

Regular meeting of the City Council :

Austin, Texas, July 3rd 1913.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor: Roll called :

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Absent none.

The minutes of the last regular and subsequent recessed meetings were read and approved, be the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance granting to the Austin Street Railway Company authority to construct a branch line or tap from its line of railway beginning at a point on South Congress Avenue opposite the Fredricksburg road ; thence running easterly , across Congress Avenue and over the property of Wallace R Miller ; thence Southerly over the property of the Austin Field Club , in all about ten hundred and fifty feet , and also granting to the said Austin Street railway Company the right to take up and remove its tracks and said branch line of railway when it sees fit and proper so to do.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City Health Officer, the Health Inspector , & the Engineer for the month of June 1913, which were read and ordered filed.

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following motion :

I move a reconsideration of the vote by which the Council adopted a resolution donating to the African M E Church the church building purchased from that church located on the half block south of Wooldridge Park, for the reason , I do not believe that the Council can legally donate the property. If the Council can legally make the donation , I prefer donating what the material will be worth when torn down , which would not be one-fifth of the value of the building.

The half block set aside for Library purposes is 276 feet in length and this building is on the extreme west end occupying about 45 feet leaving 231 feet front on which to erect a Library Building , which is a large front considering there is a depth of only 128 feet in the half block.

Another reason for retaining this building is the uncertainty of obtaining a Library Building from the Carnegie fund on account of title to the property.

Another is that the people of Austin have not yet voted the funds to maintain a Library.

E C Bartholomew.

The Mayor laid before the Council , An ordinance amending an Ordinance regulating the muzzling of Dogs , and prescribing a penalty for the violation thereof, which was read the first time and laid over.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That twelve hundred and fifty (\$ 1,250.00) dollars be and the same are hereby appropriated out of the Interest and Sinking funds of the City of Austin

*Austin Street
to Congress Ave
South Austin. ✓*

*Councilman
Bartholomew
to reconsider
the vote by which
Council donated
church to
Negroes ✓*

*Dog Muzzling
Ordinance ✓*

Alfred May
Interest ✓

as a refund and payment over to the Austin School Board of the accrued interest earned and paid upon the \$ 150,000.00 issued July 1st 1912, up to and at the date of their purchase from the City of Austin.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

Sanitary Sewer
Earnings fund
created ✓

That the City Treasurer and the Book-keeper of the Sanitary Sewer Dept be and they are hereby directed to open an account to be designated " Sanitary Sewer Earnings fund " and they are hereby further directed to credit to said fund all monies received in payment of Sewer rental charges.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

< Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Acceptance paving
N Congress Avenue
X

Whereas, the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements has filed his report with the City Council to the effect that the Texas Bitulithic Company has completed the work of Paving and improving North Congress Avenue from the Capitol Grounds to 19th street (with exception of paving in front of properties belonging to John Granger at N E corner of Congress Avenue and 15th street) , Judge L D Brooks N W corner of Congress Avenue and 18th street and T J Everett at S W Corner of Congress Avenue and 19th street,) under contract with the City and that said work has been fully done in strict accordance with said contract and specifications adopted by the City; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the said work of improvement be finally accepted by the City and that the final estimate due by the City to the said Company be paid .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none. >

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

Street
Lines Blanco St ✓

That the following center line of Blanco street from 6th street to 10th street be and the same is hereby established as the permanent center line:

For point "A" place a stake 28.32' East of the S W corner of Blanco street and the alley running west north of 6th street.

For point "B" place a stake 27.72 ' west of the fence at the N E corner of Blanco and 10th streets , this point being the center of Blanco street as now fenced at the north side of 10th street.

A straight line joining these two points and extending to 6th street to be the established center line.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That two hundred (\$ 200.00) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, be ad and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Permanent Street Improvement fund of the City of Austin to erect a temporary retaining wall on the south front of the Southern Prebyterian Church at the intersection of Brazos & 8th streets in this City .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor .

The Council then recessed subject to call .

July 8th 1913:

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present:

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That leave of absence be and is hereby granted to Z T Pulmore, Judge of the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, for thirty days from and after this date, July 8th 1913.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

It appearing to the Council that the Board of Equalization assessed improvements upon Lot 2, Block "A" Out lot 39 Div "O" to the amount of \$ 300.00, by reason of the fact that a building permit in said amount was taken out for improvements upon said lot ; and,

Whereas, it is a fact that the improvements contemplated in said permit were made upon Lot 1, Block "A", Out lot 39 Div "O" instead upon Lot 2,; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That said assessment of improvements in the amount of \$ 300.00 upon lot 2, Block "A" Outlot 39, Div "O", be and the same are hereby cancelled ,and the Assessor & Collector is hereby authorized to adjust his rolls accordingly.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

~~Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :~~

Whereas it appears from the attached affidavit of Jno S Jackson that he sold the \$ 100.00 vendor's lien note assessed against him by the City of Austin for the year 1911 prior to January 1st 1911 ; Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That said Assessment against Jno S Jackson for credits in the amount of \$ 100.00 for the year 1911 be and the same is hereby cancelled and annulled ,and the

Appropriation for
Coke & fuel
for Southern
Presbyterian Church

Leave absence
Pulmore

Assessment by
Block "A" 39
Cancelled

Assessment
Cancelled

Assessor & Collector declared entitled to take credit accordingly.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the attached affidavit of Mrs Lena H Clifford and L M Clifford that prior to January 1st 1912, they had disposed of certain credits assessed against them for the year 1912, in the amount of \$ 4,392.00; Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the said assessment against Mrs Lena H Clifford and L M Clifford for the year 1912, amounting to \$ 4, 392.00 be and the same is hereby cancelled , and the Assessor & Collector declared entitled to take credit accordingly.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the attached affidavit of John Bremond that the assessments of credit against him for the years 1900 and 1901 are erroneous and that for said several years he assessed all of his properties of every character and description owned by him ; Now therefore

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the credits assessed against said John Bremond for the year 1900 in the amount of \$ 8,000.00 and in the year 1901 in the amount of \$ 7,500.00, be and the same are hereby stricken from the rolls for said years , and the Assessor & Collector here declared entitled to take credit accordingly.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, Owen G Carroll has exhibited to the City Council two notes executed by him , one for \$ 500.00 ,dated May 14th 1909, and due at four years and payable to E H Carroll, and the other for \$ 750.00 ,dated January 12th 1909 and due on or before three years, payable to the First National Bank of Sigourney, Ia, both of which notes were outstanding obligations on the part of said Owen G Carroll and more than offset the credits ^{annulled} against him for the year 1911, in the amount of \$ 640.00; Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That said credits assessed against Owen G Carroll for the year 1911 in the amount of \$ 640.00 ,be and the same are hereby cancelled and annulled, and the Assessor & Collector entitled to take credit accordingly.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved , A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Assessment
L & L M Clifford
Corrected ✓

Assessment
John Bremond
Corrected ✓

Assessment
O G Carroll
Corrected ✓

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the attached affidavit of Jno D Parker, that the credits assessed against him for the year 1911, are more than offset by the debts owing by him by note of the same year; Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the assessment of \$ 400.00 against Jno T Parker for the year 1911, be and the same are hereby cancelled .

Be it further resolved :

That the Assessor & Collector be declared entitled to take credit in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor,

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the attached affidavit of C A Peterson that a portion of the credits assessed against him for the year 1912 represented notes which he had sold prior to said year to L N Goldbeck of this City, save and except one note of \$ 1,000.00; and,

Whereas, he makes affidavit that against this credit he had outstanding a note by debt to the Citizens Bank and Trust Company for \$ 5,000.00, and also on the 1st day of Jan'y 1912 a note to K C Miller for \$ 1,500.00 ; therefore ,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the credits assessed against C A Peterson for the year 1912, amounting to \$ 1,720.00 be and the same are hereby stricken from the assessment rolls of this City for said year, and the Assessor & Collector is hereby declared entitled to take credit in accordance with the provisions of this resolution .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the attached affidavit of J Gordon Brown, that the promisory note in the sum of \$ 25,000.00, signed by Andrew Hamilton, dated December 19th 1910, and due January 1st 1918, assessed against him represented an incomplete transaction on the 1st day of January 1912,; Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That said assessment against said J Gordon Brown in the amount of \$ 25,000.00 for the year 1912, be and the same is hereby cancelled.

Be it further resolved:

That the Assessor & Collector of this City is hereby declared entitled to take credit upon his rolls in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Assessment
Jno D Parker
Corrected

Assessment
C A Peterson
Corrected

Assessment
J Gordon Brown
Corrected

Assessment of
D K Allison
Corrected ✓

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the attached affidavit of D K Allison, that on the 1st day of January 1912, he owed by note \$ 1,500.00 ,which is much in excess of the \$ 868.00 credit assessed against him as of the 1st day of January 1912; Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the assessment of credits in the amount of \$ 868.00 against D K Allison for the year 1912, be and the same is hereby cancelled, and the Assessor & Collector of this City declared to be entitled to take credit accordingly.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the accompanying affidavit of Jas S Rogan that on the 1st day of January 1912, he had debts by note much in excess of the credits of \$ 800.00 assessed against him for the year 1912; and,

Whereas, he had already ,as set forth in said affidavit,prior to January 1st 1912, transferred said notes to Chas Rogan of Austin, Texas,; Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the assessment of credits against said Jas S Rogan for the year 1912, amounting to \$ 800.00 be and the same is hereby cancelled and annulled.

Be it further resolved :

That the City Assessor & Collector take credit upon his assessments for the year 1912, by the amount of said \$ 800.00 so assessed against said Jas S Rogan.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the attached statement of J Gregg Hill ,Special Tax Collector for the City of Austin ,for the year 1913, that an error has been made in the assessment of credits against the Estate of Geo P Assman and against his widow, Mrs Hattie Assman, Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the credits assessed against the Estate of Geo P Assman for the year 1911 be reduced from \$ 4,370.00 to \$ 3,225.00 ,and fixed at that sum ,and the assessment for \$4,670.00 against the Estate of Geo P Assman for the year 1912, be and the same is hereby reduced to \$ 2,250.00, and fixed at that sum .

Be it further resolved :

That the assessment in the amount of \$ 500.00 for the year 1911 and \$ 400.00 for the year 1912 against Mrs Hattie Assman having been paid off prior to January 1st 1911 and 1912, respectively ,are hereby cancelled and annulled.

Be it further resolved :

That the City Assessor & Collector take credit upon his rolls for the years 1911 & 1912 in accordance with the provisions of this resolution .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5 Nays none

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Assessment of
Geo P Assman
Corrected ✓

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the attached affidavit of James Williams that the credits assessed against him for the years 1911 and 1912, being \$ 1,000.00 for the year 1911, and \$ 1,500.00 for the year 1912, are more than offset by liabilities by notes owing by him for said years in the amount of \$ 3,400.00 for the year 1911 and \$ 3,200.00 for the year 1912,; Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That said assessment of credits for the years 1911 and 1912, respectively, be and the same are hereby cancelled and annulled .

Be it further resolved :

That the Assessor & Collector is entitled to take credit in accordance with the provisions of this resolution .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

Approved , A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the assessment of money and credits against Jas H Raymond Jr, for the year 1912, be, and as is set forth in the attached affidavit ,fixed at the following sums:

Cash	.	\$ 2,000.00
Credits \$ \$ 4,500.00 at 80 %		.3,600.00
Total amount for 1912,	\$	5,600.00

Be it further resolved :

That the Assessor & Collector be authorized to adjust his rolls in accordance with the provisions of this resolution for the year 1912.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell
Nays none.

Approved ,A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the attached statement from Abe Frank that in the early part of the year 1893he bocame insolvent and made an assignment of all his assets for the benefit of his creditors ; and ,

Whereas, it further appears that about nine years ago said Frank applied to be adjudged a bankrupt ,and listed all of his creditors the names of whomhe could recall ,he not being in possession of his books by virtue of his voluntary previous assignment ; Now therefore ,

In consideration of the fact of the first insolvency and subsequent bankruptcy of said Abe Frank, and the very long lapse of time since the personal property tax was assessed against him ,to-wit: 20 years ; Now therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the assessment of personal property against the said Abe Frank for the year 1893, and amounting to \$ 4,000.00 be and the same is hereby cancelled and stricken from the rolls ,and the Assessor & Collector declared entitled to take credit accordingly.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Assessment
Jas Williams
Cancelled ✓

Assessment
Jas H Raymond Jr
Cancelled ✓

Assessment
Abe Frank
Cancelled ✓

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.

J. W. O. Johnson
City Clerk.