

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, August 23rd 1917:

The Council was called to order by the Mayor; Roll called:

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent excused Councilman Bartholomew 1

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Application of Chas Haywood for license as driver of service car was presented and ~~application~~ license granted by the following vote:  
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Nays none:

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

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

That the sum of \$ 42.15, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any funds not already appropriated, in the sanitary sewer fund for the purpose of paying the August salary of H B Barnhart, employed to enforce connections to the sanitary sewer system of the City of Austin.

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.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

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

That for good and sufficient reasons unto the City Council shown, the fine and costs imposed against E L Sullivan for drunkenness in cause No 13149, State of Texas vs E L Sullivan in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, amounting to \$ 10.80, be and the same are hereby remitted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony & Haynes 3

Absent Councilmen Bartholomew & Powell 2

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution :

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

That for good and sufficient causes unto the City Council shown, the fine and costs, amounting to \$ 14.80, in cause No 13120, State of Texas vs E W Dennon be and the same are hereby 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.

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution :

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

That for good and sufficient causes unto the City Council shown, the fine and costs, amounting to \$ 21.80, in cause No 13131, State of Texas vs Charley Hensley in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, be and the same are hereby 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

Salary  
H B Barnhart

E L Sullivan  
fine remitted

E W Dennon  
fine remitted

Charley Hensley  
fine remitted

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That for good and sufficient causes unto the City Council moving, one-half of the fine and costs, amounting to \$ 7.40, in cause No 12058, State of Texas vs Walter Kuse, be and the same are hereby remitted ; and

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

That the sum of \$ 7.40 ,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 Walter kuse.

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.

Application of Geo Groce of 1804 ASgnssasTahol1917ect, for drivers license service car, was presented and license granted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Bartholomew 1.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That for good and sufficient reasons unto the City Council moving, the pound fees, amounting to \$ 1.50. imposed against Zack Blocker in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, for one cow impounded on the 25th day of July, 1917, be and the same are hereby remitted, and

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

That the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) 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 Zack Blocker.

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 29th 1917: All present:

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That the City of Austin hereby agrees to purchase of A J Zilker of Austin, Texas, for the sum of one hundred thousand (\$ 100,000.00) dollars, the proceeds of the sale to go to the Austin School Board for the benefit of industrial training in the public Free Schools of this City, a tract of land of about fifty acres, including thereon the whole of what is known as Barton Springs on both sides of Barton Creek. It is understood that a roadway of about thirty feet ( 30) in width out of said fifty acres is to be reserved to A J Zilker for access for cattle and otherwise west of Barton creek and to the Colorado River.

That the price to be paid for the fifty acres, including said Barton Springs and the creek formed by the flowing of said springs, is, as above stated, the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars, and is to be paid by the City of Austin to the said A J Zilker for the benefit of the manual training department of the Austin Public Free Schools in ten equal annual installments of ten thousand (\$ 10,000.00) dollars, and the deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum.

This purchase is made subject to and conditioned upon the following of the correct procedure, whatever it may be determined to be, that will vest perfect title to the City

Walter Kuse  
fine remitted

Geo Groce  
Driver license

Zack Blocker  
fine remitted

Barton Springs  
Purchase

of Austin in said fifty acres of land hereby agreed to be purchased of the said A J Zilker.

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.

*Bartholomew  
reasons for Vote*

Councilman Bartholomew filed the following reasons for his vote and asked that they be spread upon the minutes of the Council:

I am in favor of purchasing the Bartons springs property, but not at the price of \$ 100,000.00,

It was offered the City many times last year for \$ 50,000 which was then considered twice its value.

I am now willing to pay \$ 50,000.00, for the property, but not \$100,000.

Bartholomew.

Councilman Haynes filed the following as the reasons for his vote, and asked that they be spread upon the minutes of the Council:

While I believe that the City should own Bartons springs, I consider \$ 100,000.00 an excessive price and that the Council has no legal or moral right to make such a contract without a vote of the taxpayers.

H L Haynes.

The Council then adjourned.

*Joseph Johnson*  
City Clerk