

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas June 16th 1910.

Men A P Wooldridge, Mayor presiding: Roll called:

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3

Absent Councilman Bartholomew, excused 1

Absent Councilman Powell, sick 1

The Minutes of the last regular and adjourned meetings were read & approved.

Petitions, Memorials, etc :

By Councilman Hart petitions of Citizens, asking to have Sewer extended on West Avenue, along Shoal creek, which was read and referred to the City Attorney for investigation and report.

Reports of Committees :

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the Supt of the Water & Light Plant for the month of May 1910, which was read and ordered filed.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following report from the Special Committee,

Austin, Texas, June 5, 1910

To the Mayor and City Council, City of Austin, Texas.
Gentlemen:

Your Committee heretofore appointed to investigate and report upon the advisability of securing a public Park to be situated in East Austin, beg leave to report that after investigation and mature consideration, they are of the opinion and so find that there is no suitable place that can be secured for a suitable park East of Congress Avenue.

We find East Avenue to be the most suitable place in the eastern portion of the City for Park purposes, and have been assured by various Citizens of East Austin that they will assist in obtaining money to beautify said street, and, provided such assistance is obtained to the satisfaction of the Council, we recommend that instead of purchasing a park in east Austin, that a portion of the Park fund, be used in boulevarding East Avenue, making the sidewalks fifteen feet in width on each side, a boulevard of one hundred feet in width in the center, and streets thirty five feet in width on each side of said boulevard. All details as to improving same to be hereafter passed upon by the Council.

Respectfully,

E C Bartholomew by D B Gracy at his request.

D B Gracy,

Jas O Hart.

The report was adopted by the following vote:
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3.

On motion the Council recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

June 17th 1910.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor.

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3

Absent excused Councilman Bartholomew 1

Absent sick Councilman Powell 1

The Mayor laid before the Council the following petition, viz:

Gentlemen City Council Austin, Texas,

I hereby make application to install in the alleyway of Lots 12 & 13 Block 100, Austin, Texas, one steel tank of standard pattern made by Bowers Tank Co ,

Petition Citizens to have Sewer extended on West Avenue.

Report Supt of Plant for May 1910

Report of Special Committee to purchase Park Grounds East Austin

*Patron from Robinson
to put in oil tank*

at Wayne, Ind, said tank to be placed under ground and 10 feet from the building and to be used for the purpose of storing gasoline.

Respectfully,

Joe H Robinson Jr Br

Per R W Shipp.

It was moved that the petition be granted for private use only, removable on order of the Council, to be placed under supervision of the City Engineer and Fire Dept, by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Gray & Hart 3

Absent Councilmen Bartholomew & Powell 52

Mayor Weeldridge offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

(1) That the City Council of the City of Austin agrees to purchase, and it hereby purchases of the Citizens Bank and Trust company of Austin, Texas, who held the same for account of certain customers, Austin City Refunding

bond, number 1670, of the denomination of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) dated July 1st 1901, and due July 1st 1931. To this bond a coupon in the amount of twenty dollars (\$ 20.00) is attached due July 1st 1910, and all subsequent coupons up to the maturity of said bond.

(2) That the City Council agrees to pay for said bond and attached coupons, at the rate of ninety four cents (94) on the dollar of the principal of the bond, or nine hundred and forty dollars (\$ 940.00) and the accrued interest to this date June 15th 1910, or eighteen dollars and thirty three cents (\$18.33) on the coupon, and in addition ten cents to one dollar (1.00) as an agreed amount for exchange, or a total for this bond and attached coupons of nine hundred, fifty nine and 33/100 dollars (959.33).

(3) That the city clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to draw a check upon the Earnings fund of the Water and Light Department of this City in the amount of \$ 959.33, in payment of the purchase of said bond.

(4) That the City Clerk is here instructed to cancel said bond by stamping the word "Paid" in red ink upon said bond, and upon said coupons, in the presence of this Council, and he is further instructed to credit the bond account of this city, upon the Ledger and in the Bond register, under their proper numbers by the payment of the bond hereinabove enumerated.

(5) That the City Council in regular session, at its next meeting shall in open session proceed to destroy the above numbered and described bond and its attached coupons this day passed for account of the investment of the sinking fund of this City, by first mutilating by cutting said bond, and afterwards burning the same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Gray & Hart 3

Absent Councilmen Bartholomew & Powell 2

On motion the Council resolved to call of the Mayor.

*Bonds purchased
the sinking fund.*

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Austin June 18 1910.

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

Councilman Hart nominated Dr Geo K. Packard as Inspector for the Health Department, which nomination was confirmed by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Woolbridge, Councilmen Gracy Hart & Dwell 3

Present not voting Councilman Hart 1

Absent excused Councilman Bartholomew 1

C. Graves. Leave of Absence

On motion of Councilman Gracy leave of absence for 15 days beginning June 19th 1910, was granted to C. Graves, Asst Assessor & Collector, by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Woolbridge, Councilmen Gracy Hart & Powell 4

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following petition, viz:

Austin, Texas June 9th 1910.

To the Hon Mayor & City Council, City of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Petition Citizens to extend Sewer on West Avenue

For the purpose of improving the health of the people residing along Sheal Creek and West Avenue, we the undersigned property owners, respectfully petition your honorable body to cause a sewer extension to be made on West Avenue as follows: Beginning at fourth street, thence west the best practicable way to West Avenue, thence north to 10th street. Said sewer to be of sufficient size and capacity and laid a sufficient depth to carry sewerage from premises adjacent to said West Avenue.

We agree after said sewer extension is made to immediately connect our premises to the said sewer and also where a cesspool is now in use to cause same to be filled up, disinfected and use of abated, which will materially improve sanitary condition of the City.

Respectfully,

Signed by Henry G Stokes and 10 other citizens.

Councilman Hart presented the following communication, which was read. To the Hon City Council, Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I recommend that the attached petition be granted, because:

- (1) That part of the City covered by the proposed extension is sufficiently built up to return a reasonable revenue to said corporation.
- (2) That the sanitary condition of the City necessitates the Council to cause and make every reasonable and legal endeavor to have sewer extensions and connections made as rapidly as possible.
- (3) These petitioners are persons in medium circumstances generally, some of them very poor but are anxious and willing to pay for the privilege of sewer connections in order to protect their homes.
- (4) To eliminate the present cesspools and unsanitary closets, and prevent the further installation of others.
- (5) And for many other good and sufficient reasons which appeal to the health of our City.

Respectfully,

Jas. P. Hart, Superintendent

Police and Public Safety.

The Petition was referred to the City Attorney for investigation and report.

Councilman Gracy moved that all the small gates atth City Cemetery be closed and kept closed,which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Councilmen Gracy & Hart . 2
 Nays Mayor Wooldridge & Councilman Pull 2

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution, :

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

That the grades given below be established as permanent for the center line of east tenth street from the east side of Congress Avenue to the West side of Red River street, the bench marks from which elevations are taken being that atv the Post Office building at the North east corner of Sixth and Colorado streets, and the points given being those where the grade changes. The Maximum grades, cuts and fills are also given.

- 1. On brick pavement at east side of Congress Avenue, 515.01
- 2. 25' East of Congress Avenue, 515.61
- 3. 75' " " " " " 517.01
- 4. At west side of alley between Congress Avenue & Brazos street
 (greatest fill between points 3&4-5" 521.01
- 5. 10' east of said alley 523.44
- 6. 35' " " " " 525.14
- 7. West side of Brazos street (cut 3) 534.50

The heaviest grade between Congress Avenue and the summit of the hill is between points 6 & 7, being 7.5%

- 8. Center of Brazos street, (cut 3.97) 536.75
- 9 . East side of Brazos street, (cut 1.55') 539.00
- 10. 50' east of Brazos street (cut 1.23') 541.25
- 11. 100' " " " (cut 0.53) 543.15
- 12. 150' " " " (cut 0.40) 544.18
- 13 . At West side of San Jacinto street 545.50
- 14. East side of San Jacinto street, (cut 2.65') 545.50
- 15. 50' east of San Jacinto street, (cut 3.45) 545.30
- 16. 100' east of San Jacinto street, (cut 3.60') 544.95
- 17. 150' east of San Jacinto street, (cut 3.50 ') 543.45
- 18. 200' east of San Jacinto street , (Out 3.30') 540.45
- 19. East side of Trinity street, 530.46

Grade between points 17 & 18 6.4%

- 20. Center of Neches street , 512.00
- 21. West side of Red River street 482.69

Grade between points 19 & 20 -59.27%, deepest cut 1.5'

The resolution was read the first time and the rule suspended and it placed on its second reading by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy , Hart & Powell 4.

Absent excused Councilman Bartholomew 1

On motion the Council recess subject to call of the Myer.

Grades E 10th and to Red River st

June 21st 1910.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor.

Present Mayor Wealdridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3

Absent excused Councilmen Bartholemew & Powell 2

Councilman Gracy offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

Clerk authorized to open ballot boxes

That the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to open the ballot boxes containing the ballots cast at an election held on April 5th 1910, and take therefrom all ballots, poll lists, tally sheets and returns and deposit all of the same in a secure box and seal said box in the presence of the City Council, and after sealing same attach his certificate to said box, to the effect that said box contains all the ballots cast at said election.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote

Yeas Mayor Wealdridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3

Councilman Hart presented to the Council a bill from the United Tel Co for rent of Telephone at the residence of A T Osborn, amounting to \$ 5.00, which was allowed and ordered paid by the following vote:

Telephone bill of A T Osborn ordered paid

Yeas Mayor Wealdridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3

Nays none.

On motion the Council recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

June 21 1910.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor;

Present Mayor Wealdridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3

Absent excused Councilmen Bartholemew & Powell 2

Mayor Wealdridge offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

University Baptist Church: permission to put up signs on street corner

That permission is given to the University Baptist Church, situated upon Nueces street between 22nd & 23rd streets, to erect at the corner of 22nd and Nueces streets at the intersection of the sidewalk and street lines, a sign erected upon a pole not exceeding five (5) feet in height. These signs shall not be greater than 12 inches in width, by 20 inches in length, and shall have painted thereon these words:

" University Baptist Church one-half block north " and " University Baptist Church one-half block south ".

These inscriptions can be, if desired, upon both sides of the signs hereby authorized to be erected.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wealdridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Parks and Public Property to install a system for lighting 6th street.

The resolution was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wealdridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3

Nays none.

System of lights on street - Res passed

On motion the Council adjourned,

John D. Johnson
City Clerk.

June 20th 1910.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor:

- Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3
Absent excused Councilmen Bartholomew & Powell 2

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution, viz:

Whereas, the location of many of the lines of the streets, blocks, subdivisions and alleys in the City of Austin are very indefinite, and some should be permanently located and,

Whereas, said location of lines are now under the supervision of the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements, and,

Whereas, at the request of said Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements, the Superintendent of Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts, has consented to take charge of so much of the department work of the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements as pertains to the location of streets, blocks, subdivisions and alleys, and survey work of the City as regards location of lots owned by different parties where compensation is to be paid to the City for such locations.

Now therefore,

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

(1) That the matter of ascertaining the true location of the lines of such of the streets, blocks, subdivisions and alleys as it may be practicable to investigate and determine be assigned to Councilman

D B Gracy, as well as all survey work above mentioned.

(2) That Councilman D B Gracy be and he is hereby authorized to employ such assistance in Engineers and otherwise, to incur such expense as may be in his judgement necessary, to carry out the provisions of this resolution, provided that such expenditures for professional help and otherwise shall not exceed the sum of \$ 500.00.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3
Nays none.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That five hundred (\$ 500.00) dollars of the appropriation of twelve hundred (1200.00) dollars, heretofore made for salary of Health Inspector for the current year, be and the same is hereby withdrawn from said appropriation, and transferred back into the General fund.

The resolution was read the first time and the rule suspended and it placed on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3
Nays none.

The resolution was read the second time and laid over.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

That five hundred dollars (\$ 500.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General fund for expense of locating the lines of such streets, blocks, subdivisions and alleys of the City of Austin, as, by reason of their present indefiniteness,

Suppl. Gracy to take charge of certain street work.

\$500. Approp. transferred to General fund

\$500. Approp. to locate streets, etc

shall, in the judgment of the Superintendent of Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts need to be relocated and made more definite.

The resolution was read the first time and the rule suspended and it placed on its second reading by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3

Nays none.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

(1) That the proposition of Geo Mendell Jr, to collect delinquent taxes on personal property up to the year 1909, for 15% of the amount collected, be and the same is hereby accepted.

(2) That this contract with said Geo Mendell Jr be carried under the supervision of the Superintendent of Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts, Mr D B Gracy.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3

Nays none.

On motion the Council recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

June 23rd 1910

The Council was called to order by the Mayor.

Present, Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3

Absent excused Councilmen Bartholomew & Swell 2

The Mayor laid before the Council the returns of the election held June 22nd 1910, on the proposition to grant a franchise to Claud V Birkhead et al, to construct a street R R in the City of Austin.

Councilmen Gracy & Hart were appointed a Committee to canvass the vote:

The Committee appointed to canvass the vote presented the following report,
Austin, Texas, June 23rd 1910.

To the Hon City Council, City of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

The undersigned Committee of the City Council, appointed to canvass the election held on the 22nd day of June 1910, submitting to the glorified voters of this City, a proposition, instructing the City Council with respect to an ordinance, granting to Claud V Birkhead and Associates, their successors and assigns the right to construct and operate a line or lines of street railway in the City of Austin, Texas, beg leave to report as follows:

935 votes were cast at said election.

All votes were in favor of the proposition instructing the City Council to pass the ordinance granting Claud V Birkhead and others a franchise to construct, operate and maintain street railways in the City of Austin, Texas.

323 votes were against said proposition, and one illegal vote.

The majority of the votes cast being in favor of instructing the City Council to pass the ordinance granting to Claud V Birkhead and others said franchise, we declare said proposition carried, and that the City Council, as a result of said election is instructed to pass the ordinance granting to Claud V Birkhead and others said franchise.

The following is the vote by wards:

*Geo Mendell Jr Emp
employed to collect
delinquent Tax on
personal property*

	For the proposition.	Against the proposition.	Total
First ward	83	38	121
2nd do	101	64	165
3rd do	94	65	159
4th do	67	62	129
5th do	102 (1defective)	28	131
6th do	78	39	117
7th do	86	27	113
Total	611	323	935

Respectfully submitted ,

D E Gracy

Joe P Hart

Mayer Woolbridge offered the following resolution, viz: