
which motion prevailed -

Alderman Sheeley offered the following resolution  
which was read and adopted

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:  
That the outgoing City Treasurer, Miles F. Payne be  
authorized to turn over to H. P. Heiland the City  
Treasurer elect and qualified all moneys now  
in his hands except such as is subject to the order of  
the Water and Light Commission which same shall be  
advised by the Water and Light Commission that said Heiland  
has filed with them his bond -

Mar 21. 1901 By Alderman Stumpf an Ordinance appropriating  
the sum of \$2486.21 to pay the salaries of officers and employees  
of the City for the month of April 1901 -

The Ordinance was read the first time, and on motion  
the rule was suspended, and the ordinance placed  
on its second reading by the following vote

Yea, Aldermen Givens, Low, Mitschke, Schneider, Sheeley  
Shumate and Stumpf - 7  
Nays None

The ordinance was read the second time

Alderman Sheeley moved to amend the ordinance  
by striking out \$2486.21, and inserting in their  
place of \$2606.31. which motion prevailed - The ordinance  
as amended was then passed under suspension of  
the rule by the following vote

Yea, Alderman Givens, Low, Mitschke Schneider,  
Sheeley, Shumate, and Stumpf 7  
Nays None

By Alderman Stumpf, An Ordinance ap-  
propriating the sum of \$320.00 to pay salaries of  
Employees Sanitary Department for the month of April  
The Ordinance was passed under suspension of  
rules by the following vote

Yea, Aldermen Givens, Low, Mitschke Schneider.

Sheeley, Shumate and Stumpf - 7  
 Mayo - none  
 By Alderman Stumpf - An ordinance appropriating  
 the sum of \$120<sup>00</sup> to pay the salaries of drivers of  
 street teams for the month of April, 1901.

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the  
 rules by the following vote -  
 Yeas: Alderman Giebel, Law, Nitschke, Schneider, Sheeley,  
 Shumate and Stumpf - 7  
 Mayo - none

By Alderman Stumpf - An ordinance appro-  
 priating the sum of \$75<sup>00</sup> to pay the salary of Engineer  
 of Steam Roller for the month of April 1901.  
 The ordinance was passed under the suspension of the  
 rules by the following vote -

Yeas: Alderman Giebel, Law, Nitschke, Schneider, Sheeley-  
 Shumate and Stumpf - 7  
 Mayo - none

By Alderman Stumpf - An ordinance ordering an  
 election for the purpose of electing an alderman from  
 each of the wards of the City -  
 The ordinance was read the first time and on motion  
 the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed on its  
 second reading which motion prevailed by the following  
 vote

Yeas: Alderman, Giebel, Law, Nitschke, Schneider, Sheeley-  
 Shumate and Stumpf - 7  
 Mayo - none

The ordinance was read the second time  
 Alderman Nitschke moved to amend by striking  
 out the words "Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> day of April" and inserting  
 in lieu thereof the words "Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>" which  
 motion prevailed -

Alderman Shelley moved that the blanks in the ordinance  
 as to the places of holding the election and the judges  
 for each of the wards be filled by the alderman from  
 each of the wards, which motion prevailed and the  
 blanks filled -

The ordinance was then passed under suspension of the  
 rule by the following vote -  
 Yeas: Alderman, Giebel, Law, Nitschke, Schneider-  
 Sheeley, Shumate and Stumpf - 7  
 Mayo - none

By Alderman Shumate an ordinance prescribing  
 and defining what shall constitute a day's work  
 on all public works of the City of Herkimer.  
 The ordinance was read the first time and on motion  
 was referred to the ordinance committee.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the Water and Light Commission asking payment of amount due by the City for Water and Light furnished for public purposes.

On motion the communication was referred to the Water and Light Committee.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Mr. J. Swain offering bonds for the sinking fund. The communication was read and on motion was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from East Austin Hose Co No 4 - inviting the Mayor and Council to entertainment to be given by them.

On motion the invitation was accepted, with the thanks of the Council.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the Chief and Recorder of the Austin Fire Department inviting the Mayor and City Council to attend the installation of officers of the department and an entertainment and picnic to be given on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1901.

On motion the invitation was accepted and the thanks of the Council returned.

Alderman Schneider moved that a Committee be appointed to canvass the returns of an election held in March for officers of the Austin Fire Department which motion prevailed.

And the Mayor appointed Alderman, Shumate, Low and Ellis as the Committee.

Alderman Motschke moved that a Committee be appointed to canvass the returns of an election held March 11<sup>th</sup> 1901 to obtain the consent of the property tax paying rates of the City to the levy of an additional school tax of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  cent on each \$100 worth of property.

The motion prevailed and the Mayor appointed Alderman Stumpf, Schneider and Motschke as the Committee. The Committee appointed to canvass the vote of the election held March 11<sup>th</sup> 1901 to obtain the consent of  $\frac{2}{3}$  rds of the tax paying qualified voters of the City to the levy of an additional school tax of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  cent on each \$100 worth of property presented a report that the returns showed that there were 379 votes cast in favor and 245 votes against the proposition. Not having received a  $\frac{2}{3}$  rds. majority the Mayor declared the proposition defeated.

The Committee appointed to canvass the vote cast at the election held in March 1901 for officers of the Fire Department presented a

report showing the following to be the vote cast  
for Chief Fire Department.

J. J. Macken	196 votes
C. H. Woodward	111 "
Macken's Majority	75 "
For Asst Chief Fire Department	
C. H. Boute	199 votes
J. B. Mischke	169 "
Boute's Majority	30 "
For Recorder Fire Department	votes
W. C. Denee	201 "
O. L. Miller	167
Denee majority	34

The Mayor declared J. J. Macken elected as Chief and C.H. Boute Asst Chief and W.C. Denee Recorder of the Austin Fire Department for the ensuing year

On motion the Council adjourned

Pres. O. Johnson  
City Clerk