

Regular meeting of the City Council
 Clinton, Iowa, April 10th 1907
 Hon. P. M. Chadler, Mayor, presiding
 Roll Called
 Present Aldermen Armstrong, Jones, Cline, Hayes,
 Meredith, Miller, Moore, Morland, Peter, Powell, Bell, Hart
 Smith & Wilhelm
 Absent None

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In Motion the Minutes were approved as
 recorded by the Clerk, without reading.
 Petitions, Memorials etc.
 By Alderman Wilhelm, Petitioner of J. M. Hill asking that he
 obtain Pound Fees paid by him refunded. In relation to the
 petition was granted.
 By Alderman Moore, Petitioner of Huey Robbins, Covert
 Co. for permission to erect an iron clad building within the fire
 limits. Read and on motion referred to the Fire Commission.
 By Alderman Scott, Petitioner of J. O. Babcock for permission to erect
 an iron clad building within the fire limits.
 Read, and on motion of Alderman Crocker the petition was
 granted.
 By Alderman Cline. Communication from J.
 McBrichy asking the passage of an ordinance in behalf
 of dumb brutes. Read and on motion referred to the
 Ordinance Committee.
 The Mayor laid before the Council the following message
 to the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen:
 At the beginning of our term of office
 we should, as far as possible, adapt a policy for our
 guidance in the transaction of the business of the City.
 The only policy that should be adapted is that which
 will bring the greatest good to the people.
 This can be obtained only by a full, free and impartial
 interchange of views and harmony in our deliberation.
 Of course we may and likely will differ in what should
 be done, but when such difference occurs we each
 should concede the other the same right we claim for
 ourselves, viz: that we are honestly endeavouring to serve
 the best interests of our City. No man is endowed with
 all the wisdom hence the importance of harmony
 and free conference and interchange of views, not only
 among ourselves but with our people whom we are
 elected to serve. I shall avail myself of the
 privilege of discussion, the right business matters
 with each of you and I trust that each of you will
 freely give me the benefit of your views.
 There are a few matters that I would wish to call to

Petitions re
 Louisville
 bond fees

Huey Robbins Co
 for building permit

J. O. Babcock
 building permit

J. McBrichy
 dumb animals

Mayor's Message

your attention and earnestly ask your consideration
of same.

First. The health of our City should have our earnest consideration, a healthy City is a wealthy one - hence we should through our Sanitary department exert every method in our power to make Austin the most Sanitary City in the South. In addition to the efforts through our Sanitary department we should enlist the efforts of our people in this direction.

Austin has among her Citizens a class of men whose mission in life is to relieve the suffering of their fellow beings at the same time their education, training and experience peculiarly fit them as the very best advisors in this important matter. I therefore earnestly recommend to the Council and especially the Sanitary Committee the importance of conferring with our Physicians.

Second. The City & County Hospital, as I understand is intended as a place where our sick, especially those not financially able to pay the expense of self care when sick, can go and at the public expense through medical treatment and good attention be restored to health and usefulness. It is a well known fact that the Hospital has not, nor will not, owing to the financial condition of the City, receive the support it should. As far as I am informed the City Hospital has never had a trained nurse in its service. It is true that the budget for 1907 provides for a trained nurse, but when it is remembered that the average number of patients is about 30 it will be apparent that one trained nurse will not be sufficient.

The budget for 1907 carries an estimate of \$6298.00 for maintenance of the Hospital (of which \$2288 is for payroll of employees), or an average cost of about 57 1/2 cents per patient per day. It is true that the estimate of receipts for the year 1907 shows \$500.00 from pay patients of the Hospital, this receipt will cut the average daily cost down to about 53 cents per day, but it must be remembered that these pay patients pay \$1.00 per day to the Hospital, and of course should and do get the full value of their free payments.

The Management of the Hospital has been better by far than its support. No one questions that those in charge have done all that could be done with the support given them by the City, but this will not excuse the City for the neglect or improper care of the unfortunate sick who should receive the best medical attention. We should do something to bring about a system that will give our

destitute sick the best attention and care that we can
with our limited means. I therefore call your
attention and especially the Hospital Committee the
importance of such action as you in your wisdom,
deem proper.

Third Our City Cemetery, the last resting place of our
beloved and who have freed us to the great beyond,
should receive more than a passing notice. I am told on the
best of authority that the many streets of this sacred
ground are used as a public highway, over which hay,
wood and other freight wagons pass; that hordes of boys
going to and returning from baseball games pass
through these grounds. This should be stopped at once
and a heavy penalty should be imposed upon all who
desecrate this resting place of our beloved ones.
The good Ladies of our City have done much to improve
and beautify these grounds, their efforts should be heartily
supported by you and the officers in charge of these sacred
grounds. We should all vie with each other in helping
these dear Ladies in their efforts in caring for this home of all
that is mortal of our dead, and especially should your
Cemetery Committee and the City Board aid them in every
way possible. Some stringent regulation should be enacted
and enforced to prevent fighting and other wagons from passing
over the streets. The gateways for wagons, except on the
west and south should be closed. I recommend that
your Cemetery Committee, at once, take up with the
Ladies Cemetery Association and the City Board the
question of how to properly care for these grounds and
at the earliest possible date report to your Honorable
body such recommendations as will insure the
proper care of same.

Fourth, The estimate in our budget for street funds
for the year 1907 is \$23,283.⁰⁰, forty per cent of which or
\$9,313.⁰⁰ is for permanent street improvement and the
remainder, \$13,970.⁰⁰ for other street work, a very small
sum to care for more than 300 miles of streets.
Under the policy adopted during the Mayor White's
administration much has been done in the last
four years in the way of permanent street improvement,
viz: the bridging of the storm sewer, paving of the
avenue and 6th street.

Nothing to my mind has done more for the advance-
ment of our City and comfort of our people
than you will continue this policy and I am sure
that I shall make no recommendation.

Your Street Committee and City Engineer
can do much in caring for our streets with

So small an active fund. I recommend the most rigid economy in the use of this fund, and when used, that good and as far as possible permanent work be done. Fifth. Our Water Light plant and rates is a matter in which each and every citizen should and does feel a deep interest. Since the washing away of our dam on April 7th 1900 our Water Light Commissioners have done all that could be done with the earnings of the incomplete plant to build an up to date steam plant. The end of this year will see your City the owner of such a plant second to none in the State. The net earnings of which at the present Water, Light and Power rates will annually be more than One hundred thousand dollars. As our population grows, as it certainly will, the earnings will proportionately increase and the operating expenses diminish, should the City continue to furnish water, light and power by steam power. Then the promise I made the people in the City primaries to reduce their water and light rates could be inaugurated by cutting said rates in half, at the end of the year 1907, but at the election held on March 18th, the people voted by a vote of 3/2 to 1 to rebuild the dam and power house and again enjoy the beautiful lake and water light from power furnished by water.

The rebuilding of the dam under the proposition, calls for the annual outlay of \$65,000.⁰⁰ for 40 years. It will require not less than \$100,000.⁰⁰ to place the necessary machinery in the power house and place the penstocks, etc.

The dam is to be rebuilt within two years from date of signing contract, so it will plain that for the next forty two years the fixed charges including operating expenses of the plant by water power and steam plant when necessary and the annual payment of \$65,000.⁰⁰ will not be less than \$110,000.⁰⁰ allowing \$40,000.⁰⁰ per annum for operating expenses and only \$50,000.⁰⁰ per annum for repairs and extensions.

The gross earnings of your water and light plant for the year 1906 (not including the amount charged for the day) was \$173,140.⁰⁰, therefore, after your water and light plant is again operated by water power, on day beginning July 1st 1907, a gross cut in rates of \$63,140.⁰⁰ can be made.

As the cost of rebuilding the dam is to be borne by the consumers of water, light and power and at least of said cost will be collected from the water consumers and these consumers for the most part are citizens of moderate means, a great many of whom do not own the home they live in. They should have

the benefits of this reduction, and I shall do all in my power to give it to them, but they must not look for an immediate reduction because of the fact, that in order to carry out their wish as expressed by their votes, all of the earnings for the next two years of the plant must be used. Sixth Nothing is more pleasing than parks here and there in a city, while we have several small and one large park in our city, still none of them, owing to lack of funds, have been improved or beautified. That we should make a move to do this much needed work none will deny. The only reason that can be given for not at once beginning the work is lack of funds. If we never attempt to begin, it will never be done. Where there is a will, a way can be found. I therefore suggest to the Committee on Parks the importance of their earnestly taking up this important matter with our leading citizens and report what can be done. It is of course, to expect hope for complete success in a year, or even two or three years, but let us make a beginning.

Seventh No form of government can exist without sufficient resources to defray the necessary outlay, and as our city must derive such revenues by taxation, no citizen should, nor do I think will, desire to enjoy the benefits without contributing his just portion, and no more, towards the support of our city. I therefore urge upon you and especially upon your Finance Committee and other officers charged with the duty of assessing, collecting and equalizing taxes, to see to it that all property of whatever nature shall bear its just portion of the burden of government. No one can or should complain at this and it is your duty to see that such be the policy of the city. Eighth The last subject but by no means least in importance which I will now call to your attention, is your bonded debt which now amounts to \$1,529,500.⁰⁰ These bonds bear interest at the rate of 4% per annum until July 1st 1916, and 5% to their maturity, July 1st 1931. These bonds are redeemable at the option of the city on any interest paying day, or on Jan'y and July 1st of each year.

The terms of the bonds call for the collection and payment of the interest and sinking fund of two per centum per annum. In my opinion, the city should strictly comply with the terms of the bonds by the payment of both interest and sinking fund, for the following reasons, viz:

First It is the Contract.

Second - Should the claim be rebuked, the bond holder, using as the basis of the bonds are explicit with by the city, will have no right to complain nor will he do so, with a view to prevent the city from using the earnings

of the water and light plant in rebuilding the dam on carrying out the proposed Contract

Third - Money is growing cheaper each year, therefore, bonds upon which both interest and sinking fund is promptly paid will be eagerly sought by the prudent and careful investor though said bonds bear a very low rate of interest

Fourth - By complying with the terms of our bonds, we will place said bonds in a high class and when this is done (which should be done within the next 3 to 5 years) we will be able to refund all our then outstanding bonds into a time bond at an annual rate of interest not greater than $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent and perhaps for 3 per cent per annum

So firmly do I believe this, that I, for the above reasons, most earnestly beseech you to carefully consider this and hereafter make it the fixed and inflexible policy of the City to strictly comply with the terms of your bonds

In conclusion I want to urge upon each of you and upon each officer and employee of the City the important fact that we are all servants of the people and that it is our duty to serve them to the very best of our ability and that we each and all will render to the City full service for our compensation and in every way guard the interest of the people

Respectfully submitted
J. M. Madder

Mayor

Reports of City Officers

Reports City officers

The Mayor laid before the City Council the reports of the Treasurer, Clerk & City Marshal for the month of March 1907, which were on motion referred to their appropriate Committees without reading

Reports Standing Committees

Reports of Standing Committees

Police Marshal's report

Alderman Powell for the Police Committee to whom was referred the report of the City Marshal for the month of Feb. 1907, presented a report stating that same had been examined & found correct. The report was adopted

Alderman Cline for the ordinance Committee to whom was referred the driving ordinance, presented a report recommending the passage of a substitute offered by the Committee. On motion the report was laid over to come up with the ordinance under the head of unfinished business

Ordinance driving

Alderman Cline for the ordinance Committee to whom was referred an ordinance with reference to the unnecessary running of steam whistles in the City, presented a report recommending that the ordinance be not pass. The report of the Committee was adopted

Ordinance

Paper Posters on
Streets

Alderman Cuneo for the Ordinance Committee to whom was referred an Ordinance regulating the placing of posters and paper advertisements on the streets and alleys of the City presented a report recommending the passage of the Ordinance. On motion the report was laid over to come up with the ordinance under the head of unfinished business.

Ordinance on
this ordinance

Alderman Cuneo for the ordinance Committee to whom was referred an Ordinance providing for the inspection of trucks, presented a report recommending that the ordinance do not pass, for the reason that there are not now sufficient funds to defray the expenses of the test required by the ordinance. On motion the report was adopted.

Cemetery Closures

Alderman Wilhelm for the Cemetery Committee to whom was referred the report of the City Sexton for the month of March 1907, presented a report stating that same had been examined and found correct. The report was adopted.

Hospital
Expenditures

Alderman Armstrong for the Hospital Committee presented a report showing expenditures for the City & County Hospital for the months of January & March 1907, which was read and ordered filed.

Fire Commissioners
on building permit
City Lodge

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the Fire Commissioners on the petition of United Lodge of Ben, for permission to complete a frame addition to building within the Fire limits, recommending that the petition be not granted. On motion the report was adopted.

Horse Gregory
Fine remitted

The Mayor laid before the Council, with his approval, a petition of Horace M. Gregory asking remission of fine assessed against him in the Recorder's Court.

On motion the petition was granted.

Unfinished business

Codification of City
Ordinances

The Mayor laid before the Council an Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of codifying the Ordinances of the City. The Ordinance was read the second time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crocker, Cuneo, Rogers, Wendrich, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Patri, Powell, Redd, Scott, Smith, Wilhelm.

Nays None.

The Mayor laid before the Council an Ordinance regulating the placing of posters and paper advertisements on the streets and alleys of the City. The report of the Ordinance Committee recommending its passage. The ordinance was read the second time.

Time and passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crocker Ames Haynes Meredith
Miller Moore Moreland Phil Powell Redd Hart Smith
and Wilhelm 14

Driving Ordinance
The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance regulating the driving of vehicles over and on the streets of the City of Austin together with the report of the Ordinance Committee recommending its passage. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crocker Ames Haynes Meredith Miller Moore Moreland Phil Powell Redd Hart Smith and Wilhelm 14

Church expenses for sinking fund
X
By Alderman Haynes An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$4626.00 for the purpose of purchasing bonds for the sinking fund. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote
Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crocker Ames Haynes Meredith Miller Moore Moreland Phil Powell Redd Hart Smith and Wilhelm 14

Invitation Colorado
More to celebration
The Mayor laid before the Council an invitation from Colorado State to attend their 36th Anniversary Celebration to be held May 1st 1907. On Motion the invitation was accepted.

Fines remitted
The Mayor recommended to the Council that the fines assessed in the Records Court against the following named persons be remitted, viz:
Walter Hubbard \$10.00 & costs
Bud Bolling 10.00 " "
Joe Smith 5.00 " "
Lease Jenkins 5.00 " "
Harvey Lee 5.00 " "

On Motion the recommendation was approved and the fines remitted.
Alderman Haynes offered the following resolution which was read and adopted
"Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin: That the City Attorney be and he is hereby instructed to defend the possession of the City of the public square between East 4th & 5th streets on all legal claims."
By Alderman Ames. An ordinance repealing an ordinance relating to election for increase railroad tax.
The ordinance was read the first time & passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Cuneo Haynes Meredith
Miller Moore Moreland Petri Powell Redd Scott Smith
and Withelm 14

May 11th.

Approved as

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of
\$2167. ²⁴ for the purpose of paying approved accounts
The ordinance was read the first time and passed under
suspension of the rules by the following Yeas
Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crooker Cuneo Haynes Meredith
Miller Moore Petri Powell Redd Scott Smith
and Withelm 12

Approved as Street
Dept

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of
\$1256. ¹⁸ for the purpose of paying approved accounts Street Dept
The ordinance was read the first time and passed
under suspension of the rules by the following Yeas
Yeas Aldermen Alderman Armstrong Crooker Cuneo Haynes
Meredith Miller Petri Powell Redd Scott Smith Withelm 12

By the Board of Aldermen
for the purpose of
printing

Ordinance prohibiting
Photographs etc

Excused Aldermen Moore & Moreland 2
The Mayor laid before the Council a bill of Son Rosetman Jones a
certain job printing which was on Motion referred to the
Printing & Finance Committees
By Alderman Crooker an ordinance prohibiting the
playing of Phonographs on like instruments on Congress
Avenue & Sixth Street in the City of Austin.
The ordinance was read the first time and on
Motion was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Standing Committee
Council

List of Standing Committees of the Council for the term
ending April 1909
Water & Light Moore Withelm & Meredith
Streets Scott Redd & Moore
Finance Haynes Powell & Crooker
Parks Powell Crooker & Moreland
Fire Dept Redd Smith & Moore
Police Powell Smith & Meredith
Ordinances Cuneo Moore & Scott
Claims & accounts Petri Haynes & Cuneo
Printing Moreland Scott & Cuneo
Markets Meredith Withelm & Moreland
Cemetery Crooker Armstrong & Haynes
Sanitation Newcomer Smith Powell & Miller
Hose & bell Armstrong Petri & Cuneo
Flowers Withelm Petri & Miller
Miscellaneous Miller Redd & Armstrong
City Hall Moore Smith Meredith Petri & Cuneo

On Motion the Council adjourned

Respectfully
submitted