

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Texas, December 7th 1896.

Hon. Lewis Hancock, Mayor, presiding.

Roll called.

Present Aldermen Beatty, Glass, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Linn, Mitchell, Platt, Powell, Reed, Robertscum, Rosengorn, Schneider, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Zuber: 18.

Absent Aldermen Fischer, Glascock, Robin and Townsend: 4.

Minutes adopted as amended.
Comm. on contract from Ward & James Whorneys for Brown & Dobney in regard to Red. Dam
them on contract for Horse Works at the Dam.

On motion, the minutes were approved as printed without reading.
The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Ward and James Whorneys for Brown & Dobney, in regard to a claim for balance due them on contract for work and material at the Dam, which was read and, on motion, referred to the Water & Light Committee.

City Officers Monthly Reports.

The Mayor then laid before the Council the reports of the City Officers for the month of November, 1896, which were, on motion of Alderman Powell, referred to their appropriate committees without reading.

Assessor & Collector

A synopsis of the reports were as follows:

By the Assessor & Collector:
So collections as follows:

On account of General Revenue	\$ 9,313.77
Interest on Sinking Fund Water & Light Bonds.	24,355.63
" on Old Bonds	7,790.76
School Tax.	8,297.07
Total.	<u>\$ 44,757.13</u>

Referred to Finance Committee.

City Clerk.

By the City Clerk.

Total amount warrants drawn against the General Fund.	\$ 6,631.61
" " " " " " " Earnings "	4,650.93
" " " " " " " Water & Light "	3,715.73
" " " drawn against Interest Sinking Fund W & L Bonds	16,587.50
" " " " " " " Interest on Old Bonds.	7,175.00

Referred to Finance Committee.

City Treasurer.

By the City Treasurer.

Balance on hand, General Fund.	\$ 19,770.37
" " " Interest on Old Bonds.	7577.35
" " " Water & Light Fund.	28,421.60
" " " Earnings Fund.	7,304.30
" " " Interest Sinking Fund W & L Bonds.	38,514.06

Referred to Finance Committee.

City Marshal.

By the City Marshal.

Total amount of fines assessed in Precorder's Court.	\$ 775.00
Paid in Cash	111.50
Warrant out	41.50
Published	10.00
Unpaid, 1896	511.00
Total	<u>\$ 775.00</u>

Collected on back fines \$20.50
 Pound fees for November 81.35
 Total number of arrests made 47
 Referred to Police Committee.
 By the City Physician.

City Physician

Number of Patients in Hospital November 1st 1896. 20
 " " " admitted in " 16
 " " " discharged " " 15
 " " Deaths in November " 5
 " " Patients remaining in Hospital Dec. 1st 1896. 16
 " " Visits to paupers during November " 86
 " " Prescriptions to paupers during " " 154
 " " Cases of diphtheria reported " " 1
 No other cases of contagious diseases reported.

City Sexton

Referred to Hospital Committee
 By the City Sexton.
 Total number of deaths 20
 White 19
 Colored 2
 Male 11
 Female 10
 Still-born 1

City Auditor

Referred to Cemetery Committee.
 By the City Auditor.
 A report stating that he had examined the books and reports of the City Clerk and the Assessor and Collector for the quarter ending November 30th 1896, and found them correct. Also that he had examined the receipts and deposits, with the City Treasurer, of the Savings Fund for the same quarter and find the same correct.

Supt. of W & S Plant

The following report of the Superintendent of the Water & Light Plant was then read and, on motion, the same was referred to the Water & Light Committee:

Austin, Texas, November 30th 1896.
 Honorable Mayor and City Council:
 Gentlemen, On October 31st there were 2119 actual water consumers. Sixteen new consumers were added to new applications during the month of November and six old old consumers who had previously discontinued, were again connected with the City's water system, making twenty-two additions; but during the same time twelve were disconnected by request, ten on account of vacancy of buildings and two for non-payment of water dues, making a total of twenty-four cut off during November, making a net loss of two during the month, and the number of actual water consumers at the close of the month was 2117.
 The actual number of water light consumers on October 31st was 1011 and twenty-one new consumers were added and two old consumers cut off, resulting in a net gain during the month of twenty-three.

and the total number of light towers at the close of the month 430. The total number of lamps connected up on the last day of the month was ^{the} equivalent of 13,395 lamps of 16 candle power, divided as follows:

Connected up on flat rate	6532
" " " meters	<u>6863</u>
Total	13,395

The collections for water and electricity during the month of November were as follows:

For Water	\$ 1,145.28
" Electric light	2,260.71
" " Power	<u>411.46</u>
Total	\$ 3,816.95

There were also collected and redeposited to the credit of the Water and Light Earnings Fund the sum of \$ 257.65, divided as follows:

Refunded on account of labor and material used on the Harlan electric light line	\$ 187.90
Collected on account of motors	<u>69.75</u>
Total	\$ 257.65

The bills and accounts approved during November for payment out of the Earnings Fund were as follows:

Salary Account for October	\$ 1185.00
Repairs Electrical Department	501.67
" Water	170.10
Oil Greases Waste	88.67
Electrical Service Connections and Extensions	813.03
Printing and Stationery	38.35
Repairs Electrical Department including (Lightning Arresters)	1473.74
Tools Electrical Department	56.00
Water Service Connections	110.13
Incandescent lamps	744.56
Telephone service	76.75
Electric Meters redeemed	153.35
Water	21.50
Repairs to Office	10.00
The Gould Co	<u>24.41</u>
Total	\$ 4608.71

The total number of gallons of water pumped during November was 104,017,331, of which 66,435,410 gallons were spring water and 37,581,921 gallons were face water. The average number of gallons pumped per twenty-four hours was 3,467,745; the minimum being 2,164,493 and the maximum 3,876,907 gallons.

The average elevation of the water in the lake during the month was five tenths of a foot above the crest of the dam, the maximum being one and two tenths feet, and the minimum being three tenths of a foot above the crest.

In addition to the foregoing, I wish to say that I found it necessary to reduce the load on one of the units by placing two of the gas machines on the other unit. This means a relief of about 160 hours.

power.
The 14-inch main that was broken some weeks ago has been repaired by placing a sleeve over it, and all of the pumps are in condition to operate at present.

Insurance of buildings
Machinery recommended

Relative to insurance, I would say that rates of 1 per cent on the buildings and 1 1/2 per cent on the dynamos have been received, and I would respectfully recommend that \$80,000 be placed at once, the division to be \$30,000 on the dynamos and \$50,000 on the building, wheels, penstocks, etc.

Inventory of Property
of Water & Light Plant

I respectfully submit an inventory of absolute property owned by the City, now in the Water and Light department.

Cond of Subst. presented.

This inventory is in detail and is very complete in every particular. In addition to this I also submit my bond, given by the American Surety Company, as per requirements of the City Council.
Very respectfully Submitted,
H. C. Patterson, Superintendent.

The bond of the Superintendent of the Water and Light Plant was referred to the Finance Committee.

Claims & Accts Com's
Report on acct of Mrs
Amelia Hall for damages

Aldermen Goeth, Fischer and Townsend entered the Council Chamber and answered to their names.

Alderman Platt, for the Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Amelia Hall, presented their report, stating that at the request of the Attorney for petitioner they returned same without action.

Resolution instructing W & L Com. to change location
of Fire Hydrant E. Austin

Alderman Kitcher offered the following resolution, which was read and referred to the Water and Light Committee:
Resolved, That the Water and Light Committee be, and are hereby, instructed to have the Fire hydrant now located at the corner of East Twelfth and Alamo Streets moved to the corner of East Sixteenth and Popple Streets.

Ord. Appropriating the sum
of \$100 to pay extra Street
Laborers

By Alderman Zilker, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$100 to pay extra Street Laborers.
The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glass, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Linn, Kitcher, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Skumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker. No. None.

Ord. appropriating the sum
of \$25 to pay extra Sanitary
Laborers

By Alderman Glass, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$25 to pay extra Sanitary Laborers.
The ordinance was passed, under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Ayes Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glass, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Lawless, Linn, Kitcher, Platt, Powell, Redd, Robertson, Rosengren, Schneider, Shelley, Skumpf, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker. No. None.

Ord. to be...
of \$1000 out of the
Savings Fund

By Alderman Lawless, An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1000 out of the Savings Fund for the purpose of paying laborers...

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

Yeas, Aldermen Beatty, Fischer, Glass, Goeth, Haynes, Horton, Sawles, Sims, Kitchner, Platt, Powell, Redd, Oberdeau, Posenyran, Schneider, Shelley, Stump, Taylor, Townsend and Zilker' 20.

Nays None.

On motion of Alderman Kitchner, the Council adjourned.

W. B. Robinson
City Clerk.