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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Austin, Texas, April 28, 1923.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Mayor Yett, Councilmen Copeland, Haynes and Searight, 4; absent, Councilman Byres.

Councilman Haynes introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mrs. George Wray, of Dublin, Texas, granddaughter of Col. Edwin Waller, the first mayor of Austin, has made request for the loan of the photograph of said Waller which is now in the group frame of the mayors of Austin, in order to have paintings made from said photo of her illustrious grandfather,

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the request be granted and that the Street Commissioner, in whose office the picture is hung, be and he is hereby authorized to deliver the photo to Mrs. Wray, or her representative, taking receipt therefor and written promise to return same.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Copeland, Haynes and Searight, 4; nays, none, Councilman Byres absent.

Councilman Copeland introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the sum of Three Hundred and Eighty Dollars and Forty-three Cents (\$380.43) out of the amount heretofore appropriated in the Annual Budget of 1923 for the salary of Dairy Inspector be and the same is hereby transferred to the special appropriation hereby made to pay the balance due on one Ford car heretofore purchased for use of the Police Department.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Copeland, Haynes and Searight, 4; nays, none, Councilman Byres absent.

Councilman Haynes introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, from statement of the Chairman of the Board of Equalization herewith attached, the records of the Unit System show that an error was made in the valuation of \$1295.00 placed on the improvements situated on 44x136 feet of Lot 15, Block 3, D. W. Bouldin Addition owned by Michael Bonner, in that the value of two other houses situated on another part of said Lot 15 belonging to W. B. Loveless was included in the assessment of said Bonner,

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the Assessor and Collector be and he is hereby instructed to correct the valuation of the improvements assessed to said Bonner to \$500.00 and to take credit for the difference of \$795.00

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett,

Councilmen Copeland, Haynes and Searight, 4; naves, none, Councilman Eyres absent.

Councilman Haynes introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, from statement of A. W. Townsend, Chairman of the Board of Equalization herewith attached, it appears an error was made under the Unit System in placing a value of \$2570.00 for assessment on Lots 5 and 6, Evergreen Heights, assessed by Mrs. S. O. Chitten in comparison with valuation placed on adjoining property, and that the valuation of \$2570.00 should be reduced to \$1600.00 in order to equalize the valuation with surrounding properties,

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the Assessor and Collector be and he is hereby authorized to make the correction on his rolls for 1922 and to take credit for \$970.00, amount of reduction.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Copeland, Haynes and Searight, 4; naves, none, Councilman Eyres absent.

Councilman Haynes introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Unit System experts, in error, valued improvements as on Lot 4, Block 57, Division "B", assessed to Walter Miles at \$405.00; and

WHEREAS, it has been discovered, per statement of the Chairman of the Board of Equalization herewith attached, that there were no improvements on said lot in 1922,

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That the Assessor and Collector be and he is hereby instructed to strike said assessment from his rolls of 1922 and to take credit for the \$405.00, erroneously assessed.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Copeland, Haynes and Searight, 4; naves, none, Councilman Eyres absent.

Councilman Haynes introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, from statement of the Chairman of the Board of Equalization herewith attached, the records of the Unit System show full value of the improvements on Lot 6, Block 4, Hyde Park Annex, owned by Austin Seiber, was placed at \$1805.00, but in deducting one-third from said amount an error was made in placing two-thirds at \$1405.00, when in fact it should have been \$1205.00,

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the Assessor and Collector be and he is hereby instructed to correct said assessment on his rolls for 1922 and take credit for the \$200.00 excess over the two-thirds valuation of said improvements.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Copeland, Haynes and Searight, 4; naves, none, Councilman Eyres absent.

Councilman Haynes nominated the following as members of the Board of Equalization: H. P. Hunnicutt, to serve one year; Alonza Robinson, to serve for a term of two years; and W. A. Pillow, to serve for a term of two years, beginning May 1st, 1923.

The above nominations were confirmed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Copeland and Searight, 3; naves, none, Councilman Haynes present but not voting, and Councilman Eyres absent.

Councilman Copeland nominated C. F. Jennings as hoseman to take the place of Allen Bebee resigned, and also Sansom Connell as extra fireman to service during the vacation period of the regular force of the Fire Department. Nominations were confirmed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Haynes and Searight, 3; naves, none, Councilman Copeland present but not voting, Councilman Eyres absent.

The application of A. P. Nance to erect a filling station at the corner of East 6th and Chicon Streets was read and Councilman Searight moved that same be granted as recommended by the Safety Committee. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Copeland, Haynes and Searight, 4; naves, none, Councilman Eyres absent.

Councilman Searight introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) be and the same is hereby transferred from the Sanitary Sewer Fund to the General Street Fund.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Copeland, Haynes and Searight, 4; naves, none, Councilman Eyres absent.

Councilman Haynes introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it has been proven to the satisfaction of the City Council by the affidavit of Mrs. H. A. Reilly that the West 122½ feet of the North 57 feet of Lot 1, and the West 122½ feet of the South 3 feet of Lot 2 in the Subdivision of Outlet 60, Division "D" in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, which property was assessed for taxes for the year 1921 against Geo. W. Walling, Jr., was purchased by Mrs. Mary G. Maloy prior to January 1st, 1922, for the purpose of establishing thereon an institution of purely public charity, and held by the said Mrs. Maloy and used for such purpose during the year 1922, and was on March 14, 1923, deeded by the said Mrs. Maloy, as trustee of St. Vincent de Paul Society, to the Ladies of Charity of said St. Vincent de Paul Society of Austin, Texas, and was being used for purely charitable purposes on January 1st, 1923,

Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the certain property hereinabove described be and the same is exempted from city taxes for the years 1922 and 1923.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Copeland, Haynes and Searight, 4; naves, none, Councilman Eyres absent.

The Council then recessed.

## ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, May 1st, 1923.

The Council met, subject to adjournment, with the following members present: Mayor Yett, Councilmen Copeland, Eyres, Haynes and Searight, 5; absent, none.

Mayor Yett introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, by virtue of the general city election held in the City of Austin, Texas, on the 2nd day of April, A. D. 1923, for the purpose of electing a mayor and four city councilmen, the returns of the election officials certified and showed, and thereafter the report of the city clerk to the City Council also certified and showed that W. D. Yett received a majority of all votes cast in said election for mayor, and also that C. N. Avery, Harry L. Haynes, Harry W. Nolen, and George P. Searight received the highest number of votes cast for councilmen of said city at said election:

Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the following be and are declared duly elected and authorized to qualify for the respective positions to which they were elected at said election, to-wit:

W. D. Yett, Mayor;  
C. N. Avery, Councilman;  
Harry L. Haynes, Councilman;  
Harry W. Nolen, Councilman;  
George P. Searight, Councilman .

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Copeland, Eyres, Haynes and Searight, 5; nays, none.

City Attorney, J. Bouldin Rector, then administered oaths of office to W. D. Yett, Mayor, C. N. Avery, Harry L. Haynes, Harry W. Nolen, and George P. Searight as Councilmen.

The bonds of C. N. Avery and Harry W. Nolen as Councilmen were approved by the mayor and ordered filed.

Councilman Avery moved that Councilman Harry L. Haynes be designated as Superintendent of Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Avery, Haynes, Nolen and Searight, 5; nays, none.

Councilman Haynes moved that Councilman C. N. Avery be designated as Superintendent of Parks and Public Property. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Avery, Haynes, and Searight, 4; nays, Councilman Nolen.

Councilman Haynes moved that Councilman George P. Searight be designated as Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Avery, Haynes, Nolen and Searight, 5; nays, none.

Councilman Searight moved that Harry W. Nolen be designated as Superintendent of Police and Public Safety. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Avery, Haynes and Searight, 4; nays, none, Councilman Nolen present but not voting.