

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, May 25th 1916:

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 adopted :

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the City Sexton for the month of April 1916, which was read and ordered filed :

Petition from Fred Sawyer for license as driver of service car was presented, read and on motion taken under advisement:

The Mayor laid before the Council an amendment to the 1916 budget for the Fire Department , which was read and laid over for one week:

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of \$ 5,000.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Permanent Street Improvement fund of the City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1916, for the purpose of improving conditions, in the way of permanently enlarging the channel on Shoal creek, between 4th & 12th streets in this City, at such places and in such form and manner as may in the future be approved by this Council ,upon the recommendation of the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements and his Engineer.

This appropriation is to include a contribution to the enlargement of the bridge at 4th street and West Avenue in this City ,provided a substantial contribution to the purpose of enlarging said bridge shall be made out of the funds of the Water, Light and Power department of this City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony , Bartholomew & Powell 4

Nay Councilman Haynes 1.

I vote NO for the reason that I think it is a misapplication of funds, Haynes.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of \$ 802.99, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Permanent Street Improvement fund to pave with Bitulithic Pavement West 9th street from the West property line of Lavaca street to the East curb line of Guadalupe street in this City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Budget Fire Dept Amended

Enlarging Channel Shoal Creek

Paving West 9th Street

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution :

Whereas, one of the large water mains of the City coming from the Power House into the central parts of the City crosses Shoal creek at about its intersection of 4th street with West Avenue; and

Whereas, the conduits for the light and power wires of the City of Austin all pass under the creek at about the bridge across Shoal creek where it crosses West Avenue; and

Whereas, it is a matter of vital importance to protect said water main and said light and power conduits against the possible disaster of a great flood ,

Now, therefore,

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

That one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the unappropriated balance in the water and light fund of the City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1916 as a contribution to the cost of building another span to said bridge across Shoal creek at about the intersection of 4th street with West Avenue ,and to the other betterment of conditions in and about said bridge for the greater protection of the property of the Water, Light and Power Plant system in 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:

Councilman Powell offered ,a resolution ordering the improvement of a certain part of West 9th street ,in the City of Austin, and approving specifications ,proposal, contract and bond therefor, which was read the first time and laid over for one week:

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

Whereas, in consideration of the attached affidavit of A C Culley, Contractor, showing that not more than one-third of the value and cost of the house built by Mrs W B Brushon Lot No 8, Outlot No 31-D Petersons subdivision of original Lots Nos 1 & 2, West 22 1/2 street in this City, was in position or under construction on the 1st day of January ,1915, and that the value of such material in place and construction ,in its then condition ,did not exceed the value and price of about \$ 833.33; and

Whereas, it is the practice of this City to assess all property at two-thirds of its full value ,

Now, therefore,

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

That the City Council cancels the assessment heretofore made of \$ 2,500.00, in the way of improvements on the above described property, and instead thereof place the sum of \$ 555.55, as the proper value for the assessment of said improvements, AMX

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 :

That the sum of \$ 6,750.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Permanent Street Improvement fund of this City and set apart to the building of an underground conduit or sewer ,five feet in diameter, along Waller street from Holly street to the Colorado River, a distance of approximately one thousand three hundred and fifty feet

Bridge Shoal Creek West Avenue

Paving W 9th

Mrs W B Brushon Lot No 8 is finished

Lawn Holly Street

and to connect said storm sewer to a 24 inch pipe now in place along the West side of Waller street above Holly street, which pipe now ends just below Taylor street.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays none:

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor:

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

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

That the sum of \$ 1,000.00, out of the appropriation of \$ 5,000.00, for completing the Dam Boulevard in the general budget of this City for the year 1916, be and the same is hereby transferred from said appropriation and set apart to the purpose of building a storm sewer or open ditch along Holly street eastwardly from Chicon street for two blocks to Anthony street, thence northwardly one-half block to the alley between Holly and Garden streets, thence eastwardly through this alley two blocks to Mildred street, thence northwardly on Mildred street one-half block to Garden street, thence eastwardly one block to the Robinson tract now owned by the City of Austin.

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 offered the following resolution:

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

That the sum of \$ 25.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, as a refund to W B Hart, Jitney Driver, on account of overpayment of license fee paid by him into the Assessor & Collector of this City, as per agreement made with him and other Jitney drivers to refund one-half of the \$ 50.00, license fee paid by said jitney drivers when a recent amendment to the jitney law, prescribing a license fee of \$ 25.00, for each jitney driver, was adopted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor:

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

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

That the sum of \$ 75.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, as a refund to W DE Calloway, Jitney Driver, on account of overpayment of license fee paid by him into the assessor & Collector of this City for three jitney Cars as per agreement made with him and other jitney drivers to refund one-half of the \$ 50.00 license fee paid by said jitney drivers when a recent amendment to the jitney law, prescribing a license fee of \$ 25.00, for each jitney driver, was adopted

Transfer funds

W B Hart, Jitney license refunded

W DE Calloway Jitney license refunded

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor:

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of \$ 25.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, as a refund to John Wallace ,jitney driver, on account of overpayment of license fee paid by him into the Assessor & Collector of this City ,as per agreement made with him and other jitney drivers to refund one-half of the \$ 50.00, license fee paid by said jitney drivers when a recent amendment to the jitney law ,prescribing a license fee of \$ 25.00, for each jitney driver, was adopted.

*John Wallace
jitney license
refund*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor :

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of \$ 25.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, as a refund to Roy Hough, jitney driver, on account of overpayment of license fee paid by him into the Assessor & Collector of this City ,as per agreement made with him and other jitney drivers, to refund one-half of the \$ 50.00, license fee paid by said jitney drivers, when a recent amendment to the jitney law ,prescribing a license fee of \$ 25.00, for each jitney driver, was adopted.

*Roy Hough
jitney license
refund*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor:

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of \$ 25.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, as a refund to G M Wagoner, jitney driver, on account of overpayment of license fee paid by him into the Assessor & Collector of this City ,as per agreement with him and other jitney drivers to refund one-half of the \$50.00, license fee paid by said jitney drivers when a recent amendment to the jitney law prescribing a license fee of \$ 25.00, for each jitney driver, was adopted.

*G M Wagoner
jitney license
refund*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor:

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of \$ 10.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, as a refund to Hays Venable in the case of the State of Texas vs Hays Venable No 9986, in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin Texas,

*Hays Venable
fine remitted*

The City Council heretofore on December 30th, 1915, remitted the fine and costs in this cause, but failed to appropriate the money to cover said fine and costs which in this

has been paid into the City Treasurer:

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none:

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor:

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of \$ 14.80, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, for the year 1916, as a refund to Max E Deitzel of the fine and costs imposed in the case of the State of Texas, vs the said Max E Deitzel for driving wrong on the driveway around the Capitol.

*Max E Deitzel
Fine
remitted*

The City Council has heretofore remitted the fine and costs in this case but failed to appropriate the amount to cover said fine and costs as heretofore remitted.

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 :

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

That the sum of \$ 386.99, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the special appropriation in the Fire Department of this City for the year 1916 for the purchase of private property of the volunteer fire Companies in this City, which property was taken over and acquired by the City by reason of the organization of a paid fire department, and made payable to South Austin Fire CO NO 5.

*South Austin
Fire Co 5
property
purchased*

An itemized list of the items and the agreed prices for said ~~XXXXXX~~ items is attached to this resolution and made a basis of same.

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:

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

That the sum of \$ 420.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the special appropriation heretofore made by the City Council for the purpose of acquiring the private property of the volunteer fire companies taken over by the City Council by the organization of a pay department, and made payable to the Rescue Hose Company No 9.

*Rescue Hose Co 9
property
purchased*

The items making up the amount of this appropriation and the price for each individual item, are attached hereto and made an exhibit to this resolution.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none, Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor

May 29th 1916:

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution :

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

That Engineer Terrrl Bartlett of San Antonio, Texas, be and he is hereby employed by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, to compare and calculate the cost and comparative stability of the addition to the Austin Dam built by Wm D Johnson and his assignees as changed by Engineers of the said Wm D Johnson with the stability and cost of the Dam as originally designed by said Engineers of Wm D Johnson, and

Be it further resolved by the City of Austin :

That two hundred (\$200.00,) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Earnings fund of the Water, Light and Power department of the City of Austin, Texas, to pay for the services of the said Terrell Bartlett in doing the work hereinabove provided for.

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 the petition of Strid Bros to erect and maintain an electric Light sign in front of their shop at 219 West 6th street in this City, being approved by the Sign Inspector, W L Eyres, whose approval is attached hereto, be and the same is hereby allowed. Said sign is to be at least 9 feet above the sidewalk.

There is a long boat sheet metal attached to this sign which is hereby ordered to be removed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none:

Approved , A P Wooldridge, Mayor:

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

Minutes of a meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, held this 29th day of May 1916,

At this meeting of the City Council came on to be heard the bids at auction of the representatives of a number of bond buying houses for the purchase of \$1,170,000 of Austin refunding bonds, dated July 1st, 1901, and due at thirty years, the rate of interest upon which, however, goes from 4 to 5 % on the 1st day of July 1916.

After several bids were submitted and considered, the bid of Bolger and Willman of Chicago, Illinois, being deemed the best bid, was accepted. This bid was for 4-3/4 per cent for interest upon the refunding bonds of the City of Austin, Texas, in the amount of \$ 1,170,000.00, made payable in thirty installments of \$ 39,000.00, each, a year apart, with a premium of Six Thousand dollars (\$ 6,000.00).

To this resolution Mayor Wooldridge, Councilman P W Powell and W B Anthony voted Yea . Councilmen E C Bartholomew and H L Haynes voted nay.

Councilman Bartholomew gave as a reason that the gain of .3/4 % in the rate of interest was not much and that as the City has the option of calling the refunding bonds at any payment period, it might get a better rate of interest if the sale was deferred until January 1st next, or some other interest payment date.

*Terrell Bartlett
Employed
Dam*

*Strid Bros
Electric
Sign*

*Bolger, Willman
Councilmen
Purchase
Refunding bonds*
X

*Bartholomew
re
Vote*

Haynes return
to vote

The following Resolution offered by Mayor Wooldridge -
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas,
That the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk of the City of Austin, Texas,
be and they are hereby appointed to draw by lot for redemption from the outstanding
refunding bonds of the City of Austin, Texas amounting to \$1,356,500.00, refunding bonds in the
amount of \$1,170,000.00 and public notice of said redemption in the Austin Statesman and New York
Times in the issues of June 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, and open in the City of Austin, Texas on
Monday, June 13th, 1916, at 10 o'clock A.M. Mayor Wooldridge Councilmen Bartholomew, Haynes & Powell
Absent -

Pal Morgan X
Favored by
Council

Councilman Haynes also voted Nay, to this resolution for the same reason as
given by Councilman Bartholomew, and assigned as an additional reason that the
proposed bonds shift the burden of the Interest and Sinking fund from the
water and light patrons to the tax payers.

Councilman Bartholomew presented the following as his reasons for his
vote:

I favor the issuance of bonds, at a lower rate of interest, to take up
the refunding bonds, which are redeemable on the 1st of July, or any six months
after that date.

As four per cent bonds are being sold in many Cities, I think four and
three fourth per cent too high interest on \$ 1,170,000.00, and believe by
delaying the sale the City will save money; the City having the option of
paying off the refunding bonds at any interest paying date.

Hence I vote against the sale of 4 3/4 % bonds.
E C Bartholomew.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas :
That the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk of the City of Austin, Texas,
be and they are hereby appointed to draw by lot for redemption from the out-
standing refunding bonds of the City of Austin, Texas, amounting to
\$ 1,356,500.00, refunding bonds in the amount of \$ 1,170,000.00.

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. May 30th 1916

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

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

First: That we favor submission to the qualified voters of Austin, Texas,
a pending proposition to merge the Independent Telephone Company doing
business in this City, with the Southwestern Telephone Company, which proposes,
the voters of the City so approve, to absorb said Independent Telephone
Company.

Second : That we favor the submission of said proposition of merger, althou
stipulates the rate for business Telephones shall be five dollars per month
lieu of the present rate of charge of the Southwestern Telephone Company of
four dollars per month.

Third: That we do not believe it judicious, or proper at this time and
before the forum of the City Council to prescribe in said merger proposal to be
submitted to the qualified voters of this City a minimum wage provision for
the operatives of the absorbing Telephone 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:
The Council then adjourned.

J. P. Johnson
City Clerk

