

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, August 16th 1917

Council called to order by the Mayor Roll called:

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent, excused, Councilman Bartholomew: 1

The minutes of the last regular and subsequent recessed meetings were read and adopted:

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

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

That an extension of time to January 1st 1918, is hereby granted to F C Verell within which to connect with the sanitary sewer system of this City his premises situated at 26 Bierce street.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent excused Councilman Bartholomew, 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor:

Mr J M Childress appeared before the Council and asked an extension of time within which to connect his premises with the sanitary sewer. On motion time was granted him until October 1st 1917, to make connection, by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent excused Councilman Bartholomew 1

Councilman Anthony presented the resignation of Geo Pendexter as Asst Fire Chief and Capt of Truck No 1, Fire Dept, which was accepted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Bartholomew 1

Councilman Anthony nominated E L Tallichet as Asst Chief of the Fire Dept, and Joe E Smith to be Capt of Truck No 1, and Lee Maufrais to be Hoseman, which nominations were confirmed by the following vote: The vote being taken on each separately:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Haynes & Powell 3

Not voting Councilman Anthony 1

Absent Councilman Bartholomew 1

Applications for licenses as drivers of service cars were presented from

C C Strawn, 2710 Red River street and J L Clayton, 72 East Avenue, which were read and licenses granted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Bartholomew 1

The Mayor laid before the Council the ordinance ordering an election to vote upon the proposition to issue certain bonds, which had been introduced at the last meeting and read the first and second times. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent excused Councilman Bartholomew 1

Councilman Haynes presented the following reasons for his vote:

"As a Councilman of the people, I have not felt that I could conscientiously advise them to vote for an additional bond issued during this

F C Verell  
granted time  
to connect with  
sewer

Childress  
asked extension  
time to connect  
with sewer

Geo Pendexter  
resigned as  
Asst Fire Chief  
and Capt of  
Truck No 1

E L Tallichet  
nominated as  
Asst Chief of  
Fire Dept  
Joe E Smith  
nominated as  
Capt of Truck  
No 1  
Lee Maufrais  
nominated as  
Hoseman

Strawn & Clayton  
licenses granted

Ordinance  
read 3 times  
passed

Councilman Haynes  
presented reasons  
for his vote

this time of distress and uncertainty, other than bonds for an emergency and imperative necessity for preservation of health, such as sewer extension and disposal plant, especially as the City is now almost bonded up to the constitutional limit, and if the bonds now requested are voted by the people we would have no reserve to issue in the event of a calamity, such as a fire, flood or famine might cause; and it seems to me unwise not to have such reserve- besides, at this time it is hard to sell municipal bonds except at a discount. However, as the Council has rejected my amendment reducing the request for this bond issue to the amount actually necessary for sewer disposal plant, etc, and as the ordinance as proposed by the Mayor will now pass, I vote Yes under protest

H L Haynes.

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution :

Whereas, in view of the equities of the case, and the fact that the present is the first offense of the defendant,

Now, therefore,

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

That one-half, or \$ 7.40, of the fine and costs in cause No 14008, State of Texas vs Jack Speegle in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, be and the same is hereby remitted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilman Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent excused Councilman Bartholomew 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That for good and sufficient reasons made clear to the City Council, one-half, or \$ 9.90, of the fine and costs imposed against Horace Carrington in cause No 12055, State of Texas vs Horace Carrington in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, for the offense of fishing with two poles below the dam, be and the same is hereby remitted, and

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

That the sum of nine dollars and ninety cents (\$ 9.90) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the general contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, as a refund to the said Horace Carrington of the amount paid in by him as cost in cause No 12055.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Bartholomew 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

August 21st 1917:

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of two dollars and fifty cents (\$ 2.50) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the general contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, as a refund to S W Redd on stock impounded in the City Pound of the City of Austin, Texas.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Bartholomew 1

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

*Jack Speegle  
fine remitted*

*Horace  
Carrington  
fine remitted*

*S W Redd  
pound fee*

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That the sum of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the general contingent fund of the City of Austin, Texas, as a refund to W E Williamson on stock impounded in the City pound of the City of Austin, Texas,

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony & Powell 3

Nays Councilmen Bartholomew & Haynes 2.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, on this day came on to be considered propositions from five firms or Corporations, by their respective agents, for the supply of one thousand feet of fire hose to the City of Austin, Texas, at various prices according to the quality of the hose, from \$ 1.30 per running foot down to 60  $\frac{1}{2}$  cents per running foot ; and

Whereas, the City Council has come to the unanimous conclusion that for the purposes of our present needs more than average strong hose for the use of our automatic pumping engine is required; and

Whereas, such requirement would seem to indicate to the City Council that it should be best that we purchase what is known as Solid Multiple Woven hose ; and

Whereas, there were only two corporations offering this quality of fire hose; and

Whereas, the price of the Baker Fabric hose, as offered to the City Council by the corporation of Walter Co of this City, being to-wit, four ply Baker Fabric solid multiple hose at \$ 1.15 per running foot without couplings, is the lowest and best price offered for said above described hose;

Now, therefore,

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

That the City Council hereby authorizes Clarence Woodward, Chief of the Fire Department, to contract for the furnishing to the City of Austin of one thousand feet of Solid Multiple <sup>Woven</sup> Hose, to be furnished this City within a reasonable time at the cost of \$ 1.15 per running foot, without couplings, to be paid for on or before February 1st 1918, without interest upon the amount owing for such purpose.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Nays none,

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That one-half of the fine and costs imposed upon Benard Poucher in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, in cause No 14022, which one half of said fine and costs amounts to \$ 9.90, be and the same are hereby remitted.

This resolution is based upon the facts set out in the attached statement from said Bernard Poucher, which the City Council believes to be correct

W E Williamson  
fine returned

Fire Hose  
Contract  
Awarded

B Poucher  
fine remitted

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Bartholomew 1.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Whereas, in view of the facts of the case, as made known to the City Council, and in view of the further fact that this is the first offense committed by the defendant named below,

Now, therefore.

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

That the fine and costs imposed upon Joe Cummings for drunkenness, in cause No 14040, in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, State of Texas vs Joe Cummings, which fine and costs amount to \$ 10.80, be and the same are hereby remitted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Haynes & Powell 3

Absent Councilmen Anthony & Bartholomew 2

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.

*Geo. Johnson*  
City Clerk.

*Joe Cummings  
Fine remitted*