

- Regular meeting of the City Council, Austin, Texas, May 27th 1909.

Hon A P Wooldridge, Mayor presiding : Roll called:

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart and Powell 4

Absent Councilman Gracy 1

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Reports of Councilmen:

Councilman Powell for the Committee to whom was referred the petition of L Littman for damages, made a verbal report and asked for further time in which to report. which request was granted.

On motion of Mayor Wooldridge, the City Clerk was directed to notify the different heads of Depts that their Monthly reports were due and were expected to be made promptly on the first of each month.

----- --Unfinished business:

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 7181.45 ,for the purpose of paying approved accounts Water & Light Dept for the month of April 1909. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

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

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance to provide means for fixing and determining the assessment of benefits and the proportion and amount of costs to be paid by abutting property owners for street paving to be done on west sixth street in the City of Austin, Texas.

The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote: Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 1000.00, for the purpose of paying salaries of regular employees sanitary Dept for the months of May & June 1909.

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

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

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 10,000.00, for the purpose of paying salaries of Officers & Employees of the Water & Light Dept .

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

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

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 15,000.00, for the purpose of paying approved accounts Water & Light Dept. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

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

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$790.00, for the purpose of paying salaries of regular employees of the Street Dept . The ordinance was read the third time and passed

Report on Claim
of L Littman for
damages.

Approved after
W & L Dept

Paving Ordinance

Sanitary
Employees

Water & Light
Employees
Sept

Approved after
Sept

Street
Employees

by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

New business :

By Councilman Hart an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 45.00 ,for the purpose of putting in a drying rack for East Austin Hose Co.

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 and Powell 5

Nays none. The ordinance was read the second time, and laid over until the next regular meeting .

By Councilman Powell an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 5,000.00, for the purpose of paying approved accounts street Dept .

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 and Powell 5

Nays none.

By Councilman Gracy an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 15,000.00, for the purpose of paying approved accounts. 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 and Powell 5

Nays none.

The ordinance was read the second time and laid over until the next regular meeting.

By Councilman Powell ,an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 277.00, for the purpose of paying for work done on Ruiz street. 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 and Powell 5 Nays none.

The ordinance was read the second time and laid over until the next meeting .

By Councilman Powell an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 100.00, for the purpose of doing work on Rio Grande street and West avenue. 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 and Powell 5

Nays none.

The ordinance was read the second time and laid over until the next regular meeting.

By Councilman Powell an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 79.66, for the purpose of refunding to the Street Improvement fund this amount being amount paid out of that fund for work done in Wooldridge Park, which should have been paid out of the General fund .

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 and Powell 5

Nays none .

The ordinance was read the second time and laid over until the next meeting .

*buying rack East
Austin Hose Co*

*a/p for street
Dept*

a/p for a/pes

*Hansen Ruiz
Street*

*transferred to
app for work
Wooldridge
Park*

. Councilmen Gracy & Powell to whom was referred the Claim of L Littman for damages presented the following report.

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

Gentlemen:

The undersigned, your committee appointed to look into the matter of the claim of L Littman, 500 Rio Grande street that his building and stock of tobacco, cigars and other articles of manufacture were damaged by water coming in to his property from Rio Grande street during one of the heavy storms this month, beg leave to report that we visited the location yesterday, heard what Mr Littman had to say in regard to the matter, and examined the premises and damaged stock. It was evident that the water had come into Mr Littmans lot from the street and from the property adjoining his on the north. His lot is lower than Rio Grande street, and the part of the lot adjoining the brick building on the west end of his lot is lower than any other portion. This brick building has on its east side, two small windows, the sills of which are very close to the ground and a very small rise of water would flow into them. The lay of the land, however, in Mr Littmans lot is such that the water could not rise more than a few inches without running off into fifth street. Neither is the grade of the lot towards the west such as to cause any great force of water. The damage of the building was by the breaking of the wall on the east side between and at the windows referred to in above. This break, according to Mr Littmans account, reached within about three feet of the floor of the basement of the building. The wall was not undermined nor the foundation damaged. The approximate thickness of the brick wall is twelve inches. If the wall had been laid up with good mortar it does not seem likely with the lack of force of the water that any damage could have been done. The principal damage, as claimed by Mr Littman was to his stock which was stored on the floor of the basement. He claims that the water rose to a height of nearly three feet and water soaked all of his stock which was not above this level. This stock was when we examined it, stored in another location than where it is claimed it was damaged. An examination showed however, that it had been damaged by water. In View of the fact that Mr Littman's sidewalk was lower than the centre of the street and his lot still lower than the sidewalk, it seems to us that he could have prevented this damage by the building of a proper curbing around his property and a filling of his sidewalk to correspond with the grade of the street. While it is a fact that at the time of the alleged damage the ditch on Rio Grande street was filled even with the sidewalk, it also a fact that the sidewalk was too low, and had never been curbed and owing to the fact that the ground slopes towards the west and the grade of the ditch flat it would be very difficult to keep it open.

We submit the above facts in connection with the case, leaving other matters with regard to consideration of the claim to be taken up by the City Attorney.

Respectfully,

G S Iredell,

City Engineer.

D B Gracy,

P W Powell

*Report of
Committee
on
Littman*

On motion the report was referred to the City Attorney.

Councilman Hart presented a petition from Louis P Meyer asking the Council to refund him certain pound fees paid by him, which petition was endorsed by the City Marshal, recommending that the petition be NOT granted. The recommendation of the Marshal was adopted by the following vote:

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

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

May 29th 1909.

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

The Mayor laid before the Council a proposition from A R Johnson to lease certain water wheels from the City.

On motion the proposition was accepted provided that Mr Johnson remove same without injury to power house and pay the Council \$5.00 per month for use of same, give bond in the sum of \$ 500.00 to be approved by the Mayor, and at the expiration of twelve months return same to the City in as good condition as when received and place same where designated by the City, by the following vote:
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart and Powell 5
Nays no ne.

The Council recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

June 1st 1909.

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

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that, that portion of west sixth street lying between Guadalupe and San Antonio Streets be paved in accordance with an ordinance heretofore passed, May 27th 1909, authorizing the paving of west sixth street in the City of Austin. The resolution was read the first time and the rule suspended and the resolution placed on its second reading by the following vote;

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

The resolution was read the second time and laid over until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that Heffron and Palligant contractors are hereby authorized to pave west sixth street from Guadalupe to San Antonio streets.

Privileges here granted are in connection with and subject to the same terms and conditions as the former contract provides, on west sixth street from Colorado to Guadalupe streets.

The resolution 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 and Powell 5
Nays none.

The resolution was read the second time and laid over until the next regular meeting of the Council .

Councilman Bartholomew moved that the vote by which the Council accepted the proposition of A R Johnson, to lease him Turbine wheels at the old dam be Recon-

2 Mayor
pound fees

Proposition
A R Johnson
to lease
Water wheels

Resolution to
pave. W 6th

Proposed
 A. R. Johnson to leave
 wheel, reported

-sidered, which motion prevailed. It was then moved that the proposition be declined, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

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

Councilman Hart presented for confirmation, as Matron of the City Hospital, Mrs B Kern. The nomination was confirmed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy and Powell 4
 Nays none .

On motion the Council adjourned.

J. W. C. Johnson
 City Clerk.