

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, March 3rd 1910.

Hon A P Weeldridge, Mayor presiding: Roll called:

Present Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5

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

Memorials, Petitions, etc:

Councilman Hart presented petitions from G G Robens, Mrs Gathright & M G Vardell, asking that pound fees paid by them be refunded, which petitions were endorsed by the City Marshal, recommending that they be NOT granted.

On motion the petitions were rejected, by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5

Nays none.

Councilman Hart presented the following communication:

Deaf and dumb Institute, Austin, Texas, Jan'y 10 1910.

Hon Jas P Hart, Commissioner,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I write to call your attention to the feeding pens just North of this Institution. Owing to the lay of the ground on occasion of every hard rain the water runs together in pools in the stock pen carrying with it offal, meal, hulls and other decaying matter. I call your attention to this matter for the reason that I am charged with the duty of the care of the health of the children of this Institution, and for the reason that in consultation with our Physicians they advise me that such conditions as mentioned above are not conducive the health. Your careful attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

J H W Williams, Supt.

On motion the communication was laid over for further investigation by the Council

Reports of City Officers;

The mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City Assessor and Collector of taxes, the Treasurer, the City Clerk, which were read and ordered filed.

Councilman Hart to whom was referred the petition of Citizens asking the extension of the Pound limits, made a verbal report, suggesting that a new Pound ordinance be made up and presented to the Council, covering the entire City, North of the Colorado River. On motion Councilman Hart was directed to have framed an ordinance to that effect and present same to the Council.

The City Attorney presented an ordinance authorizing the Austin Gas Light Co to close alley in Block 14, of the sub-division of the South half of Out lot No 2, division "O" City of Austin, which was read the first time, and the rule suspended and it placed on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5

The ordinance was read the second time and laid over.

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

*Petitions proposed pound fees.*

*Protect the kids of the Institute against stock pens*

*Refer to City Council*

*Order of Council*

March 3rd 3, P M

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

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance regulating the construction, reconstruction and repair of sidewalks 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 second time :

Councilman Bartholemew offered the following amendment;

" Amend the ordinance by adding at the end of Section 10:

" provided further, that any such person, firm or corporation, may, at the option of such person, firm or corporation, give a bond, conditioned and payable as herein provided, in such amount as may be fixed by the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements, for each particular contract for sidewalk work, which bond may be given in lieu of the general bond herein provided, and which bond may be sued upon as herein provided, but such bond shall not entitle such person, firm or corporation to do more work than is specified in such bond."

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5 .

Nays none.

Councilman Powell offered the following amendment:

" Amend the ordinance by striking out all of Section 11, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 11, That every person, firm or corporation, who shall construct, reconstruct or repair any sidewalk or sidewalks under the provisions of this ordinance, shall after the completion of same file with the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements a written report, showing the lot and block number of the property abutting upon such sidewalk or sidewalks so constructed, reconstructed or repaired, and the date of the completion of such sidewalk or sidewalks, which report shall be securely kept by the said Superintendent in the files of his office, and shall be open to inspection to the public at any time."

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5

Nays none.

On motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed upon

its third reading and final passage by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5.

Nays none.

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

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5.

The Council recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

*John S. ...*

March 5th 1910.

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

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Texas Cornice works for permission to build a fire in the alley between 6th & 7th & Congress Avenue & Colorado streets back of the First National Bank Building.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that permission is hereby granted the Texas Cornice Works to build a fire and boil tar in a protected vessel in the alley between Congress Avenue and Colorado streets, and between 6th & 7th streets on said alley, on some day of the week beginning, March 7th 1910, provided that the fire shall not be maintained for more than six ( 6 ) hours of time, and provided it shall be completely extinguished when the work is done, and all litter created in making such fire shall be completely removed by said Texas Cornice Works; and provided further, that the said Texas Cornice Works in doing the work contemplated by this resolution shall not occupy more than five ( 5 ) feet of the width of the alley and ten ( 10 ) feet of the length of the alley.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Mayor Weeldridge offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that leave of absence is hereby granted Commissioner Gracy for the period of 30 days from and after this date.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew, Hart & Powell 4  
Not voting Councilman Gracy 1

Mayor Weeldridge offered the following resolution which w

Resolved, that when any Councilman shall by reason of sickness, absence or other cause, be unable or disqualified for more than three days, from attendance upon the duties of his department, then and in such event the duties in respect to the business of such department shall be assigned to the Mayor during the period of such disqualification or inability of such Councilman .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

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

*Texa Cornice works  
applied for permission  
to build fire in alley*

*Councilman Gracy  
Leave absence*

*Mayor to act in place  
of absent Councilman*

March 5th 1910.

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

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution:

Whereas, C B Beard who has the contract for furnishing the City of Austin with Lignite for the year 1910, has assigned the same to Messrs Ryan & Perry, and the bondsmen of Mr Beard have consented to such assignment, therefore: Be it resolved that the City of Austin consents to the assignment of said contract to Messrs Ryan & Perry.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 4

Nays none.

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Parks and Public Property authorized to furnish consumers with meters for electric light or water at a rental of 25 cents per month in case they should prefer paying a rental instead of making deposit as heretofore.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

On motion the Council adjourned.

*J. C. ...*  
City Clerk.

*Contract of Beard  
to furnish Coal for City  
transferred to  
Ryan & Perry*

*Subst wood. Dept  
Authorized to rent  
Meters to all users*