

Regular meeting of the City Council .Austin,Texas, November 2nd 1908.

Hon P M Madden, Mayor Presiding: Roll called:

Present Aldermen Armstrong, Creeker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller Moore, Merleman, Petri, Read, Scott, Suterk Wilhelm	13
Absent Alderman Smith	1

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

Petitions, Memorials, Etc:

By Alderman Moore petition of F A Finn asking to have certain yipsound fees refunded. On motion the petition was granted.

By Alderman Mercaith petition of Citizens of Hyde Park, asking that the City Engineer be directed to remove obstruction to streets in Hyde Park. On motion the petition was granted.

Alderman Smith entered the Council chamber and answered to his name.

On motion of Alderman Creeker leave of absence for twelve days was granted to City Recorder Van Rosombe.

By Alderman Redd petition of H C Eagar asking that a fire station be established in Hyde Park. The petition was read.

Alderman Moore offered the following resolution which was read and accepted .

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that should the North Austin Hose Company erect and construct a galvanized Iron Sub-Station 8 feet wide 12 feet long & 6 feet high and purchase a Hose cart and necessary fitting for the purpose of carrying hose at a point in Hyde Park, the City will re-imburse said company in the new budget next year.

On recommendation of the Mayor a fine assessed in the Recorders Court against Caroline Binford was remitted.

On motion of Alderman Creeker the Mayor was instructed to execute a decree to the Confederate Home, to Cemetery Lot No 1022 in the City Cemetery.

### **Reports of City Officers:**

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

## Reports of Standing Committees :

By Alerman Reed a communication from the Chief of the Austin Fire Department, making suggestions as to the needs of the Dept., which was read and on motion referred to the Fire Committee.

Alderman Petri for the Claims & Accounts Committee to whom was referred the petition of Mrs Cera Rose asking to have certain phone fees refunded, presented a report recommending that the petition be not granted. On motion the report was adopted.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin,

.That the 7th ward hose Company No 8 be and is hereby admitted and recognized as members of Austin Fire Dept, from this date, but shall not receive any remuneration until January 1 1909.

On motion of Alderman Cunes the Council voted to return to the order of petitions etc.

By Alderman Cunes petition of W F Seawright & Co to have pound fee refunded On motion the petition was granted.

Regular order resumed .

Alderman Cunes for the ordinance Committee to whom was referred an ordinance regulating Circuses ,Etc, presented a report recommending the passage of the ordinance ,with an amendment proposed by the Committee. On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Creeker for the Cemetery Committee to whom was referred the report of the Sexton for the month of Sept 1908, presented a report stating that same had been examined and found correct The report was adopted . Alderman Wilhelm for the Charity Committee presented a report stating that they had advertized for, and received bids for furnishing the City with wood for account of Charity and recommending the acceptance of the bid of Mr H E Bredie. On motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

#### Unfinished business :

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance regulating Circuses,Etc, The ordinance was read the second time .Alderman Cunes moved to amend the ordinance in accordance with the recommendation of the ordinance Committee, Viz:"By striking out \$ 1000,00 the amount to be deposited and inserting in lieu thereof the sum of \$ 200,00 ",which amendment was adopted, and the ordinance as amended passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote : Yeas Aldermen Armstrong,Creeker,Cunes,Haynes,Meredith,Miller,Moore,Meroland,Petri,Rodd,Scott,Smith,Suter & Wilhelm 14 Nays none .

#### New business :

By Alderman Meroland an ordinance regulating the duties of street car conductors at crossings,etc. 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: Yeas Aldermen Armstrong,Creeker,Cunes,Haynes,Meredith,Miller,Meroland,Petri,Rodd,Scott,Smith,Suter & Wilhelm 13 Nays Alderman Moore.

The ordinance was read the second time .Alderman Cunes moved to amend same by adding at the end of section 1 the following "And it shall further be the duty of said company their agents,servants and employees to ring the gong bell on said electric car before crossing or attempting to cross said railroad track at said intersection "The amendment was accepted and the ordinance passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote :

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong,Creeker,Cunes,Haynes,Meredith,Miller,Moore ,Meroland,Petri,Rodd,Scott,Smith,Suter & Wilhelm 14 Nays None .

By Alderman Meroland An ordinance repealing an ordinance entitled " An ordinance providing the duties of street car conductors at places where street car tracks intersect railroad crossings"

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yea Aldermen Armstrong,Crocker,Cuneso, Haynes,Meredith,Miller,Moore,  
Moreland,Petri,Read,Scott,Smith,Suter & Wilhelm 14  
Nays None.

*Extra street labor*  
By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300,00 for the purpose of paying street force on weekly pay roll. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yea Alderman Armstrong,Crocker,Cuneso, Haynes,Meredith,Miller,Moore,  
Moreland,Petri,Read,Scott,Smith,Suter & Wilhelm 14  
Nays None.

Alderman Moore offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted. Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:  
That the office of Dog catcher be and is hereby continued for the term of thirty days from date.

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of paying salary of Asst to City Engineer. The ordinance was read the first time and on motion of Alderman Crooker was referred to the Finance Committee, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Council.

*Salary Asst Engineer*  
Alderman Cuneso offered the following resolution, viz:  
Resolved: That whereas the condition of West 9th street from Blanco st to West Lynn Ave, and 12th st from Blanco East to Ruiz street, thence south on Ruiz street to West sixth street are in a deplorable condition, because of long neglect and their peculiar situations, being along the slope and in the valley of the mountains upon which our beautiful City is located, such streets now presenting an appearance of jagged cliffs, and whereas this particular portion, by records has shown an enormous increase in population and building improvement thereby necessitating the placing of a new fire company in this district, and now on account of said conditions, the said new fire company is powerless in many instances to protect lives, and citizens property, because it is at the absolute risk of the drivers life who makes an attempt to save such properties from fire, and the destruction of the City's valuable fire equipments.

therefore in justice and duty to said citizens, and because of the cost of such improvements are very nominal, from the fact that the gravel necessary to cover an already solid rock foundation can be had from the abutting side walks on these streets, the only other cost being the distributing and covering of said streets.

Therefore be it resolved that the City Engineer and the Street Committee, be instructed to forthwith transfer such teams and men of the regular employees as is necessary to do this work.

Alderman Haynes moved that the resolution be referred to the Street Committee and the City Engineer, with power to act, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yea Aldermen Armstrong,Haynes ,Meredith,Miller,Moore,Moreland,Petri,

*Time of dog catcher extended!*

*Salary Asst Engineer*

*Wreck work  
West Side*

•Read, Scott, Sutor & Wilhelm

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Nays Aldermen Crooker, Cuneo & Smith

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Alderman

Alderman Cuneo moved that the Council adjourn until Monday November 9th 1908, which motion was lost by the following vote :

Yeaz Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Moreland & Sutor

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Nays Aldermen Crooker, Haynes, Morelith, Miller, Moore, Petri, Read Scott, Smith & Wilhelm

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On motion the Council adjourned .

*Geo. O. Gotlieb*  
City Clerk.