MINUTES MEETING OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AT THE TOWN HALL AT 5:15 P.M. JUNE 8,
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Mayor Madry presided over the meeting with the following aldermen present, Wettach, Hobbs, Burch, and Mr. Bowman. Mr. Peacock, Acting Town Manager, was also present.

Selection of Fireman

Alderman Burch and Mr. Perry, Fire Chief, the committee that had been selected to make a report on the hiring of another full-time fireman gave a report on the result of their work. It was impossible to find a satisfactory fireman at the salary formerly stipulated, $125 per month. However, they reported that Mr. G. S. Baldwin would accept the job at $150 per month. After discussion by members of the board and also by Mr. Boone, of the Fire Department, Mr. Burch was asked to contact the proper officials of the University to see whether they would agree to pay their part of the increase in salary necessary to get a satisfactory fireman. They had already agreed to pay one-half of the $125. Alderman Wettach made the following motion: "That we appoint Mr. G. S. Baldwin as fireman at a salary of $150 per month." This motion was seconded by Alderman Bowman and was unanimously adopted by the board. In the hiring of Mr. Baldwin as fireman it was understood and stipulated that he would receive 15 days vacation per year and receive his clothes, as furnished to other firemen.

Health Problem--Alley Behind Business Firms on Franklin Street

At the Request of Alderman Bowman, Mr. Brindle, of the Health Department, was asked to bring before the Board the matter of the alley behind the business houses on Franklin Street. He stated that this condition was very bad and was responsible for the breeding of many of the flies in the town. The pen built by the town behind the houses for the storage of paper had been used by the merchants and cafe operators, and others to throw every type of garbage in it, and had created a very bad situation. He suggested that this pen be torn down, that the merchants be required to furnish garbage cans to put their garbage in, that it be collected daily by the town truck; that the alley be covered with gravel to fill up the holes, the electric poles be moved, and the hedge be cut back off the town property. This, he thought, would go

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a long way toward getting rid of this bad situation, and then he would hold each person responsible for the proper handling of his garbage and the cleanliness of the alley behind his place of business. Alderman Hobbs made a motion that Mr. Bowman study the town's deeds to the land behind the houses in the alley, and that he get someone to make a survey in order to establish the town's line. The motion was seconded by Alderman Burch and was unanimously adopted by the Board. Alderman Wettach made a motion to authorize the City Manager to cooperate with the Health Department in cleaning up the situation behind Franklin Street. This motion was seconded by Alderman Strowd and was unanimously adopted by the Board.

Complaint Regarding Bicycles on the sidewalks and Girls Wearing Shorts Down-Town

A letter from Mrs. R. B. Lawson was presented to the Board complaining about girls going about town wearhing shorts, and people riding bicycles on the sidewalks. Action on this matter was postponed until the next meeting.

Hiring of Mrs. Caldwell at Town Hall

The matter of hiring Mrs. Caldwell for some position in the Town Hall was brought up. It was thou ght that rather than hire her on a temporary basis it would be better to agree to pay her something over a period of months. Nothing definite was decided on this.

Shortages in the Accounts of Mr. Caldwell

Mr. Peacock brought up the subject of shortages in the accounts of Mr. Caldwell, they being as follows: town shortages $152.57, cemetery account $70.85, and in the cash account $29.95. The safe in Mr. Caldwell's office was opened by Mr. Peacock and its ontents surveyed and the cash [illegible] and checks counted in the presence of and by the following: Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. E. E. Peacock, Mr. A. C. Gaskill, and Mr. W. B. Nash.

Mr. Bowman made a motion that Mr. Peacock be authorized to pay Mrs. Caldwell the remainder of the unpaid salary of Mr. Caldwell for the month of June. This motion was seconded by Alderman Burch and was unanimously adopted by the Board.

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There bening no further business at hand the meeting adjcurned.

W. B. Nash
Sec. to the Board