

Regular Meeting
October 4th 1880

Mayor L. M. Crocker presiding -
Roll Called. Present. Alderman Boardman,
Duff, Metz, Valle, Platt, Robertson, Shurham
Wahrnberger.

Absent Alderman. Richman & Tobin -
Minutes of Called Meeting Sept. 14th 1880. read
and approved.

Petition of Chas. Ration to open a barroom
in the Second Ward. Granted.

Petition of citizens asking that the sidewalk
on the south side of Block 101 be placed
in repair - Referred to Street Committee

Petition of H. G. Williams to open an outside
Meat Market - Granted

Petition of F. O. Goodale & A. Lindaman to
light the oil street lamps of the City
Referred to Street Committee

Petition of citizens asking that the grade
of the street be leveled where the alley
intersects block 69 between Congress Avenue
and Texas Street -

Alderman Platt moved that an appropriation
of \$20⁰⁰ be made for that purpose.

Alderman Valle moved to amend by striking
out twenty and inserting \$2500. Carried
Resolution appropriating two hundred and
fifty dollars for the purpose of
opening a water-way across East
Pearl Street.

Resolution read first time and on motion
of Alderman Platt the resolution was
placed on its second & third readings
and passed by the following vote -
Yeas. Alderman Boardman, Duff, Metz,
Valle, Platt, Robertson, Shurham Wahrnberger
Nays. None.

Petition of citizens asking that permission
be granted A. Trim & Morris Gans to weigh
& store cotton at the corner of East Pearl
& Trinity streets -

Alderman Platt moved that the petition be granted, and that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an Ordinance, repealing Art 215 in reference to the storing of Cotton.

Carried.

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance, entitled an Ordinance to amend article 215 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Austin passed December 4th 1879.

Ordinance read first time and on motion of Alderman Platt the Ordinance was placed on its second and third readings and passed by the following vote (two thirds of a full Council voting in the affirmative) - Pres. Alderman, Boardman, Drapp, Metz, Kelle, Platt, Robertson, Shubert & Wahrmacher. Ayes - Seven -

Petitions of L. M. Bell & Thos. Bros. to open Variety Shows on East Pecan street were read.

Alderman Platt moved that the petitions be granted. Lost.

On motion of Alderman Kelle the City Atty was instructed to draw up the following Ordinance - viz.

An Ordinance appropriating \$500⁰⁰ for each ward, except the Third to have \$750⁰⁰ for the purpose of improving the streets of said wards.

Ordinance read first time and on motion of Alderman Boardman 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) Pres. Alderman, Boardman, Drapp, Metz, Kelle, Platt, Robertson, Shubert & Wahrmacher. Ayes - Seven -

The report of the City Marshal for the month of September 1880, showing fines in the Mayor's Court \$440⁰⁰ Cash \$219⁰⁰ Worked out on the Streets \$221⁰⁰ Read & ordered filed.

Report of Pound Master for September 1880 Receipts \$58⁵⁰ Disbursements \$21²⁰ Amount turned

over to Assessor. Valuation \$36⁸⁰ - was read & ordered filed.

The following report from a Special Committee appointed - was read and in mention of Alderman Hall - adopted.

Austin Texas

Oct - 4th 1880.

Hon L. M. Crocker Mayor of the City of Austin and Ex officio President of the Council.
 Your Special Committee to whom was referred the matter of Ervin vs. Friedman, City of Austin, Garrison, by leave to submit the following report. Upon consultation with C. D. John Esq. City Atty, and another member of the legal profession of this City, as a conclusion from their advice we adopted the following course and recommend it to the approval of the Council, to wit: -
 To authorize the serving out of a writ of Certiorari that the matter in controversy might be taken up to the County Court. Our information was that whether or not the writ would be granted was a matter involved in doubt, but the doubt has since been solved, as his Honor Judge Smith has granted the writ and the matter has been transferred to the County Court, and is therein pending and awaiting a final disposition thereof on the third Monday of November next. So that we have a day in, with a prospect at least of having a rehearing consequent upon a reopening of the case.
 It has reached your Committee that the opinion of some eminent members of our bar is that the writ may be dismissed, but that is a question to be determined by the Court and cannot be known until judicially ascertained. Inasmuch, therefore, as we are a fair in Court with a possibility, if it be no more, of getting a hearing we recommend that the case be further prosecuted - Respectfully submitted,
 Radcliff Platt - Chairman"

The accompanying reports were read & revised and on motion of Alderman Sells the City Clerk was instructed to furnish the each Alderman a copy.

To the Hon. Mayor & Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin Texas -
 Your Committee to whom was referred the subject to take into consideration and suggest such reduction in the expenses of the City government as it considers advisable beg leave to report the following & recommend
 1st That the office of day Clerk of the Police Court of the City be abolished and that its duties become part of and be performed by the City Clerk.

2nd In consideration of the topography of the City and the rough and irregular condition of the streets, affecting the laborious movement of the steam fire engines to other parts of the City than the business portion in case of fire, and the ample provision thereof in these parts by the water company through its hydrants as a means of extinguishment and the fact that they have been nearly useless to the City for the last few years, viz. the Committee do recommend that Colorado Steam Fire Engine No 2 be sold.

3rd That proposals for bids be made by the City for the purpose of feeding the City prisoners at so much per dinner or meal, and that the same be made by publication in the usual form to the lowest bidder.

4th That the duties of the City Engineer being of such a light and comparatively menial character, the Committee would recommend the reduction of the salary of said officer. And would further suggest that having other measures under consideration, the Committee be granted further time to report.

G. J. Brachman
 Geo. L. Robertson
 N. B. Maly.
 Committee

To the Honorable Mayor & Board of Aldermen of the City of Austin. Sirs -

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution in the expenses of the City government, beg leave to report the following: That the office of day clerk of the Police force be abolished and its duties be performed by the City Clerk.

In consideration of the fact that ample provision by the Water Company, through its hydrants, as a means of extinguishment, and the fact that they have been nearly useless to the City for the last five years, therefore we do recommend that Colorado Fire Engine No 2 be sold. That the feeding of the City prisoners and horses be let at so much per day to the lowest bidder. The Committee would recommend the reduction of the salary of the City Engineer to ten dollars per month.

That the Ordinance creating the office of deputy Collector be repealed.

R. Platt -
Alderman Robertson moved that the Committee on Intrenchment Reform be discharged. Carried. The following resolution offered by Alderman Platt, was, on motion of Alderman Wahneberg laid on the table -

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin - That it shall be the duty of the disbursing officers of the City hereafter to take from all officers, employees or other persons to whom money is paid a receipted voucher, which voucher shall show the amount paid and for what services performed; and if any money is disbursed for charitable purposes the said voucher, shall show the nature of the Charity. That the City Clerk shall have published at the end of each quarter, in the City paper, for one week, an itemized account of all expenditures for the preceding quarter. The following report of the City Attorney on the petition of C. H. Worthington was read

and moved on a motion of Alderman
Hall the City Atty was authorized to proceed.

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To the Hon. Mayor & Board of Aldermen of
the City of Austin - Gentlemen -
The petition of Chas. N. Worthington which
was referred to me at the last regular meeting
of the City Council, has been duly considered,
and I beg leave to report, that the facts therein
set forth are substantially true & correct.
The order to remedy the wrong complained of
it is not necessary to pass an Ordinance
as the revised Ordinances of the City as they
now stand will cover the case. It is only
for your honor to say whether or not I
must proceed. Most Respectfully
A. D. Johns
City Atty.

The Ordinance repealing an Ordinance
entitled an Ordinance regulating the meetings
of the Committee of the City Council and
prescribing penalties for non attendance
and passed April 5th 1880.

Ordinance read first time. Alderman Platt
moved to lay on the table - Carried.
The Mayor presented the following to the
Council which was read, received and
on motion of Alderman Shubert adopted
City Clerk's office
Austin Tex Oct 2/1880

Hon. L. M. Coatsworth Mayor of Austin -
Sir - I hereby tender my resignation as
City Clerk of the City of Austin, said
resignation to take effect Tuesday Oct 6/80
and wish to tender to you and Board of
Aldermen my sincere thanks for the uniform
kindness and courtesy extended to me
during the time of my incumbency.
In the words of Rip Van Winkle: May
you live long and prosper
Very Respectfully - J. A. Pratt
L. M. Coatsworth
City Clerk.

Austin Texas
Oct. 4/80

Mr. L. M. Bradley

Sir - Your letter of the 2nd inst. concerning your resignation as City Clerk of the City of Austin has been received. In accepting it, allow me to say that I do so with both reluctance and regret. To those among whom your lot in the future may be cast I most heartily commend you, as I earnestly trust success may now attend you.

Yours L. M. Crocker

Mayor of Austin Texas.

Whereas L. M. Bradley, has, by resignation, severed his connection with the City Council of the City of Austin of which he has been for nearly three years Clerk; therefore be it Resolved, That in parting with Mr. Bradley we do so with feelings of regret and that we take this method of bearing our testimony to his uniform courtesy as a gentleman and to his fidelity and efficiency as an officer.

Resolved - That after a thorough investigation by experts appointed for the purpose, examining the books of his Office for and during the term of his service above specified the same have been found in all respects to be correct, vouchers being on hand for each and every disbursement.

Resolved. That a certified copy of these resolutions, signed by his Honor the Mayor, be furnished by the City Clerk to Mr. Bradley under the seal of the City of Austin.

The Mayor stated the resignation of Mr. L. M. Bradley, City Clerk had been received and a vacancy now existing, presented the following names to be voted upon to fill said vacancy: W. C. Denny, Z. L. Skiff, L. L. Lindsey & E. B. Cornell.

Alderman Nally, Platt & Robertson were appointed tellers. Alderman Robertson moved that the Council go into execution.

session - Carried -

The Council retired and upon returning to their seats, cast their votes, the ballot standing
Smith 1 - Denny 1 - Lowdy 2 - Cornell 4.

There being no choice a second ballot was ordered with the following result

Lowdy 2. Cornell 6. Mr. Cornell was declared duly elected having received a majority of the votes of a full Council.

The Mayor then announced the changes in the different Committees for the remainder of the present administration.

Mr. W. C. Denny one of the reports employed by the Finance Committee to examine into the books and records of the City during the administration of Hon. J. C. Selness, made his report, and, on motion of Alderman Hall, final action was deferred.

A motion to reconsider the resolution complimentary to Mr. Bradley was Carried
On Motion the Council adjourned

Approved

November 1st 1880

E. B. Cornell

City Clerk