

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.  
Austin, Texas, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1896.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, presiding.

Roll called.

Present Aldermen Glass, Goeth, Haynes, Platt, Powell, Roberdeau, Rosen-  
gren, Schneider, Stumpf, Taylor Tobin and Townsend. 17.

Absent Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glascock, Horton, Sawlers, Simm, Stitschke,  
Redd, Shelley and Zilker 10

Alderman Taylor moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes  
and that they be approved as printed. Carried.

Board of Equalization ask for an  
appropriation of 100.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the  
Board of Equalization asking an appropriation of 100.00 to procure  
an abstract of mortgages, liens and other evidences of debt from  
the County records, which was read and on motion of Alderman  
Taylor was referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Zilker entered the Council Chamber and answered to  
his name.

Board of Equalization ask for an  
extension of time to complete work.

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the  
Board of Equalization requesting an extension of time in which to  
complete their work.

On motion of Alderman Platt an extension of ten days time was  
granted.

Req. of O. Archer for street work  
to be done in 1<sup>st</sup> Ward.

By Alderman Taylor Petition of Oseola Archer, requesting that  
certain street work be done in the First Ward.

Read and on motion referred to the Street Committee.

Aldermen Fischer and Redd entered the Council Chamber.

Req. of E. B. Alley

By Alderman Glass, Petition of E. B. Alley, asking that the Council  
instruct the Assessor and Collector to give him credit on taxes for  
the sum of \$12.00 in lieu of rent for ground used by the City on which  
to bury dead animals.

On motion of Alderman Goeth the petition was referred to the ordi-  
nance committee, with instructions to prepare an ordinance ap-  
propriating the amount claimed.

Req. of Citizens to organize  
Fire Co in North Austin

By Alderman Stumpf, Petition of Citizens desiring to organize a  
Fire Company to be known as the North Austin Fire Company No. 6.

Read and on motion referred to the board of Fire Commissioners.

Req. of J. Hume et. al.  
to construct Street Rlys

By Alderman Fischer Petition of J. Hume and others, asking authority  
to build, equip and operate a system of Street Railways on certain  
streets of the City of Austin.

Read and on motion referred to the ordinance committee.

Aldermen Sawlers and Shelley entered the Council Chamber.

Reports of Sup. of W & S  
System.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following reports of the  
Superintendent of Water and Sight system, which were read  
and on motion ordered printed in full in the minutes:

Austin, Texas, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> 1896.

To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin!

Statement: On April 20<sup>th</sup> there were 17,500 houses and during  
the month of May, 1909 new consumers were added, amounting to

Report of Supt of W. & E. System

Total number of actual water takers on May 31<sup>st</sup> 1907.  
 There were 766 consumers of electric current and during the month of May 35 new consumers were added and 8 old consumers discontinued making the net gain in electric consumers 28 during the month of May. There were 10 portable fans connected up with the electric lines during the month, and connections with the electric power circuit for five three phase electric motors with an aggregate of 37 horse power were made during the month of May.

The current consumed on the incandescent circuits during the month of May was equal to 11,428 lamps of 16 candle power.

The receipts for water and electricity during May were as follows:

For Water	\$ 984.88
For Electric Light	1676.06
For Electric Power	<u>245.70</u>
Total.	\$ 2906.64

The amount of bills and accounts approved by the Water and Light Commission during the month of May were as follows:

Salary Account for April	\$ 1360.00
Electric Service Connections	547.38
Water Service Connections	1681.10
Payments Electric Department, including Electric system extensions	147.17
Payments, Water Department	169.44
Repairs, Water Department	251.00
Repairs, Electric Department	231.49
Tools	165.78
Advertising	7.60
Oil, Grease & Waste	<u>260.5</u>
Total.	\$ 4587.86

The average elevation of water above the crest of the dam for May was 1 7/10 inches, maximum 6 inches above the crest and minimum 4 2/10 inches below the crest. The average fall below the crest from zero was 1 7/10 inches per day.

The water pumped per 24 hours in May was an average of 3,104,877 gallons.

A total of 46,187,666 gallons were pumped during the month of May of which 49,207,005 gallons was lake water and 46,980,661 gallons was spring water.

Owing to other matters which engrossed my attention, this report was overlooked and not handed in June 1<sup>st</sup> as it should have been.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jno. H. Maddox, Superintendent.  
 Austin, Texas, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> 1906.

Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin:  
 Gentlemen: On July 1<sup>st</sup> there were 2056 water takers and 36 new consumers were added during the month, making a total of 2092, but 15 consumers were cut off during the month, which leaves the actual number of water takers on July 31<sup>st</sup> 2077.  
 There were 4.16 consumers of electricity on July 1<sup>st</sup> and 331 on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Report of Supt. of W. & L. System.

Consumers were added during the month, but 10 old consumers were discontinued, which leaves a net gain of 23 electric consumers during the month, and makes the number of such consumers on July 31<sup>st</sup> 839, the net gain in the number of lamps during the month being 220.

The current consumed on the incandescent circuits during the month of July was equal to 11,900 lamps of 16 candle power.

At the close of July there were 147 delinquent water taxers with \$599.<sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> due from same, and 56 delinquent electric consumers with \$270.<sup>55</sup>/<sub>100</sub> due from same.

There is due from State institutions yet to be collected the sum of \$550.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, and the City of Austin owes the Water & Light Earnings Fund the sum of \$9760.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> for water & light furnished to July 31<sup>st</sup> 1896.

The receipts for water & electricity during the month of July were as follows:

For Water.	\$ 2297.60
For Electric Light.	1768.27
For Electric Power.	<u>368.14</u>
Total.	\$ 4,434.01

There was also collected and deposited to the credit of the Water & Light Earnings Fund the sum of \$79.<sup>50</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, which was received as follows:

For extra work in making Water Service Connection	\$ 68.80
For Amount refunded by International and Great Northern Railroad Company on account of overcharge in Freight on Armatures returned for repairs.	<u>10.70</u>
Total	\$ 79.50

On July 1<sup>st</sup> the water in the lake was 5 feet 9 inches below the crest; July 16<sup>th</sup> it was 2 feet and 9 inches above the crest; and the average elevation for the month was <sup>22</sup>/<sub>100</sub> of an inch below the crest. The total water pumped per 24 hours in July was 170,271,080 gallons, of which 77,296,830 gallons was lake water and 92,974,250 gallons was spring water. The average per 24 hours was 3,879,712 gallons, the minimum 2,754,310 gallons, and the maximum 4,696,014 gallons. Mr. Malby thinks the work done by him upon the pumps furnished by the Gould Company will permit them to be run to speed. If he is correct in this they can deliver a much greater quantity of spring water than has been pumped.

The bills and accounts approved by the Committee for payment out of the Water & Light Earnings Fund during the month of July were as follows:

Salary Account for June	\$ 1366.50
Operating expense	21.00
Telephone Service	25.50
Oil, grease and waste.	99.24
Lubricants.	36.61
Lumber	45.00
St. D. & K. ins.	2.40
Office	80.06

Report of Supt of W & L System

Repairs Water Department	\$ 279.95
Repairs Electric Department	331.36
Water Service Connections	710.24
Water Service Extensions	924.92
Betterments Water Department	18.64
Betterments Electric Department	164.59
Electric Service Connections	356.78
Electric Service Extensions	277.59
Electric Meters	14.00
Triphase Electric Motors for Electric Service Extensions	<u>1085.33</u>
Total	\$ 5,287.71

Respectfully submitted,  
Geo. W. Maddox, Superintendent.

Reports of City Officers

The reports of City Officers for the month of July, 1896, were then laid before the Council and on motion of Alderman Powell were referred to their respective Committees without reading. The following is a synopsis of the reports:

A & C.

By the Assessor & Collector:

To Collections as follows:

General Revenue	\$ 6,216.39
Interest and Sinking Fund Water and Light Bonds	10,655.63
Interest on Bonds issued prior to May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1890.	944.51
School Tax.	<u>3,648.28</u>
Total Collections	\$ 21,464.81

Referred to Finance Committee.

City Clerk

By the City Clerk.

Warrants issued against the General Fund	\$ 6352.73
Warrants issued against the Earnings Fund	5282.71
Warrants issued against the Water & Light Fund	6000.00
Warrants issued against Interest on Water & Light Bonds January to July, 1896.	62062.50
Warrants issued against Interest on Bonds issued prior to May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1890	5325.00

Referred to Finance Committee.

City Treasurer

By the City Treasurer.

Balance on hand General Fund	\$ 501.22
Balance on hand Interest on Bonds May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1890.	322.78
Balance on hand Earnings Fund	1899.22
Balance on hand Water & Light Fund	33,776.17
Balance on hand Interest & Sinking Fund Water & Light Bonds	<u>14,755.44</u>

Referred to Finance Committee.

City Marshal

By the City Marshal.

Total Fines assessed in Recorder's Court	\$ 305.00
Paid in Cash	103.00
Worked out	07.00
Carried forward	1500
Collected, on 1896, 1897, 1898	36.00
Brought forward 1899, 1900, 1901	99.00

Total number of arrests made 47  
Referred to Police Committee

City Physician

By the City Physician.

Total number of Patients in Hospital	July 1 <sup>st</sup> 1896.	21
Total number of Patients admitted	July 1896.	11
Total number of Patients discharged	July 1896.	10
Total number of Deaths	July 1896.	2
Total number of Patients remaining	July 31 <sup>st</sup> 1896.	20
Number of Visits made to Paupers during July, 1896.		84
Number of Prescriptions to Paupers during July		170
Number of Cases Diphtheria reported during July		5

Referred to Hospital Committee.

City Sexton.

By the City Sexton.

Total number of deaths	13
White	16
Male	8
Female	8
Stillborn	3

Referred to the Cemetery Committee.

Ord. Appropriating the sum of \$750. for reservoir site.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$750. to pay for a reservoir site.

On motion of Alderman Fischer the ordinance was laid over until called up.

Mayor calls attention of Council to Bull Creek road regarding difference between County of Travis & City.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the fact that the County of Travis had declined to pay over its pro rata of the amount necessary to the support of the City and County Hospital, owing to a difference existing between the City and the County in regard to the Bull Creek road.

Alderman Zilker moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney.

Alderman Fischer moved to amend by adding the Hospital Committee. The amendment was lost and the motion of Alderman Zilker was then adopted.

Ord. Appropriating \$300. to pay extra Street Laborers.

By Alderman Zilker An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$300. to pay extra Street Laborers. The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules, by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Fischer, Glass, Booth, Haynes, Sawless, Platt, Powell, Ridd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Sheller, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilker. 17.

Nays None.

Ord. Appropriating \$76 to pay extra Sanitary Laborers.

By Alderman Glass, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$76. to pay extra Sanitary Laborers for the month of August. The ordinance was passed, under suspension of the rules, by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Fischer, Glass, Booth, Haynes, Sawless, Platt, Powell, Ridd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Sheller, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilker 17.

Nays None.

Ord. appropriating \$114,100 to pay approved accounts

By Alderman Townsend, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$114,100 to pay approved accounts:

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules, by the following vote:  
 Yeas, Aldermen Fischer, Glass, Gorth, Haynes, Lawless, Powell, Redd, Roberdeau, Rosengran, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin, Townsend and Zilker 16

Nays Alderman Platt 1

Alderman Glass moved to adjourn, Lost.

Ord. amending certain sections of an ordinance to provide for management and operation of W.W. & E. plants

By Alderman Roberdeau, An ordinance amending certain sections of an ordinance to provide for the management and operation of the Water Works and Electric Light Plants of the City of Austin.

The ordinance was read first time, and Alderman Shelley moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading. Alderman Glass moved to amend by referring it to a special committee of three. Lost.

The vote was then taken on the motion of Alderman Shelley and was lost by the following vote:

Yeas, Aldermen Fischer, Gorth, Lawless, Platt, Roberdeau, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor, Tobin and Zilker 10

Nays Aldermen Glass, Haynes, Powell, Redd, Rosengran, Schneider and Townsend 7.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Jas. G. Johnson  
 City Clerk.