The Minutes of a Regular meeting of the City Council
Austin Tex. June 20, 1881.

Hans J. W. Robertson, Mayor, Presiding.
Absent: Aldermen Caldwell, Cummings, Metz, Odell, Schneider, and Wellmer-6.
Quorum present.

The minutes of the last meeting of the City Council were read and adopted.

Alderman Campbell presented a proposition from B. C. Wells, who has purchased the north half of lot 4, in block 40, of the City of Austin, on which the taxes have not been paid for years, and which now amount to $672.12, offering to pay the City of Austin, as a compromise, the sum of $300, in settlement of all back taxes, costs, etc., against this property prior to January 1, 1881. The proposition was read, after which Alderman Campbell presented a resolution, which was adopted, accepting the proposition and authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver to B. C. Wells a quit claim deed in payment of $300 to the City Assessor and Collector.

Alderman Anderson presented a petition from citizens living in vicinity of the corner of Lavaca and Fifth Streets, praying that a saloon-house, which is situated on Lavaca Street, between Fourth and Fifth Streets, be suppressed, and that that class of houses be prevented from further encroaching upon the quiet portion of the city. Referred to Police Committee.

On the recommendation of the City Marshal, approved by the Mayor, the City Council concurred in the remission of balance of fine and costs assessed in the Recorder's Court against Andrew Casto, he being vitally sick.

Charles Steffen, Alderman Wartham, of the Finance Committee.
Presented an adverse report on a petition from Chas. Schaffer, requesting the City Council to relieve him from paying taxes of $50 on a certain house and improvements which were burned in the early part of the year.

Alderman Walker of the same committee, offered a favorable report on the same petition. On motion, the adverse report was adopted.

Alderman Waltham from the Finance Committee requested further time in which to prepare the financial statement called for by a resolution which was adopted at the last meeting of the Council. Further time was granted.

Alderman Cummings, Cam'Sin.

The roll was called by Alderman Graham, presented an ordinance appropriating $150 for hanging fire bell.

The ordinance was read first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third readings, both of which were adopted by the following vote: Byas, Alderman Alexander, Anderson, Brush, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher, Graham, Jones, Platt, Phillips, Schuler, Swanson, Walker, Warren, Waltham-15.

On motion, the ordinance then passed.

Alderman Brush, Chairman of the Park Committee, had read some extracts from the minutes of the City Council in regard to the donation to the City of Austin, by Geo. E. M. Please and wife of what is known as the Please Parks. The extracts stated that the donation was made and that it was duly accepted by the City Council according to the terms of the same. In motion of Alderman Brush, the city engineer was instructed to furnish the Council at its next regular meeting with an estimate of the probable cost of putting in a fence of two or three wires around the park, and also any suggestions which she may deem proper to make in connection therewith.

Alderman Cummings submitted a report.
fine plows, the Sanitary inspector, calling attention of
the Council to the drawing of water from
the fire-plugs for the purpose of sprinkling the
streets, and recommending that the same
be prohibited. Referred to the Sanitary Committee.

An Ordinance appropriating $5.00, for the
purpose of putting a dam in the Colorado
River, was taken up on its second
reading and read, and on motion laid
on the table. Subject to Call.

A resolution requiring the City engineer
to open San Marcos Street from the
main line of Cedar Street, was also
laid for its second reading and read, and laid on the table. Subject to Call.

Alderman Wartham introduced an Ordinance
appropriating $3420, for the purpose of paying
officers and regular employees of the City and
City and County Hospital, for the month of
June and part of the month of May 1887.

The Ordinance was read first time,
after which motions were made to suspend
the rules and place the Ordinance on its
second and third readings, and that the
ordinances do now pass, all of which were
adopted by the following vote: 17 years-Aldermen
Alexander, Anderson, Brush, Amick, Cunningham,
Fisher, Graham, Jones, Platt, Phillips,
Schuler, Townsend, Walker, Warren,
Wartham — 15.

Alderman Warren presented an Ordinance
amending articles 231 and 232, of Chapter 9,
title 5, of the revised Civil Ordinances of
the City of Austin. The Ordinance was
read first time and referred to the hospital
Committee. The object of this ordinance is to make
the terms of office of the resident physician and
matron of the hospital and chief engineer of
the fire department two years, instead
of one year, as they now are, so as to
cause the terms of all officers to be of
uniform duration.
Alderman Platt, Chairman of the Special Committee on Sanitation, to whom the subject of providing a Crematory for Cremating the bodies of Animals, etc., that die in the city, was referred, moved that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Sanitation and Sewers, and it was so referred.

Alderman Anderson introduced an Ordinance Concerning Crematory houses to certain limits of the city of Austin. The Ordinance was read first time, after which the following motions were made in the order named:

By Alderman Anderson, to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading. By Alderman Platt, to refer the Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee. By Alderman Anderson, to lay Alderman Platt's motion on the table. The latter motion prevailed, after which Alderman Platt moved to refer the Ordinance to the City Attorney, with instructions to report on the same at the next regular meeting, and it was so referred.

Alderman Graham moved a reconsideration of the vote by which an Ordinance appropriating $150 to hang the fire-bell was passed. The motion prevailed, and by unanimous Consent of the Council, Alderman Graham moved to strike out $150 and insert in lieu thereof $200. The amendment was then adopted and the Ordinance passed.

Alderman Bush presented a resolution, which was adopted, inviting Citizens of the City and especially those living adjacent to the various public parks or squares in the city, to send to the City Council names that are appropriate for, and by which the several parks may be known and designated. Names will be received until September 15, and shall be addressed to the Chairman of each Committee.

The Finance Committee submitted a resolution which was adopted, on a report of the City Attorney.
in regard to delinquent tax-payers, which directs the City Attorney to bring suit against all delinquent tax-payers, where, in his opinion, the interest of the City will be subserved by such suit.

On motion, the Council then adjourned.

Milton Morris
City Clerk