

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, March 9, 1918.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor: Present, Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony and Powell, 3; absent, Councilmen Bartholomew and Haynes, 2.

The Mayor offered the following Resolution:

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

That the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred and Twelve Dollars and Eighty-eight Cents (\$2,212.88) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent Fund of the City of Austin, Texas, to be applied to the payment of the unearned part of the liquor dealers' licenses of liquor dealers doing business in the City of Austin, Texas, who have been put out of business by reason of the recent prohibition election voted in this city. A detailed statement of the names of the parties entitled to these refunds, the dates of the expiration of their licenses, the number of days that said licenses were unused and the amounts due to each is attached hereto and made the basis of this appropriation.

The Resolution was adopted by the following vote: Yeas-- Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony and Powell, 3; Councilmen Bartholomew and Haynes being absent.

APPROVED, March 9, 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 Four Hundred Thirty-five Dollars and Forty-four Cents (\$435.44) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent Fund of the City of Austin, Texas, as a refund to the dealers in malt liquors who have been put out of business by reason of the prohibition election recently held in this community. The names of the parties to whom these refunds are due, the dates of the expiration of their licenses, the number of days the several licenses were unused, and the amounts of the refunds going to each is attached hereto and made the basis of this resolution.

This Resolution was adopted by the same vote of 3 yeas.

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

The Council then adjourned.

*U.S. Martin*  
*City Clerk*

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The Council met with all members present except Councilman Haynes.

A committee composed of Tom Bell, Martin Broderick, Sam Hill and T. C. Jennings, representing local labor bodies, appeared before the Council to protest against the leasing of Barton Springs as a bathing resort to a private party. They held that a place publicly owned should be publicly operated for the benefit of all the people. Mr. Bartholomew explained that, in general outline,

*Refund of*  
*Liquor Dealers'*  
*licenses*

*Refund of malt*  
*Liquor Dealers'*  
*licenses*

*Protest - lease*  
*of Barton Springs*

an agreement had been entered into with Mrs. Annie B. Myrick, verbally, but that the contract was yet to be drawn up, formally, by the City Attorney. He thought that when finally ratified the agreement would safeguard all the city's rights and interests.

W. E. Long, A. C. Goeth, and A. J. Eilers, representing the Chamber of Commerce, and Glenn A. Gray, engineer representing the United States Geologic Survey, were present to ask the Council to double its contribution of \$150.00 toward the installing of an automatic stream gauging station at the Congress Avenue bridge; this for the reason that the Chamber of Commerce was at present without funds available to make a contribution. The Council agreed to increase its contribution to \$300.00, with the understanding that the city should be relieved, after March 31, of the \$5.00 per month contributed toward the maintenance of the Barton Creek station.

Rev. Charles E. Maddy and certain lay members of the University Baptist Church appeared before the Council to ask that certain lots belonging to the church be exempted from taxation. In this connection, the Mayor laid before the Council the following Resolution:

Whereas, the organization of the University Baptist Church, its officers and congregation, acquired Lots Nos. 34, 35 and 36, Outlot 22-1/2, Division "D", of the City of Austin, Texas, for exclusively religious purposes; and

Whereas, the officers and congregation of said organization did prior to January 1st, 1917, employ architects to prepare plans and specifications for the erection of a church for religious worship on said Lots 34, 35, and 36, Outlot No. 22-1/2, Division "D", and did go so far as to make *excavations* as to the character of ground suitable for the foundation of such church; and

Whereas, the officers and congregation of said church have gotten together a large sum of money for the purpose of erecting a place of worship on said Lots 34, 35 and 36, Outlot No. 22-1/2, Division "D", devoted exclusively to religious worship; and

Whereas, owing to the unprecedented exigencies of the present great war disturbing the peace of the world and the finances of the world, said officers and congregation have not yet been able to complete the raising of the necessary money to finish said church as designed and desired by said organization.

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

That in view of the foregoing facts, the City Council hereby declares that said Lots Nos. 34, 35 and 36, Outlot No. 22-1/2, Division "D", of the City of Austin, Texas, be and they are hereby exempt from municipal taxation for the years 1917 and 1918.

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

APPROVED, March 11, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.  
The Council then adjourned.

*A. P. Wooldridge*  
City Clerk

*Austin  
Stream Gauging  
Station*

*University Baptist  
Church - Texas*