

Regular Meeting

Austin, Texas, January 3rd 1881.

Mayor L. M. Crocker, presiding.

Roll called - Present - Aldermen Boardman, Metcalf, Waller, Platt, Robertson, Sheehan, and Tobin.

Absent - Aldermen Duff and Wahrenbarger.

Quorum present.

Minutes of called meetings Dec 18th, 28th and 29th read and approved.

Petition of Protection Hook and Ladder Co No 3 asking that a lamp be erected in front of their truck house.

Referred to street committee on motion of Alderman Robertson.

Petition of Gammell & Bro asking that they be allowed to let book case remain on outside of sidewalk corner of Congress Avenue and Hickory street. Laid on table on motion of Alderman Platt.

Alderman Duff appeared and answered to his name.

Petition of Smith & Crowin asking that rent be reduced from \$100.00 to \$25.00 per year on city property rented by them on bank of Colorado river.

Alderman Platt moved that petition be granted. Lost.

Petition of Joseph Brown asking permission to erect a box house on Pecan street next to brick house of Geo. Brush.

Alderman Waller moved to refer to fire committee. Carried.

Communication from City Attorney C. J.

Dixons asking the council to purchase for use of Mayor's court Reports of Court of Appeals and the Texas Criminal Digest of Decisions.

Alderman Waller moved that the city attorney be instructed to purchase the same and that the finance committee be authorized.

to approve the bill. Carried.

Petition of J. W. Holtz and others of the first Ward asking that a water plug be placed at corner of Tammie and Burnett streets in said Ward.

Alderman Tobin moved that the street committee be instructed to move one of the city plugs now in use to point designated by petitioners. Carried.

Petition of E. Creary asking that fine assessed against Wm Crowder and which he had paid to the city assessor and collected be refunded.

On motion of Alderman Tobin petition was granted.

Petition of Mrs Weise asking that fees be returned to her which she had been compelled to pay found master.

On motion of Alderman Sheehan petition was granted.

Petition of H. B. Kimmey asking that fees be refunded to him which he had paid for clock that had been impounded.

Alderman Robertson moved to refer to charity committee.

There being a tie vote the Mayor voted in the affirmative.

Motion carried.

The following communication was read and received and the Mayor stated that there being no objection he would issue commission.

To The Honorable Mayor L. M. Crocker and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin.
Gentlemen - Pursuant to a call meeting by the Chief of the fire department of the City of Austin of the foreman and assistant foreman of the respective companies of the fire department, Mr John D. Drake of Colorado Steam Fire Engine Co Mr L. Wal

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Are Missing

elected as successor of the department
to fill the unexpired term of said
office made vacant by the death of
Mr. J. B. Reichman, awaiting your
approval and confirmation of the same
Yours &c

D. H. Brumond, Clerk

A. H. Crow, Sec'y.

Report of city marshals
E. C. Crary, L. Chumice and Ben Thompson
for 9th of December, showing fines to be
in the mayor's court \$625.00 cash, \$337.50
worked out on the streets \$280.00

Read and ordered filed.

Report of pound master for month
of December 1880; receipts \$50.00; disbursements
\$15.40; turned over to city collector \$34.60.

Read and ordered filed.

Report of city sashon for month of
December 1880. Number of deaths 11. White 7
colored 4, male 4, female 7, birth to 5 years 1
5 to 20, 5, 20 to 40 4, 40 to 60 1. from
city 9, from distance 2, Read and
ordered filed.

The following report
from ordinance committee and city
attorney on an ordinance to provide
for the sale of all real estate bid
off by the assessor and collector of
taxes at tax sales the owners of which
have not redeemed the same within the
time prescribed by law Ordinance was
read, discussed and on motion of
Alderman Hall adopted.

Examined and reported on favorably
and referred to city attorney.

G. L. Boardman.

R. Plath.

Committee

Examined and recommended its passage

C. D. Evans

City Attorney.

On motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed on its second and third readings and passed by the following vote, two Third of a Council voting in the affirmative.

Yeas — Aldermen Boardman Duff, Melly, Halle Plath, Roberson, Shickan and Tobin 8

Nays — None

The following report from a special committee was read and on motion of Alderman Halle adopted.

Your committee to whom was referred petitions from citizens asking relief from paying certain City Taxes for the years 1873, 1874, and 1875; beg leave to report favorably and recommend that they be granted.

G. L. Boardman

R. Plath.

Committee.

An ordinance constituting articles 487, 488, and 489 of the revised ordinance of the City of Austin in reference to the right of way of the Houston, and Texas Central Railroad Company.

Ordinance read first time.

Alderman Plath moved to refer to a special committee of three aldermen.

Carried.

The Mayor appointed as said committee Aldermen Plath, Roberson and Halle.

Mayor Wm Ryan asked by permission of the Council that Capt Carr representing said H & T. C. R. R. be allowed to address a few remarks to the Council.

There being no objections, Capt Carr stated that it was of great importance that action should be taken as soon as possible on said ordinance and requested as a favor that the Council would decide at once giving his reasons for making such a request.

Alderman Hall moved that the mayor call a meeting of the council as soon as the committee had reported Carried.

An ordinance prohibiting the obstruction of the streets, highways and side walks in the city of Austin and prescribing the manner of the removal of any such existing obstruction.

Ordinance read first time.

On motion of Alderman Hall the ordinance was referred to the ordinance committee.

The following resolutions were read received and on motion adopted:

Austin, Texas January 3rd 1881

Since last we met death has come amongst us and stricken down one of our number respected, honored, and esteemed.

Arty Reichman, alderman of the Seventh ward, who so lately "went in and out among us" in that strength of vigorous manhood, the admiration of his friends the pride of his constituents and the idol of his family is no more. And though his vacant seat within this bar is a forcible reminder that there is one absent who will never again meet with and assist us in our councils still such was the suddenness of his demise that shocked by the blow we scarcely realize that it is the work of death.

As an officer of the city Alderman Reichman was inflexibly devoted to duty and its interests. As a citizen he was public spirited and enterprising, and as a friend he was true and steadfast.

As associate in our municipal government as citizen and as friend it is therefore meet and proper that we should pause to bear testimony to his worth and pay tribute to his memory; to this end, therefore be it

Resolved. That on the death of Fritz Reichman, late alldorman from the Seventh ward the city of Austin has lost a valuable representative at our council board and a patriotic citizen.

Resolved. That it is our pleasure to bear testimony to the fact that his career as an officer was ever characterized by fidelity to duty while his intercourse with him and his bearing towards us always denoted the courtesy of the gentleman.

Resolved. That to his stricken household we tender our sincerest sympathy.

Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the council and one under the seal of the city signed by his honor the mayor be attested and forwarded by the city clerk to the family of the deceased.

Resolved. That as a further token of our respect that the members of the city council wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

1. Bill of Capt E Creary for work done, now used by the city clerk and city marshal.

On motion of Alderman Waller the mayor was authorized to purchase the same.

The mayor called the attention of the council to the bill of H. Fannickuche for the work on streets and stated that he had not approved the same as he was of the opinion that according to the contract Mr J. Creary was the only one authorized to furnish teams etc, for work on streets.

Mr Plath called for contract between Mr J. Creary and city of Austin which being read Alderman Tobin moved that the bill of Mr Fannickuche be allowed and that the alldermen be notified

of the contract now existing between the city of Austin and Mr John Creary. Carried.

The Mayor stated there being a vacancy of Alderman of the seventh ward occasioned by the death of Mr F. Reichman that he would order an election to take place on Saturday January 15th A.D. 1881. to fill said vacancy, naming place for holding said election and judge and clerk of same, provided the same was satisfactory to the council. There being no objection the election was so ordered.

The Mayor presented a bill for \$1334.59 of Mr John Sheehan for building a rock wall and sewer on East Pecan street.

Alderman Wall moved that the street and finance committee be authorized to approve the same.

Carried.

The Mayor nominated Mr R. L. Stuart for policeman to fill vacancy occasioned by resignation of Mr E. P. Rodney.

Alderman Wall moved he be elected by acclamation.

Carried.

There being no further business the council adjourned.