

Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin.

Austin, Texas, April 29th 1909.

Hon A P Wooldridge, Mayor presiding: Roll called:

Present A P Wooldridge, Mayor, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read, Mayor Wooldridge moved to amend the minutes in regard to the Confetti ordinance, so as to make it read "was read and laid over", which motion prevailed, and the minutes as amended were approved and adopted.

Councilman Bartholomew to whom was referred the matter of improvements on 5th street Fire Hall, presented the following report.

Hon A P Wooldridge, Mayor, etc,

Sir Having been appointed a committee to report on contract made by Colorado Hose Co with C W Moore for \$375.00 to make improvements in stalls to fire Hall, same having been authorized by the late Council, would ask that the contract be approved. On motion the report was adopted by the following vote:

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

By Councilman Powell an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 500.00 for the purpose of paying weekly pay rolls of the street Dept.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

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

Upon invitation of the Council Mr C W Moore appeared before the Council and presented the application of the 10th Ward Fire Co for an appropriation for a building and Hose wagon for said Co. No action taken.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from a joint Committee from the "Womens Civic Federation" and the "Austin Business League" asking an appropriation for the purpose of erecting a Band stand in Wooldridge Park, Councilman Hart moved that the petition be received and filed, for the present, which motion prevailed.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Citizens living on West Avenue, asking the Council to abate what they claim is a nuisance on that street. The petition was read and on motion was referred to Councilmen Hart and Powell for investigation and report.

The Mayor laid before the Council a proposition from Mr F T Ramsey to furnish water to the City, which was read, and after remarks by Mr Ramsey, was on motion of Councilman Powell laid on the table subject to call.

Mr W G Bell on behalf of the Officers of the First Presbyterian Church, submitted a proposition from that church looking to placing the old City Clock in the tower of their building. On motion of Mayor Wooldridge the proposition was received and filed for future consideration.

Councilman Powell presented a proposition from Citizens of Ruiz street looking to the improvement of said street. No action taken.

The Mayor laid before the Council the bond of G S Iredell as City Engineer, for approval. Also that of C M Browne as Corporation Court Clerk.

These bonds were approved by the following vote :

Report J. B. Bartholomew
Repair 5th Fire Hall

Alpha \$500.00 appropriation

10th Ward Fire Co for
Hose and Wagon

Womens Civic Federation
for Band Stand

Petition West Avenue
to abate nuisance

Proposition F. T. Ramsey
to furnish water

First Presbyterian Church
proposition to place
clock

Proposition Ruiz St
to improve street
Bond of G. S. Iredell
City Engineer

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

*appra \$15,000 = Total
Salaries officers & employees*

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropri-
-ating the sum of \$ 15,000.00, for the purpose of paying salaries of
Officers and Employees during the year 1909.

The ordinance was read the first time and a motion made to suspend
the rule and place it on its second reading, which motion prevailed
by the following vote :

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

The ordinance was read the second time .Mayor Wooldridge moved to
amend same by striking out in the caption and the body of the ordinance
the words "Fifteen Thousand" and inserting in lieu thereof the words
"Ten Thousand ", which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge & Councilman Bartholomew 2
Nays Councilmen Gracy, Hart & Powell 3

The ordinance was then passed under suspension of the rule by the
following vote :

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

*Ordinance setting aside
a portion of the Seal fund
for Park purposes.*

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance setting
aside a certain portion of the General revenue of the City to be
known as the "Park Fund ". The ordinance was read the first time and
on motion was referred to the City Attorney for examination and
report.

appra & pay for gravel

By Councilman Powell an ordinance appropriating the sum of
\$ 75.00 for the purpose of paying Thos F Taylor for gravel for
street purposes. The ordinance was read the first time and passed
under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

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

*Resolution authorizing
Mayor to make deed of
Correction*

The Mayor laid before the Council a resolution authorizing
the Mayor to make a deed of correction to B F Cleveland for certain
real estate. The resolution was read and on motion was referred to
the Mayor, Councilman Gracy and the City Attorney.

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

April 29th 1909, 3 P M.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor, with all the Councilmen Present.

Show suppressed

Application Chief AFD for additional fire

Councilman Hart moved that the show on the west side of Congress Avenue on 10th street, be suppressed, and that the owner of said show be directed to discontinue same, and should he fail to do so, then the City Attorney be directed to prosecute the Manager of said show, which motion prevailed.

The Mayor stated that Mr Adolf Schutze, Chief of the Austin Fire Department, had called upon him in regard to the purchase of additional fire hose.

On motion action on the request was postponed until a later date.

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

April 30th 1909.

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

Councilman Bartholomew
Authorized to employ
Clerical help for
Auditor Morris

Councilman Bartholomew moved that he be authorized to employ such additional clerical help for Mr Milton Morris, in checking up the books of the Water & Light Dept, as he may think for the best interest of the City, and at such salary as he may think proper and just, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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Nays none.

Councilman Powell
Authorized to take bids
for work on Ruiz St

Councilman Powell moved that he be authorized to take bids for certain street work on Ruiz street, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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Nays none.

Employees Water & Light
Dept to be paid for the
month of April as
heretofore

Councilman Gracy moved, that for the month of April 1909, the Employees of the Water & Light Dept, be paid by the Cashier of the Plant, as heretofore, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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Nays none.

Appropriation at
Crematory

By Councilman Hart an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 33.00 for the purpose of paying for extra labor at the Crematory. The ordinance was read the first time and passed by the following vote:

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

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Nays none.

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

April 30th 1909, 8 o'clock P M.

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

Councilman Hart presented for confirmation by the Council the following Policemen, viz:

For Sergeant of Police, J D Platt,

For Mounted Policemen, J H Mallory, Sam Griffin, W O Rutledge, C N Bustin, Lewis Mayfield and O H Stacy.

For Patrolmen, J D Copeland, R E Nitschke, M W Peterson, W L Brooks, N O Ogletree, Richard Riley & Mack Pyburn.

For Day Clerk at Police station C M Browne & for Night Clerk W E Russell.

The various nominations were confirmed by the following vote:

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

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Nays none.

Police officers
Nominations confirmed

On motion Howard Warner was employed for one month, on trial, as Stenographer, at a salary of \$ \$0.00 per month, by the following vote:
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

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

. May : 3rd .1909, 10 oclock A M .

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

Councilman Gracy submitted to the Council bids for the Office of City Treasurer as follows, to-wit:

J W Hoopes	41/80
T H Davis	4.01
H A Wroe	4.62
Chester Thrasher	5%

On motion the bid of Chester Thrasher was accepted, that being the best bid, by the following vote :

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

Councilman Hart submitted for Confirmation, as Sanitary Inspector, the name of R W Patterson. The nomination was confirmed by the following vote:

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

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

May 4th 1909.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor, with all members present. The Mayor laid before the Council the bond of J T Laughlin, as City Marshal, in the penal sum of \$ 2500.00, with D H Hart & E F Wilmot as sureties, which was approved and ordered recorded by the following vote: Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell.
Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the bonds of Fred Ster-Zing as Assessor and Collector of Taxes, with J P Schneider, Henry Ziller, Herman Pressler & Chas Wolf as sureties, which were approved and ordered recorded by the following vote:
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

Councilman Bartholomew submitted the Monthly pay roll for the Water & Light Dept for April 1909, also weekly pay rolls for two weeks to May 1st 1909, which were approved and ordered paid, by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none. On motion the Council recessed, subject to call of Mayor.

Mayor
appointed the stenographer
on trial

Bids for Office of
City Treasurer

R W Patterson appointed
Sanitary Inspector

Bond of Marshal
Laughlin approved

Bonds of Fred Ster-Zing
and Chas Wolf approved

Monthly pay roll
Water & Light Dept
approved

May 4th 1909, 3,30 P M

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

By Councilman Bartholomew an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3238.06 for the purpose of paying the monthly pay roll of the Water & Light Employees for the month of April 1909.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

Councilmen Hart & Powell to whom was referred a complaint of Citizens living on West Avenue, complaining of what they claimed was a nuisance presented the following report.

Austin, Texas, May 4, 1909

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

Gentlemen :

The undersigned, appointed at a meeting of the Council on April 29th., as a committee to investigate a complaint of Mr W A Reese, 804 West Avenue, that property owners south of him had stoppced up the natural drainway in rear of the west side of West Avenue at eighth street, and caused storm and seep water to stand on his property, beg leave to report as follows:

We visited the location on Monday, and talked with some of the property owners. There is a natural drainway running from a point north of tenth street between West Avenue and Shoal creek, which drains a considerable watershed, and during a heavy rainstorm carries a good deal of water.

A culvert pipe carries under tenth street whatever water comes from north of tenth and from that point south this is considerably added to.

Until the drainway was obstructed on property owned by Mr Nalle, on the west side of West Avenue at eighth street, the water drained south and finally found its way into Shoal creek.

Last year Mr Nalle filled in the low part of his lot through which the water ran, and provided no outlet for it. This backed it up upon property of Mr Dill and Mr W A Reese, where it stood until it evaporated or was absorbed by the ground.

Recently Mr Dill, owning the property immediately north of Mr Nalle, in order to keep the water from standing on his property, filled in his lot. This has backed the water onto Mr Reese's property, where it stagnates and breeds mosquitoes.

Last year the President of the Health Board pronounced the conditions on these lots as unsanitary.

While this difficulty is all on private property, it is a matter which affects the public health, and we would suggest that it be referred to the City Attorney for advice as to the proper action to take.

We would recommend to the property owners that they join together in constructing a drain through all of the properties to carry off the water. Our understanding is that no property owner can legally obstruct a natural drainway, and damage other property thereby, or cause a nuisance to exist.

There is nothing the City can do., in streets or alleys, to correct the existing conditions.

Respectfully submitted.

Jas P Hart, P W Powell

Councilmen

G S Iredell, City Engineer.

*Appra of the Council
pay Roll and Sept*

*Report on Complaint
of W A Reese et al.*

- . The report of the Committee was adopted.

The Mayor presented to the Council for confirmation, the names of the following, to be members of the Board of Health of the City of Austin, viz:

Drs T J Bennett, W A Harper, L B Bibb, G H Wooten and T R Petway., which nominations were confirmed by the following vote :

Yeas Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 4

Nays none.

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

May 5th 1909, 5 P M .

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

Bids for Storm Sewer in alley west of Guadalupe street were presented and opened, and referred to Councilman Powell and the City Engineer, for calculation, etc.

On motion the Council adjourned.

City Clerk.

*Board of Health
Nominated and
Confirmed*

*Bids for storm
sewer rect & referred*