

. Regular meeting of the City Council : Austin, Texas, April 14th 1910.

Hon A P Wooldridge, Mayor presiding: Roll called :

- Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart. 3.
- Absent with leave Councilman Powell 1
- Absent sick Councilman Bartholomew 1

The minutes of the last regular and recessed meetings were read and approved . Regular order of business was suspended, and the Mayor presented the following ordinance. viz:

School Bond ordinance passed

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds for the purpose of constructing and repairing public free school buildings and purchasing sites therefor within the City of Austin, and providing for the levy and collection of a tax sufficient to pay the interest and create a sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds.

The ordinance was read the first time, and the rule suspended and it placed on its second reading by the following vote :

- Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3
- Absent Councilmen Bartholomew & Powell 2

The ordinance was read the second time, and the rule suspended and it placed on its THIRD reading by the following vote.:

- Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3
- Absent Councilmen Bartholomew & Powell 2

The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote:

- Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3
- Absent Councilmen Bartholomew & Powell 2

Returns & in Ordinance Canvassed

* The Mayor laid before the Council the returns of an election held on the 5th day of April 1910, submitting to a vote of the qualified voters of the City of Austin an ordinance granting the,umont -Holmes Steel Concrete Company the right to erect a dam across the Colorado River, etc.

Councilmen Gracy & Hart were appointed as tellers to canvass the vote.

The Committee presented the following report:

Austin, Texas 4/14/10

Hon A P Wooldridge, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen :

Your Committee appointed to canvass the vote cast at an election held on April 5th, 1910, to vote on the proposition of rebuilding the dam across the Colorado River in the City of Austin, Texas, beg leave to report that we have carefully canvassed the vote cast and report as follows:

There was cast in said election 2,239 votes, as follows:

- For the proposition for rebuilding the dam 2,187 votes .
- Against the proposition for rebuilding the dam 38 votes
- Void 5 votes .

Respectfully submitted .

D B Gracy,
Jas P Hart,
Committee.

The report of the Committee was adopted by the following vote :

- Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3
- Nays none.

• Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Whereas, at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin, held on the 14th day of April, A D 1910, came on to be considered the returns of an election held on the 5th day of April, A D 1910, at which election the proposition as to whether or not the City Council should pass a certain ordinance to contract with the Dument Helmes Steel Srete Company to build a dam across the Colorado River, was submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Austin, and it appearing that said election was in all respects lawfully held, and said returns duly and legally made, and that there were cast at said election 2239 votes, of which number 2157 votes were cast for said proposition, and 35 votes were cast against said proposition;

It is therefore ordered and declared that said proposition was sustained by more than a 2/3 majority of the qualified voters at said election, and that the City Council should pass said ordinance.

The resolution was passed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3
Absent Councilmen Bartholemew & Powell 2

Recessed until this P M .

April 14th 1910 3,30 P M

The Council was called to order by the Mayor :

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3
Absent sick Councilmen Bartholemew 1
Absent with leave Councilman Powell 1

Petitions, memorials, etc :

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from J T Hurt, et al asking the Council to have certain sidewalks and other improvements made on 22 1/2 streets, which was read and laid over until 10 o'clock A M Tuesday April 19th 1910.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from J W Burke, et al asking authority to extend sidewalk in front of their property on San Antonio street Block 155 which was read and laid over until the return of Councilman Powell .

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from J Hall Philips applying for the position of Superintendent removing timber, etc from the Laketo be formed by the new dam, which was read and laid on the table subject to call .

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Citizens on Lengfellow street, asking to have work done on said street, which was read and referred to Councilman Powell .

Unfinished business :

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$ 116,00 for the purpose of the claim of Mrs Ann L Grant for damages. The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3
Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council An ordinance prohibiting the running at large, within certain limits of Fowls, which was read the second time.

*Pet J T Hurt et al
to have 22 1/2 st
improved*

*Pet J W Burke et al
for sidewalk to extend
"Side Walk"*

*J Hall Philips application
for Superintendent
removing timber on
Laketo*

*Citizens on Lengfellow
street*

*Mrs Ann L Grant
damages*

Fowls ordinance

*upbra appd yes by
Council*

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$250.00 for the purpose of paying approved accounts City Cemetery, which was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Weoldridge, Council, on Gracy & Hart 3

Nays none.

Reports of City Officers:

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Marshal, the Sexton, the City Health Officer, Asst Health Officer, Matron of the Hospital and Plumbing Inspector, which were read and ordered filed.

The Mayor laid before the Council An ordinance granting the Dumont Helmes Steel Concrete Company, a private Corporation organized and existing under the laws of Illinois, a franchise to erect and maintain a dam sixty five (65) feet high, above low water, across the Colorado River, at the location of the dam formerly erected across said river by the City of Austin, and the franchise or privilege to said Corporation, to overflow the lands by the backwater of the dam, and providing for the conveying and delivery to, and the use by said corporation of the materials and property owned and formerly used by said City in operating its water power plant, at the dam, and the use of poles, wires and present equipment of same from the dam to the City's present steam plant, and providing for the furnishing to the City by said corporation of a dam, its equipment of operating machinery, a reservoir, filter, all accessories, and the operation and maintenance of same as hereinafter set forth for the purpose of operating the water, light and power plant of the City of Austin, and providing for semi-annual installments for the payment of same.

The ordinance was read the first time and the rule suspended and it placed on its second reading by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Weoldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3

Absent sick Councilman Bartholemew 1

Absent with leave Councilman Powell 1

The ordinance was read the second time and passed.
The Council recessed subject to call by the Mayor.

April 16th 1910.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor:

Present Mayor Weoldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart.

Councilman Hart presented the following petition :

Austin, Texas, April 15th 1910.

Hon Jas P Hart,

Supt Police and Public Safety,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir :

I Respectfully ask permission to erect, in compliance with Article 259 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Austin, two storage tanks for keeping for sale crude and manufactured fuel oil. Said tanks to be located and erected on the property owned by the M K & T Ry Co; to be placed on the southwest corner of the north half of lot 12, in block 32. North of railroad tracks. Same to be at least fifteen (15) feet away from the nearest building: each tank to be a fireproof magazine, having a capacity of six thousand (6,000) gallons each. Said Magazines to be placed in an excavation, eleven feet by twenty one feet by five feet deep, on a concrete foundation.

Excavation and tanks to be enclosed with corrugated iron building.

Reports City Officers

Law Ordinance

*Per [unclear]
to [unclear]
all [unclear]*

Each magazine to be constructed of No 15 galvanized boiler iron, and to have gas tight man heads at the top.
 No tank will be filled in excess of 95% of its total capacity, and the filling pipes will be kept perfectly sealed except when used in filling.

Very respectfully,

Jno Allen Gano.

On motion the petition was granted, the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer and the Chief of the Fire Dept.
 Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3
 Nays none.

April 19th 1910.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor, with all members present.

The Mayor laid before the Council the petition of Citizens asking that West 22 1/2 street ^{sidewalk} be put in a passable condition.

Judge Rogan, Mr Siden Harris & Mr Hurt, being present were invited to address the Council for the petitioners, which they did.

The Mayor then laid before the Council the petition of Messrs Burke

Collett & Creighton, asking permission to extend sidewalk, etc, which was read and taken under advisement.

The Mayor laid before the Council an invitation from the Austin Fire Dept, asking the Council to attend their San Jacinto celebration on the 21st of April, 1910, which was read and accepted.

The Council recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

April 20th 1910 3,30 P M

The Council was called to order by the Mayor, with all members present.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Rebt Alexander, asking damages on account of his son being burned, with powder, that was taken, in a bottle found in trash pile, which trash he claimed had been dumped on a lot near his place by the City's carts.

After discussion of the matter, the petition was granted and the City Attorney was directed to prepare the necessary papers protecting the City from further liability in the case.

Councilman Gracy offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the tax rolls of the City of Austin for the year 1909 having been completed by the Assessor and Collector of taxes of the City of Austin during the sickness of D B Gracy, Superintendent of Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts, and since his recovery, he having examined the same, and now reports to the City Council of the City of Austin, that said rolls show a valuation of taxable real estate in the said City of Austin of the sum of \$ 13,536,807.00, and a valuation of personal property in the City of Austin of \$ 4,062,198.00, making a total of \$ 17,599,107.00, and that the ad valorem tax on same for the year 1909 is \$ 167,191.71, at rate of 95cts on the \$ 100 valuation, and that the School tax on same for the year 1909 is \$ 58,663.85, at rate of 33 1/3 cts on the \$ 100 valuation, and that the Interest and Sinking fund tax on same for the year 1909, is \$ 66,876.62, at the rate of 38 cts on the \$ 100 valuation, making a total tax of \$ 292,732.18.

22 1/2 st petition for improvement

City of Austin et al to extend sidewalk

Invitation Austin Fire Dept San Jacinto Celebration

Pet Rebt Alexander for damages

San Jacinto 1909. Approved

Therefore, Be. it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that said tax rolls for 1909, be and the same are hereby adopted and approved and said Assessor and Collectors of taxes charged with the above amounts.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

Mayor Weeldridge offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

First. That the twenty second and one half Street (22 1/2), from San Gabriel to Rio Grande Streets, on both sides of the street, be and the same is hereby ordered and directed to be sidewalked and curbed, in accordance with the general specifications heretofore adopted by the City Council, regulating the width of sidewalks, and the dimensions of the curbing.

(2). That the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements is instructed to arrange for the sidewalking and curbing of said 22 1/2 street, in the manner most convenient and practicable to the property holders owning property upon said street.

(3) That in default of consent within thirty (30) days on the part of the part of the property holders of said 22 1/2 street, to sidewalk and curb their respective properties, then the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements be and he is hereby instructed to have said property sidewalked and curbed, in accordance with the provisions of the ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, in such cases made and provided.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

On motion of Councilman Hart the Police Clerk was directed to refund to Mrs J P Davis the amount of \$ 22.30, this being amount received by the City, from sale of a cow in City pound, less expenses of pound.

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilman Bartholemew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

Councilman Hart moved that the balance of fine assessed in the Recorders Court against Willie Smith, amounting to \$ 22.30 be remitted, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.

By Councilman Hart an ordinance regulating the purchase of Junk and second hand material within the corporate limits of the City of Austin, and prescribing a penalty for the violation of the provisions thereof .

The ordinance was read the first time and the rule suspended and it placed on its second reading by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5
Nays none.. The ordinance was read the second time and laid over .

On motion the Council adjourned .

W. H. Johnson

City Clerk .

*Resolution this sidewalk
& curb on both sides
22 1/2 street*

*Refundal fine
paid from pound
to Mrs J P Davis*

*Fine Willie Smith
remitted*