

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas Sept. 7th 1911

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

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

Absent None

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

The regular order of business was suspended, and the following protest from Citizens was read.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 7th 1911

Hon Mayor and City Council,
Of Austin, Texas

We, the undersigned property owners, respectfully protest against the paving of Brazos street, between 4th and 6th streets, at this time, as some of us have already been heavily taxed for paving on 4th, 5th and 6th streets, Brazos, and the alley between 4th and 6th streets, and others are not at present, financially able to pay for paving in from of their property. State, County and City taxes will also soon be due and payable, and under the circumstances, and as there is no urgent necessity for paving Brazos street at this time, we request that said paving be put off or postponed for at least one year from this date.

(Signed)

Mrs. Theresa Martin
By A.F. Martin, Agent
Mrs. J.H. Pope per J.B. Pope
Monroe Miller, Estate,
Per Jim H. Robinson Jr.
F.E. Jones
A.F. & J.A. Martin
Mrs. Mina Govers
Mrs. M.J. Hamilton
Mrs. M.H. Mills
Mrs. L.H. Maloney
R.J. Brackenridge,
By L.M. Layton, Agent

No action taken on this petition.

The Mayor presented the following petition from Citizens:

To the Hon Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Austin:

Gentlemen:

We the undersigned citizens of the tenth Fire ward residing in the vicinity of 3rd and 4th streets and Red River and Neches streets, respectfully call your attention to the great amount of dust, smoke and soot with which this neighborhood is afflicted during the operation of the Bitulithie paving plant, that the dust, smoke and soot coming from this plant while in operation is extremely disagreeable and unhealthy, and therefore request that the Bitulithie Co. be required to make provision for confining this dust and soot to their own premises, or that they remove the plant to some place where same will not interfere with the health and comfort of Citizens.

Respectfully urging your early consideration.

Signed by Mrs. Mary Bengener and 11 others.

The petition was taken under advisement to be acted upon later.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication from the City Attorney.

The Hon. City Council,
Austin, Texas

Gentlemen,

With reference to the expenses incurred in holding the recent election for the purpose of obtaining the consent of the voters to the passage of an ordinance granting a franchise to William D. Johnson. I respectfully call your attention to Article 11, Chapter 15 of the City ordinances, which provides that the expenses of an election hold for the purpose of obtaining the approval of the qualified electors or a franchise shall be borne by the applicant for such franchise.

I therefore respectfully submit that Wm. D. Johnson should be held responsible for the expenses of said election.

Very truly yours,

J. Bouldin Restor, City Attorney

The Communication was ordered filed.

Reports of City Officers:

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Treasurer, Assessor & Collector, Health Officer, Asst. health Officer, matron hospital, and the Plumbing Inspector, which were read and ordered filed.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance providing for an enlarged, more efficient and economical Water, Light and Power Plant for the city of Austin, and to that and granting to William d. Johnson and his assigns the franchise to erect and maintain a dam across the Colorado River at or near the location of the dam formerly erected across said river by the City of Austin: also the franchise and Privilege to erect and maintain a reservoir and power house and other appurtenances to said dam; also the franchise to overflow the lands formerly overflowed by the back water of said dam; providing for the protection and indemnity of said William D. Johnson and his assigns against all damages or claims on account of overflowing such lands as may be overflowed by the erection of said dam; providing for the transfer and delivery to said William D. Johnson and his assigns, to be used in the construction of said dam, of material formerly contained in said dam, and all materials and property owned and formerly used by said City of Austin the erection and operation of its water power plant and not used by it in the operation of its steam power plant; providing for the construction and delivery to the said City of Austin by said William D. Johnson and his assigns of a dam, appurtenances, reservoir, power house, transmission line, equipment of operating machinery, and all accessories thereto; providing for the furnishing to the said City of Austin by the said William D. Johnson and his assigns of the entire water power produced by said dam; providing for the maintenance of said dam and appurtenances, reservoir, power houses, and tail race, by the said William D. Johnson and his assigns; providing for certain money installments and power rentals to be paid to the said William D. Johnson and his assigns by the City of Austin; and providing for the payment by and charging of said William D. Johnson and his assigns with certain liquidated damages in case of breaches of the contract to be entered into in pursuance of this ordinance.

The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

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

Nays None

Affidavit of Publisher

The State of Texas

County of Travis Before me Hilda Wallace a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared Glenn Pricer, who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says on oath that he has published the ordinance as per copy attached, in the Daily Tribune, a newspaper published and regularly printed in the County of Travis and State once a day for 4 days on the following days to wit:

Aug. 13, 16, 17, 18, 1911.

Glenn Pricer.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of Sept. A.D. 1911.

Hilda Wallace, Notary Public.
Travis County, Texas