

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, April 25, 1918.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; absent none.

The minutes of previous meetings were read up to and including the first 28 lines on page 252, and adopted so far as read, by a vote of 5 yeas.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Whereas, it appears from comparison with the assessments of similarly situated property in the blocks north and south of the property of Mrs. Clarence H. Miller, consisting of Lots Nos. 1 to 6, inclusive, in Block No. 2, Outlots Nos. 75 and 76, Division "D", of the City of Austin, Texas, that said lots are over-assessed,

Now, therefore,

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That with a view to equalizing the assessment of the property of said Mrs. Clarence H. Miller with property similarly situated in her immediate neighborhood, the assessed value of Lot No. 1 in said Block No. 2, Outlots Nos. 75 and 76, Division "D", be and the same is hereby fixed at \$525.00, Lot No. 2 at \$700.00, Lot No. 3 at \$700.00, Lot No. 4 at \$700.00, Lot No. 5 at \$700.00, and Lot No. 6 at \$725.00.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; nays none.

APPROVED, April 25, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor read a letter from A. S. Walker, Collector of Internal Revenue, relating to the exemption of municipalities from the payment of war tax on freight shipments and the manner of claiming the exemption.

The Mayor read letters from Bolger, Mosser & Willamon of Chicago and William R. Compton Company of St. Louis, bond buyers, in reply to inquiries which he had sent them. Both were to the effect that notes or certificates of the city, issued on the authority of a bare majority of the votes cast at a city election, would find less ready sale than bonds issued on the authority of a two-thirds majority vote. The Mayor observed in this connection that he would again propose an issue of bonds for the construction of a sewage disposal plant.

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the Cashier of the Water, Light and Power Department of this City be and he is hereby authorized and directed to deposit with the City Treasurer, and obtain his receipt therefor, the United States Bonds of the Second Liberty Loan of 1918, amounting to \$3,000.00, which were purchased by this Council out of the Cemetery Purchase Fund of this City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the said Cashier be and he is hereby authorized and directed to deposit with the City Treasurer, and obtain his receipt therefor, the

*Mrs. Clarence H. Miller: assessments*

*exemption from war tax on freight shipments*

*U. S. Bonds - certificates: Davis with the cash*

two certain United States Treasury Certificates, each of the denomination of \$5,000.00, purchased pursuant to resolution of this Council passed April 19, 1918, out of surplus funds of the Water, Light and Power Department.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

APPROVED, April 25, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the request of the Jensen-Raymer Studio to be permitted to build an automobile shed on the alley back of 918 Congress avenue, with roof projecting several feet over the alley, be and the same is hereby declined.

The resolution was passed by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; nays none.

APPROVED, April 25, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor read a communication from the Secretary of State of Texas asking detailed information relative to the city's employment of aliens, this by virtue of a concurrent resolution adopted by the Texas Legislature at its recent session.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) be and the same is hereby transferred from the Oakwood Cemetery Fund to the Park Fund and there made available for the expenses of that department and subject to the appropriations heretofore made or that may hereafter be made in the maintenance and support of said Park Department.

This \$1,000 is the amount recommended in the Budget for the present year and covers the recommendation for that amount made in said Budget.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

APPROVED, April 25, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That the sum of Eight Thousand, Nine Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$8,009.60) be and the same is hereby transferred from the surplus funds in the Water and Light Department to the General Fund of the City of Austin, Texas, and there made available for such appropriations as may have been or may hereafter be made out of the General Fund.

This \$8,009.60 is the amount recommended in the Budget for the present year and covers the recommendation for that amount made in said Budget.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

APPROVED, April 25, 1918: 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 the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent Fund of this city for repairs at the old City Hospital Building.

The resolution was passed by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

APPROVED, April 25, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

*Employment of aliens*

*Transfer \$1,000 from Cemetery fund to Park fund*

*Transfer \$8,009.60 from W & L fund to Gen Fund*

*Repairs at old Hospital \$2,500*

Whereas, the Mayor of this city reports to the City Council that after diligent effort he has been unable to employ a wholetime health officer who at the same time should be city bacteriologist, at a salary of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per month; and

Whereas, the Mayor desires the appropriation of One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,350.00) appropriated in the Budget of the year 1918 to the salary of a wholetime health officer and city bacteriologist for nine months at One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per month, should be applied to some other municipal purpose; and

Whereas, the Mayor designates repairs to the old City Hospital as the purpose to which he wishes said \$1,350.00 applied,

Now, therefore,

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,350.00) standing in the Budget of the City of Austin for the year 1918 to the credit of the salary of a wholetime health officer, who at the same time should be city bacteriologist, be and the same is hereby transferred to the General Contingent Fund, and out of which General Contingent Fund the Mayor proposes to offer an appropriation transferring said sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,350.00), and as much more out of the General Contingent Fund as may be necessary to make up the total sum of \$2,500.00 for repairs at the old City Hospital.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Yeas-- Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; nays none.

APPROVED, April 25, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That with a view to facilitate obtaining subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan Bond issue now being offered to the people, fifty (50) feet west on Seventh Street from Congress Avenue; fifty (50) feet west on Eighth Street from Congress Avenue; fifty (50) feet west on Ninth Street from Congress Avenue; and fifty (50) feet west on Tenth Street from Congress Avenue be and the same are hereby vacated from the standing or passing of vehicles of all sorts on the afternoon of Friday, April 26th, 1918, from the hours of five o'clock to six o'clock; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Police Department of this city is hereby instructed to carry this resolution into effect.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

APPROVED, April 25, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The ordinance ordering an election for the choosing of a charter commission was read the third time, but final disposition of it was postponed.

*Transfer shall  
officer's salary  
to General Con-  
tingent fund*

*Streets vacated  
for 3rd Liberty Loan  
celebration*

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That the persons named below, under and by virtue of the terms of the ordinance dated January 10th, 1918, have paid in each instance the sum of Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$12.50) for a permit to drive a public service car and are entitled to have the amount thus paid by them credited against the permit fees charged by the terms of the ordinance regulating public service cars, passed March 28th, 1918:

*Credits on Public Service Car License*

NAME	RESIDENCE	AMOUNT PAID
Kaiser, P. W.	1206 East 12th Street	\$12.50
Sealey, J. W.	1103 East 23rd Street	\$12.50
Jackson, E. L.	1303 Rosewood Avenue	\$12.50
Clayton, J. L.	72 East Avenue	\$12.50
Morgan, George G.	303 Leland Street	\$12.50
Wright, Rufus B.	2304 West 6th Street	\$12.50
Boring, W. W.	1913 Garden Street	\$12.50

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; nays none.

APPROVED, April 25, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council ordered that the afternoon of Friday, April 26, 1918, "Liberty Day," be observed as a half-holiday by city employees.

*"Liberty Day" observed*

Afternoon session: All present except Councilman Bartholomew.

The report of the Engineering, Street and Sewer Departments for March, also those of the United Charities and the Sanitary Inspector for March, and reports of the Fire Marshal, E. L. Tallichet, for January and February, were read and ordered filed.

*Reports read*

The following special report of the City Engineer was read and by a vote of 4 yeas ordered recorded in the minutes:

Austin, Texas, 23 April, 1918.

Hon. P. W. Powell,  
Sup't of Streets and Public Improvements,  
City of Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Lately several members of the Board of the State School for the Feeble Minded have been to see me in regards to the possibility of connecting the sewage from the Feeble Minded buildings with the Camp Mabry Sewer Line.

*Special report on Sewer connection to School for Feeble Minded*

On the 22nd of this month I ran a line of levels from Station 146 on the Camp Mabry Line (which is in the I. & G. N. right of way opposite Camp Mabry) to the main building and also to the east dormitory building of the State School for the Feeble Minded, and find that it is impossible to connect these buildings with the Camp Mabry Sewer Line.

The elevation of the surface at the main building is 11.5 feet lower than the surface at Station 146 on the Camp Mabry Line.

The elevation of the surface at the northeast corner of the east dormitory building is 19.6 feet lower than the surface at Station 146 on the Camp Mabry Line.

To connect the sewage at the main building with the Camp Mabry Sewer Line would mean a cut of 25 feet in State Street opposite Mr. Tadlock's residence.

To connect the sewage at the east dormitory building with the Camp Mabry Sewer Line would mean a cut of 33.5 feet in State Street opposite Mr. Tadlock's residence.

From the above figures you can readily see that it is impossible to connect these buildings with the Camp Mabry Sewer.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed) C. E. Leonard,

City Engineer.

C. C. to Dr. Joe Gilbert and Mr. Tom Butler.

A letter from D. A. Bush, secretary of the Lions Club, was read thanking the Council for assistance in making the club's entertainment for the benefit of the Red Cross a success.

A bill of \$97.50 submitted by Dr. S. A. Woolsey, City Health Officer, for his services as registrar of vital statistics was considered.

The Council then adjourned.

*J. E. Martin*  
City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, April 27, 1918.

The Council met with all members present.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That Thirty-seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$37.50) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent Fund of the City of Austin, Texas, to pay the salary of the Assistant City Physician for one-half of the month of February, 1918.

The resolution was passed by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

APPROVED, April 27, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That beginning with the month of April, 1918, the salary of the bookkeeper of the Street and Sanitary Sewer Department be and the same is hereby increased from One Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$110.00) per month to One Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$115.00) per month.

This increase of compensation is made by reason of the fact that the work, duty and responsibility of the bookkeeper of the Street Department has been increased since the 1st of April, 1918, by reason of his taking over the accounts of the Sewer Department of this city, the work of which was heretofore done by another bookkeeper.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 yeas.

APPROVED, April 27th, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Mary Plummer lives at the corner of Leona Street and West 26th Street in this city; and

*Dr. S. A. Woolsey:  
bill for services  
as registrar of  
vital statistics*

*Assistant  
City Physician:  
Salary*

*Bookkeeper of Street  
& Sanitary Sewer  
Salary*