Regular Meeting
Austin Texas March 7th 1881.
Mayor L. M. Crooker presiding;
Roll called. Present Aldermen Boardman, Duff Falle Platt Robertson, Sheehan, Lubin and Hahrenberger. Absent. Aldermen Mely and Huppertz; quorum present.
Minutes of regular meeting February 7th 1881, were read and approved.
Petition of Mrs M. L. Morris to have quarrying of rock stopped on Hest Avenue, was read and on motion of Alderman Platt, petition was referred to a special committee. The mayor appointed on said committee Aldermen Platt Robertson and Boardman.
Petition of James O'Riley to enter into contract with city for property adjoining the city cemetery. Referred to cemetery committee.
Petition of M L Thompson and Duff & Co, to open Hickory around in Grade 3 and 2. Granted.
Petition of citizens asking that an ordinance be passed to prevent the keeping of hides near certain portions of Congress Avenue and Pecan Street. Laid on the table on motion of Alderman Platt.
Petition of the ladies of St Davids Church requesting that the street west of their church be graded.
On motion of Alderman Lubin petition was referred to the street committee.
Petition of citizens asking that a bridge be built across the Shoal on Hickory Street between second and third wards. Referred to street committee on motion of Alderman Falle.
Petition of R White to have pound fees refunded. Referred to Charity committee.
Petition of A A Dickerson to have money refunded him from pound fees.

Referred to Charity committee.

Petition of Mrs L A Hanichman to have taxes refunded.

On motion of Alderman Duff the petition was granted.

Petition of L W. Lawrence to be allowed to pay taxes for 1877 (1877) on property sold & deeded.

Bill of A McCathin for rent of store for holding election granted.

Petition of ladies of the city of Austin. asking that grain from the Austin city cemetery be placed in the city cemetery. Referred to the cemetery committee on motion of Alderman Robertson.

Petition of citizens to have public square in first ward fenced in. Read and received.

An ordinance providing for the improvement of the public square bounded by Cedar, Pine, San Antonio and Guadalupe streets in the city of Austin

Ordinance read first time.

On motion of Alderman Walle the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed on its second and third readings and passed by the following vote, two thirds of a full council voting in the affirmative;

Yeas — Aldermen Boardman, Duff, Walle Plath Chesham Lorin and Harkenbiger — 7

Nays — Alderman Robertson — 1

Reports of the city treasurer, city auditor, police court, market master, and city marshal, for the month of February were read and ordered filed.

The following report from the ordinance committee to whom was referred an ordinance in

reference to the cleaning of alleys was read and on motion of Alderman Lobin adopted.

We, the committee, recommend that no alteration in the present ordinance on the subject be made.

G. L. Boardman.
R Platt.
Committee.

The following report from the police committee on petition of Chas. Lieber was read, and on motion of Alderman Boardman Adopted!

Your committee to whom was referred the within communication beg leave to report to lay it on the table

R. Platt
H H. Duff.
Committee.

The following report from the ordinance committee was read, on an ordinance introduced by Alderman Nalle to receive city Warrants for all taxes due the city:

We, the committee to whom was referred an ordinance making city Warrants receivable for taxes beg leave to report, that they after due consideration believe that a change in the management of Austin City Warrants is not to be recommended from the fact that they are now held at nearly par value and such change might not prove beneficial.

G. L. Boardman
R. Platt.

Alderman Nalle raised the point of order that the ordinance committee had no right to make such a report. Point of order sustained.

Alderman Platt moved to lay the ordinance on the table.

Carried by the following vote.
Aldermans Nalle calling for the year and nays:
Year — Aldermen Boardman Duff, Platt, Robertson and Washenberger 5
Nays — Aldermen Nalle, Sheehan, and Tobin — 3.

Aldermen Robertson made a verbal report for committee favorably on an ordinance to discontinue the salary of the engineer of Colorado Engine No. 2.

Aldermen Boardman presented the following resolution which on motion was adopted:

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin. That for the purpose of better regulating the expenses of the fire companies, that the chief of the fire department and the fire commissioners, with the fire committee of the city council do meet and confer for the purpose of devising the best means for a reduction in the expenses of the fire department to report at the next monthly meeting.

Aldermen Boardman presented the following resolution which on motion was adopted.
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin. That the city clerk be and is hereby instructed to correspond with the proper officials of the cities of San Antonio, Dallas and Waco and three other cities in the South of like population to Austin for the purpose of ascertaining the number owned by each of them fire engines, hand engines, hook and ladder companies, hose companies, and number of hydrants, if possessing water works and the annual expense of each

fire department.

The police committee made the following report on an ordinance to provide for the appointment of a sergeant of police:

To the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Your committee to whom was referred an ordinance providing for the appointment of a sergeant of police and fixing the salary thereof, would respectfully ask that the ordinance do pass.

R Platt.
H H. Daft.

Alderman Brandman moved to adopt report of committee. Carried.

Ordinance read second time.

Alderman Nolle moved to refer ordinance to ordinance committee, as said ordinance as drawn up was in conflict with the city charter. Carried.

The mayor stated there being a vacancy on the police force he would place in nomination the name of Mr John Delf to fill said vacancy.

Alderman Nolle moved that the council go into executive session and request the presence of the city marshal. Carried.

The council retired on having returned Alderman Nolle moved that Mr Delf be elected by acclamation. Carried.

The mayor presented a communication from Mr J Logan vice president of the H & L. C R R. in reference to an ordinance passed by the city council at its last regular meeting for regard to the said Railroad. ~~Was referred~~ On motion the communication was read, received and ordered filed.

By permission Hon T J Talmore, county judge of Travis county addressed the council in reference to hiring the convict labor of the city of Austin.

Alderman Platt moved that a committee of three be appointed to confer with Judge Talmore and have power to act. Carried

The mayor appointed on said committee Aldermen Nalle, Platt and Boardman.

Alderman Nalle called on the city attorney to draw up an ordinance authorizing said committee to act.

An ordinance authorizing a committee of three to confer with the county Judge of Travis county for the purpose of utilizing the convict labor of the city of Austin. Ordinance read first time.

On motion of alderman Platt the ordinance was placed on its second and third readings and passed by the following vote. Two thirds of the council voting in the affirmative. Yeas - Aldermen Boardman, Duff, Nalle, Platt, Robertson Sheehan, Tobin, and Wahrenberger. Nays - None.

The following report from a special committee on the petition of Doehler & Leiking was read and on motion of Alderman Nalle adopted:

We recommend that Messrs Doehler & Leiking be paid the value of the hogs killed

Ed Wahrenberger
E. L. Tobin
Committee.

A resolution appropriating $25 to pay Doehler & Leiksing for hogs killed. Was read and on motion adopted.

Alderman Wahrenberger presented the petition of A Cane to the council which had been referred to a special committee and stated that he had not been able to see Mr Cane and passed the petition in the hands of the council to act. On motion the petition was granted.

Alderman Platt moved that a special committee of three be appointed to whom should be referred the passed ordinance for revision

Carried.

The mayor appointed on said committee: Alderman Boardman Platt and Sheehan.

On motion the council adjourned.