Regular meeting of the city council
Dec 5th 1881

Mayor W. A. Saylor presiding.
Roll called. Present - Aldermen Kinney. Cook. Schuber. Brueggerhoff. Radkey. Hupperty. Moller. Platt and Wilson.
Absent - Alderman Melz.
Aldermen Moeller moved a call of the council. motion carried.
Minutes of the called meeting Nov 25th 1881. read. corrected. and approved.
Alderman Melz appeared and answered to his name.
A petition signed by the citizens of the eighth ward. asking that the sewer that runs from the school house of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and empties in Ash street. be put in good condition. was presented and read.
On motion of Aldermand Radkey. the petition was referred to the street committee.

A petition signed by Mrs J.B. Gilleland. K.L. Sublett and T.A. Sublett. asking permission to pay back taxes on lots 7 and 8. in block 52, sold for taxes in 1876. and bought in by the city of Austin. was read.
Aldermand Brueggerhoff offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following vote. Yeas - Aldermen - Cook. Scuber. Brueggerhoff. Hupperty and Platt.
Nays - Aldermen Melz. Kinney. Radkey. Moeller. and Wilson. The vote being a tie. the Mayor voted "yea". Resolved by the city council of the city of Austin. that his honor the mayor. be and is. hereby instructed to make deeds to the petitioners. Mrs J.B. Gilleland. K.L. Sublett and T.A. Sublett. for the property sold for taxes. on condition that the petitioners pay to the assessor and collector the full arrears of ad valorum tax due thereon to the city.

A petition was read. signed by Mrs M.A. Moore. asking that the city return to her the sum of fifty six dollars. which amount she claims. and proves by the tax receipts. was paid

twice on the same property for the same years.
On motion of Alderman Cook the petition was granted. and the city attorney requested to draw up an ordinance appropriating the amount named in the petition.

Petition of Nathan Williams. asking permission to redeem half of lot No. 30. in block 55, division B. sold for taxes to the city for the year 1877. was read.
On motion of Alderman Platt the petition was granted

Petition of W. D. Barbee, asking the city to refund him $24.50 for one mule sold by pound master. in the month of September. was read.
On motion of Alderman Cook, the petition was granted and the city attorney requested to draw up an ordinance appropriating the amount.
Petition of John Leonard. asking the city council to provide for his support the present winter. was read and referred to the committee on charity.

Petitions of Gus Sauter. Lueschow & Haseke and Wambold. Saeltzer & Co. asking permission to open bar rooms, were granted.

Petitions of E. P. Haigler. John Pegg. W. B. Newton, W. J. Johnson & Co and Sam Lucksinger, asking permission to open outside meat markets. were presented and read.
On motion of Alderman Brueggerhoff the petitions were granted, subject to be recalled at the will of the council

The monthly reports of the city marshal, city physician, city sexton, market master and health officer. for the month of November were read and received.

Alderman Platt moved to reconsider the vote adopting the resolution

the resolution offered by Alderman Kinney at the last meeting of the council in regard to the payment of warrants issued prior to the in coming of the present administration.

Motion carried

Alderman Platt stated that the resolution looked very much like repudiation. and he hoped the council would vote it down.

Alderman. Brueggerhoff ~~stated~~ stated that it was not repudiation. but simply a temporary measure of relief. and therefore moved the adoption of the resolution. Motion carried.

The following ordinance offered by Alderman Kinney was read first time:

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Austin. That so much of Articles 693, 699, 701, 702 and 703 of the ordinances of the city of Austin. passed Feb 28 and May 24, 1878. as is in conflict with the resolution passed by the city council. restraining the city treasurer from paying any warrants issued prior to the present administration. be and the same is hereby repealed.

Alderman Moller moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading. Carried by the following vote.

Yeas – Aldermen. Kinney. Cook. Schuber Brueggerhoff. Radkey. Huppertz. Moller and Wilson. Nays – Aldermen Melz and Platt.

Ordinance read second time.

Alderman Schuber moved to further suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading and final passage.

Carried by the following vote.

Yeas – Aldermen Kinney. Cook. Schuber. Brueggerhoff. Radkey. Huppertz. Moller and Wilson.

Nays – Aldermen Melz and Platt. who gave as their reason for voting no was that they were not in favor of repudiation

Alderman Platt moved to adjourn.

Motion lost

The following ordinance offered by the Finance committee was read first time

An ordinance appropriating money to pay the city officers and employes for the month of Nov 1881

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Austin.

That the sum of two thousand and seven dollars and ninety eight cents be and is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. to pay the officers and employes of the city of Austin for the month of November 1881.

That this ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

On motion of Alderman Cook the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed on its second and third reading and passed by the following vote.

Yeas - Aldermen Metz. Kinney. Cook. Schuber. Bruggerhoff. Radkey. Kupperty. Moller. Platt and Wilson. Nays. none.

The following resolution offered by Alderman Kinney was adopted.

Resolved by the city council of the city of Austin. That "pay as you go" shall be the policy of the present administration of the city government.

That it is the settled determination of the city council to create no new indebtedness. and to provide at the earliest day possible. for the speedy payment of the present indebtedness. That until the investigation now going on. of the exact financial condition of the city shall be completed. and sufficient time shall be had for maturing some plan for the payment of the present city debt. it is deemed advisable to meet only the current and absolutely necessary expenses of the city.

That with this view. and only as a temporary measure. to be discontinued as early as practicable. the resolution was passed at a former meeting of the council. instructing the city treasurer to pay no warrants issued

prior to the incoming of the present adminis=
tration. until directed to do so by the city council.

The following ordinance presented by the ordinance com=
mitee. was read first time

An ordinance providing
for the final settlement with Francis B Forster.
financial agent of the city of Austin.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of
Austin. that the mayor of Austin is hereby em=
=powered to settle the claim of Francis B Forster. against
the city of Austin. as follows.

Section 1 Francis B Forster to be allowed seven hundred and
fifty five dollars as a full settlement of his
claim as financial agent against the city
of Austin. Said seven hundred and fifty five
dollars to be deducted from the cash funds
now in the hands of said Forster. as financial
agent of said city.

Sec 2 That said Forster shall deliver to the mayor of
Austin all bonds. assets. monies and property
of every kind belonging to the city of Austin now
in his possession.

Sec 3 That the sum of seven hundred and fifty five
dollars be. and the same is hereby appropriated
to pay the claim of said financial agent.
F. B. Forster. for all his services as said agent.
and to settle all and every claim he has against
the said city of Austin as her financial agent.
up to this date.

Sec 4 That the seven hundred and fifty five dollars
be paid as provided for in section 1. above set
forth.

Alderman Metz moved to suspend the rules
and place the ordinance on its second reading
Carried by the following vote
Yeas – Aldermen. Metz. Kinney. Schuber. Brueggerhoff.
Radkey. Happertz. Moller ~~and~~ Platt. and Wilson.
Nay – Alderman Cook.

On motion of Alderman Radkey the rules were

further suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading and passed by the following vote
Yeas - Aldermen Metz, Kinney, Schuber, Bruggerhoff, Radkey, Hupperts, Moller Platt and Wilson.
Nay - Alderman Cook.

The following resolution offered by Alderman Kinney was adopted.

Resolved by the city council of the city of Austin, That no warrants shall be drawn on the city treasurer, unless sufficient money is known to be in the treasury to pay said warrants and unless an appropriation has been made therefor by the city council.
Resolved further, That no warrant shall be drawn bearing interest.

The following ordinance offered by the Finance committee, was read first time

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Austin

Article 1 That the amendments passed March 1 1880, to article 34 (3) of the Revised ordinances of the city of Austin, creating a pound Master, be and the same are hereby repealed, and the original article 34 (3) passed Feby 16, 1878, be and the same is hereby revived.

Art 2 That the ordinance passed March 1, 1880, appropriating fifty dollars per month for the payment of a deputy assessor and collector, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Alderman Radkey presented a statement from the assessor and collector, showing that his commissions only amount to about $1740 00 per year, and giving reasons why the ordinance appropriating $50 00 per month for an assistant assessor & collector should not be repealed.

Alderman Moller moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance placed on its second reading. Motion carried all the members voting yea

On motion of Alderman Moller the rules were further suspended and ~~the~~

ordinance placed on its third reading and passed by the following vote.
Yeas - Aldermen. Meltz, Kinney, Cook Schuber, Bruggerhoff, Hupperty, Moeller, Platt and Wilson. Nay Alderman Radkey.

The following resolution offered by Alderman Bruggerhoff was adopted.
Whereas. Under the contract with the city water company for water for street sprinkling purposes, the city has not received any revenue from this source, be it therefore
Resolved. That the mayor receive bids for the same for two years, beginning March 1st 1882 payable quarterly in advance; bids to be opened at the mayor's office at twelve O'clock Dec 12, 1881 That the city reserve the right to reject any and all bids, if not in the interest of the city to accept; and be it further resolved that the award be made to the higest responsible bidder, and a good and solvent bond shall be required for the whole amount of said bid, and approved by the mayor.
An Ordinance repealing Article 340 (1) of the revised city ordinances, passed Feby 16, 1878, read second time.
Alderman Platt moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading and final passage.
Carried by the following vote
Yeas - Aldermen Meltz, Kinney, Schuber, Bruggerhoff, Radkey, Hupperty, Moeller, Platt and Wilson
Nay Alderman Cook
Alderman Cook offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the following vote.
Yeas - Aldermen Meltz, Cook, Schuber, Bruggerhoff, Radkey, Hupperty, Moeller, Platt and Wilson.
Nay Alderman Kinney.
Whereas. We the city council having been elected by a majority of the votes of our fellow citizens; and it being our duty to let them know what we are doing while in council; therefore

be it Resolved. That the city clerk, in making out his minutes of all regular and called sessions, make a full and correct report of everything that occurs while in session, for publication.

The following ordinance was read first time.

An ordinance appropriating $56 00 to refund to Mrs M. A. Moore for excess of taxes.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Austin. That the sum of fifty six dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated to refund to Mrs M. A. Moore for excess of taxes paid by her for the years 1873 and 1874.

On motion of Alderman Cook the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed on its second and third reading, and passed by the following vote.

Yeas - Aldermen Metz, Kinney, Cook, Schuber, Brueggerhoff, Radkey, Kuppertz Moeller, Platt and Wilson. Nays, none

The finance committee offered a resolution reducing the salaries of officers and employes of the city government.

On motion it was referred to the ordinance committee.

The following ordinance was presented and read first time.

An ordinance appropriating twenty four dollars and fifty cents, to pay A. D. Barber for sale of mule impounded.

Be it ordained by the city of Austin. That twenty four dollars and fifty cents be and the same is hereby appropriated, to pay A D Barber for mule impounded and sold by pound master.

On motion of Alderman Platt the rules suspended and the ordinance placed on its second and third reading and passed by the following vote

Yeas - Aldermen Metz Kinney, Cook, Schuber, Brueggerhoff, Radkey, Kuppertz, Moeller, Platt and Wilson

Nays - none

Alderman Cook stated that an ordinance had been violated when the council allowed the Finance committee to employ an expert accountant to assist them in investigating the books and accounts of the city officers. as no appropriation had been made by the council to pay said expert. He therefore moved that the expert be discharged. Motion carried

On motion of Alderman Brueggerhoff the Council adjourned

G. H. Patterson
City Clerk