

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

That the following transfers be made to and fro in the General Fund to cover mistakes of the City Clerk in charging certain amounts to the wrong accounts during the month of February, 1918:

Transfer \$4.75 plus \$3.15, or a total of \$7.90, from the Auditorium Fund to the General Fund to reimburse the General Fund for auditorium expenses paid out of the General Fund;

Transfer \$12.00 from the Cemetery Purchase Fund to the Oakwood Cemetery Fund to reimburse Oakwood Cemetery Fund for Cemetery Purchase Fund expenses paid out of Oakwood Cemetery Fund.

Transfer \$31.50 from the Park Fund to the General Fund to reimburse the General Fund for Park Fund expenses paid out of the General Fund.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, and Haynes, 4; absent, Councilman Powell.

APPROVED, April 30, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.

V. E. Martin
City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, May 1, 1918.

The Council met with all members present.

The Mayor read a petition signed by H. B. Barnhart as attorney for S. J. Lock asking for a re-hearing on his application for public service car licenses, after which Mr. Barnhart and Mr. Lock in person made statements to the Council. After discussion by the Mayor and Councilmen, a motion to reconsider the action of April 24, by which licenses were denied to the applicant, prevailed by the following vote: Yeas--Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell 4; nays--Mayor Wooldridge, 1.

A motion to grant the permits then prevailed by the following vote: Yeas--Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 4; nays--Mayor Wooldridge, 1. (*A. J. Lock, 107 Spruce St., 7th St. Jeffery, no. 191300, and Federal 6, no. 233458*).

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution:

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

That the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Miscellaneous Fund in the Sanitary Department of this city for the purchase of a motor truck for the use of said department.

This appropriation is to be added to the appropriation of \$1,250.00 in the Budget of 1918 for the purchase of a motor truck.

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

APPROVED, May 1, 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 Ninety-seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$97.50) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent Fund of this city and made payable to Dr. S. A. Woolsey, City Health Officer, in full for his services as registrar of vital statistics for this city for the months of November and

Transfer of errors of city clerk

A. J. Lock petition for rehearing

A. J. Lock: source car licenses granted

Sanitary Dept. \$150 for motor truck

Dr. S. A. Woolsey: \$97.50 appro. for registration of vital statistics

December, 1917, and January and February, 1918.

For additional information of the facts upon which this resolution is based reference is here made to the statement of Dr. S. A. Woolsey, the certificate of Dr. W. A. Davis, State Registrar of Vital Statistics, and the opinion of the Attorney General of Texas.

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

APPROVED, May 1, 1918: A. P. Woolridge, Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.

J. E. Martin
City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, May 2, 1918.

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

The minutes of previous meetings, up to date, were read and approved by a vote of 5 yeas.

Capt. L. Theo. Belmont of the School of Military Aeronautics was before the Council and explained a scheme for the regulation of public service car drivers in their relation to the cadets at the S. M. A., which had been agreed upon by the S. M. A. authorities and the union and non-union drivers.

Regulation of Public Service car drivers

E. D. Junkin made an appeal to the Council to require certain parties to build sidewalks on the west side of Wichita Street between 24th and 27th Streets.

Judge T. S. Johnson, Special Assistant City Attorney, and A. S. Phelps, Assistant City Attorney, discussed the State vagrancy law, at the invitation of the Mayor, and expressed the opinion that it would be more effective for the city authorities to deal with the problem of loafers under the State law than to pass an ordinance on the subject.

State vagrancy law discussed

The Mayor offered "An ordinance limiting the hours during which pool and billiard halls may be kept open and operated, or any billiard or pool table or anything of the kind may be operated or used for profit, and providing a penalty therefor."

Limiting hours of pool halls

The ordinance was read the first time, after which the Mayor moved a suspension of the rule and placing it on its second reading. The motion carried by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

The Mayor then moved a further suspension of the rule and the placing of the ordinance on its third reading. This motion prevailed by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

After the third reading, the Mayor moved the final passage of the ordinance, the motion carrying by the following vote: Yeas: Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; nays none.

Reports for April

The reports of the city Public Weigher and the Sealer of Weights and measures, for April, and that of the Pure Food Inspector for March and April, were read and ordered filed.

The Mayor laid before the Council applications for public service car licenses as follows:

Public Service Car Licenses

Joe Oyervides, 1314 East 12th street: Cadillac touring car, No. 132573.

Chester Schacht, 913 Colorado street: Ford taxicab, No. 227968; Ford taxicab, No. 132169; Ford touring car, No. 133147.

Each of these applications was granted by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

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

That the sum of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent Fund of the City of Austin, Texas, as compensation to R. H. Cousins, Officer in Charge of the United States Employment Service in this city, for salary for the month of April, 1918.

R. H. Cousins: Salary as an Employment Agent

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

APPROVED, May 2, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Whereas, it is deemed desirable, especially during these war times, that all of the races of this city should cooperate with one another for the political, moral, social and physical uplift of the city; and

Whereas, the colored people of this city, without reference to creed or political party, have asked to be appointed a committee to cooperate with the City Council, especially in the enforcement of the law,

Now, therefore,

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

That the men and women named below are appointed a Welfare Committee and Advisory Board amongst the negroes of this city to cooperate with the City Council and the officials of the city, especially the Police and Charity Departments, in doing all things, short of the actual enforcement of the law itself on their part, to assist the City of Austin in its social, political, moral and physical progress and development. Said Welfare Committee and Advisory Board are asked to cooperate with the City Council in the way of making monthly reports and in the way of making frequent suggestions of the things they believe desirable to be done for the welfare of the whole city, especially the things which will help the progress, prosperity and happiness of the negro race in this community.

Welfare Committee: Dr. W. H. Crawford, chairman, E. F. Dennis, D. R. Woodard, E. H. Carrington, L. C. Anderson, G. W. Norman, Essee White, H. G. Grant, William Tears, Dan Pyburn, J. W. Frazier, J. T. Ewing, N. W. Rhambo, E. G. Givens, W. H. Passon, J. H. Pickard, Mrs. M. A. B. Fuller, Mrs. L. E. Moten, Mrs. J. H. Harrold, Mrs. R. S. Lovinggood, Mrs. Helen McCaulley.

Advisory Board: L. L. Campbell, J. W. Warren, J. B. Pius, D. S. Davage, R. C. Walker, J. H. Harrold, F. B. Taylor, John Downs, A. Pyburn, A. W. Williams, H. P. Southern, M. M. Haynes, S. L. Roberts, H. W. Lockett, C. L. Huff, Ed Young, J. E. Smith, F. C. Ford.

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

APPROVED, May 2, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

Afternoon Session: All members present.

The Mayor laid before the Council the application of Albert Dearing, 806 Blanco street, for public service car license on his Studebaker car, No. 207647, which was granted by a vote of 5 yeas.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

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

That Bond No. 35608 issued by the American Surety Company of New York City to Chester Thrasher, Treasurer of the City of Austin, Texas, for the benefit of the City of Austin, Texas, and dated June 18th, 1917, be and the same is hereby cancelled, and the American Surety Company on and after May 2, 1918, is requested not to renew the same.

*Negro welfare
Committee*

*Albert Dearing
service car
license*

*Bond of City Treas-
urer's Bond
cancelled*

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

APPROVED, May 2, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council "An ordinance making it an offense to attach cow bells or other noisy, loud sounding and disturbing implements or instruments to any animal within the limits of the City of Austin and declaring the same a nuisance and providing a penalty therefor."

The ordinance was read the first time, after which the Mayor moved a suspension of the rule and placing it on its second reading. The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes, and Powell, 4; nays--Councilman Bartholomew, 1.

The Mayor moved a further suspension of the rule and placing the ordinance on its third reading, which motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor A. P. Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes, and Powell, 4; nays--Councilman Bartholomew, 1.

The Mayor then moved the final passage of the ordinance, the motion prevailing by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes, and Powell, 4; nays--Councilman Bartholomew, 1.

The Mayor read the "Report of the City Engineer as to the paving assessment on Sixteenth Street from the west line of Congress Avenue to the east line of Lavaca Street," after which he offered a

RESOLUTION APPROVING CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT CONCERNING IMPROVEMENTS UPON WEST SIXTEENTH STREET, IN THIS CITY, FROM THE WEST PROPERTY LINE OF CONGRESS AVENUE TO THE EAST PROPERTY LINE OF LAVACA STREET, AND DIRECTING A HEARING TO PROPERTY OWNERS CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT FOR A PART OF THE COST OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AGAINST THEM AND THEIR PROPERTY, FIXING A TIME FOR SAID HEARING AND DIRECTING THAT A NOTICE BE GIVEN TO SAID PROPERTY OWNERS CONCERNING THE SAID HEARING.

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, has heretofore determined to improve West Sixteenth Street from the west property line of Congress Avenue to the east property line of Lavaca Street, in the City of Austin, Texas, by paving the same with Bitulithic Pavement upon gravel concrete foundation with concrete gutters along curb lines and necessary excavation, and has adopted specifications for said work and has entered into contract for the same with the Texas Bitulithic Company, a corporation; and,

Whereas, the City Engineer of the City of Austin, Texas, has this day filed his report in writing with the City Council, showing the total cost of the said improvements upon the said street, the amount per front foot of abutting property to be paid by the owners thereof and also the names of persons, estates, or corporations owning property abutting on said improvements, with a description of their property and a statement of the total amount payable by each of said owners for said improvements; and,

Whereas, the City Council has examined the said report and finds the same correct; and,

Whereas, the necessity exists that a portion of the cost of said improvements should be assessed against said property owners and their property, subject to the terms of the charter of the City of Austin and the ordinances in such cases made and provided, and after the notice and hearing provided by said charter and ordinance;

Now, therefore,

*Cow Bells
prohibited*

*City Engineer's
report on 16th
St. paving
approved*

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

1. That the said report of the City Engineer be and the same is hereby approved and adopted.
2. That a portion of the cost of making the said improvements shall be assessed against said owners of property abutting on Sixteenth Street, in this city, from the west property line of Congress Avenue to the east property line of Lavaca Street, in the City of Austin, Texas, and against said property; that the said assessment shall be made at the rate of \$3.4465 per front foot of such property in accordance with the front foot rule or plan, in proportion as the frontage of each owner in each block of said street is to the whole frontage in that block to be improved, provided that if said rule of apportionment shall appear to the City Council to be unjust or unequal in any particular case, or to result in an assessment in excess of the benefits received through said improvements by any owner or his property, the City Council shall adopt such rule of apportionment as shall effect substantial equality and justice between said property owners, considering benefits received by and burdens imposed upon said owners, and that in no case shall any assessment be made in excess of the actual benefits received by the owners of said property through the enhanced value thereof by means of said improvement.
3. That a hearing shall be given before the Council to said property owners, on the 16th day of May, A. D. 1918, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Mayor's office in the City Hall, in the City of Austin, Texas, at which hearing said property owners, their agents or attorneys, shall be fully and fairly heard as to all matters concerning the said improvements or any irregularity or invalidity in the proceedings with reference thereto, or as to the benefits thereof, if any, to their property, and as to the assessment proposed to be made against them and their property, and as to any other matter or thing connected therewith. At which hearing the said owners shall have the right to produce witnesses and testimony, and which hearing shall be adjourned from time to time and from day to day until all are fully heard and all matters in connection with the said improvements and assessment fully ascertained; that after the said hearing shall be closed, said City Council will proceed to assess against owners of property upon said street and their property, who shall agree with said Council upon the said assessments, such sums as may be so agreed upon and determined as provided by the Charter of the city and the said ordinance; and that as to any such property owners who may not so agree, the City Council will, after said hearing, appoint a commission to determine said assessments, and will take such further steps in ascertainment thereof as are provided for by the Charter and ordinance.
4. That the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements of said City of Austin is hereby directed to give notice hereof to the said property owners, their agents and attorneys by publication of a copy of this resolution not less than twice in the Austin American, a daily paper of general circulation in the City of Austin, the first publication to be

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City Engineer's
Report on 16th st
Paving

The report of the City Engineer, above referred to,
 is as follows:

Austin, Texas, 2 May, 1918.

REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER AS TO THE PAVING ASSESSMENT
 ON SIXTEENTH STREET FROM THE WEST LINE OF CONGRESS
 AVENUE TO THE EAST LINE OF LAVACA STREET.

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

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit to you my report as to improvements
 on Sixteenth street from the west line of Congress avenue to the
 east line of Lavaca street, as follows, to-wit:

I estimate the total cost of the said improvements, in
 accordance with the contract and specifications therefor, at the
 sum of \$5,558.90.

The above estimate includes all excavation, curbs,
 rebuilding of curbs, resetting of curbs, drainage system, and
 the cost of paving.

I estimate the total cost of the said improvements
 (not including the cost of curb, which is 35 cents per lineal
 foot) to owners of the abutting property per front foot at \$3.4465.

The above estimate (\$3.4465) includes excavation on the
 roadways to the depth of the pavement, (7") - this being the thick-
 ness of the Bitulithic pavement, including concrete base, ad-
 ditional excavation to be done by the city.

Other data is as follows:--

Width of roadway 30 feet
 Each abutter to pay for the curb and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost of
 paving the street in front of his property.
 Cost of the pavement per sq. yd. \$2.068
 Total cost of pavement per front foot \$3.4465

ESTIMATE OF CITY'S COST.

To paving street and alley intersections.
Colorado and Sixteenth streets intersection.
 To 421.46 sq. yds. @ \$2.068 \$ 871.58
Alley intersection between Colorado st. and Congress ave.
 To 66.67 sq. yds. @ \$2.068 \$ 137.87
 To extra excavation 50.00
 To resetting curb 75.00
 Drainage 75.00
 Total cost to city \$1,209.45

The names of the persons, estates or corporations
 owning property on the portion of the street to be improved,
 with a description of their property and amounts payable by
 each owner, are as follows, to-wit:--

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PAVING ESTIMATE ON SIXTEENTH STREET FROM THE WEST
LINE OF CONGRESS AVENUE TO THE EAST LINE OF LAVACA STREET

PROPERTY OWNER	LOT	BLOCK	DIV.	FRONTAGE	COST ^{of} PAVING LIN. FT.	CURB COST OF CURB	TOTAL COST TO PROPERTY OWNERS	
R. H. Kirby	E. 113 1/3' of the S. 1/4 Blk. 45	45	E	113 1/3'	\$ 390.60	- -	\$ 390.60	
J. B. Rector Est.	Con. 113 1/3' of the S. 1/4 Blk. 45	45	E	113 1/3'	390.60	113 1/3' \$ 39.67	430.27	
R. W. Finley	W. 113 1/3' of the S. 1/4 Blk. 45	45	E	113 1/3'	390.60	141.9 49.66	440.26	
Mrs. M. J. Ray	S. 88' of Lot 6 and E. 23'x88' deep of Lot 5	40	E	69'	237.81	- -	237.81	
C. A. Kuechler	Lots 3, 4, and W. 1/4 Lot 5	40	E	115'	396.35	- -	396.35	
Mrs. Charlotte Lawrence	S. 1/4 of Lots 1 and 2	40	E	92'	317.08	92 32.20	349.28	
Joseph Schuber	N. W. 1/4 Blk. 39	39	E	138'	475.62	138 48.30	523.92	
Theo. P. Meyer & wife	N. E. 1/4 Blk. 39 69'x138'	39	E	138'	475.62	- -	475.62	
F. M. Covert	7 and 8	46	E	160'	552.67	- -	552.67	
Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Gethsemane Church	5 and 6	46	E	160'	552.67	- -	552.67	
Totals				1,212'	\$4,179.62	485.23'	\$169.83	\$4,349.45

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

(Signed) C. E. Leonard,

City Engineer.

not less than five days prior to the date of hearing.

5. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage.

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

See item #

APPROVED, May 2, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

*L. M. Clifford
Auto assessment*

That the assessment of a Kissel automobile against L. M. Clifford for taxes of 1917 at \$500.00 be and the same is hereby reduced to \$250.00. This reduction is made after hearing the statement of the said L. M. Clifford, who declares that the automobile in question was a second-hand one and really not worth one-half of the figure at which it was assessed.

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

APPROVED, May 2, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The report of the Assessor and Collector of Taxes for April was read and ordered filed.

The Council then adjourned.

*U. E. Martin
City Clerk*

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, May 4, 1918.

The Council met with all members present.

*W. J. Patton
Service car
license*

The Mayor laid before the Council the application for public service car license of William Thomas Patton, 2110 Oldham street, on a 7-passenger Cadillac touring car, No. 233440. The application was granted by a vote of 5 yeas.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

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

*Congress
avenue
vacated*

That Congress Avenue from Fifth to Seventh Streets, and Sixth Street from Colorado to Brazos Streets, be and the same are hereby ordered to be vacated from vehicles of all sorts standing or moving thereon from 12:15 P. M. to 12:45 P. M., of Sunday, May 5th, 1918.

This is for the purpose of helping to celebrate the Third Liberty Loan victory for Travis County when it obtained more than its quota of the amount assessed for the county, the amount obtained approximating \$1,500,000.00.

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

APPROVED, May 4, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.

*U. E. Martin
City Clerk*