

Regular meeting of the City Council : Austin, Texas, July 9th 1914.

The Council was called yo 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 adopted:

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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

That the City Treasurer and Assistant City Clerk be and they are hereby instructed to transfer the sum of \$ 250.00, from the General fund to the Park fund to reimburse the Park fund for Band Concert erroneously paid out of Park fund:

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of \$ 129.00 ,from the City Cemetery fund to the general fund to correct an error made during the month of May by depositing the said sum of \$ 129.00, in the City Cemetery fund instead of the General fund, the amount being from the sale of Lots in the City Cemetery .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council a protest from Citizens against setting a date later than July 25th 1914, for voting on the proposed adoption of the Sommers System of taxation, which was read :

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

Whereas, A Committee of the Young Mens business Club petitioned the City Council to order an informal election on the 5th day of August for the adoption or rejection of the Sommers System of equalization by the City of Austin .,

And Whereas, the date suggested was not satisfactory to a majority of the Council, and upon motion of Councilman Bartholomew the date for calling said informal election was fixed for the 25th day of July,

And Whereas, the Committee of the Young Mens business Club not being satisfied with the date fixed by the Council , have withdrawn their petition for said informal election,

And Whereas, Other representative Citizens and taxpayers have filed a petition with the Council asking that said formal election be held on the 25th day of July in order that a more general expression of the people can be had.

Now therefore,

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

That the Mayor be and is hereby instructed to issue his proclamation ,calling said informal election on the 25th day of July ,to determine whether or not the

*Transfer funds
Gen fund to Park fund*

*Transfer funds
Cemetery fund to Gen
fund*

*Order election
for election of
Sommers System*

Citizens of Austin desire the Sommers System of valuations for taxation in Austin:

The resolution was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Councilman Haynes 1

Nays Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Powell 4

*Contract for
hauling paupers
awarded to V O Weed*

Councilman Haynes presented bids from V O Weed and G W Patterson, for hauling paupers and pauper remains for the term ending Dec 31st 1914.

Councilman Haynes moved that the contract be awarded to V O Weed, his being the lowest bid, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Nays none.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

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

*Impt streets, etc to
aid for bids paving
Alley -*

That the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements be and is hereby instructed to advertise for bids and arrange for paving the alley between Congress Avenue and Colorado street, from 7th to 10th street and the alley between Congress Avenue and Brazos street from 7th to 10th street with concrete pavement in accordance with the specifications of the City Engineer attached to this resolution, which specifications are hereby adopted for the aforesaid alleys.

The resolution was read the 1st time and laid over for one week.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

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

*Hans Helland
appointed 2nd
Engineer.*

That Hans Helland be and he is hereby appointed 2nd Assistant Engineer at \$ 125.00 per month, taking the place of R G Tyler resigned.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4

Not voting Councilman Powell 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

*Resignation
Tip Robinson
Colorado Co*

That the resignation of Tip Robinson, a driver of Colorado Horse Co No2, be and the same is hereby accepted.

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:

*Resignation
W C Lloyd
North Austin Fire Co*

That the resignation of Walter C Lloyd, one of the drivers of North Austin Fire Co No 6, be and the same is hereby accepted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

*J L Green
appointed as acting
city attorney 2/21/14*

Mayor Wooldridge nominated Mr J L Green to be acting Assistant City Attorney pro tem during the absence of Mr H B Barnhart, acting Assistant City Attorney,

The nomination was confirmed by the following vote:

Yeas Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4

Not voting Mayor Wooldridge, 1

Councilman Anthony nominated Mr Will Irven to be driver of Colorado Hose Co No 2 in place of Tip Robinson resigning.

The nomination was confirmed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4

Not voting Councilman Anthony 1

Councilman Anthony nominated John Lockett to be a driver of North Austin Fire Co No 6, in place of Walter C Lloyd resigning.

The nomination was confirmed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge Councilmen Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4

Not voting Councilman Anthony 1.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That Milton Morris, Assistant City Clerk, be and he is hereby granted leave of absence from July 11th to July 25th, 1914, inclusive.

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 Powell offered the following resolution :

Whereas, the bid of Cal M Browne, in the amount of \$ 25.13, is the highest and best bid for the old house belonging to the City of Austin situated at 1103 Red River street in this City.

Now therefore,

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That said bid of Cal M Browne for \$ 25.13, for said old house be and the same is hereby accepted and the said Cal M Browne is hereby authorized to remove said old house at his pleasure and convenience.

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 from the attached affidavit of W D Neyland, that he had credits for the year 1913, which figured at 80 cents on the dollar, amount to \$ 368.00, and that he possessed no credits in any greater amount.

Now therefore,

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the credits against the said W D Neyland assessed by the Assessor and Collector of the City of Austin for the year 1913, in the amount of \$ 800.00

*Will Irven
appointed driver
Colorado Hose*

*John Lockett
appointed driver
North Austin Fire Co*

*Milton Morris
leave absence*

*Cal M Browne
accepted bid for
house*

*W D Neyland
credits assessment*

be cancelled and annulled, and credits in the amount of \$ 360.00, be substituted therefor.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Anthony 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following reports of City Officers, which were read and ordered filed, viz :

The Assessor & Collector, the Matron of the hospital, the City Health Officer, the Supt of the New City Hospital, the Fire Marshal, the Supt Inspector Health, Meat, Daries & the Book-keeper Street Dept.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the clerical offices in the Departments of the Mayor, the Supt of Receipts Disbursements & Accounts, the Supt of Parks and public Property, the supt of Streets and Public Improvements be closed at 1 O'clock P M on Saturdays of each week from this date to Sept 15th 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 :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That upon the recommendation of W D Eyres, Sign Inspector, an electric light sign in front of the J R Reed Music Co's place of business at 805-807 Congress Avenue of the dimensions and description set out in the petition for said electric light sign attached hereto, be and the same is hereby allowed.

Be it further resolved :

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 Anthony offered the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears to the City Council of Austin, Texas, that there is merit in the petition of Leo Martin for the remission of at least part of the fine and costs imposed against him in the case of the State of Texas vs Leo Martin, No 8665 in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas.

Now, therefore,

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

That $\frac{1}{2}$ or \$ 9.90, of the fine and costs of \$ 19.80, imposed against the said Leo Martin in the above entitled and numbered cause, be and the same is hereby remitted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

City Employees' Salary Report 157914

J. P. Reed Music Co. Sign

Leo Martin fine remitted

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears to the City Council that there is some merit in the Petition of Frank S Taylor for remission of the fine imposed against him for running his autimobile without lights,

Now, therefore,

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That in the case of the State of Texas vs Frank S Taylor, No 8685, in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, that \$ 9.90, or 1/2 the fine of \$ 19.80, imposed in this case be and the same is hereby remitted-Provided ,that this remission of a part of the fine and costs in the above entitled and numbered cause shall only take effect when the said Frank S Taylor shall have fully paid into the office of the Clerk of the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Tex any and all other fines imposed against him , but not yet collected.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears to the City Council that there is merit in the petition of B E Giescke for the remission of at least part of the fine imposed against him for operating an autimobile without lights.

Now, therefore,

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That 1/2 the fine ,or \$ 7.40, of the fine of \$ 14.80, imposed against him on the 11th day of May, 1914, in cause No 8546, State of Texas vs B E Giescke, be and the same is hereby remitted to the said B E Giescke.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

July 11th 1914.

The Council was called to order with all members present:

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the report of Mayor A P Wooldridge, who has inspected the premises, that O G Hill has in all things complied with the law regulating shooting galleries in this City.

Now, therefore,

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the said O G Hill be and he is hereby authorized to maintain and operate at 511 East 6th street in this City ,a shooting gallery for the period of 12 months from and after this date.

Be it further resolved :

That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute the usual permitte the said O G Hill to conduct said shooting gallery for a period of 12 months

*Frank S Taylor
fine remitted*

*B E Giescke
fine remitted*

*O G Hill
shooting gallery*

from and after this date upon the premises hereinabove described.

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 from the report of Mayor A P Wooldridge, who has made an inspection of the premises, that the firm of Baker & Gonzales has in all things substantially complied with the law authorizing shooting galleries.

*Baker & Gonzales
Shooting Gallery*

Now, therefore,

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That a permit be and is hereby granted to the said Baker & Gonzales for the period of one year from this date, to conduct a shooting gallery at 500 East 5th street for the period of 12 months from and after this date.

Be it further resolved :

That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to execute the necessary permit to the said Baker & Gonzales to conduct said business at said above described premises for the period of 12 months from and after this date.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

July 13th 1914.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present, except Councilmen Bartholomew & Powell.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City Of Austin :

That in consideration of the payment in full of all taxes, interest upon taxes and penalties due and owing by the owners thereof, the Mayor of the City of Austin is hereby authorized to execute a quit claim deed to Isaac K Edwards and Robert I. Spotts to lot No 8, Block No 13, of the Maas addition to the City of Austin, Texas.

*Mayor to issue
Quit Claim deed
To
I. K. Edwards &
R. I. Spotts
Lot*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

July 14 th 1914:

The Council
The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present, except
Councilman Anthony.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, that the follow-
-ing temporary grades for the north line of sidewalk on the north side of East
6th street between Waller and Attayac streets, be given :

*Correct Grade
E. Bushreeds*

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| Station 0 East curb line of Waller street | 494.43 |
| " 0-11 Permanent grade | 494.54 |
| " 0 -58 " " | 494.92 |
| " 0 1+05 Temporary grade .27 above correct grade | 495.65 |
| " 1+ 29.6 " " 58' " " " | 496.4 |
| " 2+01.5 " " 1.77' " " " | 498.56 |
| " 2+ 29.5 " " 1.89' " " " | 499.05 |
| " 2+ 70.6 " " 1.81 " " " | 499.6 |
| " 2+ 84.7 " " 1.68' " " " | 499.7 |
| " 2+ 89.7 " " 1.58 ' " " " | 499.65 |
| " 2+ 94.7 " " 1.40' " " " | 499.55 |
| " 3+10.1 Permanent grade at West curb line of Attayac street | 488.93 |

Resolved, also, that the above temporary grades are given with the
express understanding that they are revocable at any time ,when ,in the opinion
of the City Council ,it is necessary or desirable to reconstruct the sidewalk
upon the correct grade , and with the further understanding that when the change
is made the entire expense of tearing out the old sidewalk and reconstructing
the new sidewalk shall be borne by the property owners , and not by the City
of Austin .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4
Absent Councilman Anthony 1

Mayor Wooldridge moved that the premisses of the Children's Home located at
1206 East 11th street in this City , from and after this date shall be exempt from
sewer charges and granted free sewerage. To this motion ,Councilman Bartholomew
moved that the rate of exemption be fixed at one-half the regular charges.
Amendment lost by the following vote:

*Free sewerage to
Children's Home*

Ayes Councilman Bartholomew 1
Nays Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

The amendment having been lost , the motion came up in the original form
and was adopted by five affirmative votes .

July 15th 1914.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present, except Councilman Anthony.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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

That Chas Rosner be, and he is hereby granted permission to construct in the alley back of and adjacent to the wall of the building at 506 Congress Avenue, two ventilating shafts for the purpose of ventilating the basement of said building and also to construct a coal chute in the alley adjacent to the said building, for the purpose of conveying coal into the said basement. Air shafts are to be covered with strong iron gratings and coal chute to be covered with strong iron cover. Neither the coal chute nor the air shafts are to extend a greater distance into the alley than two feet from the building line. All work to be done under the supervision with the approval of the City Engineer, and be it further resolved that this permit is granted with the express understanding that it is revocable at any time when, in the opinion of the City Council, these openings are undesirable and with the further understanding that the City of Austin shall not be held liable for any damages caused by overflow of basement by water from these openings.

*Chas Rosner
Ventilating Shafts
& Coal Chute*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4
Absent Councilman Anthony 1

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Whereas, the present insufficient facilities for transporting the sewerage from the Tom Smith place on West 9th street in this City constitutes an intolerable nuisance to the family of H P N Gammel living next on the east to the Smith residence.

Now, therefore,

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That the Mayor be authorized to contract with some responsible plumber to have the sewerage from the Tom Smith homestead on the corner of West 9th and Guadalupe streets in this City changed from an easterly to a westerly direction.

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

That the necessary expense, when ascertained, of making a change in the direction of and connecting up the sewerage from the house to the lateral in the street adjacent to said premises be appropriated out of the sanitary sewer fund.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4
Nays
Absent Councilman Powell 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the attached communication of J Bouldin Rector, City Attorney, that the attached account for damages against the City of Austin and in favor of C C Pool for repairs to his automobile, occasioned by the bad condition of San Gabriel street near its intersection of 34th street, is a just and lawful claim for damages against the City of Austin.

Now, therefore.

*Plumbing -
Tom Smith place*

*C. C. Pool
Damages*

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the sum of thirty three and ninety cents (\$ 33.90) be and the same
id hereby appropriated out of the cost and damage fund of the Street department
of the City of Au stin, Texas, to pay said C C Pool for repairs to his automo-
-bile occasioned by the bad condition of San Gabriel street at its intersection
with 34 th street .

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