

Regular meeting of the City Council : Austin, Texas, May 10th 1917:

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 :

Reports of City Officers:

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City Sexton the Marshal, the Fire Marshal, the City Health Officer, H B Barnhart, Spec Atty, R G Tyler in the Water and light dept & the Supt of the Water & Light Dept for Jan'y & Feby, which were read and ordered filed:

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

*Sanitary
Enfield
Addition*

Whereas, the estimated cost, as estimated by the City Engineer of the City of Austin, Texas, of constructing a sanitary sewer main through Enfield Addition in West Austin in sum of \$ 3,691.95, of which amount \$ 770.40, properly belongs to a part of a large scheme for a sanitary sewer up Shoal creek in west Austin with the ultimate expectation that it may be extended towards Camp Mabry, thus leaving \$ 2,920.55, as the proper charge of sewerage Enfield Addition ; and

Whereas, it is deemed just and reasonable that in view of the large number of excellent houses that will be at once connected with the sanitary sewer in Enfield Addition and the propriety of furnishing sanitary sewer connections to all parts of our City, it is deemed just and reasonable that the City should contribute one-half of the cost of the installation of this sanitary sewer system for Enfield Addition ; and

Whereas, the proprietors of the Enfield Addition desire to pay for the other one-half of the cost of said sanitary sewer in the furnishing of an excellent quality of gravel at twenty cents per cubic yard that the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements desires to purchase for the use of the City elsewhere in the City of Austin; and

Whereas, the proprietors of the Enfield Addition to facilitate the construction of a sanitary sewer main in that Addition, agree to give the City of Austin the right to construct and perpetually maintain sewer lines in and across any property belonging to them and to use their influence to obtain for the City the right of way for other sanitary sewer mains when needed,

Now, therefore,

Resolved by the City Council
Resolved by the City Council 5-9-20 of the City of Austin, Texas :

That the sum of \$ 2,920.55, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the unappropriated balance in the sanitary sewer fund of this City, \$ 1,460.27, of which is to be applied direct to the purchase of the necessary material and payment of labor in doing said work, and the other \$ 1,460.27, is to be likewise used for the purchase of the necessary labor required in the construction of the said sanitary sewer main, to be reimbursed to the City in the purchase by the City from the Enfield proprietors of gravel for use upon the streets and other thoroughfares of the City of Austin, Texas, at the price of twenty cents per cubic yard.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Application for Drivers licenses were presented and licenses granted to the following named persons:

Corbett Pyburn, 408 West Johana street,

G R Middleton, 202 East 5th street.

by the following vote:

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

Nays none:

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution :

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

That the City of Austin hereby contracts by the month with T S Johnson, an Attorney of this City, to do special legal work in assistance to the City Attorney for an indefinite term, at the rate of one hundred (\$ 100.00), dollars per month, and

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

That, inasmuch as the present services to be rendered by the said T S Johnson are to be chiefly for the water and light department, the expenses of his service for the present be paid out of the earnings of the water and Light dept.

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 Supt of Streets and Public Improvements has filed his report with the City Council to the effect that the Texas Bitulithic Co has completed the work of paving and improving Guadalupe street from the north line of 24th street to the north line of 27th street, under contract with the City of Austin and that said work has been fully done in strict accordance with the said contract and specifications heretofore adopted by the City Council.

Now Therefore:

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

That the said work of improvement be accepted by the City Council and that the final estimate due by the City to said contractor 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 Powell offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of \$ 1,400.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Permanent Street Improvement fund to pay for the construction of an "I" beam bridge on concrete abutments across the East branch of Bouldin Creek on South 1st street South 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.

*T S Johnson
City Attorney*

*Paving Guadalupe
Street
accepted*

*Bridge
Bouldin
Creek*

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Whereas, it was heretofore agreed between the Street department and the Water and Light dept of this City that each dept should pay for one-half the cost of the enlargement of the bridge across Shoal creek at its intersection with West Avenue and 4th street in this City; and

Whereas, it appears that the total cost of the enlargement of this bridge was \$ 2,596.99, one-half of which is \$ 1,298.49; and

Whereas, the Water & Light dept has heretofore paid \$ 1,000.00 on account of this construction ,

Now therefore,

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

That the sum of \$ 298.49, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the surplus earnings of the Water & Light dept on account of the payment of one-half the cost of the enlargement of the bridge at the corner of West Avenue and 4th street 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.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following ordinance:

An ordinance authorizing, empowering and instructing the Mayor of the City of Austin to enter into a contract with William Young, for the purpose of installing a unit system of equalization of real estate values, for the use of the tax Assessor & Collector, Board of Equalization and City Council of said City, substantially to the effect and in the terms contained in this ordinance; and making an appropriation:

The ordinance was read the first time and laid over for one week.

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution : May 11th 1917:

Whereas, certain taxes were assessed against the Ginn's Mutual Underwriters of Texas, whose home office is at Tyler, Texas, heretofore; and

Whereas, the said Ginn's Mutual Underwriters has appeared before the City Council and protested against said assessments on the ground that the property assessed, which consisted of securities on deposit with the State Treasurer, was assessed at one hundred cents on the dollar, as shown by the face value of said securities; and

Whereas, it appears to this Council that said securities were not worth one hundred cents on the dollar, and that said assessments were therefore excessive, and also out of proportion to the value fixed on other property of a like nature, when assessed within the City of Austin for taxes; and

Whereas, the City Council finds as a fact that said properties are due on taxes hereinafter stated, therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, in regular session on this 11th day of May, A D 1917;

That the assessment of taxes against the Ginn's Mutual Underwriters, heretofore made, shall be, and the same are hereby adjusted and corrected and the valuations fixed at Sixty six and two thirds (66 2/3) per cent on the one hundred dollars, for the following years: 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913 and the total amount to be collected for each year is hereby fixed as follows:

For the year 1909,	\$	66.53
" # 1910	\$	84.97
" " 1911	\$	93.80
" " 1912	\$	121.97
" " 1913	\$	178.44

*Bridge Shoal Creek
we*

*Contract with
Wm Young
for unit system*

*Ginn's Mutual
Underwriters
taxes on
securities
Reduced*

- . Said property ordered above to be reduced to \$253 on the \$100.00 valuation consists of securities on deposit with the State Treasurer belonging to and owned by said Ginn's Mutual Underwriters, same being county bonds and promissory notes.

Resolved further:

That the City Assessor & Collector comply in all respects with this resolution, and that he be allowed credits on his accounts for said years:

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. O. Johnson
City Clerk