

Called Meeting

Houston Tex January 15th 1881

Mayor L. M. Crocker Presiding.

Roll called — Present Alderman Boardman Duff Mett Platt Robertson Sheehan Tobin and Wehrenberger.

Absent — Alderman Nalle.

Quorum present

The mayor stated that he had called the council together for the purpose of canvassing the vote for alderman of the seventh ward held this day and also to take final action of ordinance in reference to the H. & T. C. R. W. Co.

Alderman Mett Platt and Robertson were appointed, as teller to canvass said vote.

The vote being canvassed, the following was declared the result:

Ed Huppert 125; L. W. Odell 103.

Mr. Huppert having received the majority of votes cast was duly declared elected alderman of the seventh ward.

Mr. Huppert then took the oath of office and answered to his name.

Alderman Platt presented a petition of citizens of the fourth ward asking the council not to grant right of way to Houston and Texas Central Railway Company through said ward.

Alderman Boardman moved that petitions be received and filed.

Carried.

The following report from a special committee to whom was referred an ordinance granting the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company right of way to cross Congress Avenue was read and on motion of Alderman Wehrenberger was adopted.

To The Honorable City Council of the City of Austin
 your committee to whom was referred
 an ordinance amending articles 487 (1)
 488 (2) and 489 (3) of the revised ordinance
 of the city of Austin beg leave to report
 that it recommends the passage of the
 ordinance with the following proviso:

Provided That a board of arbitration
 consisting of four persons two of which
 are to be chosen by the Houston Central
 Railroad Co and two by the City Council
 who shall be citizens and tax payers
 which four shall choose a third party
 to act as a referee whose duty combined
 shall be to assess the value of damages
 to the property fronting on streets from
 Waller creek to Congress Avenue through
 which said railroad shall pass
 and which assessment shall be final
 and binding on the Houston Central
 Railroad Co, to pay to the owner of
 said property.

[Signed]

D. L. Lobin

G. L. Boardman

H. H. Duff.

Committee.

Alderman Platt moved with Alderman
 Robertson seconding that further action
 in reference to the ordinance be
 postponed. Lost.

The ordinance with the amendment
 of the committee was read the second
 time.

Alderman Robertson moved to amend
 that the Central railroad shall plank the
 entire length of the road through the city.

The yeas and nays being
 called the amendment was lost by the
 following vote:

Yeas — Alderman Platt, Robertson
 Hoppert and Hakenbueger.

Nays — Alderman Boardman Duff, Mitty
 Sheehan and Lobin.

Alderman Metz moved that the
 rule be suspended and that the
 ordinance be placed on its third
 reading. Carried by the following
 vote:

Yeas - Alderman Boardman
 Duff Metz Happert Sheehan Tobin
 and Wahrburger.

Nays - Aldermen Plath and
 Robertson.

The ordinance was read the
 third time.

On motion the ordinance was
 passed by the following vote:

Yeas - Alderman Boardman
 Duff Metz Happert Sheehan and
 Wahrburger.

Nays - Aldermen Plath, Robertson
 and Tobin.

On motion the council adjourned.