

Firefighters' wages a hot city council topic in 1905

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ing the panicky times of 1903 when other work was scarce and now that work is plentiful the pay should be higher."

Some taxes must have been deducted from the wages, because the *Evening World* article listed the salaries as fire chief, \$50; assistant fire chief, \$45; and six other firemen, \$40.

Not all city council meetings were taken up with such weighty matters. The following summer, while the mayor was away, the members may have "let down their hair" a little too much for the public taste.

The July 18, 1906, edition of the *Evening World* noted that at the meeting on the previous evening,

"It was agreed that the handsomest councilman should preside over the deliberations of the august body, and a test vote was taken which resulted in three ballots being received by Charley Sears and four for Dr. John A. Miller."
