

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council:  
Custin' Box, May 4<sup>th</sup> 1896.

In the absence of the Mayor, and the President of Council, Alderman Shelly was elected President-pro. Kehr.

Roll called.

Present Aldermen Beary, Booth, Haynes, Sawless, Clark, Powell, Roberdeau, Rosenbaum, Schneider, Shelly, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend & Zilker 15.

Absent Aldermen Fischer, Glover, Glass, Horton, Linn, Nitschke & Reddy.

Com. of 3 appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy with Hon. Mayor & family on death of their daughter.

Alderman Sawless moved that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy with the Honorable Mayor and his family upon the death of his daughter.

Aldermen Linn and Horton entered the Council Chamber and answered to their names.

Adopted.

The resolution of Alderman Sawless was adopted and the chair appointed the following Aldermen as the committee:

Aldermen Sawless, Booth and Linn.

On motion the Council took a recess of ten minutes awaiting the report of the committee, after which the Council was called to order by President of the Council, Linn.

Aldermen Fischer and Glass entered the Council Chamber and answered to their names.

Report of Special Committee on resolutions of sympathy.

The special committee presented the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the Council stand adjourned until Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p. M., out of respect to our Mayor and in harmony with the universal sorrow pervading the City over the deplorable affliction that has come to his home and that the Council, voicing the sentiment of the people, extend to his Honor, the Mayor, and his good wife their sympathy and assurance that the hearts of the whole community are in unison with them in their sore distress, and that a copy of this resolution be furnished the Mayor by the City Clerk.

J. J. Sawless  
A. W. Booth,  
H. J. Linn.  
Committee.

The Council stood adjourned until 8:30 o'clock p. M. Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 1896.

City Clerk.



City Physician

Referred to the Police Committee.  
By the City Physician.

Number of Patients in Hospital, April 1	19
" " " Admitted during "	7
" " " Discharged " "	10
" " " Deaths " "	2
" " " Remaining May 1	14
" " Visits made paupers during April	61
" " Prescriptions for paupers " "	118

No contagious diseases reported during the month.

Referred to Hospital Committee.

City Sexton

By the City Sexton.

Total number of deaths during the month	9
White	10
Colored	0
Males	8
Females	2

Referred to the Cemetery Committee.

Fin. Com. report on communication from City School Board asking that assessors & collector give bond for collecting school tax

Alderman Townsend, for the Finance Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the School Board requesting the Council to pass an ordinance requiring the assessor and collector to give bond for collecting school tax, presented their report, which was read and laid over to come up under the head of new business.

Report from Street Com. on Ord. appropriating \$45.00

Alderman Zilber, for the Street Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$45.00 to repair bridge across Blums Branch in South Austin, presented their report recommending the passage of the ordinance, which was read and laid over to come up with the ordinance.

Report of Com. on Bayne on work done on Lake View Park.

Alderman South entered the Council Chamber and answered to his name. Alderman Haynes, for the Park Committee, presented a report, showing work done on Lake View Park at the dam, and recommending an additional appropriation to complete the same.

On motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Report of Joint Com. on petition of Citizens for a Policeman at City Cemetery.

Alderman Powell, for the joint committee to whom was referred the petition of Citizens requesting the appointment of a special policeman for the City Cemetery, presented their report, recommending that the City Marshal be instructed to use such means as will be necessary to stop pilfering that has been going on in the Cemetery, and that he have one of the regular police patrol Eleventh Street, between the White & Colored Schools and to include the City Cemetery in his beat.

On motion the report of the committee was adopted.

Com. on Prisons, presented a report on Prison of St. Louis

Alderman Taylor discussed in the Council Chamber and answered to his name. Alderman South, for the Charity Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100.00 to pay claim of St. White for damages, presented their report, recommending that the ordinance do not pass.

The report was read and laid over to come up with the ordinance.

Report of Com. on Prisons on report of Martin Robinson

Alderman Platt, for the Committee on Prisons & Accounts, to whom was referred the report of Martin Robinson to correct assessment made on the report of Martin Robinson, presented their report, which was read and laid over to come up with the ordinance.

had asked permission of the committee to withdraw the petition, and that the committee had returned them said petition.

The action of the committee was, on motion continued.

Alderman Booth, for the committee on Claims Accounts, to whom was referred the claim of Em. S. Hughes for damages caused by the building of the dam, asked for further time in which to file their report. Granted.

Supr. of W & S light presented report for month of April 1896

Alderman Sawles for the Water & Light Commission, presented the report of the Superintendent for the month of April, showing that up to and including April 30th 1896, there had been 1777 applications for Water and 1843 connections had been made.

There were 766 electric light consumers on April 30.

There were connected up during April eighteen portable fans, also seven three-phase electric motors, with an aggregate of eight horse power. The current consumed on the incandescent circuits during the month of April was equal to 11,791 lamps of 16 candle power.

The receipts for the month were as follows:

For Water	\$ 1004.78
" Electric light	1668.71
" " " power	296.70
Total.	\$ 2950.19

The amount of bills approved by the Commission during the month of April and paid out of the Savings fund were as follows:

Salary acct. for March.	\$ 1399.65
Outlet service connections	340.88
Water " "	476.84
Betterments	207.57
Repairs	263.79
Electric Meters	14.35
Telephone service	8.50
Office expenses	.55
Printing etc.	75.75
Oil Grease & Waste	15.05
Total.	\$ 2746.93

On motion it was ordered that the report be received and filed.

Approximate estimate by Supr. of W & S. on cost of connecting 7 pumps with Spring

Alderman Sawles for the Water & Light Commission, presented a communication from the Superintendent giving an approximate estimate of the cost of connecting the two large pumps with the Spring.

The communication was read, and on motion of Alderman Booth was referred to the Water & Light Commission with power to act in the matter.

Communication from Supr. of W & S. on deductions from fund in connection with...

Alderman Sawles for the Water & Light Commission, presented the following communication, which was read and ordered filed:

Crosby, Texas, May 6, 1896.

Dr. W. S. Griffin, President Water & Light Commission:  
Dear Sir: Yesterday night observations were made to be in the vicinity of the dam which runs from the dam to the...  
The water in the dam is...  
The water in the dam is...  
The water in the dam is...

was found to be broken, and the butterfly valve was also obstructed so that the headgate had to be closed to shut the Turbines down.

On examination, Sunday, developed the fact that these obstructions had entered through the 24 inch opening in the headgate masonry, and through which a 24 inch pipe was intended to be carried along the up stream face of the dam to the reservoir across the river. This opening was closed, under direction of Mr. Sublett, Engineer in charge, but the timbering gave way, and through this 24 inch opening, some four feet under the surface of the Sills, the obstructions passed behind the screens into penstock No. 1 and into the Turbines.

One of the Turbine wheels was damaged so that it became necessary to have a new one, which was promptly ordered for by last freight, and the Skillwell Dixon & Smith Valve Company answer that it will be shipped as soon as possible. The price list of wheel is \$375, so it should be delivered here after discounts are taken off for about \$250.00.

The injured Turbine wheel is one of a pair on the same shaft which exert their power in opposite directions towards the draft tube discharge between them. So they maintain a perfect balance, but now that one wheel is off, the pressure is all in one direction, which makes it difficult to operate the wheel. Mr. Johnson is endeavoring to put this Turbine in condition to run one 3000 light machine until the new wheel is received, so as to supply all of our light makers, but he is not yet certain of being able to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Maddox, Superintendent.

Report of Special Com. on part of Citizens of 11th Ward asking for revocation of Alderman for that Ward.

Alderman Schneider for the special committee presented the following report which was read and on motion of Alderman Powell was received and ordered filed:

Austin, Texas, May 4, 1896.

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin: Gentlemen; Your committee to whom was referred the enclosed petition, beg leave to report that we have investigated the matter and find to the best of our knowledge and belief that L. H. Sharcock, has removed his family and effects, and is no longer a resident of the Eleventh Ward.

Very respectfully,

W. A. Reed,

J. B. Schneider,

J. M. Beatty,

Committee

Report of Com. on Claims Accounts on Claims for damage of E. C. Hughes

Alderman Platt asked that unanimous consent be granted the committee on Claims and Accounts to make a report. Granted.

Alderman Platt, for the committee, on Claims and Accounts presented the following report:

Austin, Texas, May 6th 1896.

To the Honorable City Council, of the City of Austin:

Your committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the proposition of E. C. Hughes, to make a claim for the loss of his property, in the District Court of Travis County, Texas, by reason of the damage sustained, to the same, by the overflow of the waters from the dam, and the destruction of the same, by the overflow of the waters from the dam, beg leave to report that we have investigated the matter and find to the best of our knowledge and belief that the same is not a claim for the loss of property, but a claim for the loss of the same, by reason of the damage sustained, to the same, by the overflow of the waters from the dam, and the destruction of the same, by the overflow of the waters from the dam.



beg leave to report, that they have carefully investigated the claim of Mr. Hughes and recommend that he be paid the sum of sixteen hundred and fifty dollars in full satisfaction of all claims he may have against the City up to this date.

R. Platt.

J. G. Zicker.

Alderman Taylor moved that the report be laid over until the next meeting of the Council, which motion was lost by the following vote:  
Yeas Aldermen Glass, Horton, Simm, Nitschke, Robertsdau, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf and Taylor. 9

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Both, Haynes, Lawless, Platt, Powell, Rosengren, Townsend and Zicker. 9.

Alderman Powell moved to adopt the report of the committee, and Alderman Schneider moved as a substitute to recommit to the committee on Claims & Accounts.

Lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Glass, Haynes, Horton, Simm, Nitschke, Robertsdau, Schneider, Shelley and Taylor. 9.

Nays Aldermen Beatty, Both, Lawless, Platt, Powell, Rosengren, Stumpf, Townsend and Zicker. 9.

The motion of Alderman Powell to adopt the report of the committee was then lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Haynes, Lawless, Platt, Powell, Rosengren, Stumpf, Townsend and Zicker. 9.

Nays Aldermen Glass, Both, Horton, Simm, Nitschke, Robertsdau, Schneider, Shelley and Taylor. 9.

Unfinished Business.

Ord. Appropriating \$100. for Extra Street Laborers

The chair laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100. to pay extra street laborers.

The ordinance was read a second time.

Amended by inserting \$300 instead of \$100. Amendment adopted.

Alderman Schneider moved to amend by striking out \$100. and inserting \$300. Adopted.

Alderman Platt moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading and final passage, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Glass, Both, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Robertsdau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Townsend and Zicker. 16.

Nays Aldermen Simm and Taylor. 2.

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

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Glass, Both, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Robertsdau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zicker. 17.

Nays Alderman Simm. 1.

On Motion of Alderman Haynes Submitted by the Council on the 11th day of August 1892.

Next Business

By Alderman Schneider, On Ordinance for...

For Mr & S. M. Keen Service

for Water & Light meter service.

The ordinance was read first time, and Alderman Townsend moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed upon its second reading, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Booth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Platt, Powell, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Townsend and Zilker. 14.

Nays Aldermen Glass, Sinn, Stitschke and Taylor. 4.

Ord. transferring \$3500 from Savings fund to General fund.

By Alderman Townsend, An ordinance transferring the sum of \$3500.00 from the Savings fund to the General fund.

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

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Glass, Booth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Sinn, Stitschke, Platt, Powell, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 18.

Nays none.

Ord. appropriating \$115.98 to pay approved bills.

By Alderman Townsend, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$115.98 to pay approved accounts. The ordinance was read first time, and on motion of Alderman Stitschke the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed upon its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Glass, Booth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Sinn, Stitschke, Platt, Powell, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 18.

Nays none.

Ord. amended by adding the sum of \$5.00 to pay Wm Wellmer for rent of room. Ord. passed as amended.

Alderman Stitschke moved to amend the ordinance by inserting \$5. to pay Wm Wellmer for rent of room for election purposes in December 1895. Adopted.

The ordinance as amended, was then passed <sup>under suspension of the rules</sup> by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Glass, Booth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Sinn, Stitschke, Platt, Powell, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker 18.

Nays none.

On motion of Alderman Powell the Council adjourned.

City Clerk.