

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, January 29, 1925.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Mayor Yett, Councilmen Haynes and Searight, 3; absent, Councilman Avery and Nolen.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and Councilman Haynes moved that same be adopted. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Haynes and Searight, 3; nays, none, Councilmen Avery and Nolen absent.

The application of J. A. Nelson to erect a gasoline pump at 2200 East Avenue was read and Councilman Searight moved that same be referred to the Safety Committee. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Haynes and Searight, 3; nays, none, Councilmen Avery and Nolen absent.

The application of A. D. Lightsey to install an underground gasoline pump at the rear of 104 West 7th Street was read and Councilman Searight moved that same be referred to the Safety Committee. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Haynes and Searight, 3; nays, none, Councilmen Avery and Nolen absent.

The application of the H&TC Railway Company to install a boiler for heating purposes at the depot was read and Councilman Searight moved that same be referred to the Safety Committee. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Haynes and Searight, 3; nays, none, Councilmen Avery and Nolen absent.

The application of O. O. Terrell to erect an electric sign at 14th and Lavaca Streets was read and Councilman Searight moved that same be referred to the Safety Committee. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Haynes and Searight, 3; nays, none, Councilmen Avery and Nolen absent.

Councilman Haynes introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it appears from the "Unit System Slip" that no improvements were on Lot 2, Block 1, Division "B" of Sarah & Lydia M. Robertson Sub-division assessed as Unknown for taxes of 1922 and that an error was made in placing a valuation of \$500.00 for assessment of improvements not existing on said lot for the years 1922, 1923, and 1924,

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 strike said erroneous assessment from his rolls and to take credit for the \$500.00 erroneously assessed for each year 1922, 1923, and 1924.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Haynes and Searight, 3; nays, none, Councilmen Avery and Nolen absent.

Councilman Haynes introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Herman Becker, Trustee and Executor of the Estate of Chas. Wolf, deceased, has tendered payment of \$4067.62 for city taxes due by said Estate

for the year 1921, which is the exact amount of taxes assessed against said Estate for said year, without interest and penalty; and

WHEREAS, sufficient facts have heretofore been shown to the Council to warrant it at that time in accepting such a settlement and it was so agreed, but certain matters have transpired since said time, beyond the control of said Becker or the beneficiaries of said Estate, to delay the completion of said transaction, and the Council deems it proper and expedient to accept such settlement at this time, therefore,

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

That the City Assessor and Collector of Taxes be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to accept the payment of \$4067.62 in full satisfaction of the city taxes due for said year 1921 by the Chas. Wolf Estate and that he be authorized to charge off and take credit on his books for penalties and interest that have been entered against said Estate on account of the non-payment of said taxes for said year.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Haynes and Searight, 3; nays, none, Councilmen Avery and Nolen.

Councilman Haynes introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it appears to the City Council from the affidavit of G. M. Shipe, based upon facts shown in the county records, that on January 1st, 1910, and on January 1st, 1922, Lots 14, 15, and 16, in Block No. 7, Hyde Park Addition No. 2, were not owned by the MK&T Land Company, in which name they were assessed, but at said times were owned and used by the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church and were, therefore, exempt from taxation,

Therefore,

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

That the City Tax Assessor and Collector be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to strike said property from the tax rolls for said years and to take credit therefor.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Haynes and Searight, 3; nays, none, Councilmen Avery and Nolen absent.

Councilman Searight nominated John W. Pfeiffer as City Sexton to succeed R. E. Nitschke, deceased, same to be effective February 1st, 1925. Nomination was confirmed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett and Haynes, nays, none, Councilmen Avery and Nolen absent, Councilman Searight present but not voting.

Councilman Nolen entered the Council Chamber.

Mayor Yett introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on July 24, 1924, the City of Austin contracted with the Coppedge Company of Texas, under the terms of which contract the Company delivered to the City the following equipment and at the following prices:

20	R. One Color Type Signals, complete with Lamps to be mounted on 7 ft. Posts. Posts to be furnished by City and wired for Fire Control, at \$85.00 each -----	\$1700.00
	Note - Install 25 Watt lamps in Pedestrian Lights	
1	400 Watt Semi Automatic Controller with hand control, Motor A. C. 60 Cycle 110 Volts, at -----	195.00
1	Set of Remote Control Switches 50 Ampers, 110 Volt, A. C. to be housed in Galv. iron Container at -----	75.00
20	Brackets for mounting Signals, at \$5.00 each -----	100.00
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and

WHEREAS, said equipment was supplied by the Company to the City for the purpose of installing and operating, for a trial period, an electric traffic signal system on the streets of the City of Austin, and, if satisfactory, that the City should pay the above aggregate price for said equipment; and

WHEREAS, said equipment has been completely installed by the City and has now been operated for a sufficient length of time to satisfy the City Council that the system is in all respects as represented by the Company and works perfectly for the purposes intended; therefore,

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

That said equipment is hereby accepted, and the sum of \$2070.00 is hereby appropriated out of the Earnings Fund of the Water, Light and Power Department of the City of Austin for the purpose of paying in full for said equipment, according to the terms of said contract; and the City Clerk is instructed to issue, and the Mayor to execute, a warrant for said amount against said Fund, payable to the order of the Coppedge Company of Texas, based upon the Company's invoice of said equipment, which invoice shall be receipted by the Company upon the delivery of said warrant.

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

The Council then recessed.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, January 30, 1925

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Mayor Yett, Councilmen Haynes and Nolen, 3; absent, Councilmen Avery and Searight, 2;

The Mayor introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC IN THE TERRITORY COVERED BY THE BLOCK TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

The ordinance was read the first time and Mayor Yett moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance placed on its second reading. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Haynes and Nolen, 3; naves, none, Councilmen Avery and Searight absent.

The ordinance was read the second time and Mayor Yett moved that the rule be further suspended and the ordinance be placed on its third reading and final passage. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Haynes and Nolen, 3; naves, none, Councilmen Avery and Searight absent.