

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Tex.,

October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1914.

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

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Absent none.

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

By Councilman Haynes :

An ordinance Levying municipal taxes for the City of Austin ,Texas, for the year 1914:

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, the City of Austin and the Public Free Schools of this City are the joint owners of a tract of land of about five acres in the West part of this City ,known as House Park; and

Whereas, in the judgement of the City Council ,the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Free Schools ,through its Officers and Agents ,is better qualified at the present time to improve and conduct this park for recreation purposes than id the City Council ; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Free Schools promises, engages, contracts and agrees that it will improve and maintain said premises for recreation purposes by fencing same and placing in position sufficient and suitable modern apparatus for athletic exercises and will lay off in said five acre tract one or more baseball diamonds and establish a football field and place tracks for running and other athletic sports ,and will erect a grand stand and do all other necessary and proper things suitable for the enjoyment of said five acre tract for recreation purposes ; and under such proper regulations as it may establish, will open said premises to the use and enjoyment of the white childred of the City of Austin, and will maintain said premises and the apparatus therein placed at a high standard of efficiency , and particularly will keep a professional instructor in charge of said grounds and the athletic sports conducted thereon ,

Now, therefore ,

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the possession and control of said House Park for the purposes herein above stated be and the same is hereby turned over to the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Free Schools , without, however, the title of the City's part thereof being hereby transferred out of the City of Austin in its general municipal capacity as distinguished from the Public Free Schools of this City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

*Ordinance 1914*

*Transfer Control  
House Park to  
Public Schools*

The Mayor offered the following ordinance:

An ordinance authorizing and confirming the sale by the City of Austin and its Board of School Trustees of one hundred and sixty nine & thirty eighth one hundredths ( 169-38/100) acres of land ,being abstract No 431, located by virtue of certificate No 165, D M Wiseman original grantee, situated ~~and lying~~ in the County of Bastrop and State of Texas. The ordinance was read the 1st time and passed under suspension of the rules Section 1. Be it ordained by the City by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

Councilman ~~Haynes~~ offered the following resolution :

Whereas, the deed executed by Geo S Matthews ,Sheriff of Travis County, Texas, on the 17th day of April 1909 ,to Lot No 4 in Block No 157, of the City of Austin, Texas, recites the consideration for said deed to be the sum of twenty two dollars and forty cents ( \$ 22.40 ) as taxes owing upon said property by Chat E Mc Laughlin for the year 1905; and

Whereas, said statement is an error in that the taxes on said Lot 4 ,in Block No 157, in the City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1905 had been paid long prior to said 17th day of April 1909, on ,to-wit , January 7th 1907, and <sup>the</sup> real consideration moving to said deed was the costs owing by said Chat E McLaughlin in cause No 24295, most of which had accrued long after the payment of taxes on said Lot No 4, in Block No 157, and which costs at the time of the Payment of said taxes ,to-wit , on January 7th 1907, amounted to the sum of only \$ 5.35; and

Whereas, the City Attorney advises that by reason of the erroneous statement of the consideration in said deed set out, the same is void.

Now, therefore,

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas:

That in consideration of the payment of the costs accrued up to January 7th 1907, in said cause No 24295 , the City of Austin vs Chat E Mc Laughlin for taxes , amounting to \$ 5.35, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the City of Austin , the Mayor of this City ,A P Wooldridge, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a quit claim and release to the said Chat E McLaughlin to the said Lot No 4 ,in Block No 157,

Be it further resolved :

That the City Assessor & Collector be and he is hereby authorized to cancel as a claim against the said Lot No 4, in Block 157, the balance of \$ 17.05, the remaining costs due and owing in said cause and to take credit upon his books accordingly.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Ye as Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5  
Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Chat E McLaughlin  
Deeds -  
Deed release.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

A resolution finally accepting pavement and improvement of the alley between Congress Avenue and Colorado street from 9th to 10th streets:

*McDonald Concrete Co. Alley paving accepted*

Whereas, the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements has filed his report with the City Council to the effect that the McDonald Concrete Company has completed the work of paving and improving the alley between Congress Avenue and Colorado street from 9th to 10th streets , under contract with the City and that said work has been fully done in strict accordance with said contract and specifications adopted by the City ; therefore,

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

That the said work of improvement be finally accepted by the City and that the final estimate due by the City to the said Company be paid.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5  
Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

*J W Maxwell fees for collecting taxes. amount paid*

That the sum of \$ 611.36 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1914, in payment of the attached bill of J W Maxwell , Special Tax Collector, for services rendered to the City of Austin , per said attached bill, in collection of taxes upon real estate from the 24th day of September ,1914, .The amount collected ,as per attached statement, is \$ 3,394.93, and the correct percentage thereon is \$ 611.36. Said itemized statement is identified as the basis of this appropriation by being approved by H L Haynes, Sup ,and J Bouldin Rector, City Attorney , and A P Wooldridge, Mayor being date October 29th 1914.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5  
Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

*E B Noble agent for R D Johnson*

Whereas, the petition of E B Noble , Agent for Ray D Johnson, Proprietor of the Lincoln Cafe at 503 East 6th street in this City, for an electric light sign has been recommended by Walter L Eyres, Sign Inspector, Therefore,

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That a permit be and is hereby granted to E B Noble, agent for R D Johnson, proprietor of the Lincoln Cafe at 503 East 6th street in this City , to install and maintain an electric light sign ; the sign to be entirely of metal ,to burn two lights, each not less than 25 watt illuminating power ; the size of the sign to be 28 x 20 inches and 5 inches thick ,to bear the inscription " Lincoln Cafe" letters punched,; sign is to be not less than 8 feet above the sidewalk and under the awning, and in all other respects to conform to the City ordinances.

Resolved further :

That this permit is revocable at any time in the pleasure of the City Council .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5  
Nays none. Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution :

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

That the following rates be changed for Lights ,effective November 1914,reading of meters:

10 killowatts ( minimum)	\$ 1.00
First 100 Killowatts	. .10 cents per K1
Next 100 " .	8 " "
" 200 "	.7.Cents " "
" 300 "	6 " " "
" 1000 "	5 " "
" 1300 "	4 " "
All over 3000 "	3 " "

All Churches,purely charitable institytions,signs and outdoor lighting  
5 cents perv Killowatt

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5  
Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

November 3rd 1914.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the sum of \$ 650.55 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin,Texas, to pay the itemized attach bill owing by the City of Austin to Paul M Deats County Clerk of Travis County Texas.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony,Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5  
Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin,Texas :

That the sum of one hundred and fifty (\$ 150.00) dollars be and the same is hereby transferred from the account of " Head Nurse" in the appropriation for City Hospital in the budget of the City of Austin for the year 1914 to the Miscellaneous fund in the appropriation for Police Dept in the budget of Austin for the year 1914.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5  
Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

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

That the Supt of Receipts, Disbursements & Accounts , be and is hereby authorized to have the item of \$ 350.00 in the budget of the estimated expenses of the Sanitary Dept for 1914, for " New Sprinklers " for said Dept ,which amount has

*Electric Light charges fixed*

*Paul M Deats  
County Clerk*

*Transfer funds  
Hospital to  
Police*

*Transfer funds  
Sanitary Dept*

not been used ,transferred to the account of "Tools "for said department for 1914.

This transfer being made to pay for new dump carts and other tools needed by the department.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears to the City Council equitable and sensible to adjust ,without further delay, the question of the value of the property belonging to A T Allison above the dam and about to be submerged by the back water from the dam.

Now, therefore,

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the proposition of E R Pedigo ,attorney for the said A T Allison, to adjust the matter of the value of the property belonging to the said A T Allison about to be submerged by the back water from the dam now finishing, be adjusted by arbitration at a reasonably early date; each party to this controversy ,to-wit, the City of Austin and A T Allison, to appoint an arbitrator ,and in the event of disagreement , these two to select a third party.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.

*Geo. Johnson*  
City Clerk

*A. T. Allison  
flooded  
lands.  
Damages to be  
arbitrated*