Regular Meeting -
Austin Texas Dec 6th 1880 -

Mayor L H. Crocker presiding -

Roll called. Present - Aldermen Boardman, Metz, Tolle, Platt, Reichman, and Rahrenburger.

Absent - Aldermen Duff Robertson Shahan and Tobin. Quorum present.

Minutes regular meeting November 1st were read and approved.

Aldermen Duff and Robertson took their seats and answered to their name.

The Mayor stated that there being a vacancy by the resignation of Marshal Creasy, he ordered an election to take place Friday, December 17th 1880, for said city marshal, naming place for holding election and judges of same, provided the same was satisfactory to the council. Thus being no objection, the election was so ordered.

Petition of G. F. Reisdorf, President of the Austin Turn Verein association, asking that they be relieved of their taxes due the city for 1875.

Alderman Platt moved to lay on the Table. Carried.

Alderman Tobin appeared and answered to his name.

Petitions of O Shabuck & Jander and John Rooney to open bar-rooms in ninth ward granted.

Petition of Barney Hoole, Luckenger & Rummel, L. G. Strand and H. G. Hilliame to open outside meat markets. Granted.

Petition of Officer Pat Coney to have fine refunded that had been assessed against him by police committee.

Alderman Reichman moved to lay on the Table. Carried -

Petitions of Daniel Phillipi and John Iringer, asking they be relieved of paying back taxes for 1876, claiming that had paid same out county not city. Etc.

Alderman Tolle moved they and other-

similar petitions be referred to a special committee of three.
Carried.
The Mayor appointed on said committee Aldermen Boardman Platt and Hahenberger.
Petition of Bonne & Raymond asking permission to build a fence in rear of their store on Pecan street.
Alderman Walle raised a point of order stating the council had no jurisdiction in the matter. Point of order sustained.
Petition of citizens asking that side walk be layed on the south side of Bois d'Arc street between Brays street and Congress Avenue.
Alderman Platt moved to refer to street committee. Carried.
Bill of Dr M. L. Taylor for $14 for depositing 70 cubic feet of earth front of Avenue November 15th 1878.
Alderman Robertson moved to refer to street committee. Carried.
Petition from Austin Fire Department asking that Colorado Engine Co 2 be not sold. Alderman Platt stated that it looked as if the insurance companies were trying to bull doze the city council and he and Alderman Robertson said that while they had no desire to injure any one, stick in making their report they had done so as they thought for the best interests of the city.
Alderman Tobin moved that the communication be filed. Carried.
Bill of Ed Geary for $45 for storage of self-acting fire extinguisher for eight months.
Alderman Reichman stated the circumstances under which the engine was placed in the hands of Captain Geary, and thought he had no right to charge for storage.
Alderman Tobin thought he should be paid something.
Alderman Platt moved to lay on the

Table. Carried.
Bill of William Smith for $5 for use room for holding election September 2d 1880.
Alderman Tobin moved to allow $3.
Alderman Robertson moved to lay motion of Alderman Tobin on table. Lost.
Alderman Robertson moved that the room being taken without any previous arrangement with Mr Smith that he be allowed $15. Carried.
Petition of E Creary asking that fine assessed against William Crowder, and which he & Creary had paid to city collector, be refunded to him, as the said Crowder had been taken from his custody by the sheriff of Stone county.
Alderman Platt moved to lay on the Table. Carried.
The report of the city marshal for November, 1880, showed the fines in the mayor's court to be $485: Cash $250,50; work on streets, $234,50. Read and ordered filed.
The report of the city sexton, showing the number of deaths for November, 1880, To be 14. Read and ordered filed
Report of the pound master for November 1880, receipts $9 disbursements $4 turned over to collector $5. Read and ordered filed.
Alderman Platt, chairman of the street committee reported that petitions that had been turned over to the street committee and city engineer at the last meeting of the city council had received their attention and the work had been done.
Alderman Hahrenberger, chairman of the cemetary committee stated that he had been offered for the use of the cemetary, an ant killing apparatus, for $20
Alderman Boardman moved to refer to the cemetary committee with power

to act. Carried.
Alderman Wahrenberger reported at once favorably on the purchase of the same as it was needed in the cemetary and that the city auction had expressed a willingness and desire to operate it.
A Resolution appropreating $25 for the purchase of an ant kider. Resolution read first time.
Alderman Reichman moved the rules be suspended and the resolution be placed on its second reading.
Carried by the following vote:
Yeas — Alderman Boardman, Duff, Metz Walle, Robertson, Reichman, Tobin and Wahrenbarger.
Nays — Alderman Platt.
Resolution read second time.
Alderman Robertson moved to amend that the apparatus should be purchased, provided the owner would guarantee perfect satisfaction.
Alderman Tobin moved to lay the motion on the table. Carried.
On motion the rules were further suspended, and the resolution placed on its third reading, and passed by the following vote, two thirds of a full council voting in the affirmative:
Yeas - Alderman Boardman, Duff, Metz Wade Reichman, Tobin and Wahrenberger.
Nays — Alderman Platt and Robertson.
The following communications were read, received and ordered filed.

City Marshal's Office
Austin Tex December 3rd 1880

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen — By election and qualification as Sheriff of Travis county I resigned my position as Chief of Police and my designation as Marshal of the

citi of Austin.

In leaving this connection with the city government which has existed for seven years there are crowded feelings of unfeigned and heartfelt regret. At no time since my first inception into the office I hereby vacate, have I been the recipient of aught save the kindest courtesy and most generous forbearance. By no means claiming infalibility and aware of the fact that I have committed many errors, I ask the citizens with a concousness of the rectitude of my intentions and hiney beg to make my sincerest aknowledgements, as also to express my heartest appreciations of the generosity of this community who have thrice honored me and honored me beyond my deserts.

In parting with you, and the board of Aldermen my co-workers in the city government and especially with that department with which I have been most intimately associated "the police" it is but right that I should say to you and them that none are more called have been more faithful to the obligations of official station, while from each and all I have been the recipient of tokens of respect and confidence which challenge my admiration, and command my lasting gratitude. Trying and delicate as that been my position and painful as oftentimes it has been to me the due execution of the law, some and their kindness had tended to round the angles, and smooth the asperities of my official career. These recollections will ever be cherished with the most pleasurable emotions as they will ever impel me in the new sphere of duty upon which I am about to enter, to co-operate with the proper authorities in maintaining the good order

peace and dignity of this community.

Hoping for you and your administration as for all with whom I have been associated, prosperity, success and happiness, I am very respectfully and truly yours,

Ed. Creasy.

Mayor's Office,

Austin Texas December 6th 1888

Captain Ed Creasy Austin Texas.

Dear Sir— Your letter of the 3rd inst tendering me your resignation has been received and the resignation cheerfully accepted. In parting with you let me say that I do so with a two fold regret, first because of the kindly intercourse that has always existed between us, and secondly because I recognize the fact that the administration of the city government loses on account of the dissolution of the official relations between you and it, an officer who has ever been faithful and true in the discharge of duty and who justly enjoys the confidence of the entire community. We congratulate ourselves however that in the extended sphere of usefulness to which you have been called, your services will not be lost to us, and that we will still have the benefit of your experience and ability in maintaining a perfect police of the city. Wishing for you continued success in the official career upon which you have just entered, and fully reciprocating the expressions of personal regard contained in your letter I am sir

Respectfully and truly yours

L. M. Crooker. Mayor.

The following resolution was read and adopted—

Whereas Captain Ed Creary late city marshal has tendered his resignation as such to accept the position of Sheriff of Travis county to which office he has been elected, and for which he has qualified; and
Whereas we would pay something more than a passing tribute to his efficiency as an officer and his worth as a man; Therefore be it
Resolved, By the city council of the city of Austin that in parting with Capt Creary we do so with feelings of no ordinary regret.
Resolved that after urbane courteous and polite he carries with him the best wishes as he has inspired the high personal regard of each of those with whom he has been officially associated.
Resolved that we thereby bear cheerful testimony to his fidelity as an officer and in regretting the loss of Marshal Creary find consolation in the fact that he has become Sheriff Creary.
Resolved As a further token of our esteem and regard that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this council and another furnished to him by the city clerk under the seal of the city of Austin, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to sign the same.
The Mayor stated that being a vacancy for market master and Health inspector, placed in nomination the following named gentlemen: W C Hilbert. Wm Schroeder D.B. Hethcox, H. W. Archer, J F Darracott, L. H. La Rue, A C Beuchner W R. Brown, Dyer Lasell and A. Leidman
Aldermen Walle Boardman and Metz were appointed tellers.
The ballot being taken the following was declared the result. Whole #.

La Rue 1 Brown 2 Shroeder 1 Lederman 1.
There being no choice a second ballot was ordered with the following result: Withers 4, Brown 3, Shroeder 4, Lederman 1
There being no choice another ballot was ordered.
Alderman Nalle moved that the candidate securing the lowest vote be dropped. Carried.
Third ballot — Withers 3 Brown 4 Shroeder 2 Lederman 1, No choice —
Fourth ballot — Withers 4. Brown 2 Shroeder 1 Lederman 2. Mr Shroeder was dropped.
Fifth ballot — Withers 4 Brown 5, Mr Brown having secured majority of votes cast, was declared duly confirmed.
The Mayor announced that E. R. Johnson and J. J. Jarrett having resigned their positions on the police force, placed in nomination L. C. Locke and D. L. Hatch to fill said vacancies.
Alderman Tobin moved that they be elected by acclamation, Carried.
The following communications were read, received, and ordered filed:

City Marshals Office
Austin Texas Nov. 13th 1885.

Hon. L. M. Crooker Mayor of Austin:
Sir — In obedience to your instructions, I this day sold the "W. S. Parker Self-acting Fire Extinguisher" at public sale to the highest bidder being knocked off to Radcliff Platt for $16.00 which amount has been deposited with the city assessor and collector.
I am very Respectfully
Ed Creary City Marshal

City Marshals Office
Austin Texas Dec 4th 1885
Hon L. M. Crooker Mayor of the city of Austin and board of Aldermen —

Gentlemen — On returning from the office of city marshal I deem it proper in behalf of the police officers to make the following statement:

The expenses of the police force for the last three years preceding Oct 20th 1880 amount to $18,729. showing an excess of revenue of $686.48 over and above the expenses of the force incurred within that time.

While there is no requirement of law demanding a detailed statement from the city marshal since it would have been my pleasure to have made one to the council but for the fact that less than three months since the books of all the city offices were thoroughly examined among them those of the police department by a committee of experts appointed for that purpose and they were found to be correct. This statement is made simply for the purpose of showing that the force had been more than self sustaining.

I am gentlemen very respectfully

Ed Creaty. City Marshal.

An ordenance providing for the sale of all real estate bids off by the assessor and collector of taxes at tax sales the owners of which have not redeemed the same within the time by law ordenance. Ordinance read first time. Alderman Walle moved to refer to ordinance committee and city attorney. Carried.

Alderman Platt asked for a report from the committee that appointed experts to examine the books of the city government.

Alderman Tobin stated that the report was ready, but had been waiting for the chairman to meet with the other members of the committee, so as to be able to

make report in full which would be ready at the next meeting of the council.

An ordinance authorizing and instructing the city assessor and collector to cancel all delinquent taxes on lands assessed prior to 1873. Ordinance read first time.

Alderman Reichman moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance be placed on the second reading. Carried by the following vote:

Yeas - Aldermen Boardman, Duff, Metz, Nalle, Platt, Robertson, Reichman, Tobin and Wahrenberger.

Nays. None.

Ordinance read second time.

On motion the rules were further suspended and the ordinance placed on the third reading and passed by the following vote; two thirds of a full council voting in the affirmative:

Yeas - Aldermen Boardman, Duff, Metz, Nalle, Platt, Robertson, Reichman and Wahrenberger.

Nays - Alderman Tobin.

An Ordinance for the relief of persons whose real estate and property has been sold for taxes and bought in for the city of Austin. Ordinance read first time.

On motion of alderman Nalle the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed on the second and third readings and passed by the following vote; two thirds of a full council voting in the affirmative.

Yeas - Aldermen Boardman, Duff, Metz, Nalle, Platt, Robertson, Reichman, Tobin and Wahrenberger.

Nays - None.

An ordinance granting the United States government the right to construct a sewer in the City of Austin
Ordinance read first time
Alderman Walla moved that it be referred to the board of health.
Carried
The following communication was read and received.

Austin Dec 1st 1880.

To the Hon Mayor and Board of Aldermen City of Austin:

Gentlemen.

Your petitioner would respectfully set forth that two years ago the City of Austin purchased a Hook and Ladder truck for the Protection Hook and Ladder Company No 3, for the sum of $1200, the city paying $1000 and the said company assuming the payment of $200, the company has paid all but $60. which is now unpaid and overdue, and as the Hook and Ladder Company at present is in no financial condition to meet this payment, I respectfully petition your honorable body to pass an appropriation to satisfy the claim which Mr. B. L. D. Fitch holds against our company and the truck you purchased of him

Respectfully
A Kempen
Foreman P. H. & L Co. No 3 -

The your committee on fire department recommend that the appropriation mentioned in the above be passed.

Fritz Reichmann
Geo L. Robertson
H. H. Daft
Fire Committee.

An ordinance appropriating the sum of $60 to pay balance due on the truck of P. H. & L Co No 3. Ordinance read first time.

On motion of Alderman Habenberger 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:

Ayes - Aldermen Boardman Duff Metz Walle Platt, Robertson, Reichman Tobin and Habenberger.

Nays — None.

The following report from the fire committee was read and received:

Austin Nov 1st, 1880.

Hon L M Crooker, Mayor of the City of Austin: Dear Sir —

Your committee on fire department, to whom was referred the matter of building a truck house for Hope Hook & Ladder Company No 2. beg to recomend the erection of a truck house on the public square in the first ward of the city of Austin.

By so doing the city would save with a permanent investment of about $1000 asconsume the payment of $20 per month rent of building now occupied by said company and also the rent of the companys' meeting room on Pecan street. Respectfully -

Fritz Reichman,
H. H. Duff,
Committee.

An ordinance appropriating $1000 to build a truck house for Hope Hook and Company No 2. 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, Metz, Walle, Platt, Robertson, Reichman, Tobin and Habenberger.

Kaye - None

The Mayor stated that some action should be taken in reference to feeding the city prisoners.

Alderman Platt moved that the city attorney be instructed to draw up resolution authorizing the mayor to offer for bids, both for feeding the city prisoners and city cart horse

The resolution was read and carried

Alderman Tobin moved to reconsider the petition of the Austin Turn Verein Association as he was not present when action was taken. Lost.

Alderman Robertson stated that action taken on his resolution in reference to bill of Mr Smith was not what he really intended and therefore moved a reconsideration of the same.

Carried.

Alderman Boardman moved to amend $5 to instead of $15. Alderman Tobin called for the yeas and nays. The roll being called the vote stood

Yeas - Aldermen Boardman Duff Mitz Platt Robertson and Reichmann.

Kaye - Aldermen Tobin and Wahrenberger

Carried -

Alderman Wahrenberger moved to adjourn. Lost -

Alderman Mitz moved that all aldermen be excused from fines assessed against them for the last quarter -

Carried.

Alderman Boardman moved to adjourn -

Carried -

E. B. Connell. City Clerk.