

the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Avery, Haynes, Nolen and Searight, 5; naves, none.

The ordinance was read the second time, and on motion of Councilman Nolen the rule was suspended and said ordinance was passed to its third reading and final passage by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Avery, Haynes, Nolen and Searight, 5; naves, none.

The ordinance was read the third time and passed finally by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Avery, Haynes, Nolen and Searight, 5; naves, none.

The Council then adjourned.

*Joel Formanby*  
*City Clerk*

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, November 22, 1923.

The Council was called to order by Mayor Pro tem Haynes. Roll call showed the following members present: Mayor Pro tem Haynes, Councilmen Avery, Nolen and Searight, 4; absent, Mayor Yett.

The reading of the Minutes of the last meetings was suspended.

E. R. Pedigo, Attorney for W. P. Hicks, colored, appeared before the Council and asked that the costs, in the sum of \$9.80, assessed against said Hicks for passing a street car while standing, be remitted. Councilman Avery moved that the costs be remitted. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Pro tem Haynes, Councilmen Avery and Searight, 3; naves, Councilman Nolen, Mayor Yett absent.

Mayor Pro tem Haynes introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, those parts of Lots 5 and 6, in Block 122, of the City of Austin, heretofore occupied by the parsonage of First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Austin, Texas, have heretofore been assessed for city taxes for the year 1906 to 1909, both inclusive, and for the years 1912 to 1921, both inclusive, and the city taxes for all of said years are delinquent and unpaid; and

WHEREAS, it has been proven to the satisfaction of the City Council that said property has been used exclusively for religious purposes for the years 1917 to 1921, both inclusive, and also for the year 1922 and to May 20, 1923; and

WHEREAS, it has heretofore been a matter of uncertainty as to whether parsonages are taxable by the city, and such uncertainty has deterred said Church from paying the taxes which have been determined to be due on said property; therefore,

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

That said parts of Lots 5 and 6, in Block 122, of the City of Austin, be and the same is hereby exempt from city taxes for the year 1917 to 1921, both inclusive, and also for the year 1922, and for that portion of the year 1923 to May 20, 1923, at which time said Church sold said property to Austin Labor Temple Association, a corporation; and the City Tax Assessor and Collector be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to strike said property from the city tax rolls for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1921, and to carry said

property as exempt on his books, as now, for the year 1922 and for that portion of the year 1923 that said property was actually owned by said Church as heretofore stated, upon the payment of all other city taxes assessed and unpaid against said property as shown by the city tax rolls, and all costs of court that may have been incurred in any suit against said Church for said taxes.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that all penalties that have been levied against said Church for the non-payment of any city taxes are now due on said property be and the same are hereby remitted.

Councilman Noben moved that the above resolution be adopted: Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Pro tem Haynes, Councilmen Avery, Nolen and Searight 4; naves, none, Mayor Yett absent.

Councilman Avery introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in the Budget in the Water, Light and Power Department of the City of Austin, for the year 1923, heretofore adopted by the City Council, it was estimated that the earnings of said Department would amount to \$630,000.00 for said year; and

WHEREAS on January 1st, 1923, there was a cash balance on hand to the credit of said Department amounting to \$24,144.97, which said cash balance added to said estimated earnings for said year made the sum of \$654,144.97, which last named amount was the estimate of the City Council of the available resources of said Department, and upon and against which estimate the City Council made its several appropriations for said Department for said year as shown in the said Budget; and

WHEREAS, the expenses of said Department in earnings for the past nine months of the current year has indicated to the City Council that there will be derived from said earnings the sum of \$83,087.03, in excess of the total estimated earnings of said Department for said year, as stated in said Budget; and

WHEREAS, there has been expended for additional improvements, upkeep and operation at Barton Springs the sum of \$21,327.77, for which no item or items have been provided nor appropriations made in said Budget; and

WHEREAS, it has been shown that in the certain particulars and items hereinafter set out, insufficient appropriations have been made in said Budget by the City Council for the purposes respectively indicated; now therefore

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

That the Budget of the Water, Light and Power Department of the City of Austin for the year 1923, be and the same is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 1. The estimated available resources of the Water, Light and Power Department of the City of Austin, from the earnings of said Department for the year 1923 will be -----\$713,087.03

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated out of the earnings of the Water, Light and Power Department, in addition to the respective amounts heretofore appropriated in the said Budget, for the respective purposes therein stated, the following sums for the following purposes:

(1) Sixth payment on Barton Springs purchase, with interest thereon -	\$ 600.00
(2) Pitometer Water Survey -----	750.00
(3) Incidentals, including tools, ice, repairs to cars, chlorine, telephone, telegraph, tires, gasoline, etc. -----	7,909.56
(4) Materials to be purchased for all purposes, pipe, wire, poles, meters, glass ware, transformers, etc. -----	16,101.06
(5) Additional improvements, and upkeep and operation of Barton Springs (no item or items in General Budget) -	<u>21,327.77</u>

Total Appropriations, in addition to appropriations in General Budget ----- \$ 46,688.39

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, April 12, 1919.**

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

Whereas, largely at the instance of the good women of Austin, and particularly those of artistic taste and temperament, chiefly led by Mrs. W. R. Wyse and reinforced by the active interest of many of the men of this city likewise interested in art and civic patriotism, the City of Austin, Texas, about the middle of 1915 began to concern itself about a municipal flag; and

Whereas, as interest and activity in this idea grew, the City of Austin, through the Mayor, in the year 1915 appointed the following named persons to be a preliminary committee in the matter of the idea of a municipal flag, to-wit:

Mayor Wooldridge;  
A. W. Griffith;  
Chas. H. Page;  
Mrs. William Wyse;  
Mrs. Martyn Elliott;  
Mrs. Fred Scott;  
Mrs. Myrtle Garrett Kiley;

and

Whereas, as the idea favorable to the thought of a municipal flag still further grew, the following named persons were added to the committee named above:

F. E. Giesecke, Chairman;  
Mrs. John Prenton;  
" Roger Roberdeau;  
" Caswell Ellis;  
" Nannie Huddle;  
" B. E. Hudson;  
" Mary Mitchell;  
" H. Y. Benedict;  
" T. F. Taylor;  
" Charles Stephenson;  
  
Miss Emma Burleson;  
" Julia Pease;  
" Fannie Simms;  
" Lillie Robertson;  
" Fannie Andrews;  
Dr. W. J. Battle;  
Mr. A. N. McCallum;  
" James McClendon;  
" J. B. Rector;  
" D. K. Woodward;  
" Guy Collett;  
" J. P. Lightfoot;  
Dr. Joe Wooten;  
Mr. W. A. Harper;  
" E. C. Barker;  
" Charles Potts;  
" Lloyd Lochridge;  
" H. H. Sevier;  
" William Von Rosenberg, Jr.;  
" Roy Hawk;  
" E. L. Steck;  
" W. E. Long;  
" S. E. Gideon;

and

Whereas, subsequently, when ideas had somewhat crystalized themselves, it became necessary to appoint a special committee for the submission of suggestions for a municipal flag, and the Mayor appointed the following named committee:

F. E. Giesecke, Chairman;  
S. E. Gideon;  
Mrs. Caswell Ellis;  
Wm. J. Battle;  
A. N. McCallum;  
Jas. W. McClendon;  
Miss Julia Pease;  
" Fannie Andrews;  
" Fannie Simms;  
Mrs. Wm. R. Wyse;

and

Whereas, subsequently, in the year 1916, the city through the committee named above, with F. E. Giesecke, Chairman, offered two prizes for the best designs for a municipal flag, one of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and one of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), and

Whereas, a large number of designs for a municipal flag were submitted to this committee--a number in excess of one hundred designs. Such designs were referred to a special committee to pass upon. This committee consisted of the following named persons, to-wit:

Prof. Chas. S. Potts, Chairman;  
A. N. McCallum;  
D. K. Woodward;  
Guy Collett;  
S. E. Gideon;  
Mrs. Nannie Huddle;  
Mrs. Caswell Ellis;  
Miss Julia Pease;  
" Fannie Andrews;  
" Fannie Simms;

and

Whereas, this committee next named above recommended for the first prize a design submitted by Ray F. Coyle of San Francisco and the design of G. A. Geist, member of the faculty of the A&M College, as entitled to the second prize; and

Whereas, said committee hereinabove named, as stated above, recommended the design submitted by the said Ray F. Coyle to be the design for a municipal flag to be adopted by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, and which recommendation was adopted by the large committee hereinabove named, with F. E. Giesecke, Chairman,

Now, therefore,

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

That a municipal flag for the City of Austin, Texas, be and the same is hereby adopted, of the following character and description:

The flag for the City of Austin is a field of white, in the center of which

is a symbolical emblem whose predominant colors are red, white and blue, quite like the national and state colors, while the design of the emblem is similar to that of the State flag, yet quite distinct.

The emblem is a shield in red and white, capped with a triangle of blue. A silhouette of the Capitol in red crowns the whole, and woven into this silhouette is the crest to the coat-of-arms of Stephen F. Austin, after whom the City of Austin was named. The entire design is a modified form of the Austin coat-of-arms. In the center of the blue field is a golden lamp of knowledge, typifying the educational advantages of Austin, its orange color indicating the University of Texas,

and

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

That said flag shall be carefully kept at the City Hall and exhibited on all proper civic occasions, as may be determined upon by the then Mayor of the city or the judgment of the City Council as it may exist at the time when such municipal flag may be brought into use and requisition.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 yeas, no nays, Councilman Anthony being absent.

APPROVED, April 12, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor



The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Pro tem Haynes, Councilmen Avery, Nolen and Searight, 4; naves, none, Mayor Yett absent.

The petition of A. J. Hayden to install a gasoline filling station was read and Councilman Avery moved that same be referred to the Safety Committee. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Pro tem Haynes, Councilmen Avery, Nolen and Searight, 4; naves, none, Mayor Yett absent.

Mayor Pro tem introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it appears from the records of the City Sexton that on March 25, 1922, W. A. Alff, then City Sexton, issued to Y. G. Burratti an order for grave space No. 10 on Lot 15, Section "C", Oakwood Cemetery Annex, and thereafter on April 14, 1922, he issued to Mrs. S. A. Bothwell an order for the same space, collecting Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$7.50) from each ; and

WHEREAS, the records of the Assessor and Collector show payment of Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$7.50) on each of said orders, thereby making a double payment on Grave Space No. 10, Lot 15, Section "C",

Now, therefore,

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

That the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to draw a warrant on the Cemetery Purchase Fund for Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$7.50) to reimburse W. A. Alff for the payment on the Bothwell order,

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Pro tem Haynes, Councilmen Avery, Nolen and Searight, 4; naves, none, Mayor Yett absent.

Mayor Pro tem Haynes introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Artha Evans on the tax roll of 1922 appears assessed for one piano at a valuation of \$300.00, tax, \$6.45, and one victrola at a valuation of \$150.0 tax, \$3.22, making a total of \$9.67; and

WHEREAS, according to her petition herewith attached, she did not own the victrola and that the piano is an old upright and not worth \$100.00,

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 cancel the assessment of the victrola and to reduce the valuation of the piano to \$150.00, making a total reduction of \$6.44 in the tax and take credit therefor upon payment of \$3.23 taxes on the assessment, as corrected, with interest and penalty.

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

Councilman Searight introduced the following resolution:

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

That for reasons deemed sufficient by the City Council, the fine of Two Dollars (\$2.00) assessed against the Rev. W. J. Mayhew on September 26th, 1923, for parking his automobile on Congress Avenue longer than one hour, and paid by him, be and the same is hereby remitted, and the City Clerk is instructed to draw warrant for said amount payable to said W. J. Mayhew in refund of said amount so paid .

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Pro tem Haynes, Councilmen Avery, Nolen and Searight, 4; naves, none, Mayor Yett absent.

The petition of D. A. Grover for permission to use two certain Bowser pumps at his filling station at the corner of West 6th and San Antonio Streets until labels could be obtained, was read and Councilman Avery moved that the petition be granted, with the qualifications that pumps would be installed within thirty days of this date, in accordance with law.

The reports of Milton Morris, City Auditor, of a Summary of Warrants issued out of the several funds of the city during the month of October, and C. N. Avery, Superintendent of the Water, Light and Power Department, were read and ordered filed. The Council then adjourned.

*Joel Tinsley*  
*City Clerk*

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, November 30, 1923.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Mayor Yett, Councilmen Avery, Haynes, Nolen and Searight, 5; absent, none.

The Minutes of the last meetings were read and Councilman Haynes moved that same be adopted. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Avery, Haynes, Nolen and Searight, 5; naves, none.

The report of the Safety Committee upon the application of L. Gay for permission to erect an underground gasoline storage tank at 411 East 19th Street was read and Councilman Searight moved that said report be adopted and permit refused. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Avery, Haynes, Nolen and Searight, 5; naves, none.

The report of the Safety Committee upon the application of A. J. Hayden to erect a filling station at 602 Neches Street was read and Councilman Searight moved that the petition be granted, provided same were erected according to the recommendation of the Safety Committee. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Avery, Haynes, Nolen and Searight, 5; naves, none.

Upon the recommendation of J. H. Rogers, City Marshal, Councilman Nolen nominated J. J. St. George, Manager of S. H. Kress & Company, as special policeman. Nomination was confirmed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Avery, Haynes and Searight, 4; naves, none, Councilman Nolen present but not voting.

Upon the recommendation of J. H. Rogers, City Marshal, Councilman Nolen nominated J. L. Stegall as special policeman to protect the interests of the Humble Oil Company in the handling of moneys collected. Nomination was confirmed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Avery, Haynes, and Searight, 4; naves, none, Councilman Nolen present but not voting.

Upon the recommendation of C. L. Woodward, Chief of the Fire Department, Councilman Nolen nominated Fred Quist as hoseman for Engine Company #1 to succeed W. H. Hollister resigned. Nomination was confirmed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Avery, Haynes and Searight, 4; naves, none, Councilman Nolen