

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas Oct 20th 1910.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor: Roll called :

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell :

The minutes of the last regular and subsequent recessed meetings were read and approved:

Judge Jas W Smith appeared before the Council ,asking a reduction in his water rate.

After remarks by Judge Smith the matter was taken under advisement by the Council, and the Council recessed until 9 O'clock A M Oct 21st 1910.

Oct 20th 1910.

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

Petitions, etc,

By Councilman Hart petition of Mrs M E Whitten, asking to have a pound fee paid by her refunded. The petition was read . Councilman Hart moved that the petition be not granted, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5

Nays none.

Reports of City Officers:

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the health Officer, Asst Health Officer, the Health Inspector, ~~the City~~ for the month of Sept 1910 and that of the City Engineer for the month of August 1910, which were read and ordered filed.

The Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

Oct 22nd 1910.

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

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, there are many encroachments by private individuals upon the streets and alleys of this City, and whereas there are streets and alleys in this City incorrectly located upon the ground, and whereas owing to the undulating and often rough and hilly nature of the surface of the soil in this City, it is difficult at times to establish convenient sidewalk and curb grades, and whereas like conditions are believed to exist in other of our Texas Cities, in some of which treatment of these conditions has been already undertaken and perhaps advanced to a solution, and whereas it is often profitable and economical to benefit by the experience of our neighbors ., where conditions are like , and if not identical with our own ; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

(1) That Councilmen P W Powell and D B Gracy are hereby authorized and instructed to visit , at the expense of the City , Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, with the view of ascertaining how these Cities practically handle these streets situated in their several Cities, which we find are perplexing to us here.

(2) That Councilmen Powell and Gracy are instructed to report in writing the result of their observations at Dallas and Fort Worth, and make after such investigation , such recommendations in the premises hereof , as they may deem proper and likely to be of use to our City.

*Mrs M E Whitten  
pound fee*

*Reports City Officers*

*Councilman Powell  
Agrees to visit  
Street Conditions  
Dallas & Fort Worth*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :  
 Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew & Hart 3  
 Not voting Councilman Gracy 1  
 Absent Councilman Powell 1

*This A. A. Dallich building hermit fire limits*

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Mrs A A Dallich, asking permission to erect an addition to building on lot 5 Block 43, City of Austin, within the fire limits, which petition was recommended by the Board of Fire Commissioners, on certain conditions.

On motion the permit was granted, as recommended by the Board of Fire Commissioners by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy & Hart 4  
 Absent Councilman Powell 1

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from W L Stark, Manager of the Driskill Hotel, asking permission to repair Oil Tank in the alley near the Hotel building.

On motion the petition was granted, provided work is done jurisdiction of the Superintendent of Streets and Supt Police and Public Safety, r.

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge ? Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy & Hart 4  
 Absent Councilman Powell 1

*W L Stark was Driskill Hotel to repair Oil Tank*

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That two hundred and fifty dollars ( 250.00) out of the Miscellaneous Park fund be and the same is hereby transferred to the Wooldridge Park fund.

*Transfer funds. Driskill Hotel*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy & Hart 4  
 Absent Councilman Powell 1

The Mayor laid before the Council the following report :

Austin, Texas, Oct 13th 1910.

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

Gentlemen :

In compliance with the requirements of Article 274, Chapter 4 of the Revised ordinances of the City of Austin, we the undersigned authorities of the City of Austin, constituting a Committee of inspection of theaters or places of public amusement, herewith submit our report of an inspection of the " Hancock Opera House ", made on the

day of August 1910. We find :

( a ) That all doors of the audience part of said building are constructed so as to open to the outside of the building.

( b ) That the area of the ground floor exceeds 2,500 square feet, that there are two front doors of exit, which are each 34 inches in width, or more.

( c ) That the ground floor, or audience part of said building fronts on sixth street, has a twenty foot alley on the east for about twenty feet in rear of said building, and an open area on the west and the latter under control of owner, and that said ground floor or audience chamber has double doors opening into said alley on the east and on the opening

*Report of Inspection Hancock Opera House*

area on the west thirty-six inches in width.

( d ) That the second floor has net an area of 2,500 square feet, but has a staircase on each side three feet in width, leading into the lower story, the third floor is also connected with the second floor by means of a stairway at least three feet in width.

( e ) That the two upper floors in addition to the stairways, are connected with a metallic " Kinker Binder " fire escape on the outside wall leading to alley and open area with platform connections three feet in width.

( f ) That the stage which is cut off from the audience part of the building is provided with an " Asbestos Curtain " which when lowered covers proscenium or main opening between the audience and the stage, and this curtain is lowered after each act.

( g ) That the stage part of such building used by performers is connected with an exit through the audience part and has also two independent exits with doors opening into an alley or arway, said doors being fully three feet in width. Said doors lead to the outside of said building. The stage is on the ground floor.

( h ) That there are fire hydrants on each of the floors of said building and have openings of 1- $\frac{1}{2}$  inches to which are attached 25 feet of fire hose. That there is a City fire hydrant in less than one hundred feet of said building. After a careful inspection, we find that Article 274, Revised ordinances of the City of Austin has been carefully complied with.

(Sgd )                      Respectfully submitted .,

A P Weoldridge, Mayor.

Jas P Hart, Supt Police and Public Safety.

Geo O Welter, Chf A F D,

T G Battery, Recorder A F Dept

The report was received and ordered filed.

The Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

October 25th 1910.

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

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

That the center line of east first street from Congress Avenue to East Avenue be established as follows :

Measure the correct distance, according to map on file in the Land Office, along the center line of Congress Avenue, from the iron pin in the center of the intersection of Congress Avenue and sixth street, to the center line of first street, and turn a right-angled line to the east.

For point "A" set a stake in the east line of Congress Avenue, 60 feet from said center line, 1.5 south of the right-angled line.

For point "B" set a stake in the West line of East Avenue at the intersection of said right-angled line.

A straight line joining points "A" and "B" shall be the established center line of East first street.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart and Powell 4  
Absent Councilman Gracy 1

Councilman Prokl offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the center line of east second street from Congress Avenue to East Avenue be established as follows:

Measure the correct distance, according to map on file in the Land Office, along the center line of Congress Avenue, from the iron pin at the center of the intersection of Congress Avenue and sixth street, to the center line of second street, and turn a right-angled line to the east.

For point "A" set a stake in the east line of Congress Avenue, 60 feet from said center line, 1.2 feet south of the right-angled line.

For point "B" set a stake in the west line of East Avenue, 8 feet north of said right-angled line.

A straight line joining points "A" and "B" shall be the correct center line of East Second street.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 4  
Absent Councilman Gracy 1

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the center line of East third street from Congress Avenue to East Avenue be established as follows :

Measure the correct distance, according to map on file in the Land Office, along the center line of Congress Avenue, from the iron pin at the center of the intersection of Congress Avenue and sixth street, to the center line of third street, and turn a right-angled line to the east.

For point "A" set a stake in the east line of Congress Avenue, 60 feet from said center line, .9 foot south of the right-angled line.

For point "B" set a stake in the west line of East Avenue, 1.5 feet north of said right-angled line .

*Handwritten note:*  
Correct line to  
1st and 3rd  
+ 5th streets distance

A straight line joining points "A" and "B" shall be the established center line of East third street.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Gracy 1

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the center line of east fourth street from Congress Avenue to East Avenue be established as follows :

Measure the correct distance, according to the map on file in the Land Office, along the center line of Congress Avenue from the iron pin at center of the intersection of Congress Avenue and sixth street to the center line of fourth street and turn a right-angled line to the east.

For point "A" set a stake in the east line of Congress Avenue, 1 e 60 feet from said center line, .5 foot south of the right-angled line.

For point "B" set a stake in the west side of East Avenue, 2.4 feet north of said right-angled line.

A straight line joining points "A" and "B" shall be the correct center line of east fourth street.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Gracy 1

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the center line of East seventh street between Congress Avenue and East Avenue be established as follows :

Measure the correct distance, according to the map on file in the Land Office, along the center line of Congress Avenue from the pin at the center of Congress Avenue and sixth street, to the center line of seventh street, and turn a right-angled line to the east.

For point "A" set a stake in said right-angled line 60 feet from the center of Congress Avenue, 1 e, in the east line of said Avenue.

For point "B" set a stake in the west line of East Avenue 4.75 feet north of said right-angled line.

A straight line joining points "B" and "A" to be the correct center line of East seventh street.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Gracy 1

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the center line of east eighth street between Congress Avenue and East Avenue be established as follows :

Measure the correct distance, according to map on file in the Land Office, along the center line of Congress Avenue from the pin at the center of Congress Avenue and sixth street, and turn a right-angled line to the east.

For point "A" set a stake in the said right-angled line 60 feet east from the center of Congress Avenue, 1 e, in the east line of Congress Avenue.

For point "B" set a stake in the west line of East Avenue 5.35 feet north of said right-angled line.

A straight line joining points "A" and "B" to be the correct center line of East Eighth street.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Gracy 11

The Council then recessed ~~subject to call~~ of the Mayor.

*Adjourned*

*Jno. A. Johnson  
City Clerk*