

Regular meeting of the City Council : Austin, Texas, March 23rd 1916:

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

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

The minutes of the last regular and subsequent recessed meetings wer read & adopted:

Reports of City Officers:

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Sanitary Inspector, the Sexton, the Asst City Clerk, & the Inspector of Weights & Measures, which were read and ordered filed:

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

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

That the sum of \$ 24.50, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitary Sewer fund, of the City of Austin, texas, for the year 1916, to reimburse to Mrs Mary A Robinson the amount of State & County taxes paid by her on Outlet 52, Division # 0 " of the City of Austin, texas, for the year 1915.

*Mrs Mary Robinson
Lately refunded*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of five hundred (\$ 500.00) dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitary Sewer fund for the purpose of doing the necessary construction work on East 1st street preparitory to paving that street .

*Sever work
to be done*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

Approved, A P Wooldrdige, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of Sixty (\$60.00) dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitary Sewer fund to pay Lewis Hancock the installment on the purchase of the Aldrich sewer system .account of the connection of residence belonging to J B Robertson on Lot 11 of block 1.

*Lewis Hancock
Refunded for
sewer work*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution :

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

That a rate of four (4c) cents per kilowatt be charged for electric current for heating purposes, effective April 1st 1916.

*Rates
Electric
Heating*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

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

That section 5 of a resolution by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, passed March 9th 1916, and which section reads as follows:

" That the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to advertise for bids for the permanent paving of said before enumerated streets in this City, said bids to be filed with the City Clerk of this City on or before twelve O'clock M of ~~the~~ Thursday April 5th 191⁶ and the same is hereby repealed, and in lieu thereof, the following section be and the same is hereby enacted:

Section 5. That the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to contract with the Texas Bitulithic Company for the permanent paving with Bitulithic pavement ,of Rio Grande street from 6th to 28th streets in this City .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That the paving with Bitulithic pavement is hereby ordered of West 19th street from the West line of Rio Grande Street south from 19th to the West line of Rio Grande street north from 19th street ,and

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

That the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements be and he is hereby instructed to carry out by proper legal methods, the proceedings necessary to make this resolution effective.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

The Mayor laid before the Council a resolution ordering the improvement of a certain part of Rio Grande street from the north property line of 6th street to the north property line of 19th streets, in the City of Austin ,and approving specifications ,proposal, contract and bond therefor.

The Resolution was read and laid over for one week.

The Mayor laid before the Council a resolution ordering the improvement of a certain part of Rio Grande street from the north property line of 19th street to north property line of 28th street, in the City of Austin, and approving specifications, proposal, contract and bond therefor.

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

The Mayor laid before the Council a resolution ordering the improvement of a certain part of Guadalupe street, from the north property line of 24th street, to the north property line of 27th street, in the City of Austin, and approving specifications, proposal, contract and bond therefor:

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

Paving Rio Grande

Paving West 19th

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears to the City Council from the attached statement of Fred Sterzing, Assessor & Collector of this City, that an error was made in taking the assessment of J O Garnett for the year 1914, in that in copying the value of improvements made upon Lot No 2, Outlet No 27, Division "E" of this City, a statement was made that such improvements were assessed at \$ 1,400.00, whereas the correct amount should have been \$ 400.00,

Now, therefore,

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

That in consideration of the foregoing, the assessment of improvements on Lot No 2, Outlet 27 Division "E" of the City of Austin, for the year 1915, is reduced to \$ 400.00, and the Assessor & Collector is hereby authorized to correct said error and assess the improvements on said Lot 2, Outlet 27, Division "E" of the City of Austin, Texas, at \$ 400.00, instead of 1,400.00,

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Anthony presents the application of Joe Smith, for remission of fine assessed in Recorders Court, which application was recommended by City Recorder Fulmore and Asst City Attorney Barnhart. On motion the application was granted and the fine remitted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

The Mayor presents the annual reports of the Austin Street Ry Co and the Austin Gas Co, for the year 1915, which were read and ordered filed.

Councilman Haynes presents the following resolution :

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

That in consideration of the very severe pecuniary loss sustained by J B Macray in the floods of April 22nd & 23rd, 1915, the sum of \$ 2.21, the same being the penalty owing upon his unpaid taxes for the year 1914, be and is hereby remitted, it being understood that the said J B Macray will pay the balance in full, principal and interest, on his taxes for the year 1914.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council applications for Drivers licenses for the following persons, viz :

- E C McNutt, 2518 Speedway
- H C Preslar, 611 Willow street.

The licenses were granted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

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

That the sum of \$ 51.25, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitary sewer fund of the City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1916, and made payable to the

*J O Garnett
1914*

*Joe Smith
fine*

*J B Macray
July 21*

James...

Mrs M A Robinson Taxes

Assessor & Collector of the City of Austin, Texas, in repayment, per contract, to Mrs Mary A Robinson of City Taxes due and owing for the year 1915, on Outlet 52, Division "O" of this City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

~~The Resolution of the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, is hereby repealed~~
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of \$ 500.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, and made payable to the Treasurer of East Austin Hose Co No 4, to be paid by the City of Austin in purchase of the lot now owned by East Austin Hose Co No 4, south of the Fire Hall on Lydia street in this City.

Purchase lot E.A. Fire Co.

This payment is to be made upon delivery of deed with good title from East Austin Hose Co No 4 to the City of Austin for the above described premises.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4
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, Texas :

That the sum of \$ 175.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, and made payable to the Treasurer of East Austin Hose Co No 4, in payment of the hoses, harness and bell at East Austin station and now owned by said company.

Purchase hoses and bell E.A. Fire Co.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4
Nays none,

Approved *A P Wooldridge* Mayor.

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the attached affidavit of Jno H Dickey, that the improvements upon lot No 5, block No 13, Mass Addition to the City of Austin, Texas for the year 1915, in amount of \$ 200.00, as rendered by Jno H Dickey, were in error, in that said improvements upon said above described property were not erected until some time after the 1st of January, 1915; and

M. S. Dickey

~~Whereas~~ said assessment, as to the value of said improvements, in the amount of \$ 200.00, being made in error is hereby cancelled and annulled and the Assessor & Collector of this City is hereby entitled to take credit accordingly.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Haynes 4
Absent Councilman Powell 1

Approved *A P Wooldridge* Mayor

March 24th 1916. All present:

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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

*Mrs J. Kalle
Repairing frame
building fire
limits*

That in consideration of what appears to be the special equities of the case ,and in view of the recommendation of the City Engineer attached hereto and made a basis of this resolution ,permission is hereby granted to Mrs Sallie J Nalleto have repaired the frame awning in front of her property at Nos 504 to 514 on East 6th street in this City.

It is found impracticable to construct a chain awning in compliance with the general ordinances governing in such cases ,in front of the above named property,and in view of that fact,an exemption is made in favor of this above described property ,and

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

That this permit is temporary and subject to revocation 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 Powell offered the following resolution:

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

*E C Gaines
Legal Services*

That the sum of \$ 150,00,be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the appropriation for Costs and Damages in the General Street department of the City of Austin, Texas for ~~XXXXXX~~ the year 1916, in payment of bill ,per attached account ,in favor of E C Gaines and against the City of Austin, Texas, for legal services in assisting the City of Austin ,per contract with the said E C Gaines, to which reference is hereby made,in the suit of J M Easterlingvs City of Austin in the Dist Court of the 53rd Judicial District of the State of 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 Powell offered the following resolution :

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

*Sanitary Sewer
Construction*

That the sum of two hundred (\$200.0) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitary Sewer fund to construct a three hundred foot (300') extension of six inch (6") sewer pipe in the alley between 1st & Waller streets east of Canadian 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.

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

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

E C Gaines

That the appeal of E C Gaines from the action of the Board of Equalization in assessing three certain properties in South Austin ,which appeal is set forth in the attached statement of said E C Gaines, dated November 4th 1915, is, after careful consideration of the facts in the case, hereby declined.

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, Texas :

That the appeal of Mrs Mary Lamair Carlson, dated November 11 t 1915, and which appeal is attached hereto ,and made a basis of this resolution, from the action of the Board of Equalization be and the same is hereby declined.

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, Texas :

T at the appeal of T J Caldwell, attorney for Mr T v Jones ,dated January 31st 1916, from the action of the Board of Equalization as to the assessment of Lot No 10, in block No 3, Outlet 62, Division "B" of Hart's subdivision of the City of Austin, Texas, be and the same is hereby sustained, to the extent of placing a valuation of fifty (\$50.00) dollars upon said lot for the year 1915, but declined as to the appeal made for the years 1909, 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914, and a valuation of fifty (\$ 50.00) dollars for assessment purposes is hereby placed upon said lot for the year 1915.

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, Texas :

That, after a careful consideration of the case, and after a personal inspec- tion of the property in question by two members of the City Council ,the value of Lot No 1, block No 17, Grooms Addition to the City of Austin, Texas, now owned by L B Smilie is reduced from the assessment by the Board of Equalization for the year 1915, from three hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars to two hundred and fifty (\$ 250.00) dollars .

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, Texas :

That the appeal of R Barrow in his communication, as attached hereto, of date February 21st 1916, as it comes too late and has no equity otherwise. inas- much as the value put upon the property in question was placed there by himself

*Mrs M
Carlson
July 21*

*T J Jones
July 21*

*L B Smilie
July 21*

*R Barrow
July 21*

.be and is hereby declined.

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, Texas :

That, for good and sufficient causes unto the City Council shown ,the assessment against misses Evelylin B and Catherine E Wright for credits for the year 1915, be and the same is hereby reduced from \$ 12, 940.00, to \$ 11,475.00, this last figure \$ 11,475.00, being 66 2/3 % of their credits for the year 1915.

*Miss Wright
Jules*

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, Texas :

That if the proponents of what is known as the Jitney regulatory ordinance ,as heretofore presented by the firm of Hart, Patterson & Brownlee of this City, and chiefly advocated by Ben M Barker, W B Calloway and G M Wagner, will so request in writing of the City Council ,the City Council will amend its present Jitney regulatory ordinance in the following particulars:

*Jitney
Change
Ordinance*

1. We will make the permits to expire with the current year ,beginning with the date of their respective several issuances.
2. We will modify the phraseology of the ordinance so that in the event of a Break-down or other misfortune to any car ,another car can be substituted under the same license until repairs are made .
3. We will change that provision of the ordinance which gives the City Council the right to revoke in its descretion any permit establishing a route, and substitute therefor the right only to revoke such permit as to routes for good and sufficient causes.
4. We will change the length of the routes in any givrn direction, from terminus to terminus ,from thirty fivr (35) blocks as is the present requirement of the ordinance, to thirty (30) blocks where the routes start and end on this side of the Colorado river, and we will make the length of the routes 20 blocks where the routes begin and end , either on the south side of the Colorado river or cover a route partly on the south side of the Colorado river and partly on the north side of the Colorado river.

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.

*J. W. O'Connell
City Clerk*