

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, March 7, 1918.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call disclosed the following present: Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, and Powell, 4; absent, Councilman Haynes (account of illness).

Judge Rudolph Kleberg, A. C. Goeth, and R. G. Mueller were present in the interest of the reinstatement in the budget of the item of \$500.00 for the Municipal Orchestra. After discussion by them and members of the Council, Councilman Bartholomew moved to reconsider the vote by which the item had been stricken out of the budget. The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, and Powell, 4; nays, none. Councilman Bartholomew then moved to reinstate the item of \$500 for concerts by the Municipal Orchestra. This carried by the same vote of 4 yeas.

The reports for February of the Assessor and Collector of Taxes, the City Public Weigher, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Plumbing Inspector, and the Chief of Police covering arrests made and animals impounded were read and ordered filed.

T. E. Armstrong, contractor, submitted in writing an itemized bid on repairs to the old City Hospital building, the cost approximating \$1500.00 for all the work embraced in the proposal. The Council took the matter under advisement until an opportunity could be had to look over the proposed improvements with the contractor.

Glenn A. Gray, engineer of the United States Geologic Survey, appeared before the Council to ask a contribution of \$150.00 toward the cost of installing a water stage recorder station at the Congress Avenue bridge, the total cost of which, he said, would be \$500.00. This the Council agreed to do.

The Mayor offered the following Resolution:

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

That Chester Thrasher, Treasurer of the City of Austin, Texas, be and he is hereby authorized and requested to distribute the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-six Dollars and Fifty-one Cents (\$4,656.51) deposited with him as Treasurer by Fred Sterzing, Assessor and Collector of Taxes of the City of Austin, Texas, on March 7th, 1918, to the credit of the following funds:

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| To the General Fund the sum of | \$1,575.60 |
| " " General Street Fund the sum of | 727.20 |
| " " Cemetery Fund the sum of | 48.48 |
| " " Park Fund the sum of | 72.72 |
| " " School Fund the sum of | 752.51 |
| " " Interest and Sinking Fund the sum of | <u>1,480.00</u> |
| Total thus distributed | \$4,656.51 |

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

APPROVED, March 9, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Resolution:

Whereas, it appears from the attached statement of S. J. Lock, owner, and Metzenthin Bros., sellers, that the said S. J. Lock did not purchase the automobile assessed against him for the year 1917, at \$400.00, until August, 1917, which statement we believe to be correct,

Now, therefore,

*Municipal Orchestra
Appropriation re-
instituted*

*Reports:
Assessor - collector
Public weigher
Chief of Police*

*T. E. Armstrong
Bid for Hospital
Repairs*

*Water Stage
Recorder*

*City Treasurer
Distribution
of funds*

S. J. Lock

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

That the assessment against the said S. J. Look for an automobile in the amount of \$400.00 for the year 1917 be and the same is hereby canceled and annulled, and the City Assessor and Collector of this city is instructed to correct the records of his department in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 yeas.

APPROVED, March 7, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor offered the following Resolution:

Whereas, it appears from the attached statement of Arthur A. Stiles that improvements were assessed against his property situated on a lot 108x128 feet fronting on Tom Green Street of Outlet No. 3, Division "D" of the City of Austin, Texas, in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) as of January 1st, 1917; and

Whereas, it appears from the attached statement of the said Arthur A. Stiles that said improvements did not exist upon said premises on the 1st day of January, 1917, which statement of the said Arthur A. Stiles is concurred in by a notation by the Board of Equalization on the record of the assessment of said lot for the year 1917, but

Whereas, the said correction as made by the Board of Equalization was not carried into their final report of assessed values for the City of Austin for the year 1917, thus leaving said \$1000.00 charge continuing against said property,

Now, therefore.

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

That for the purpose of correcting the error hereinabove set out, the said Arthur A. Stiles have credit for the year 1917 against said property in the amount of \$1,000.00 erroneously assessed against same for improvements which did not at that time exist upon said property, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

That the Assessor and Collector of this city credit his assessment rolls in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 yeas.

APPROVED, March 7, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

An opinion by the City Attorney, J. Bouldin Rector, which had been requested by Councilman Haynes, was read by the Mayor to the effect that the Council's making appropriations for the salaries of a woman police assistant and a whole-time woman pure food inspector did not create, or seek to create, a new office, and that therefore the Superintendent of Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts could legally approve items for their salaries, notwithstanding the appropriations were made by less than a majority of four-fifths.

A communication signed by W. L. Eyres, Assistant Superintendent of the Water, Light and Power Department, C. L. Woodward, Fire Chief, W. J. Morris, Police Chief, Dr. S. A. Woolsey, City

*Arthur A. Stiles
Assessment*

*Opinion of City Attorney
woman police assistant
sic*

Purchase of Pulmotor recommended

Prohibiting Dancing in Drinking Places

Health Officer, and C. E. Leonard, City Engineer, and emphasizing the importance of the city's purchasing a pulmotor to be kept at the Central Fire Station, for use in cases of drowning or asphyxiation, was read. The Council agreed informally that the purchase should be made.

The Mayor laid before the Council "An ordinance to prohibit dealers in hot or cold drinks, or non-alcoholic drinks, and restaurant keepers, from permitting music to be played or musical instruments to be exhibited, and prohibiting dancing, in their said places of business, and providing a penalty therefor."

The Ordinance was read the first time and laid over for further consideration and action.

At the afternoon session, with Councilmen Bartholomew and Haynes absent, the minutes of Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 2, Feb. 6, Feb. 7, Feb. 8, Feb. 13, Feb. 14, Feb. 15, Feb. 16, Feb. 20, and Feb. 21, 1918, were read and adopted by a vote of 3 yeas.

The Council then adjourned.

*U. E. Martin
City Clerk*

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, March 8, 1918.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor: Present, Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, and Powell, 4; absent, Councilman Haynes.

Councilman Anthony nominated J. A. Vance to be a special policeman without pay. He was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew and Powell, 3; Councilman Anthony not voting.

Councilman Bartholomew nominated Mrs. Annie B. Myrick to be custodian of Barton Springs for the bathing season of 1918 in accordance with the terms of a contract to be drawn by the City Attorney. The nomination was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony and Powell, 3; Councilman Bartholomew not voting.

The Mayor offered the following Resolution:
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That for good and sufficient reasons unto the City Council shown, and particularly for the reasons that Monta Simmons is an industrious and generally law-abiding negro, and that his wife gave provocation for the abusive language for which he was fined in Cause No. 12782, Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, one-half or \$7.40 of the fine and costs assessed against him in said cause, amounting to \$14.80, be and the same is hereby remitted.

The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 yeas.

APPROVED, March 8, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.

*U. E. Martin
City Clerk*

*J. A. Vance
Special Policeman*

*Mrs. Annie B.
Myrick - cus-
todian of Barton
Springs*

*Monta Simmons
fine remitted*