

Austin, Texas, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1911

I hereby certify that I have this day posted an election proclamation at the following named places in the City of Austin, Texas, to wit:

1<sup>st</sup> Ward - South Austin Fire Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ward - The Carrollton House, 210 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ward - City Hall  
4<sup>th</sup> Ward - Vola's Store  
5<sup>th</sup> Ward - Wellner's Store  
6<sup>th</sup> Ward - County Court House  
7<sup>th</sup> Ward - Tenth Ward Fire Hall

The aforesaid election proclamation being an election proclamation ordering an election to be held in the City of Austin, Texas, August 30<sup>th</sup> 1911 to obtain the authority and approval of the qualified electors of the City of Austin for the passage of an ordinance by the City Council of the City of Austin, granting certain franchise to Wm. D. Johnson and his assigns, for the purpose of providing an enlarged and more efficient and economical Water, Light and Power Plant for the City of Austin, Texas.

(Signed)

S.A. Moore, Police Officer of  
Austin, Texas

Councilman Bartholomew presented the following reasons for his vote on the ordinance accepting the proposition of William D. Johnson, for rebuilding the dam.

I vote for the ordinance granting to Wm. D. Johnson a franchise to rebuild the dam across the Colorado River for these reasons:

1<sup>st</sup>. The people of Austin want a dam.  
2<sup>nd</sup>. I believe the contract entered into by this ordinance a good one, and as favorable to the City as can be obtained.

If the Water, Light and Power Plant is properly managed in the future, I consider this a good business proposition.

The city of Austin is guaranteed 50% more power than it has used the past year and all surplus power that may be obtained from the lake to be created by the dam. This additional power will soon be required to furnish water, light and power to the people of Austin, Under these circumstances the power to run the plant will be as cheap, if not cheaper, than that furnished by steam.

In the meantime, the city has the lake formed by the dam and at the end of the contract will have dam, power and lake without cost.

It may appear that the semi-annual payments for power are large, but the contractor takes all risks, the City none.

The plans and specifications have been approved by eminent Engineers, and are presumed to be good, and safe as to floods. However as a novice, I give it as my opinion that the gates on top of the dam, and the railroad and roadway to be erected above the dam, will not stand against the drift that comes down the Colorado River at times.

The drift passing down the river this day, on a ten foot rise, could not be held by an ordinary boom, nor be passed through these gates by the work of all men that could find place on the roadway to work the drift through the gates.

This defeat, if it be one, can be remedied by the contractor, and I venture the production it will be done.

(Signed)

E.C. Bartholomew

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from the City Engineer in regard to the construction of Sidewalks and Curbing on streets of the City, which was good, but no action taken.

The Mayor laid before the Council accounts of Knox T. Johnson against E.M. Scarbrough and the EST of Joe Nalle for sidewalk work on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> streets, which was read and referred to the City Attorney for collection, and if not paid without, to bring suit for same.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance granting the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company the right and requiring said company to construct, maintain and operate a railroad switch track or turn out upon and across certain streets in the City of Austin, subject to certain conditions.

The ordinance was read the first time and the rule suspended and it place on it a second reading by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Lockridge & Powell

Nays None

The ordinance was read the second time and laid over until the next meeting.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

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

That sixty two and 50/100 (\$62.50) dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the concert fund at Wooldridge Park for the current year, to the miscellaneous Park fund, to reimburse a charge of \$62.50 made in error against the miscellaneous Park fund by reason of two moving picture entertainment's given at Wooldridge Park on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of August 1911.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yes Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Lockridge & Powell

Nays None

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

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

Section 1. That the owner or owners of real estates situated in the City of Austin, Texas, which real estate has heretofore been sold to the City of Austin for taxes due thereon, be and they are hereby granted the privilege of redeeming such property at anytime prior to January first 1912, by paying to the Assessor & Collector of Taxes of the City of Austin, Texas, the amount of all taxes due, interest thereon, Court costs and all penalties, as prescribed by the laws of the State and the ordinances of this City.

Section 2. That when such payment or payments are made in full, as is provided in Section 1 hereof, the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute, at the expense of the owner or owners, a release on the part of the City of and to all claims against the property redeemed.

Section 3. That the City Attorney be instructed to notify all such parties owning property in arrears for taxes and sold to and purchased by the City of Austin that, if the same is not redeemed as provided herein, he shall, on and after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1912, proceed to take possession of the same in accordance with law and for and in behalf of this City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Lockridge & Powell

Nays None

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

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

- (1) That it hereby orders the paving, with wood blocks, of the alley between Congress Avenue and Colorado street and between fourth and fifth streets in this City, and that it hereby orders the paving, with wood blocks of the alley between Congress Avenue and Brazos street and between fourth and fifth streets in this City.
- (2) That the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements is hereby authorize and instructed to adopt the methods prescribed by ordinance to make this resolution effective.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Lockridge & Powell

Nays None

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition signed by a large number of Citizens asking the Council to reconsider its action in accepting the resignation of Councilman Lockridge, which was read.

Mayor Wooldridge moved that the petition be respectfully and courteously received, which motion prevailed.

The Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayor.