The minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council.

Austin, Texas, Oct. 5, 1891.

Hon. John McDonald, mayor, presiding.

Roll

Roll Called: Present - Aldermen Anderson, Carleton, Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Nitschke, North, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend, Weyerman, Zillen - 17.

Called.

Absent - Aldermen Assmann, Newton, Phillips, Suter, Wingfield - 5.

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Alderman Morris moved that Mr Neil McCashin be requested to relieve the city Clerk temporarily to enable him to complete the preparation of the general account ordinance. Carried.

Minutes.

The minutes of the meetings of the City Council that was held on the 21st day of September, 1891, were adopted as printed.

Alds. Phillips, Assmann, Wingfield.

Aldermen Phillips, Assmann, and Wingfield entered the Council and answered to their names.

J. J. Whitley.

On the recommendation of the mayor a fine that was assessed in the Recorder's Court against J. J. Whitley, was remitted.

Petitions, Memorials, Etc.

Mansfield - Alley in block 36.

A communication was received from Mrs. M. C. Mansfield opposing the opening of the alley in block No. 36. It was read and ordered filed.

Mrs Langley - tax.

A petition was received from Mrs. L. R. Langley requesting the Council to Extend the time for the payment of her taxes until November. The petition was granted.

Marshal's report.

Reports of City Officers for the month of Sept. 1891.

By the City Marshal:

Total amount of fines assessed in the Recorder's Court $1,170.

Collected in Cash	$ 459.40
Worked Out	336.20
Escaped	136.90
Appealed	20.00
Carried forward	217.50
Total	$ 1170.00
Back fines Collected	30.00
Pound fees Collected	36.50

Arrests made 103.

Referred to the police Committee.

Ald. Anderson excused.

Alderman Anderson was Excused.

A. to Collector [illegible].

By the the city Assessor and Collector:

Ad Valorem taxes Collected	$ 3260.31
Interest fund	655.15 5/7
Sinking fund	262.06 2/7
License Taxes	1,384.85
From other Sources	980.65
Total	$ 6,543.23

School taxes Collected $ 966.19.

Referred to the finance Committee.

By the City Clerk:

Statement of warrants issued against the general fund:

Total amount issued $5,425.73
Referred to the Finance Committee.
City Clerk, p. 1. By the City Clerk:
Statement of warrants issued against the Water and Light Fund:
Total amount issued $22.191.73.
Referred to the Finance Committee.
" " " By the City Sexton:
Total Number of deaths, 24.
White 14, Colored, 8, Mexican 2.
Referred to the Cemetery Committee.
" " " By the City Physician:

No. of patients in the hospital Sept. 1,	12
" " " admitted to " " in "	6
" " " discharged from the " " "	11
" " " died in " " " "	1
" " " remaining " " " Oct. 1	6
" " Cases of diptheria reported in Sept.	1
" " Visits made to paupers " "	71
" " prescriptions written for " " "	95

The health of the city is good.
Referred to the Hospital Committee.
Chf. Engr. Frizell's report. By Jos. P. Frizell, Engineer:
Report of the progress made in the Construction of the dam during the month of September, 1891.
It was read and ordered filed.
City Treas. " By the City Treasurer, from Sept. 7, to Oct. 5, 1891.- General Fund:

Balance on hand Sept. 7,		$8,190.93
Receipts to Oct. 5,		6,128.97
Total		$ 14,319.90
Disbursements	$ 5,347.26	
Balance Oct. 5.		
General fund	8,749.14	
Cemetery fund	223.50	
Total	$ 14.319.90	

Referred to the Finance Committee.
" " " By the City Treasurer, from Sept. 7, to Oct. 5, 1891-Water and Light fund:

Balance on hand Sept. 7,	$ 211.326.70
Disbursements	21.449.40
Balance Oct. 5	$ 189.877.30

Referred to the Finance Committee.
" " " By the City Treasurer, from Sept. 7, to October 5, 1891- Interest & Sinking fund:

Balance Sept. 7, Interest fund		$5,000.00
Sinking fund		7,406.87
Receipts		882.22
Total		$ 13.289.09
Disbursements	$ 5,000.00	
Balance Oct. 5,:		
Sinking fund	8.289.09	
Total	$ 13.289.09	

Referred to the Finance Committee.
By the City Assessor and Collector:
Report of real Estate sold July 7th, 1891, for City taxes of the year 1890.
Referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of Supt. of Streets - [illegible]

By the Superintendent of Streets:
A report stating that in accordance with instructions of the Council he had attempted to open the alley in block 36, but had been resisted by Mr Mansfield. The report was ordered filed.

Reports of Committees.

Animals - Cruelty to

By Alderman North, for the Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred an Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance for the prevention of Cruelty to animals," submitted a report recommending the passage of the same. The report was laid over to be taken up with the Ordinance named therein.

Electioneering

By Alderman North, for the Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred an ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance to prevent Electioneering with Voters within one hundred yards of the polls on the day of any Election," submitted a report recommending the adoption of a substitute for the same, which is entitled "An Ordinance to prevent Electioneering with Voters within Certain Specified limits of the polls".
The report was laid over to be taken up with the Ordinances named therein.

Oils, powder - storage of.

By Alderman Schneider, for the fire Committee, to whom was referred a petition of citizens asking that the storage of dynamite, powder and other dangerous Explosives in the city be regulated, submitted a report recommending the passage of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend Article 210, Title V, Chapter Four of the Revised Criminal Ordinances of the City of Austin," which is intended to remove the danger named by the petitioners. The report was laid over to be taken up with the Ordinance referred to therein.

Fire Dept. Com. report.

By Alderman Schneider, for the fire Committee, to whom was referred a communication from August Zeller, Chief of Austin fire department suggesting that the two fire engines, owned by the city, be repaired, and that they be kept so by a competent person; that the Electric light Company be required by ordinance, to detail an Expert from their office to report at all fires prepared to cut all wires under the orders of the Chief of the fire Department; that the Council take steps to prevent false fire alarms, submitted a report thereon as follows:
"First. That the Council empower the fire Committee to engage some competent person to examine the two fire engines and make an estimate of the cost of repairing each engine.
Second. That the president of the Electric light Company be requested to detail some competent man to report at fires to the Chief of the fire department to cut wires if necessary.
Third. There being an ordinance punishing all giving of false alarms, Except through telephone, therefore your Committee would recommend that the ordinance Committee be directed to frame an ordinance to punish the person in

control of such telephone, or the person giving a false alarm through the telephone".
The report was adopted.

E. Shaphard Claim. By the Committee on Claims and accounts, to whom was referred a claim from E. Shaphard for the sum of $250.00 for a Cow that died from injuries alleged to have been received by jumping out of the pound, submitted a report setting forth the facts in the case as ascertained by the Committee, and stating that the Committee does not believe the city is legally responsible for the death of the Cow.
The report was adopted.

Market house roof. Alderman Schuber made a verbal report to the effect that the roof of the market house shed should be repaired.
Alderman Phillips moved that the Committee on markets be directed to have the roof repaired at a cost not to exceed $50.00. Adopted.

Police Com. By Alderman Graham, for the police Committee, to whom was referred the reports of the City Marshal for the months of June, July and August, 1891, submitted reports on the same stating that the reports of the Marshal were examined and found correct.
The Committees reports were adopted.

Unfinished Business.

Electioneering. An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to prevent electioneering with Voters within one hundred yards of the polls on the day of any Election", was taken up on its second reading and read.
Alderman Morris then moved the adoption of the substitute reported by the Ordinance Committee.
Alderman Platt moved to lay the Ordinance on the table, which was agreed to by the following Vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Assmann, Glass, Hutchins, Linn, Nitschke, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Weyrman, Wingfield, Zillen - 11.
Nays - Aldermen Carlton, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Morris, North, Phillips, Townsend. - 8.

Animals - Cruelty to. An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance for the prevention of Cruelty to animals," was taken up on its second reading and read, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the same on its third reading, which was adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council. The Ordinance was accordingly read and on motion passed.

New Business.

Storage of Oils, powder etc. An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to amend Article 210, Title, V, Chapter Four of the Revised Criminal Ordinances of the City of Newton," (relating to the storage of Explosives) was taken up and read.
Motions were then made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second and third readings, both of which were adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Council. The Ordinance was accordingly read and on motion passed.

[illegible] funds. By Alderman [illegible] - A resolution directing the City Treasurer to transfer the sum of $2,000.00 from the Cemetery fund to the general fund. Adopted.

Bd. of Equalization. By Alderman Linn - An Ordinance Entitled "An Ordinance to amend Section 4 of 'An Ordinance to Create a board of Equalization of taxes for the city of Austin and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof', approved August 3d, 1891."
The amendment limits the length of the Session of the board to twenty days.
It was read the first time and laid over until the next regular meeting of the City Council.

Dam - Carrigan Est. No. 11. By Alderman Linn - An Ordinance appropriating the Sum of Seventeen thousand, three hundred and fifty one and 84-100 dollars for the purpose of paying Estimate No. 11 in favor of Bernard Carrigan for material furnished and labor performed on the dam for the City of Austin under the Contract with the City of Austin, dated November 7, 1890.
It was read the first time after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Same on its Second and third readings, both of which were adopted by a Vote of two-thirds of the whole Council.
The Ordinance was accordingly read after which a motion was made that the Ordinance do now pass, which was adopted by the following Vote:
Yeas - Aldermen Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield, Zeller - 19.

Salaries. By Alderman Linn - An Ordinance appropriating the Sum of Six thousand, Eight hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of paying officers and regular employees of the City of Austin for the months of October and Nov. 1891.
It was read the first time after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Same on its Second and third readings and that it do pass, all of which were adopted by the following Vote:
Yeas - Aldermen Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend, Weyermann, Wingfield, Zeller - 19.

Approved Accts. By Alderman Linn - An Ordinance appropriating the Sum of $1,800.01 for the purpose of paying approved accounts. It was read the first time after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Same on its Second and third readings and that it do pass, all of which were adopted by the following Vote:
Yeas - Aldermen Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Platt, Schuber, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield, Zeller - 18.
Nay - Alderman Schneider.

[illegible] By Alderman Morris - "An Ordinance to amend section five (5) of 'An Ordinance to Create a board of Equalization of taxes for the city of Austin, and to prescribe the powers and duties thereof', approved August 3d, 1891."
It was read the first time after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the Same on its

second and third readings, both of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Assmann, Carleton, Glass, Graham, Hume, Jackson, Ketchum, Linn, Morris, Nitschke, North, Phillips, Platt, Schneider, Schuber, Townsend, Weyerman, Wingfield, Zeller - 19.

Ward boundaries to be changed.

The Ordinance was accordingly read and on motion passed. By Alderman Nitschke - "An Ordinance to amend sub-divisions Six (6) and Seven (7) of an Ordinance entitled 'An Ordinance to divide the city of Austin into wards, to establish the same and to fix the boundaries thereof and to provide for the election of Aldermen in the eleventh ward,' approved June 2, 1891."
It was read the first time after which Alderman Linn moved to refer it to the Committee on Ordinances. Carried.
The Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris,
City Clerk.