

Regular meeting of the City Council : Austin, Texas, April 27th 1916:

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

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

Absent none:

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with until the next regular meeting:

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of \$ 655.50, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the permanent Street Improvement fund to pay for extra work done on the stone bridge on 22nd street across Waller creek, according to the attached itemized statement ,

*Bridge 22nd Waller Cr*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none:

The Mayor presented an application from Jno W Stephens Jr, for license as Driver of Service car , which was granted by the following vote :

*John Stephens Jr Driver License*

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

Nays none:

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution, which had been read on April 20th 1916, and laid over until this meeting:

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

1st. That the plans and specifications for the construction of a storm sewer up Little Shoal Creek on Nueces street in this City from the alley between 7th & 8th streets to West 16th street, thence Easterly on West 16th street one block to San Antonio street, thence Northerly on San Antonio street to 19th street, together with a branch sewer up Nueces street from 16th street to 19th street, as presented to the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, by the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements, be and the same are hereby adopted and approved :

*Storm Sewer Little Shoal Creek*

2nd. That the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to invite bids in accordance with said plans and specifications for the construction of said above described storm sewer with its branch sewer, as hereinabove set out, which bids must be filed with the City Clerk of the City of Austin, Texas, on or before 11 O'clock A M, of Wednesday, May 10th 1916.

3rd. That all resolutions, or parts of resolutions, in conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby repealed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Powell 4

Nays Councilman Haynes 1

Councilman Haynes presented the following reasons for his vote, and asked to have same spread upon the minutes, which was ordered by the

Haynes running for race

The proceeds of the bond voted for "Public Works, Street Improvement and other projects connected therewith" can be used to convert Little Shoal Creek into a covered sewer, the residents of Big Shoal and Waller creeks could have consistently desired that a portion of this fund should be used in relieving the serious flood conditions on said creeks.

While I have many friends who own property in Little Shoal Creek valley and would like very much, if I could consistently do so, to vote for the \$20,000.00, to improve the drainage conditions in said valley out of the paving fund, I am constrained to believe it would be a misappropriation of the fund and that the bonds were not voted by the people for this purpose, if such had been the intention, mention of it would have been made in the ordinance.

If such an extensive storm sewer work is desired to protect and improve a special section of the City, district bonds should be issued so that the people whose property would be benefited thereby by reason of the improvement would be taxed to pay the cost.

*Further, it would appear to me that if parties owning property on the streets paved out of this fund are required to pay four-fifths of the cost of paving, it would not be just to pay 50,000.00 of this same fund and not require the parties whose property was benefited by the expenditure to pay some portion of the cost*  
(Sgd) H. L. Haynes

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Whereas, it appears from the report of P W Powell, Supt Streets and Public Improvement of the City of Austin, Texas, that the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph Company has in all things complied with the ordinances of this City and the regulations of the Street department with regard to the putting of conduits under our paved streets and have specifically complied with the requirements of the City with regard to cuts made in certain pavements, as specified in the exhibit hereto attached and made a part hereof,

Now, Therefore,

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

That the bond executed by the Southwestern Telephone & Telegraph Company, and being in the amount of \$ 1,000.00, with E P Wilnot and W H Richardson, Jr, as sureties, be and the same is hereby released and authorized and ordered to be returned to the principals in said bond of the Southwestern Telephone & Telegraph Company.

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, confusion results from the naming of a short street extending off Speedway, or Lampasas street, in this City between 25th and 26 $\frac{1}{2}$  streets, and called 26th street, or sometimes Archway; and

Whereas, said short street east of Speedway, sometimes called Archway, is purely a local street and cannot well extend its present length, which is about the length of two short blocks; and

Whereas, all of the citizens resident upon said short street hereinabove described, strongly desire same to be named Archway in place of 26th street, of which it can scarcely be said to be an extension,

Now, Therefore,

Subscribed by Bond released

Haynes

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

That said 26th street between Speedway and Duval streets ,hereinabove described is hereby designated and shall hereafter be known as Archway and the street immediately north of same between Speedway and Duval street shall hereafter be known and designated as 26 th street instead of 26 1/2 street,as it is at present called.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Approved, A P Woolridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, on March 22nd,1916, Geo Fiegel Jr, deposited with the Assessor & Collector of the City of Austin, Texas, the sum of \$ 100.00, to pay the XLIC license fees for the operation of two Jitney cars ,County licenses being numbers 143 and 309, respectively; and

Whereas, the said Geo Fiegel Jr, has concluded to discontinue the operation of said Jitney cars and asks of the City Council the refund of the unearned part of said license fees ,

Now, Therefore,

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

That the sum of \$ 91.67, or the 11 months unearned portion of said license fees ,is hereby appropriated out of the general contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1916, in repayment of said unearned portion of said license fees.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Approved, A P Woolridge, Mayor,

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of two hundred(\$ 200.00), dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Sanitary Sewer fund to pay for the construction of a six (6") inch sewer line six hundred (600) feet long along East 23rd street from the alley east of Red River street to the alley east of Oldham street.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Woolridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell  
Nays none,

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of \$ 50,000.00 ,or so much thereof as may be necessary ,be and the same is hereby appropriated as a special appropriation out of the Permanent Street Improvement fund of the City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1916, to pay for the construction of a storm sewer up Little Shoal Creek from the alley between 7th & 8th streets to 16th street ;

*Handwritten note:*  
Geo Fiegel  
Jitney license  
fee refunded

*Handwritten note:*  
Sanitary Sewer  
Fund

*Handwritten note:*  
Permanent  
Street  
Improvement  
Fund

thence east one block on 16th street to San Antonio street; thence north on San Antonio street to 19th street, and for the construction of a branch storm sewer to the main storm sewer above described, up Nusces street from 16th street to 19th street.

The resolution was read the 2nd time and passed by the following vote:  
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, & Powell 4  
Nays Councilman Haynes 1

April 28th 1916:

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

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

That the City Council agrees to pay for one-half of the cost of excavating the sidewalk east of St Mary's academy from 7th to 8th streets in this City, provided that the cost of one-half of such expense agreed to be borne by the City Council shall not exceed the sum of \$ 350.00, and

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

That the expenditure to be made under the authority of this resolution is to be made out of the general street fund.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

April 29th 1916:

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the sum of \$ 9.30, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the general contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1916, to pay interest on overdraft in General fund with the Citizens Bank & Trust Company for the month of April.

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 nominated J B Webb to be a member of the Board of Equalisation, to hold for the period of two years, which nomination was confirmed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Powell 4  
Not voting Councilman Haynes 1

Councilman Haynes nominated James Belger Sr, to be a member of the Board of Equalisation, to hold for a period of two years, which nomination was confirmed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Powell 4  
Not voting Councilman Haynes 1

Councilman Haynes nominated A S Tweatt, Sr, to be a member of the Board of Equalisation, to hold for a period of one year, which nomination was confirmed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew & Powell 4  
Not voting Councilman Haynes 1

*City of Austin  
Resolving for  
sidewalk  
St Mary  
academy*

*Interest  
overdraft*

*J B Webb  
James Belger Sr  
A S Tweatt Sr*

May 1st 1916.

*C. L. Woodward  
Appointed  
Chief Fire  
Dept*

Mayor Wooldridge nominated Clarence L Woodward to be first paid Chief of the Austin Fire Department, his employment to begin May 1st 1916, with a present salary of \$ 100.00, per month.

The nomination was confirmed by the following vote:

Yeas Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell 4

Not voting Mayor Wooldridge, 1

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

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

That the certificate of the City Clerk advising as to the result of the election held on April 27th 1916, for the purpose of converting the present volunteer into a paid Fire department, has been received, filed and ordered recorded in the minutes of this Council, and

Resolved further,

That the report of the special committee of the City Council, consisting of Messrs H L Haynes and W B Anthony, to canvass the vote at said election, has likewise been received, filed and ordered recorded in the minutes 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.

Report of the City Clerk:

Austin, Texas, April 29th 1916.

Hon Mayor and City Council,

City of Austin, Texas.

As required by Art 3, Section 3, of the City Charter, I have the honor to report the following as the result of the election held on the 27th of April A D 1916, on the proposition " For a paid Fire Department of the City of Austin, instead of the present volunteer Fire Department ", as same appears on the returns made to me by the Officers of election, viz:

Total number of votes cast at said election	was 1967.
For a paid department	1396,
Against a paid department	550,

Respectfully submitted by,

Jno O Johnson, City Clerk.

Austin, Texas, May 1st 1916.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council  
of the City of Austin.

We your committee appointed to canvass the returns of the election held on the 27th day of April A dD 1916, on the proposition for a paid Fire Department for the City of Austin, instead of the present volunteer Fire Department, beg leave to report that we have made said canvass of the returns and find the above certificate of the City Clerk as to the returns of said election to be true and correct and that 1396 votes were cast for a paid department and 550 votes against a paid department, making a total of 1967 votes cast at said election, to which we hereby certify, Respectfully

*City Clerk's report  
Election open  
Fire Dept*

H L Haynes ,

W B Anthony

Committee.

April 28th 1916.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

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

That a permit be and is hereby granted to J H Chiles to put in a concrete curbing and sidewalk in front of his property on the east side of Colorado street where it intersects 4th street ,together with 4 necessary steps leading from the sidewalk down to the street and

Resolved further by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That the specifications for this work shall be supplied by the City Engineer of the City of Austin ,Texas, and the work must be done under his supervision.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Anthony 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.

*Geo. Johnson*  
City Clerk

*J. H. Chiles  
Sidewalk  
Curb*