

Regular meeting of the City Council, Austin, Texas, June 15th 1900 :

Hon F M Maddox, Mayor, presiding. Roll called .

Present Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Read, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm 13

Absent Alderman Meredith 1

On motion the minutes were approved as recorded by the Clerk, without reading .

Petitions, memorials, etc :

By the Mayor Petition of R W Stephens asking permission to erect a building within the fire limits. Read, Alderman Wilhelm moved that it be referred to the Board of Fire Commissioners, which motion was lost by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Cuneo, Moreland & Wilhelm 3

Nays Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Read, Scott, Smith & Sutor 10

Alderman Moore moved that the petition be granted, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Read, Scott, Smith, & Sutor 9

Nays Aldermen Cuneo, Moreland & Wilhelm 3

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from T F Taylor, Agent, for Estate of Mrs L L and Geo L Robertson in regard to taxes, and a proposition to open certain streets, which was read and on motion was referred to the Street Committee .

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from M V Crenshaw asking an extension of time in which to move tent off the street, Read and on motion of Alderman Moreland, the petition was not granted .

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from W Ziller in regard to street and alley near his property, and asking pay for work done by him on said alley. Read and on motion referred to the Street and Claims and Accounts Committees .

Alderman Moreland presented a petition from Citizens of the 7th Ward asking recognition of a Fire Company organized in that ward, and that they be granted privileges extended to other Fire Companies., with a report of the Board of Fire Commissioners recommending that the petition be granted. On motion the report of the Committee was adopted .

By Alderman Petri petition of J G Robertson asking to have certain pound fees refunded; Read and on motion referred to the Committee on Claims & Accounts .

Alderman Haynes stated that a petition had been presented to the Committee on Claims & Accounts asking for refund of taxes and other charges paid by one to the Council, and had been referred to the Committee on Claims & Accounts and had been reported upon unfavorably by that Committee and since he had investigated the matter and found that they had made a mistake, and that the party was entitled to the relief asked; He therefore asked that the petition be re-referred to the Claims & Accounts Committee which motion prevailed .

By Alderman Moore petition of Mrs Mc Guire asking to have certain Street work done . Read and referred to the Street Comm

*Petitions etc
R W Stephens
building permit*

*T F Taylor Agent
Estate Robertson*

*M V Crenshaw
petition to occupy
street*

*W Ziller
work on
alley near
property*

*Citizens 7th Ward
Fire Company*

*J G Robertson
pound fees*

*Haynes
taxes*

*Mrs Mc Guire
Street work*

with instructions to act or report back to the Council at the next regular meeting of the Council .

The Mayor reported to the Council that he had released from prison one Adeline Roberts who had been convicted in the Recorder Court, and asked the Council to confirm his action .On motion the action of the Mayor was confirmed .

Reports of City Officers :

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Assessor & Collector ,the Treasurer,the Clerk,and the Marshal for the month of May 1908,which were on motion referred to their appropriate Committees without reading..

Reports of Standing Committees :

Alderman Cuneo for the Ordinance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Citizens of Hyde Park Annex for Fire Hydrants ,presented a report Recommending that the petition be granted .On motion the report was adopted .

Alderman Scott presented a report from the street Committee on the petition of P G Roach asking permission to repair an awning on East 55th street, recommending that the petition be granted .A motion was made to adopt the report of the Committee,which motion was lost by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong,Redd,Scott,Smith & Suter 5

Nays Aldermen Crocker ,Haynes,Miller,Moore,Moreland, Petri,& Wilhelm Cuneo 8

Alderman Haynes for the Finance Committee who were instructed by the Council to have the report of the Water & Light Commission to the Council for the year 1907 Audited,submitted the report of the Auditor employed by the Finance Committee,, which was read and ordered printed in the Statesman.

Alderman Moreland moved that the report be referred to the Finance and Water and Light Committees ,which motion prevailed .

The following is the report of the Auditor;

Austin,Texas,June 15th 1908

Hons JERRY L. Haynes ,L M Crocker and J M Meredith
Seco. Finance Committee of the City Council of the City of Austin,
Austin,Texas .

Gentlemen :

Referring to the Annual Report of the Water and Light Commission of the City of Austin for the year 1907,which was handed me by your Committee for audit,I beg to state that I have carefully examined it in connection with the records of the Water and Light Office and submit the following as the result. As the annual report is incomplete in many respects I did not confine my investigation to the subjects mentioned therein but did limit it to the year 1907, except when it became necessary to refer to the records of other years .

There are many errors,defects and omissions in the records of the Water and Light office which will receive attention in this report.In the presentation and discussion of them I shall,in each and every instance have reference to methods and not to men or individuals,for I do not intend nor desire to be in any sense personal .

Annual Report incomplete .

(1) The annual report is incomplete in that no mention whatever is made of Earnings uncollected Jan 1,1907. It should have shown the total amount unpaid Jan 1,1907,of each class of Earnings as Water,Light and Power and in addition the gross earnings for the year 1907,of each class of Earnings thereby fixing the

Fire Adeline Roberts
Verdict

Reports City Officers

Reports Standing
Committees

Ordinance Fire Hydrants
Hyde Park

By Road : crocker
Haynes

Finance Auditor
report

Reports of
Auditor in
Annual report to
Finance Committee

amount for which an accounting should have been shown in the annual report. The report also should have shown the amount of uncollected earnings at the close of business Dec 31, 1907. In other words a statement, substantially as follows relative to each class of Earnings, should have been included in the annual report :

Water . (Example)

Acct's uncollected Jan, 1, 1907	\$ 15,000.	Cash collected during the year	
		1907	\$ 108,000
Earnings during the year 1907, \$ 110,000. Allowances on Acct's . 1,225.			
. Acct's uncollected .. Dec. 31, 1907			. 15,775
. \$ 125,000			. 125,000

Uncollected Water, Light and Power accounts Jan 1, 1907 will be further considered in this report .

(2) : The Annual Report does not show that any rebates or allowances were allowed on water and light bills during the year 1907, but as a matter of fact the consumers ledgers show that the sum of \$ 1,555.34 was credited off without being paid . These credits should have been shown in the Annual Report . This subject will be reached again in connection with another matter .

Charity

(3) The records show that water was supplied to ten residences without charge. This matter is not alluded to in the Annual Report but the earnings should have been included and then rebated or charged to charity to balance. Unless this method is adopted in cases of this kind the real earnings of the plant will not be shown nor will the expenses bear the proper relation to the earnings . It should be remembered that the plant must receive credit for all it earns regardless of the disposition that may be made of the earnings, if a complete and accurate statement of Earnings and Expenses is to be kept .

Advance Credits .

(4) Credit balances shown on customers accounts are not mentioned in the Annual Report although a full and complete balanced statement cannot be made without considering them .

Water , Light and Power Extensions .

(5) Many extensions have been made to reach new customers and the expense thereof paid by them with the understanding that the sum so paid should be applied to their Water, Light or Power account as the case may be , until exhausted . Payments made in cases of this kind have been improperly handled in that they have been taken up on the reports and books as Miscellaneous Earnings and the cash applied to balance .

Now, as a matter of fact such extensions can have no connection with or relation to Miscellaneous Earnings. About one (\$ 1000.00) thousand dollars received during the year 1907, on account of such extensions has been included in the Annual Report as Miscellaneous Earnings thereby erroneously increasing the earnings to that extent. Two conditions are thus presented: First, The amount received from the customer is used to balance the Miscellaneous Earnings account . Secondly , the customers account is charged with water and credited

with the sum already credited to Miscellaneous Earnings. Of course this method is incorrect and has brought about a condition that should receive immediate attention. If the books had been properly kept this method of double crediting could not have been used. The proper method of handling the question with the customer is this: When the money is paid for the extension post it to the credit of the customer's account and as Water, Light or Power is used charge his account with it. Of course the earnings should be taken up under the proper heading. The payment is nothing more nor less than an advance payment for service and should be so treated. When the City pays the cost of the extension the expense is charged to extensions.

By taking up the payments as Miscellaneous Earnings and then taking up the Water Light or Power charges as Earnings it will readily be seen that one of the other must remain unpaid as but one payment, just sufficient to meet one account, is received. It follows therefore that a quantity of fictitious earnings have been taken into the records which should be eliminated.

Material .

(6) There is nothing whatever shown in the Annual Report relative to the stock of material in the store room, pole yard and pipe yard. The report is also silent as to property at the Water, Light and Power Station and the amount of pipe, pole and wire mileage. These questions will be treated at length later.

Accounts Payable and receivable .

(7) The files of the Water and Light office show that invoices and bills aggregating \$ 20,653,98 were unpaid Dec 31, 1907, and that bills Receivable, other than Water, Light & Power, aggregating \$ 238,87, were uncollected Dec 31, 1907 although no allusion to these subjects is made in the Annual Report.

A full and comprehensive report of any corporation could scarcely be made without considering its Resources and liabilities at the time the statement is closed.

A list of Invoices and Bills Payable and accounts Receivable marked Exhibit " A" is submitted with this report.

Earnings .

The question of earnings is one of vital importance and has received close attention during this investigation. The Water, Light and Power earnings are entered upon ledgers kept for the purpose. These ledgers contain about six (6000) thousand accounts and when they were opened for examination and comparison with the Annual Report it was found that the accounts for the year 1907, were neither added nor balanced and that the accounts of the preceding year, 1906, were in the same condition, therefore it was plain that the Annual Report was necessarily quite incomplete and by reference thereto it was found that the unpaid Water, Light and Power accounts at the opening and closing of the year 1907, were not shown.

In order to ascertain if the annual report agrees with the customers ledgers it was necessary to add the six (6000) thousand accounts and assemble and add the totals. If the accounts had been properly closed before the annual report was made much time would have been saved in making the investigation.

When the earnings for the year 1907, as shown on the ledgers had been ascertained and compared with the earnings as listed in the annual report the following differences were shown:

Water Earnings .

Annual Report	\$ 110,305,70
Ledgers	108,810,82
Ledgers short	1,495,88
Light Earnings .	
Annual Report	\$83,440,82
Ledgers	78,925,51
Ledgers short	4,514,31
Power Earnings .	
Annual Report	\$ 11,025,53
Ledgers	10,942,95
Ledgers short	83,57

When these results were reached inquiry was made at the Water and Light Office as to the probable cause but no light was thrown upon the matter at the time, but a little later a number of loose leaves which had been removed from the Ledgers, were handed to me. Upon these leaves Earnings for the year 1907, were found as follows :

Water \$ 1,380,00 Light \$ 4,054,37 Power \$ 230,15

When it was evident that these figures would not adjust the differences further inquiry was made and the suggestion offered that perhaps additional ledger leaves could be found, but being assured that no more were to be had the matter was laid aside for the time. About fifteen days after this assurance twelve or fourteen loose leaves were handed me with the information that they had just been found. Earnings of 1907 amounting to \$296,96 were found upon these leaves and after considering them the result was as follows :

Water Earnings.	
Annual Report	\$ 110,305,70
Ledgers and loose leaves	110,271,58
Annual Report in excess	,35,02
Light Earnings	
Annual Report	\$ 83,440,82
Ledgers and loose leaves	83,223,55
Annual Report in excess	217,14
Power Earnings .	
Ledgers and loose leaves	\$ 11,175,11
Annual Report	11,025,53
Ledgers and loose leaves in excess	149,58

I am informed the Earnings as shown in the Annual Report were neither taken directly from nor compared with the ledgers before being handed out, which of course should have been done in view of the fact that no general or controlling ledger is kept and no trial balances taken. After I had added and balanced the accounts in the customers ledgers for the year 1907, the following was obtained from them:

Water .			
Earnings	\$110,271,58	Cash collected	94,137,87
		. Allowances on accounts	1,225,72
Accounts paid ahead	.551,79	. uncollected accounts	15,459,88
Total	. 110,823,47	Total	. 110,823,47
Light .			
Earnings	. \$83,223,58	. Cash collected	53,040,07
		allowance on accounts	313,87

Accounts paid ahead	\$104,885 .	Uncollected accounts	19,574,59
Total	\$83,328,33 .	Total	83,328,33
Power .			
Earnings	\$11,173,11	Cash collected	\$ 10,217,42
		Allowed on account	.25,75
Total	.\$11,173,11		.11,173 11

These figures however are of little value as they do not include the outstanding accounts of 1906, and prior years and the collections and rebates applicable to those years .

Disbursements.

Approved vouchers are on file covering the disbursements for the year 1907, except in the following instances:

Voucher 5004 B covering warrant issued Jan 11 1907, to Meyer Drug Co for \$ 327,55.

Voucher 5047 B covering warrant issued Dec 17, 1907 to Western Elec Co for \$ 171,75

I am informed these vouchers were mailed, with remittance for signature but have not been returned

The following pay rolls were paid without approval :

Jan 3 1907 \$ 3,061,54

Feb 7, 1907 .3,071,73

March 7, 1907 3,373,54

April 4, 1907 -3,582,74

Aug 3, 1907 .3,820,59

Total \$.16,910,20

The vouchers show that damages and court costs were paid and charged as follows :

Geo W Booth (damages) \$ 33,00 charged to Water repairs.

Ed Masgrove " 250,00 . Charged to Elec Deptmt material & repairs

F H Forbis ,by Atty \$ 5,390,00 " " " " "

J D Riley (damages) .250,00 ." Gen Expense Steam Plant

R H Connerly ,Clerks Cost 14,70 " Elec Deptmt material & Repairs

. \$ 5,937,70

I would respectfully recommend that an account be opened and designated "Damages" and that hereafter such expenditures be charged thereto .

While checking the disbursements it was found that two warrants had been issued to Scarborough and Hicks ,for \$3,42 each, in payment for the same goods and as one remains undelivered I would respectfully suggest that it be cancelled and the matter adjusted on the books .

Miscellaneous Earnings .

While examining into the details of this account it was found that coal valued at \$120,85 had been sold to the Lone Star Ice Co. This coal was paid for by the City and charged to the fuel expense of the Water or Light Plant and when sold the charge was not removed from the plant account .When the coal account was collected the income was treated as Miscellaneous Earnings and the payment applied to balance. This was incorrect .As the coal was not consumed by the plant the charge should have been removed from the fuel account. One cross entry at the time the sale was made ,would have adjusted the matter .

Cash Account .

Many accounts are paid in cash before warrant is drawn. This method should be discontinued and all funds collected deposited with the Treasurer and all payments made by warrant .

Cash collected and deposited should agree each day .This can easily be done by closing the cash book in time to bank each evening and treating collections of the remainder of the day as receipts of the following day .A sufficient sum for change can be checked out ,charged to " Office fund Account " and kept on hand .This method is being adopted by many large business

immediate investigation concerns as it serves to keep the cash account clear and open to immediate investigation. In this connection it must be stated that while examining the cash book it was found that in two instances during the year 1907, cash had been paid out and the debit side of the book reduced to equal the amount disbursed. This is quite unusual and established an undesirable precedent, as cash when once received should not be paid out except through the proper channel. This method is covered by the recommendations just made.

Disagreement of Treasurers and Cashiers Balances.

The records of the Water and Light Office show that the cash balance in the hands of the City

Treasurer Jan ,1 1907, was \$ 22,916 ,4,8

The Treasurers books of that day show a balance of . 22,911,53

Discrepancy 4,90

At the close of business Dec 31,1907 the Office shows balance with the Treasurer as \$7,770.18

The Treasurers books show 7,745,10

Discrepancy 25,08

It will be seen that the books of the Treasurer and those of the water and light office disagree at the opening of the year 1907, hence the books of 1906, disagreed. I am informed that the City Treasurer furnishes the Water and Light Office at the close of each month a statement of receipts and disbursements, and I was also informed at the Water and Light Office that these statements are never compared with the books of the Water and Light office, consequently it was not known until this examination was made, that a discrepancy existed. I cannot too strongly urge the necessity of a monthly comparison with the Treasurers statements.

On page 16 of the Annual Report the total collections for the year 1907, are shown as \$ 195,944.80 but should read \$ 195,947,04.

Postings.

Cash collected during the year 1907, is frequently found posted to the ledger accounts of 1905, and in some cases to the ledger accounts of 1908.

This method should be discontinued and the cash applied under the date it is received.

On the account of Mr W D Gorton was found posted a charge of \$ 100,00 for extensions of pipe and the account also shows the amount was paid, and as in similar instances, intended to be applied to his water account but as the cost of the extension was charged to the account nothing is left for the payment of the charges made for water consumed. The cost of the extension when paid by the City was charged to " Water Extensions ", as in other cases therefore I recommend that the necessary correction be made.

Penalties.

Upon examination of consumers accounts it was found that penalty charges had not been uniformly made. Some consumers accounts show that bills were paid long after they were due without the penalty charge being paid, while others had been required to pay the penalty.

Material in the Store Room and Yards.

This subject, like other important ones presented herein was not mentioned in the Annual Report but I feel it my duty to consider it and direct your attention to the same relative thereto.

As no stock account has been kept showing goods received, used and sold this branch of the business was not investigated except for the purpose of ascertaining its needs.

There is no question connected with the Water & Light system of greater importance than that of properly handling the stock of material-not even that of handling the cash.

Business methods should be adopted in this department and to that end I suggest that an inventory of the stock now on hand in the storeroom, pipe and pole yards and elsewhere be taken at

ence and a stock ledger opened with an account for each variety of material to which should be charged the quantity and cost of each class now on hand. A store keeper should be appointed, bonded and placed in charge with instructions to carefully check all invoices with goods received and charge the quantity and cost of each class to the proper account. All old pipe or other material removed from the streets or elsewhere should be billed and turned back into and taken up on the stock ledger the same as new goods except that it should not be classed as new material. No goods or material of any kind should be permitted to be taken out of stock except upon written requisition duly approved and the requisitions should be posted to the credit of the proper accounts thereby showing, at all times, the exact amount of each class of material in stock. By this means the stock account can be verified with the same degree of certainty as a correctly kept cash account. The requisitions should be carefully filed by the store-keeper as vouchers. He should be required to make report monthly showing the quantity of each kind of material on hand at the close of the last report, amount of each class received, used and sold during the month and the quantity of each kind on hand at the close of the report. This method deals with totals and would cause any unusual consumption of material to be apparent and enable the proper authorities to promptly ascertain the cause. Before goods sold, or meters for which deposits is made, are taken out of stock they should be billed and the billing approved in triplicate by the proper Officer and the original handed the store-keeper, the duplicate to the Cashier and the triplicate when receipted, to the customer. These forms should be regularly numbered when printed, the original, duplicate and triplicate in each group bearing the same number. This method would enable a rapid and accurate comparison of the store room and office accounts and at the same time supply the Store-keeper with the proper vouchers and the Cashier with a verification of his entry of sale on the cash book. I draw the distinction between material used by the City and that sold, for several seasons, to wit: material taken out of stock to be used by the City only effects the books of the Store-keeper. The sales are carried through the Cashiers books as well as those of the store-keeper and one should be a check upon the other—but the most important reason is to furnish an absolutely correct check on the Cashiers cash book entries of sales and deposits received for meters. By having all sales of every character and meter deposits billed and the billing numbered and approved as suggested, the Cashiers record as to these matters, can be verified, for if an entry is omitted the missing number will disclose the fact. As the miscellaneous income is now being handled the cash received cannot be verified because as a rule there is no record kept which will support the entries. I found this to be true when I attempted to prove the correctness of the Miscellaneous income as reported in the Annual report. In this connection I desire to emphasize the fact that it is just as important to verify the collections as to prove the disbursements.

If the cash balance of a house, together with vouchers paid, equal the cash received according to the cash book, it does not follow that the cash account is correct unless there is an absolute check on both the receipts and disbursements.

The Water & Light Plant.

There should have been embodied in the Annual report a comprehensive report of the entire Water & Light system showing substantially the following:

Property at the Station Jan 1, 1907

Additions during the year

Condemned or removed during the year

Feet of Pipe laid Jan 1, 1907—showing number of feet of each size.

Feet of Pipe laid during the year, showing number of feet of each size.

Number of miles of poles standing Jan 1, 1907 (showing length)

Number added during the year.

•Wire mileage Jan ,1,1907(size and kind)

Amount added during the year.

The value of the old and cost of the new,the depreciation of the Plant account of age and wear and tear,the production(in gallons)and the cost of production are all questions inseparably connected with the subject but I shall not discuss them as other matters of more immediate concern will demand all the time allotted to me .

Review .

It has been seen that the following subjects were not embodied in the Annual Report :

Water,Light and Power accounts which were unpaid Jan 1,and Dec 31,1907.

Allowances on accounts .

Water Earnings-Charity .

Accounts payable Dec 31,1907 .

Accounts Receivable-other than Water,Light and Power-Dec 31,1907 .

Report of stock handled through the store-room .

Property report of the plant .

It was also found that fictitious Earnings had erroneously been included in the Annual Report and that fuel sold had been charged to the plant as consumed;that the accounts of 1907 had not been added nor balanced;that the customers ledgers and annual report do not agree as to the Earnings for the year 1907;that books of the Treasurer and these of the water and light office disagree;that there is no check or means of proving the cash received;that proper records of stock in the store-room are not being kept;that the books are out of balance and that a trial balance is not taken;that leaves were removed from the ledgers and mislaid and that other errors had been made .

Inaccuracies and omissions render the Annual Report of little value .The method of book-keeping in use is nothing more than a memorandum .

In making this examination I was limited ,as before stated to the year 1907,the period covered by the annual report ,hence have not examined the records of prior years further than to see what present methods appear to have been in use for years.

The books are not in balance and furthermore the present method will not admit of a balance as entries are made at random and without reference to a balance,and there is no central point or place of beginning on which to rest a balance .

Recommendations .

I respectfully recommend that the customers ledgers and other records be examined as far back as may be found necessary and all balances ascertained and brought forward and that a Controlling ledger be opened and put in balance with the other records and an absolute check placed upon every record in the office,and when done that the books be balanced each month and a copy of the trial balance referred to the Water and Light Commission with the monthly report.

Present conditions suggest and warrant immediate action .

In conclusion I desire to thank your Committee ,the Mayor,the City Clerk and the officers and Employees of the Water & Light Office for courtesies shown me while engaged in this work .

Respectfully submitted

(sgd) Milton Morris ,

Auditor .

. Alderman Redd stated that he wanted to inform the Council that the Horse used by the Chief of the Fire Dept was dead, and that later he offer an ordinance making an appropriation for the purchase of another. Alderman Cuneo for the ordinance Committee to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 75,00 for the purpose of paying

*Ordinance Committee on the
A G Paris*

A G Paris for work on profiles of streets, presented a report recommending that the ordinance do pass. On motion the report was laid over to come up with the ordinance under the head of unfinished business.

*Ordinance Com. on
Resolution that
Gutter men sweep for
drain on Sundays
& Holidays*

Alderman Cuneo for the ordinance Committee to whom was referred a resolution to pay gutter men for work on Sundays and holidays, presented a report stating that in their judgement the resolution could not legally be passed in its present shape, and recommending that it do not pass. On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Cuneo for the Ordinance Committee to whom was referred a resolution in regard to refuse from the Gas works being emptied into the river, presented a report stating that they thought the matter should be stopped, and recommending the passage of an ordinance submitted by the Committee. On motion the report and the ordinance were laid over until the next regular meeting of the Council.

Alderman Moore for the City Hall Committee presented the following report, which was read and adopted .

Her F M Maddox, Mayor and Gentlemen of the City Council .

*City Hall, Water Cooling
Apparatus City Hall*

We advertized for bids on water cooling apparatus and drinking fountain as directed and received the following bids:

- J R Donnelly \$ 135,00
- Austin Plumbing & Machine Co 134,00
- Austin Electrical Supply Co 130,50

The Austin Electrical Supply Co being the lowest bidder for this work, we recommend that the same be awarded to the Austin Electrical Supply Co

C W Moore
A E Cuneo
T D Smith
Henry Petri

Unfinished Business .

Alderman Haynes President of the Council in the Chair .

The Chairman laid before the Council the following veto message from the Mayor.

Austin, Texas, June 5, 1908

Her City Council,
Austin, Texas .

Gentlemen :

*Mayor's Veto
of item Alliance
Yard*

In your general appropriation bill passed June 4, 1908 is an item of \$ 41,50 for 415 feet of pipe in the ground in the " Alliance Yard " .

I beg to hand you this my Veto of said item, for the following reasons:

First-There is nothing to show that said pipe was placed there for or by order of, the City .

Second-Said pipe was evidently placed there some ten or fifteen years ago by and for the sole use of the Farmers Cotton yard .

Third-If said pipe has been in the ground for fifteen or even ten years it is now almost worthless .

For the above given reasons, I do not think the City should now be called on to pay for said pipe

Respectfully submitted
F M Maddox, Mayor .

Alderman Crocker moved that the vote by which the ordinance was passed be reconsidered, which motion prevailed .

Aldermen Crooker moved that the ordinance do now pass notwithstanding the Mayor's objections, which motion was lost by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Crooker Cuneo, Moreland & Redd 4

Nays Aldermen Armstrong, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Petri, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 9

Payalst Paris not given

The Chair laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 75,00 for the purpose of paying A G Paris for work on profiles of streets of Austin. The ordinance was read the second time and passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 11

Nays Aldermen Cuneo & Petri 2

Art Engineer

The Chair laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 37,50 to pay salary of Assistant to the Engineer. The ordinance was read the second time and passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 11

Nays Aldermen Cuneo & Petri 2

Chicken Ordinance

The Chair laid before the Council an ordinance prohibiting the running at large of Chickens within certain limits of the City of Austin.

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

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Redd, Scott & Suter 9

Nays Aldermen Cuneo, Petri, Smith & Wilhelm 4

New Business.

Interest Refunding

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 30,590,00 for the purpose of paying interest due July 1st 1908 on Refunding bonds. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13

Nays none .

Just ...

By Alderman Scott an ordinance to pay the salary of Assistant to the Engineer. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Suter & Wilhelm 11

Nays Aldermen Cuneo & Smith 2

...

By Alderman Scott resolution directing the City Treasurer to transfer from the Street Improvement fund to the Permanent Paving fund the sum of \$ 4500,00. The resolution was adopted .

Painting of Protection Hall

By Alderman Redd an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 30,00 for the purpose of Painting Roof of Protection Hall. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13

Nays none

*Approved after
street dept*

. By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$410.24 for the purpose of paying approved Accounts Street Dept .The ordinance was read the first time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading; which motion prevailed by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crocker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13

Nays none .

The ordinance was read the second time. Alderman Cuneo moved to amend same by adding "\$15,50 to pay claim of W H Richardson & \$ 2,00 to pay claim of G W Patterson" which motion prevailed .The ordinance as amended was then passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crocker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13

Nays none .

By Alderman Cuneo an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ \$3,00,00 for the purpose of paying for Wagon for West Austin Hese Co 7. The ordinance was read the first time. Alderman Moore moved to refer it to the Fire Committee with instructions to advertize for bids for a wagon, which motion was lost by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen ~~Moore~~, Redd, Scott, Smith & Wilhelm 5

Nays Aldermen Armstrong, Crocker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moreland, Petri & Suter 8

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

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crocker, Cuneo, Haynes, Miller, Moore, Moreland, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Suter & Wilhelm 13

Nays none .

On motion the Council adjourned .

Geo. Johnson
City Clerk.

*\$800.00
Hese Wagon West
Austin*