

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, March 13th 1913.

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

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

Absent none.

The minutes of the last regular and subsequent recessed meetings were read and approved.

Petitions, etc:

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from N J Brunson, asking the Council to make an allowance for himself and Wife, owing to the death of their Son W T Brunson, who was killed while in the service of the City- The petition was read and referred to the City Attorney.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Citizens asking that all Telephone and Telegraph Poles be removed from paved streets previous to beginning the work of paving on said streets.

The petition was read and referred to the Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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A resolution finally accepting pavement and improvement of University Avenue from north side of 19th street to north side of 21st street.

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 University Avenue from the north side of 19th street to the north side of 21st street, under contract with the City and that said work has been fully done with 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 Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

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

That the City Treasurer and the Asst City Clerk be and they are hereby instructed to transfer the sum of thirty thousand (\$ 30,000.) dollars from the Sewer Bond account to the Sanitary Sewer fund .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

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

That the City Treasurer and Asst City Clerk be and they are hereby instructed to transfer the sum of Fifteen thousand (\$ 15,000) dollars from the Permanent Street Improvement Bond account to the Permanent Street Improvement fund .

*Petition N J Brunson
for allowance for
death W T Brunson*

*Petition to remove
Tel & tele poles from
paved streets*

*Paving University
Avenue accepted*

Transfer funds

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

Approved, A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Bartholomew presented the following resolution :

Whereas, A. L. Gooch makes ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ statement to the City Council, per attached statement that to pay the \$ 127.00 extra bill charged against him for erroneous reading of his Power meter for the month of August 1911, which extra bill, amounting to \$ 127.00 would result in a business loss to him; therefore,

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

That as the mistake in said reading was an error of the City and not of said Gooch, the claim of \$ 127. 00 be compromised against him at the rate of fifty cents on the dollar, he to pay \$ 63.50 in settlement of said bill.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

Mayor Wooldridge presented the following resolution :

Whereas, it has been made apparent to the City Council of the City of Austin that the City Water Power Company has complied with its franchise for work done and actual cash expended since December 28th 1912,; and has paid on said contract and franchise during the sixth period of its contract to the first day of this month the sum of Eighty thousand four hundred six & 97/100 (\$ 80,406.97) dollars ; and has satisfied this Council that it is entitled to a credit of nine days of time lost during the sixth period by floods and other causes not within its control ; therefore,

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

That the City Water Power Company of Hartford Conn, has complied with the provisions of its franchise to rebuild the Austin Dam, and that the seventh period of said franchise and contract between the City Water Power Company and the City of Austin, Texas, begins on March 9th 1913,; and that said City Water Power Company has expended more than the required amount of money required to be expended during the sixth period of its contract under its franchise with said City of Austin .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

Approved, A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then recessed subject to call.

Austin Friday March 14th 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 the Supt. of Streets and Public Improvements be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to excavate the sidewalk at the Paul Millett residence at the corner of East 9th and San Jacinto streets in this City; to put a retaining wall in front of the premises of said Millett as they face East 9th street, to put in concrete steps on East 9th street from the new sidewalk grade to the present grade of the premises above, to put in wooden steps on the San Jacinto street side of said premises leading from the present grade down to the new sidewalk grade; provided, that the total expenditure for the work herein

*A. L. Gooch
Compromise
Power Bill*

*Credit time
City of Austin
Power Co.
Building Dam*

*Work to be done
by Dept. Streets
Paul Millett's
residence*

ordered to be done shall not exceed the sum of five hundred (\$ 500.00) dollars ,which sum is hereby set apart out of the General street fund for the foregoing purposes .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then recessed subject to call.

Austin, Texas, March 15th 1913.

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

Councilman Hart presented An ordinance amending an ordinance establishing the Fire Limits in the City of Austin ,and prohibiting the erection within the Fire Limits of buildings out of material other than is provided for in this ordinance; the removal and repairing of a certain class of buildings, and regulating the building of fences and the storing of combustible material within the Fire limits ,and providing a penalty for the violation thereof; passed January 30th 1913 and approved January 30th 1913 ,so that the same shall hereafter read as follows.

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

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

The Council then recessed subject to call :

Austin, March 17th 1913.

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

Councilman Hart submitted bids for Chemical Auto from different houses as follows

Ahrens Fox Co	Bid \$	5,500.00
Harder Auto Co		4,750.00
Stegeman Motor Co		4,600.00
Capital City Auto Co	One bid for \$	5,000.00 & one for \$ 5,250.00
Seagraves Co	6 bids as follows \$	4,700.00
		4,800.00
		4,600.00
		5,200.00
		5,350.00
		5,100.00
Thomson Halff Co		3,500.00
A M La France 1 bid	4 5,500.00 1 \$	6,000.00
Webb Motor Co		5,500.00 Less 10 & 3 %
Aleo Auto Co		4,750.00
Northern Fire Apparatus Co		4,850 .00
		5,250.00
		4,000.00.

The bids were taken under consideration, and the representatives of the different houses submitting bids to be heard by the Council, at 2)clock P M this day.

Fire Limits
Ordinance

Bids for Chemical
Auto

The bids for furnishing the City with a Combination Chemical and Hose Wagon were advertised in both the Statesman and Tribune for thirty days previous to the 17th day of March 1913. At twelve o'clock noon the date and time when said bids were to be closed, and on said 17th day of March, the Council met, and the following bids were presented to the Council by the City Clerk as the bids received up to twelve M., and were opened in open Council in the following order to-wit:

The Ahren Fox Fire Engine Co., 6 cylinder		\$5,500.00
Harder Auto Truck Co., 4 "		4,750.00
Stegman Motor Co., 4 "		4,600.00
Capital City Auto Co., 6 "		5,250.00
" " " " 4 "		5,000.00
Seagrave Company, 4 "		4,700.00
" " 4 "		4,800.00
" " 4 "		4,600.00
" " 6 "		5,200.00
" " 6 "		5,350.00
" " 6 "		5,100.00
Thomson - Holff 4 "		3,500.00
American La France, 4 "		5,500.00
" " " 6 "		6,000.00
The Webb Company 4 "		5,500.00
Alec Auto Sales Co., 4 "		5,500.00 less 10% & 3%
Northern Fire Apparatus Co., 4 "		4,000.00
" " " " 4 "		4,850.00
" " " " 6 "		5,250.00

Thereupon the Council having requested the following gentlemen, some of whom are expert machinists and also auto experts, to meet with them and advise with them as to the merits of different apparatus presented, to-wit:

Leo. O. Mueller, Chief of the Fire Department.

O. L. Woodward, Ex-chief of the Fire Department.

Joe Gallan, Expert machinist.

J. H. Eis, Expert machinist.

E. L. Tallichet, Expert auto man.

Paul Schwinge, Expert machinist for North Austin Fire Co.

L. C. Hausman, Secretary of North Austin Fire Co'

Geo. Pendexter, Auto expert.

Thereupon the Council requested all representatives of the apparatus present to retire from the room and each was given an opportunity to show the Council and the Committee of experts the merits of their respective apparatus. Each one present was called before the Council and Committee in the order in which the bids were opened and given an unlimited time to demonstrate the superiority of his apparatus. This procedure continued until about eight o'clock P. M., when all having been given an opportunity to be heard the Council requested the Committee above named without any of them leaving the room to discuss the merits of the different apparatus and recommend to the Council which in their judgment would be the best machine for the Council to purchase.

After considerable discussion the Committee eliminated from further consideration all bids except The American LaFrance, The Seagrave and The Webb. After further discussion The American LaFrance was eliminated.

Thereafter the Committee being undecided as between The Seagrave and The Webb, took a vote in the presence of the Council which resulted as follows:

For the Seagrave: Mueller, Woodward, Hausman and Paul 4.

For the Webb: Callan, Eis, Pendexter and Tallichet 4.

After further discussion between the Committee, Mr. Mueller, Fire Chief, stated to the Committee that he did not pretend to be an expert and did not want his opinion to effect the result as to the selection and therefore would vote with the experts for the Webb car as he believed one was just about as good as the other. After which statement the Committee unanimously recommended the purchase of The Webb, as indicated by the following written recommendation, to-wit:

Austin, Texas, March 17th, 1913.

We the committee appointed to select automobile apparatus for the Austin Fire Department, here declare our preference for the proposal of The Webb Company, and assign the following reasons as follows:

First. Proof of excellence by reason of past performance in this city.

Second. Uniformity of motor apparatus.

Third. Accessibility of repair parts in this state.

Fourth. General specification.

We recommend pneumatic tires, single front, dual in rear, Firestone make.

(Signed)

Leo. O. Mueller,
L. O. Hausman,
E. L. Tallichet,
O. L. Woodward,
J. H. Eis,
P. R. Schwinge,
Joe P. Callan,
Geo. Pendexter.

Recommendations.

Thereupon the Council accepted said recommendations, and by resolution accepted the Webb bid at the net price delivered in Austin of \$4,801.50.

Neither the Committee nor the Council left the Council Chamber (Mayor's Office) during the entire proceedings.

Two bidders did not have representatives present though their bids were duly considered, to-wit: The Ahren Fox Fire Apparatus Co. and the Harder Auto Truck Co.

And two bids, to-wit: The International Motor Co. was received at 5:20 P. M., and the bid of U. S. Fire Apparatus Co. was received by the Clerk on the morning of the 18th of March. These two bids were not considered.

2 O'clock P M March 17th 1913.

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

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

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

That the bid of the Webb Co of \$ 4,801.50 for Automobile Chemical apparatus to be furnished to North Austin Fire Co No 6 ,be and the same is hereby accepted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays none.

The Council then adjourned.

Jno O Johnson
City Clerk

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The following was handed to me by Councilman Hart, after the minutes had been recorded, hence it is attached hereto. Jno O Johnson ,City Clerk

March 13th 1913.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present except Councilman Hart.

Councilman Powell presented bids for Storm Sewer on West side of the City as follows, viz:

D F Horton bid	\$ 8,005.41
Consolidated Construction Co	10,090.00
Johnson & Carr	8,516.74

Councilman Powell moved to accept the bid of D F Horton ,and that he use the Pipe of the Evens & Howard Co, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4.

Absent Councilman Hart.

The Council then recessed subject to call.

*Five auto
bids received
Webb Co*

*Seven bids
Awarded*