

July 28th 1900

The Council was called to order, the Mayor with
All Members present.

Communication
Commissioner Tracy
Street Lines

Commissioner Tracy offered the following resolution:
Whereas, in order to incorporate the City of Austin passed
by the Legislature of the Republic of Texas, was approved
September 27th 1839, and Section 6 of said act, provides as follows:
"Provided however, that this act shall not be construed
to give the Mayor and Council any power or authority
to alter, occupy, or change in any manner the ways,
Squares, Streets, roads or Alleys as laid down and surveyed
according to the plan of the City, made under the supervision
of Edwin Waller, Agent of the Government; nor to interfere
in any way with the roads, streets, squares or lots, which
may be laid off within the precincts of the site to locate
the seat of government, and whereas,

The first City Engineer and Surveyor of said City of Austin, was
Mr J. B. Whitson, who held that office during the years
1874-1875 and who was appointed by an Ordinance of the
City of Austin, passed 26th of May 1874, and whereas,

Article 120 of the digest of the general ordinances of the
City of Austin, passed 26th of May 1874 relating to the duties
of the City Engineer and Surveyor, is read as follows, viz:
"It shall be the duty of the City Engineer and Surveyor to
establish throughout the City initial points and
Monuments, at least one to each square of four blocks,
and from such points to extend the surveys of the City,
and it shall be his duty, when called upon to do, to
locate, establish and survey all lines of property, public
or private, in this City, and to make all surveys and
Calculations for grading work to be done on streets, alleys,
Squares, bridges, Culverts, sewers and other public places
in this City. Provided, that whenever any line of any
street or property has been located by the City Engineer
and Surveyor, the same shall not be changed by him or
his successors without good cause shown and an
order of the City Council, and Article 121 of said digest
of Ordinances reads as follows:

"The City Engineer and Surveyor will, as aforesaid be
guided by the plan and survey and plat of the City or
quarter kept on file in the General Land Office in
locating the lines and dimensions of any property, and
width of any street or other public place in this City,"
and Article 122 of said Digest of Ordinances reads in part
as follows

The City Engineer and Surveyor shall keep
substantive records of all the surveys made by him, showing
in plain of the lots and other pieces surveyed, how the same

was done, and is to be responsible on his official bond for all his acts, and

Whereas, a City Engineer or Surveyor has been one of the officers of the City from 1874 up to and including the present time, and whereas, the Ordinance prescribing the duties, in part of said City Engineer and Surveyor as above described has been kept in full force and effect from the date of its passage on 26th day of May 1874 up to the present time, and is now in full force and effect, Article 125 of said Digest of 1874 being the same as Article 495 of the Revised Ordinances of 1908 of said City, and Article 121 of said Digest being the same as Article 498 of said Revised Ordinances, and Article 123 of said Digest being the same as Article 491 of said Revised Ordinances, and

Whereas, a stake set in the center of the intersection of Congress Avenue and Pecan Street, now called 6th Street, which stake was afterwards replaced by an iron pin, and which stake was set N 16 E 40 feet and S 71 E 60 feet from a stake found at the N. E. Corner of Lot 6 Block 55 in the City of Austin, has been for more than fifty years recognized as the true center of said Congress Avenue and Pecan Street, and a line run N 19 E 6 and S 19 W from said first mentioned stake and pin has been for the same length of time recognized as the true center line of Congress Avenue, and

Whereas, the maps and plans of the City of Austin, on file in the General Land Office, show all streets intersecting Congress Avenue to be at right angles to said Avenue and all streets east and west of said Avenue, between East Avenue and West Avenue, to run parallel with said Avenue, and

Whereas, from information obtained from Mr. Dennis Corwin, who has done surveying in the City of Austin, at various times for the past fifty years, and from Mr. Ernest Von Rosenberg who has done surveying and assisted in surveying various tracts in the City of Austin, for more than thirty years, the lines of the streets East and West of Congress Avenue between East Avenue and West Avenue were found on the ground to run parallel with Congress Avenue and the lines of the streets intersecting Congress Avenue were found on the ground to run at right angles to said Avenue, and were so located by them when surveys were made by them from 30 to 50 years ago, and

Whereas, by recent survey of Congress Avenue and a portion of the streets intersecting same by Mr. W. H. Webber, a practical surveyor, who has been employed under authority of the City Council of the City of Austin, to re-run said street lines so originally run and located on the ground, it was found that the improvements in

said streets to return as that conforms to the street lines as originally run and as shown on the maps and plans of the City of Austin on file in the General Land Office, but said improvements are located on the grounds as each owner saw fit and proper and in utter disregard of the Ordinances of the City of Austin, and whereas, said Ordinance directing how the street lines, lots, blocks, alleys and outlots should be located, has been in full force and effect since its passage on 26, May 1874, and is now still in full force and effect, but appears to have been disregarded for a long time and said lines, lots, blocks, alleys and outlots to have been run by each City Engineer as he thought best, and without regard to said Ordinances therefore,

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

Section 1. That, hereafter, when any line of any street, block, outlot, lot or alley is located on the ground, that same shall be located according to the Ordinances of the City of Austin now in force,

Section 2. That any and all persons, firms or corporations found encroaching on said streets, shall be notified of such encroachments, when same is ascertained, and that said encroachments must be moved from the street whenever any improvements are made on any of said encroaching property.

Section 3. That the curb lines of all streets shall be located according to surveys made under existing City Ordinances.

The resolution was read the first time.

Mayor Woodruff offered as a substitute for the resolution, An Ordinance to establish the correct location of the streets and other public places of the City of Austin, Texas, and to establish with the approval of the City Council the names and also the permanent grades of the streets of the City of Austin. The substitute was read and adopted by the following vote:

Yes Mayor Woodruff, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hunt and Powell 4

No Councilman Gray 1

On Motion the rule was suspended, and the Ordinance placed on its second reading for the following Fall.

Yes Mayor Woodruff, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hunt and Powell 4

No Councilman Gray 1

The Ordinance was read the second time and laid over.

On Motion the Council recessed, subject to call of the Mayor.

July 25th 1910

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present.

Bids for supplies to Dec 31 1910

- Councilman Tracy laid before the Council, bids received for supplies for the term ending Dec 31 1910, as follows:
- For stock feed Robinson Bros & Marks Grain Co.
 - For blacksmithing C P Ecklund & Co
 - " Lumber Calhoun Lumber Co & Jallet Co
 - " Cement Nalle & Austin, White Lignite Co
 - " Groceries City Hospital, Tom & Smith, H. Schmidt & W. L. Harrison
 - " Dry Goods " H. R. Smith
 - " Meats " J. M. Udit
 - " Wood " J. Charney, J. F. Prodie & R. McKee
 - " Buttons & button nickel Hospital H. R. Hoyle
 - " Sweet Milk " J. W. Temple
 - " Graves for Colored Paupers Bethany Cemetery Co
 - " Hauling remains Colored Paupers W. M. Geary
 - " Newspaper Printing Daily Tribune & Austin Statesman
 - " Meats for prisoners News & Wheeler

Contracts awarded

The following contracts were awarded, viz:

- For stock feed Robinson Bros.
- " Blacksmithing C P Ecklund & Co
 - " Cement Nalle & Co
 - " Dry Goods Hospital W. B. Smith
 - " Meats " J. M. Udit
 - " Wood " J. Charney, J. F. Prodie
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 - " Newspaper Printing Daily Tribune
 - " Meats for prisoners News & Wheeler
- Bids for groceries & drugs for the hospital, were referred to Councilman Hunt for investigation & report.
- Bids for Lumber were referred to Councilman Powell for investigation & report.

Councilman Powell presented the following communication from the City Engineer:

Austin, Texas July 25th 1910

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

Gentlemen:

In connection with the work of cutting down East 11th street between Congress Avenue and the portion of Brazos street running north from 11th street I beg to recommend that Brazos street be cut down between 11th and 13th streets to the grades given below, which are taken from the top of the lining at the ...

Street Grades		Pragas. 11 th to 13 th	
Corner of Congress Avenue and 11 th Street, the elevation of which is assumed to be 100;			
Center of 11 th		Corresponding to grade already approved	125.2: Cut 1.20
North side of 11 th Street			126.8: Cut 1.31
50' North of 11 th Street			128.4: " 1.16
100' " " "			129.6: " 1.11
at So side of Alley between 11 th & 12 th Streets			130.4: " 1.51
At No " " " " " "			130.4: " 1.61
100' South of 12 th Street			130.4: " 1.21
50 " " " "			130.0: " 1.90
At South side of 12 th Street			129.41: Unchanged
At North " " "			127.71: "
50' North of 12 th Street			127.00: Cut .41
100' " " " "			126.21: " .90
South side of Alley between 12 th & 13 th Streets			125.40: " 1.21
North side of said Alley			125.10: " 1.26
100' South of 13 th Street			124.00: " 1.31
50' " " " "			122.60: " 1.06
South side of 13 th Street			120.50: " .31
Center of 13 th Street			118.81: Fill .60
East side of Pragas Street at 13 th Street		117.20	Grade unchanged

Respectfully Submitted

G. S. Dredell, City Engineer

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:
 Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, that the grades given hereto attached be established for the permanent grades of Pragas Street from 11th to 13th Streets.

The resolution was adopted by the following Vote:
 Yeas Mayor Goodridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gray, Hart and Powell
 Nays None.

Councilman Powell presented the following Communication from the City Engineer:

Austin, Texas, July 20th 1910.

To the Hon. Mayor & City Council

City of Austin, Texas

Gentlemen:
 In pursuance of Ordinance passed by the City Council on July 23rd in regard to street lines, I beg to recommend that the center line of East 11th Street between Congress Avenue and Park Avenue be established by placing the center at the east side of Congress Avenue at the corner distance from the pin at the center of 9th Street and Congress Avenue, and the center at the west side of Park Avenue seven feet North of the point where a right-angled line from the above point at Congress Avenue would intersect it, running a straight line between these two points.

I also recommend that the south line of the sidewalk

Street lines
 11th St from
 Congress Avenue
 to Park Avenue

side of the south side of 11th street is established by measuring out 2 1/2' from the fence at the E. corner of 11th & Main streets, and 2' at the E. corner of 11th and Red River streets. This will make a straight line between these points. At the back between Trinity and Neches streets this will bring the walk, as from where Mr Smith's fence was at Trinity street, and 2' inside of where the fence now is at Neches street. I understand, however, that he intends taking down this latter fence. If not, it will be necessary to make an angle in the walk line at some intermediate point.

Respectfully submitted

G. S. Fredell, City Engineer

On Motion of Councilman Powell the above recommendation of the City Engineer was adopted by the following Vote:
Yeas Mayor Woodruff, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gray, Hart & Powell
Nays None

On Motion the Council recessed, subject to the call of the Mayor.

July 26th 1910

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present

Nalley Co Contract for lumber

Councilman Powell to whom was referred the bids for furnishing the City with Lumber for the term ending December 31st 1910, reported that the bid of Nalley Co was the lowest bid, and moved that the Contract be awarded to them, which motion prevailed by the following Vote:
Yeas Mayor Woodruff, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gray, Hart and Powell
Nays None

Don D Smith Contract for Groceries for hospital

Councilman Hart to whom was referred the different bids for Groceries for the hospital, reported that he had carefully examined said bids and found that the bid of Don D Smith was the lowest and best bid, and moved that the Contract be awarded to him, which motion prevailed by the following Vote:

Yeas Mayor Woodruff, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gray, Hart & Powell
Nays None

Resolution fixing width of 8th street from Union to City limits

Mayor Woodruff offered the following resolution:
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:
That the City Council hereby recognizes East first street to be a street sixty feet (60) wide, from Clinch street eastwardly to the City limits.

The resolution was adopted by the following Vote:
Yeas Mayor Woodruff, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gray, Hart & Powell
Nays None

The Council recessed subject to the call of the Mayor

Regular Meeting of the City Council
Austin Texas, Aug 28th 1910
Law & Woodruff, Mayor presiding. (Case called,
Present Mayor Woodruff, Councilmen Bartholomew,
Gray, Hunt & Powell
Absent None.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings
were read and approved.

The regular order of business was suspended to take up
the matter of sidewalks on Congress Avenue, Sixth Street
and side streets leading into Congress Avenue.

Quite a number of citizens interested advised the
Council, and the matter taken under advisement,
Petitions, Memorials, etc

Pet Citizens for
work on Comal
between 5th & 6th streets

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition of Citizens
asking to have work done on Comal between 5th & 6th streets,
which was read and referred to Councilman Powell

Pet Art Yarrington to
put in steps on
E. Chestnut Street

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from
Art Yarrington asking permission to put in steps
to the second story of his building, on E. Chestnut Street,
which was read and referred to Councilman Powell.

Councilman Hart presented a petition from S. L. McCulloch
asking to have a pound fee paid to him refunded, which
was read and referred to Councilman Hunt.

Bids for drugs for
Hospital rejected

Councilman Hart to whom was referred bids for drugs
for the City Hospital for the term ending Dec 31st 1910, made
a verbal report recommending that all bids be rejected
and new bids be called for, which report was adopted by
the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Woodruff, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gray,
Hunt & Powell
Nays None.

Ordinance to amend
Art 790 Revised
Ordinances

By the Mayor, An ordinance to amend Article 796 of
the Revised City Ordinances of the City of Austin
The ordinance was read the first time & referred to the City
Attorney.

City Clerk 5 days
leave absence

An motion of Councilman Hunt, leave of absence
for 5 days, from Aug 6th 1910, was granted to the City Clerk.

Art Smith
present on a

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance granting
to Tom E. Gregory et al the right to construct, maintain
and operate, a railroad track upon and across certain
streets in the City of Austin, together with a substitute
for said ordinance. The substitute was read and laid over
until the next regular meeting.

By the Mayor a substitute for an ordinance to grant Tom E. Gregory
et al the right to construct, maintain and operate a railroad track
upon and across certain streets in the City of Austin
The substitute was read the first time and laid over

In Motion the Council recessed subject to Call of the Mayor

July 30th 1910

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all Members present.

The Mayor said before the Council the following Communication

Austin, Texas, July 30th 1910

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of the City of Austin: Gentlemen:

Street lines on East Street.

The location of 6th Street, running through Out Lot 6 Division "A" in the City of Austin is indefinitely located on the ground, and owners of said out lot fronting on said street are encroaching thereon, both from the North and South sides, as said street is now located. Therefore, the undersigned, who have charge of the location of street lines, recommend that the City Council issue an order directing the City Attorney to at once institute suit against all persons claiming to be the owners of such portions of said Out Lot fronting on said East 6th Street, so that said street may be definitely located by decree of Court.

St. Olney
P. H. Powell

The recommendation was adopted by the following Vote: Yeas Mayor Woodrige, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gray, Hart and Powell

At Yarrington Steps to building

In Motion of Councilman Powell, the application of At Yarrington for permission to remove steps to building on Driskill Street, from the rear of said building to the front of same, which petition was referred to Councilman Powell for investigation and report, he referred to Councilman Hart, said building being within the fire limits, by the following Vote: Yeas Mayor Woodrige, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gray, Hart & Powell

Fred Storzinger 15 days leave absence

None None. In Motion leave of absence was granted Fred Storzinger for 15 days, beginning Aug 1st 1910, by the following Vote: Yeas Mayor Woodrige, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gray, Hart & Powell

Found fee S. L. McCulloch

None None. In Motion of Councilman Hart the application from S. L. McCulloch for refund of found fee, was refused by the following Vote: Yeas Mayor Woodrige, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gray, Hart & Powell

None None. In Motion the Council recessed subject to Call of the Mayor.