

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, March 28, 1918.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call disclosed the following present: Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell.

The minutes of previous meetings to and including March 26 were read and adopted as corrected.

A delegation headed by Howard McKean and Major B. K. Yount, commandant of the School of Military Aeronautics, came before the Council to ask that it be represented in the Liberty Day parade on April 6, that the city employees be allowed to take part in the parade, and that the streets along the route of the parade be kept clear of all vehicles. The Mayor gave assurance that the Council would pass a resolution embodying the things desired, and that he would issue a proclamation in the same connection.

Max O. Rhody came before the Council to ask that a fine assessed against him for reckless driving be rewitted. The Council postponed action in order to secure fuller information.

Frank Franklin, col., steward of the South Austin A. M. E. Church, requested the use of the auditorium of the South Austin fire hall, next Thursday night, to give a concert for white people. Action was deferred in order to consult the Fire Chief.

The subject of contagious diseases was discussed, the City Physician, Dr. S. A. Woolsey, saying that there were probably more deaths from tuberculosis in Austin than from any other disease. The desirability of enforcing fumigation of houses where contagious cases have been treated was touched upon. It was brought out, incidentally, that the receipts of the City Hospital from pay patients for the month of February were \$2239.33, larger than those of any previous single month; due largely to the fact that a number of patients were transferred to the City Hospital from the Austin Presbyterian Sanitarium, after the destruction of the latter institution by fire.

The matter of the standing reward of \$300.00 offered by the City Council for the arrest and conviction of any person guilty of arson was brought up in connection with the arrest by Ray Griffin of a young boy who was later convicted, in the Juvenile Court, of setting fire to the Hancock Opera House. Definite action was deferred.

The Council awarded to G. Flury, at \$100.00, the contract to erect and paint a large "Food Will Win the War" sign on the grounds of the new postoffice.

The Mayor laid before the Council "An Ordinance regulating the keeping, licensing, running at large, impounding and sale of dogs within the corporate limits of the City of Austin and providing penalties for the violation thereof."

The Ordinance was read the first time, and a motion was made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading, which motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge,

*Liberty Day
Parade*

*Max O. Rhody:
fine*

*Contagious dis-
eases discussed*

*City Hospital
Receipts*

*Contract for
"win the war"
sign - G. Flury*

*Ordinance
licensing*

Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; nays, none.

The ordinance was read the second time, and a motion was made to suspend the rule and place it on its third reading and final passage, which motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; nays, none.

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

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Resolution:
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That the assessment of an automobile against Alfred Johnson for taxes of the year 1917, at the value of \$150.00, be and the same is hereby cancelled and annulled; for the reason that the Council, relying on the attached statement of the said Alfred Johnson and his wife, believes that he did not own the automobile in question on January 1, 1917, but acquired it on February 14, 1917.

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

APPROVED, March 28, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council "An ordinance to prohibit dealers in cold or hot 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 a motion was made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading, which motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; nays, none.

The Ordinance was read the second time, and a motion was made to place it on its third reading and final passage, the motion prevailing by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; nays, none.

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

The Mayor read to the Council an address which he had prepared for publication relating to the selection of a commission^{of fifteen} persons to revise the city charter.

Rafus Overstreet came before the Council in behalf of his kinsman, R. H. Hawkins, who he said had been advised to vacate the house in which he was living, owing to infection and bad sanitary conditions, and desired permission to camp on some spot controlled by the Council. Permission was given him to maintain a camp for 60 days at a point a short distance below the city power plant, near the river.

Afternoon session: Councilman Bartholomew absent.

The Mayor offered the following Resolution:

Whereas, the Government of the United States of America, in pursuance of a like policy with that pursued by some dozen European countries, and moved also by the inherent wisdom of the course, has established what is called a summer or daylight method of computing time; and

*Alfred Johnson:
Auto assessment*

*Ordinance
Prohibiting dancing
in eating places*

*R.H. Hawkins:
permission*

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The Mayor laid before the Council the following the following communication:

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

Gentlemen:-

The Texas Bitulithic Company proposes to do the work of paving with Bitulithic pavement, five inch gravel concrete base, concrete curbs and gutters as specified in the specifications prepared by the City Engineer and adopted by your body for the paving of the following street in Austin.

Lavaca street from the south property line of Fifth street to the south property line of Sixth street.

For earth excavation measured in the ground before removal, thirty-five (35%) cents per cubic yard.

For solid rock excavation, measured in the ground before removal, two and fifty hundredths (\$2.50) dollars per cubic yard.

For the construction of the Bitulithic pavement, including five (5) inch gravel concrete foundation, as specified, and concrete gutters, two and no hundredths (\$2.00) dollars per square yard.

For furnishing and installing oak headers, forty (\$40.00) dollars per 1000 feet B. M.

For the construction of concrete curbs, as specified, thirty-five (35%) cents per linear foot of curbing.

For furnishing and placing extra one to seven (1-7) concrete, four (\$4.00) dollars per cubic yard.

TEXAS BITULITHIC COMPANY

By (signed) F. E. Rightor,

its agent

Austin, Texas,
March 28, 1918.

Whereas, the reason for establishing summer time, which is so obvious to others, is also obvious to us.

Now, therefore,

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

That beginning with 12 o'clock P. M. of Saturday, March 30th, 1918, and continuing until the last Sunday in October, 1918, the time of this city shall be changed from sun time to summer or daylight time and the clocks and watches of the City of Austin shall be advanced one hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That all of the municipal business of the City of Austin for the seven months succeeding March 30th, 1918, shall be done and transacted in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 yeas, Councilman Bartholomew being absent.

APPROVED, March 28, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The report of the City Sexton, W. A. Alff, for February, 1918, was read and ordered filed.

The Mayor, ^{then} laid before the Council the following Resolution:

Whereas, it is deemed necessary to improve the following street of the City of Austin, within the following limits to-wit: Lavaca Street from the South property line of Fifth Street to the South property line of Sixth Street; and

Whereas, the City Engineer of this city has, on November 10, 1915, filed with the City Council complete specifications for the performance of the said work by paving said street with the Bitulithic Pavement upon a five (5) inch gravel concrete foundation, with concrete gutters along the curb lines, 18 inches wide, concrete curbs along the curb line and necessary excavations; and

Whereas, the Texas Bitulithic Company has filed a proposal with the City Council to do said work at and for the following prices, to-wit:

For earth excavation, measured in the ground before removal, thirty-five (35) cents per cu. yd.

For solid rock excavation, measured in the ground before removal, Two and 50/100 Dollars (\$2.50) per cu. yd.

For the construction of the Bitulithic Pavement, including five (5) inch gravel concrete foundation, as specified, and concrete gutters, Two (\$2.00) Dollars per square yard.

For furnishing and installing Oak Headers, Forty (\$40.00) Dollars per 1000 ft. B. M.

For the construction of concrete curbs, as specified, thirty-five (35c) cents per linear ft. of curb.

For furnishing and placing extra one to seven (1-7) concrete, Four (\$4.00) per cu. yd.; and

Whereas, the City Attorney has prepared a contract for said work between the City and the Texas Bitulithic Company and also a bond for the construction thereof by said Company, with the United States

*Daylight Saving
Resolution*

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*Lavaca street
paving ordered*

Fidelity & Guaranty Company as surety, and has submitted the same to the City Council of the City of Austin:: Therefore

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

1. That the said street be improved by paving the same with Bitulithic Pavement, within the limits above named, with five (5) inch gravel concrete foundation, necessary excavation and concrete gutters and curbs, as specified.

2. That the specifications for said work, prepared by the City Engineer, are hereby adopted and that the proposal of the Texas Bitulithic Company to perform said work at and for the prices above set forth, be accepted and said work let to said company, and that the contract prepared and submitted by the City Attorney for the performance of said work be and the same is hereby approved, and the Mayor of the City is directed upon the taking effect hereof, to execute said contract on behalf of the City, and in its name, and the City Clerk to attest the same with the impress of the corporation seal.

That the form of construction bond submitted by the City Attorney for execution by said Company, with the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company as surety thereon, is hereby approved, and that the same be accepted by the City upon execution by said principal and surety.

3. That the cost of said improvements shall be paid as follows, to-wit;

(a) If any Street Railway Company or Steam Railway Company shall occupy the said street, or intersections thereof, with its tracks, said Company shall pay to said Contractor the whole cost of making said improvements between and under its rails and tracks, and twelve (12) inches on the outside thereof.

(b) The City shall pay to the said Contractor the whole cost of improving intersections of said streets with other streets, except so much of said intersections as may be occupied by the tracks of said railway companies, and twelve (12) inches on the outside thereof; provided, however, that the City shall not pay any part of the cost of the curbing on said street.

(c) The remainder of said cost, after deducting the amounts payable under sections (a) and (b) above, shall be paid by the owners of property abutting on said street named to be improved and shall be assessed against said owners and their abutting property, in accordance with the terms of the City Charter, and the ordinances in such cases made and provided, and in accordance with the front foot plan or rule, unless in individual cases said front foot plan or rule should be deemed by the Council unjust or inequitable, in which event such rule of apportionment shall be adopted as shall be just and equitable and provided that no assessment shall be made against said owner or his property in excess of the actual benefits to said property in the enhanced value thereof by means of said improvement, nor until after notice and hearing, as provided by the City Charter and ordinances.

There is hereby appropriated and set apart out of the Permanent Street Improvement Fund of the City of Austin, not heretofore appropriated, the sum of Fifteen Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the portion of the cost of said improvement payable by the City, which sum so appropriated and set aside, is hereby declared to be a

sacred fund, to be designated "Lavaca Street # 3 Improvement Fund" which shall be kept and applied for the purpose of paying for said improvements only, and shall not be disbursed for any other purpose.

5. That this resolution shall remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection for one week before its final passage or adoption and shall then be finally adopted.

The Resolution was read the first time and laid over for one week.

The Mayor laid before the Council "An ordinance providing for the licensing of automobiles engaged in the business of carrying passengers for hire, prescribing penalties for violation hereof, and repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith."

*Ordinance
Licensing autos
for hire*

The Ordinance was read the first time, and a motion was made to suspend the rule and place it on its second reading, which motion carried by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes, and Powell, 4; absent, Councilman Bartholomew, 1.

The Ordinance was read the second time, and a motion was made to suspend the rule and place it on its third reading and final passage, which motion was adopted by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes, and Powell, 4; absent, Councilman Bartholomew, 1.

The Ordinance was then read the third time and passed finally by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Haynes, and Powell, 4; absent, Councilman Bartholomew, 1.

The Council then adjourned.

*U. E. Martin
City Clerk*

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

The Council met with all members present except Councilman Powell.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following Resolution:
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

*Lillie Cameron
fine - costs*

That the payment of the fine and costs, amounting to \$34.80, assessed against Lillie Cameron in Cause No. 12804, Corporation Court of the City of Austin, be and the same is hereby suspended; it being understood, as a condition of this resolution, that the said Lillie Cameron is about to leave the City of Austin and go to her people, and that she will not again be an offender against the ordinances of this city. It is hereby expressly declared, however, that this suspension of sentence is conditional, as specified, and in the event of violation of its conditions by said Lillie Cameron the said sentence is to remain in full force and effect.

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