

Regular meeting of the City Council : Austin, Texas, November 3rd 1910.

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

Present Mayor Weeldridge, Councilmen Barthelomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5  
Absent none.

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

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

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

*Pound fee refunded to Geo Wilson*

That the Pound fee of \$ 1.50 assessed and collected from George Wilson by reason of the impounding of his horse on the morning of Nov the 1st, 1910, be and the same is hereby remitted for the following reason, to-wit:

From the statement of Mr Wilson the horse was tied inside of his yard near one of the windows of his residence, that during the night of Oct 31st (Halloween) some person untied the horse and turned him into the street, supposedly out of pure mischief, that he anticipated some prank of this kind and had taken every precaution against it.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

The Mayor laid before the Council the following report:

Austin, Texas, Oct 26th 1910.

To the Mayor and City Council,

City of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen :

*Report Councilman Gracy Streets of Fort Worth Dallas*

Under a resolution of the City Council passed Oct 21st 1910, I went to Dallas and Fort Worth to ascertain the policy adopted by those Cities in regard to location of street lines and grades and removing encroachments on the streets and also whether payment was made by said Cities or either of them where private property was damaged by the grades.

At both Cities I found that street lines are as indefinite as they are at Austin; very few established corners and from these corners two surveyors could not or would not agree on the same line, and both of said Cities make the street lines conform as nearly as possible to the improvements; encroachment on the streets are pushed back if possible, and if the owner of such encroachments refuse to move back without suit, same are left until some future date.

When it is decided to establish a permanent grade on any particular street the City Engineer is directed to make a profile of such street, and recommend a permanent grade, but before same is established all property owners are notified to appear before the Council and show cause why such grade should not be adopted.

All property in the business section is required to be filled or excavated to the established grade, but in the residence section the grade is made to conform to the natural surface of the ground as nearly as practicable, and when a street slopes to the side, a cut is generally made.

Curb and sidewalk lines are generally a matter of compromise and are put in the best way possible.

When curb and sidewalk lines have been given by a former City Engineer, and found to be incorrect but the property owner has improved according to those lines all new work is done at the expense of the City.

No damages is paid to property damaged by grading. Both Cities are now in a turmoil, Dallas on account of her fair and Fort Worth on account of her celebration of the 175 % increase in population, but I met the Mayors, Commissioners and City Engineers of both Cities and conversed with them about the street situation, and see no benefit to be derived by the City of Austin from my trip, beyond ascertaining the fact that the Cities of Dallas and Fort Worth have not solved the street problem, and are doing as Austin is now doing, the best under the present circumstances, and as the City of Austin receives no benefit from the trip except such as stated above, I do not believe that the City should be at any expense in the matter and therefore no expense account is rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

D B Gracy.

Superintendent Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

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

(1) That the thanks of this Council are due and are hereby expressed to Councilmen P W Powell and D B Gracy for their recent careful investigation into streets and sidewalk conditions in the Cities of Dallas and Fort Worth

(2) That the sum of \$                    is hereby appropriated out of the miscellaneous appropriations of the General fund for the expenses of Councilman Powell incurred upon this trip, and that the sum of \$                    is likewise appropriated to reimburse the expenses incurred by Councilman Gracy.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell        4

Not voting Councilman Gracy.        1

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:

Whereas, a deed executed by Joseph Nalle, Mayor, in April 1858, to Martha Nitzscher to the southwest quarter of lot 541 in Oakwood Cemetery was not Acknowledged, and whereas the present owners of said property, the said Martha Nitzscher, desires to have a deed to such property properly acknowledged for record, therefore,

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

That A P Wooldridge, Mayor, be and he is hereby authorized to execute a duplicate substitute deed for said deed executed by Joseph Nalle, Mayor, to the Southwest quarter of Cemetery Lot No 541, dated April 1858, and the City Assessor and Collector is hereby authorized to prepare said duplicate substitute deed for execution as herein above recited.

The resolution was passed by the following vote:

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

Nays none.

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the Mayor and Superintendent of Parks and Public Property be authorized to sign a lease with the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company permitting said Co to guy one of its poles to a pole belonging to the City on the Northeast corner of West Avenue and Tenth street, such lease to be subject to termination on thirty days notice by either party.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

*Duplicate Deed To  
Martha Nitzscher for  
Cemetery Lot*

*Mayor authorized to  
sign lease to S.W. Tel. &  
P. Co. To use poles.*

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5  
 Nays none. The Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

November 8th 1910.

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

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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

That the following grades be established as the permanent grades of West Avenue from the north side of ninth street to the center of twelfth street:

Benchmark from which elevations are taken is at the northwest corner of Ninth street and West Avenue, assumed elevation 120.29 ( 491.44 referred to the Post Office benchmark):

North side of Ninth street	119.82	unchanged
50 feet north of ninth street	122.42	"
100 feet north of ninth street	125.85	"
North side of Alley between 9th & 10th streets	129.68	"
50 feet south of 10th street	135.00	Out .88'
25 feet south of 10th street	136.48	" 1.00'
South side of 10th street	137.48	" 1.00'
North side of 10th street	140.00	" 1.24
50 feet north of 10th street	141.94	Unchanged
South side of Alley between 10th & 11th streets	143.00	Out .14'
North side of Alley between 10th & 11th streets	143.00	" .14'
50 feet north of Alley between 10th & 11th streets	142.24	Unchanged
South side of 11th street	139.94	"
North side of 11th street	138.19	"
75 feet north of 11th street	137.59	"
Center of 12th street	135.33	"

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5  
 Nays none.

The Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

Nov 9th 1910

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

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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

That the center line of 23rd street from Guadalupe to Rio Grande streets, be established by measuring thirty (30) feet from the building on the northwest corner of 23rd & Guadalupe streets, & 30 (30) feet from the northwest corner of 23rd street and the alley between San Antonio & Nueces streets, and also, that the permanent grade of 23rd street at Rio Grande street be 97.3, and at Nueces street 98.0, referring to the profile on file in the City Engineer's office, which makes no change in the grade at these two points.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

The Council then adjourned.

*J. O. Johnson*

City Clerk

*Fixing Grade  
 W Avenue from 9th to 12th  
 Streets*

*Line 23rd Guadalupe  
 To Rio Grande*