

Regular meeting of the City Council : Austin, Texas, Sept 15th 1910.

Hon A P Wooldridge, Mayor, presiding: Roll called:

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Absent none.

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

Petitions, memorials, etc.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Citizens asking the Council to pass an ordinance requiring all transfer and moving vans to report to the City Clerk the names of all persons they move, with their past and present address, also an ordinance making it an offense subject to fine to distribute free samples of medicine from house to house.

The petitions were read and referred to the City Attorney .

The Council then recessed, until 2 P M this day.

Sept 15th 1910 3 P M

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

Reports of City Officers:

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the Plumbing Inspector, the City Engineer and the Supt of the Water & Light Plant for the month of August 1910, which were read and filed.

Unfinished business :

The Mayor laid before the Council authorizing the Austin Electric Railway coto remove its tracks ,etc, on 17th street in the City of Austin, etc, which was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

Councilman Gracy offered the following resolution :

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

That the center line of Rio Grande be established as follows:

For point " A ", measure 30' eastwardly from a cedar stake at the S W corner of Rio Grande and 23th streets, to a pipe in center of street.

For point " B ", measure 30' eastwardly from a wooden stake in the west line of Rio Grande street north of 24th street, to iron pipe in center of street.

Measurements to be made at right angles to center line.

A straight line joining points " A " and " B ", and extending north to 29th street and south to 19th street to be the correct center line of Rio Grande street.

This line is also 30' from an iron pipe stake at the N W corner of Rio Grande and 23 1/2 street.

An iron pipe has also been placed in this line at the south side of 29th street, another at the north side of 26th street, and another at the south side of 22nd street.

East and west lines of Rio Grande street to be 30' from said center line.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

Councilman Powell presented the following communication from the City Engineer.

*Pat
Citizen to pass
Ordinance moving
Vans to report to
City Clerk
prohibit distribution
free samples
Medicine*

*Report Plumbing
Inspector &
Supt W & L Plant*

*Austin Electric R R Co
to remove track
17th Street*

*Street Line
Rio Grande*

Austin, Texas, Sept 15th 1910.

To the Hon P W Powell, and Hon D B Gracy, Commissioners, City of Austin, Texas
Gentlemen :

cut line

I recommend that the Curbing for H Maud at S E corner of 11th and Huesca streets be placed 6" lower than the approved center grade of 11th street at the corner, on account of the ground sloping towards the south, and the lots being lower than the street, and on the center grade of the street at the east end of his property 46' from the corner.

The recommendation was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

On motion Councilman Bartholomew was authorized to procure Insurance on the City Hall building to the amount of \$ 10,000.00.

On motion of Councilman Hart the City Attorney was directed to draw up and submit to the Council an ordinance in regard to stock pens within the City limits.

~~The Council recessed subject to call of the Mayor~~

Water rates Amended

The Mayor laid before the Council the resolution of Councilman Bartholomew amending the rates to be charged for water furnished the Citizens of the City, which was read ^{and amended} and passed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

Councilman Gracy offered the following resolution: ^{at the call of the Mayor.}
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

Transfer Funds.

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to transfer from the Park fund to the General fund the sum of \$ 34.05, being amount of warrants Nos 46030, 46031 & 46032, drawn out of the General fund which should have been drawn out of the Park Fund.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

Experimental wells at Water and Light Plant

On motion Councilman Bartholomew was authorized to contract for experimental wells at the Water and Light Plant.

The Council recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

Sept 16th 1910.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present. Councilman Bartholomew moved to reconsider the vote by which the Council passed a resolution directing the Supt of Parks and Public Property to obtain insurance to the amount of \$ 10,000.00 on the City Hall building, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

Insurance City Hall

On motion of Councilman Bartholomew the Supt of Parks and Public property was directed to obtain insurance on the City Hall building to the amount of \$ 15,000.00 by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following:

State of Texas
County of Travis.

Plot on Church property returned

Before me the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared D H Walsh, who being by me duly sworn states on oath that on or about the 4th day of August, 1905, the Board of Trustees of the West Austin Christian Church purchased a lot fronting eighty (80) feet east on Blance street, and running back 225 1/3 feet being a part of Lot No 2 (2) Outlet No three (3) Division "X" of the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and that from said date said lot has been continually owned and used for church purposes by said church and has not been used for profit, gain or use in any way; that shortly after the purchase of said property services were conducted on same in a tent, and afterwards the present church building was erected thereon, and the said property now belongs to said congregation.

(sgd) D H Walsh.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the undersigned authority, by D H Walsh, this the 14th day of September, A D 1910.

E H Yeiser,
Notary Public, in and for Travis County, Tex

Mr T E Alexander appeared before the Council, and stated that the above described property was assessed by the City for taxes for the years 1906 & 1907, and asked the Council to cancel said assessments.

On motion the Assessor & Collector of taxes was directed to cancel said Assessments and take proper credit on his books, and the City Clerk directed to notify the said Assessor and Collector, by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

Ordinance sidewalk

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance amending an ordinance entitled an ordinance regulatin the condtruction, reconstruction and repair of sidewalk within the City of Austin; defining the term sidewalk; requiring the construction, reconstruction and repair of sidewalks by abutting property owners, and providing a means for fixing and determining the assessment of benefits to be paid by abutting property owners for the construction, reconstruction and repair of sidewalks.

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

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

The ordinance was read the second time and laid over.
The Mayor laid before the Council the following amendment to the Budget for the year 1910.

Austin, Texas, Sept 8th 1910.

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

Gentlemen :

The Charter of this City limits appropriations to be made for any current year to the estimated available resources for that year, which estimated available resources shall be based upon the probable revenue of the City derived from ad valorem taxes upon the basis of the total valuation of the property for taxation for the preceding year, and of such other contingent revenues of the City as will probably accrue.

Amongst the contingent revenues estimated for the City for the current year, as submitted in my budget of April 1st 1910, is an item of six thousand dollars from fines in the Corporation Court.

During the progress of the year, it has become apparent that the revenues from this source will exceed the estimate made in April past.

The total receipts to the date of September 1st, from the above source amount to \$5,577.25. This would make an average of receipts from this source for the eight months past since the first of the year, of \$ 684.65, or a total probable revenue for the year figures upon the same basis of \$ 8,215.00, or more than two thousand dollars over the estimate placed upon this source of income on April 1st past.

The appropriation made for the general contingent expenses of this City in the budget of April 1st, was the sum of \$ 2,494.00, an amount obviously inadequate for the miscellaneous expenses of a City of over thirty ^{thousand} population.

At the time this appropriation was made the sum of \$ 2,494.00 was arrived at after providing for the indispensable other expenses of the other departments of the City. This amount of \$ 2,494.00, was the balance left of the estimated total revenues of the City after providing as adequately as could be done for the imperative other needs of the City. The general contingent fund of the City is now exhausted. I therefore, respectfully recommend that this supplemental budget, estimating \$ 2,000.00 more for the probable revenues of the Corporation Court for the present year, be approved, and that out of said supplemental sum here submitted \$ 2,000.00 be appropriated and set apart for the general contingent expenses of the City for the present year.

Respectfully,

A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The recommendation of the Mayor were approved by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5

Nays none. Resolution by the Mayor.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :
That two thousand dollars (\$ 2,000.00) out of the estimated General fund of the City for the current year, be appropriated to the general contingent expenses of this City for the year 1910. This appropriation to come out of the supplemental budget for this year.

Budget 1910
Amended

thirty

Supplemental
Expense

The resolution was ~~read a second time~~ ^{read a second time, suspended and it placed on its second reading}
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5

~~Nays none.~~
The resolution was read the second time and laid over.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

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

That the sum of Five hundred dollars (\$ 500.00) of the amount heretofore appropri -
-ated to the item of Charity in the City budget for the current year, be withdrawn
from said appropriation and be transferred and assigned to the appropriation for
account of contingent expenses of the City for the present year.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5

Nays none.

On motion of Councilman Bartholomew, leave of absence for 10 days from Sept 19th
1910, was granted Asst Cashier Casey of the Water & Light Dept,

Mayor Wooldridge nominated Mrs Nellie Wylie Holden as Secretary of the Associated
Charities, with a salary of \$ 50.00 per month, commencing October 1st & to Jan'y
1st 1911.

The nomination was confirmed by the following vote :

Yeas Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 4

Not voting Mayor Wooldridge 1

The Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

Sept 18th 1910.

The Council was called to order by Councilman Bartholomew, Mayor Pro tem

Present Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 3

Absent Mayor Wooldridge & Councilman Gracy 2

The Chair laid before the Council the following resolution :

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

That the Sells Flete Show be granted permission to show on East Avenue, from the
north side of Sixth street, to the south side of Seventh street, and from the north
side of Seventh street to, and including, Eighth street, as far north as the quarry
in the street, provided that a 14 feet roadway be left on the West side of East
Avenue, that 6th and 7th streets be left open at all times, and that the grounds be
left in a clean condition after being used by said shows.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 3

Nays none.

The Council recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

*Transfer
Appropriation*

*C.D. Casey
Leave Absence*

*Mrs Nellie W. Holden
Confirmed Casey
Asst Charities*

*Sells Flete Circus
permission to show
in street*

Sept 21st 1910.

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

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance authorizing the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company to construct underground conduits through, across, along and under certain streets, alleys and public grounds of the City of Austin, and to place therein, its cables and wires, and to connect the wires and cables so placed therein to its other underground and overhead constructions in the City of Austin as the same now exists and may hereafter exist.

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

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5

Nays none.

The ordinance was read the second time and laid over.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following preamble and resolution :
Whereas, the Officials and Engineers in charge of the construction of the Panama Canal have announced that it will be completed and opened for commerce in 1915, and

Whereas, practically the unanimous sentiment of the President of the United States and other Officials, the Members of Congress and the American People generally, is that no celebration of the completion of the Canal can produce such immediate and beneficial results as the holding of an exposition, where the people of the World will be brought closer together through this union of the Atlantic and Pacific, the East and West, and will meet and confer with each other and exhibit the resources and products of their several countries;

Be it resolved, That we cordially approve the idea of a World's Panama Exhibition and pledge it our moral support and assistance;

Be it further resolved, That we see in New Orleans the "logical point" for such Exposition, by reason of its proximity to the Canal and because it is the gateway for a large part of the import and export commerce of these United States with the Countries south of us and with the World, easily reached from all points in this Continent, North, Central and South America; and in all respects suited to hold the World's Panama Exposition, in honor of the completion of the Canal.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5

Nays none.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :
That leave of Absence for ten (10) days from and after this 21st day of September, 1910, be granted by the City Council of the City of Austin to

J A Richardson Assistant City Attorney, he not having availed himself of his former leave of Absence.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Ordinance
Authorizing the Southwestern
Telegraph and Telephone Co
Underground Conduits

Celebration Commission
of the Panama
Canal at New
Orleans.

Leave absence
of A Richardson

Whereas, owing to certain improvements contemplated on East Avenue Park between 18th and 19th streets it becomes necessary that certain poles of the Independent Telephone Company on the east side of East Avenue between said streets be removed, therefore, Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements be and he is hereby directed to have said poles removed by said Telephone company, and placed by said company at such other points as designated.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

The Council then adjourned .

J. O. Johnson
City Clerk.

*Indicate to the
Co. to remove
poles*