

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, Feb 16th 1911

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

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

Absent none.

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

Petitions, Memorials, etc:

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from the Consumers Fuel & Ice Co, asking a reduction in rates for water for certain seasons of the year, which was read and referred to Councilman Bartholomew for investigation and report.

The Mayor then laid before the Council a petition from Phil Besehe, asking for permission to put in 3 gasoline tanks in the alley in rear of lots 2 Block 29 of the City of Austin, which was read and referred to Councilman Powell for report.

The Mayor laid before the Council an invitation from the President of the State University to the Council to attend a reception, etc at the University on Saturday Feb 18th 1911, which was read and accepted.

The Mayor laid before the Council the annual report of the Austin Street Railroad Co, which was read and ordered filed.

The Council then recessed until 2 P M this day.

February 16th 1911 2 P M

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

The Mayor laid before the Council the following ordinance:

An ordinance to prohibit the distribution of sample packages of medicines or other articles containing ingredients dangerous to health and prescribing a penalty for the violation 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 Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy, Hart & Powell 5

Nays none.

The ordinance was read the second time and laid over.

Upon the recommendation of Councilman Hart, a fine assessed in the Recorders Court against one R T Roughton for abusive language, amounting to \$ 21.35, was remitted, except the amount of \$ 10.00, by the following vote:

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

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the council the following resolution:

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

Section 1. That Felix Cherico, his heirs and assigns, be and he is hereby granted the right to elevate above the level of the street, and maintain, the sidewalk on the West side of Lot No 1 Block 32, between 3rd & 4th and San Jacinto and Trinity streets by means of a wooden platform one hundred (100) feet in length including the approaches thereto, four (4) feet high and ten (10) feet wide, for the purpose of handling freight to and from the warehouse situated on said lot, subject to the terms, conditions and

Pet Consumers Fuel & Ice Co to reduce water rate

Pet Phil Besehe to put in Oil tanks

Invitation to Baroque at State University

Ordinance prohibiting distribution of medicines

Fine R. T. Roughton remitted

3 inches authority to put in sidewalk on lot

penalties hereinafter stated.

Section 2 . That said Felix Cherico, his heirs and assigns, are required to give access to such sidewalk from the North and South ends thereof by means of a sloping approach of the same width of said sidewalk and of not less than three (3) feet to each foot of elevation; provided that all work must be done under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements.

Section 3 . It is further provided that said Felix Cherico, his heirs and assigns, be required to keep said sidewalk and the approaches thereto in good and repair and to keep same at all times in such a condition so that said sidewalk may be easily accessible to the public.

Section 4 . That the privileges herein granted are upon the express condition and it is made a consideration hereof that said Felix Cherico, his heirs and assigns, shall indemnify and hold the City of Austin harmless from any and all damages that may result to any person or property by reason of the construction and maintenance of such elevated sidewalk.

Section 5 . That the privileges herein granted may be rescinded and repealed at the will of the City Council; provided, that nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to repeal any of the penal ordinances of the City of Austin nor shall same abridge any of the right and power of the City Council in its exclusive control over and regulation of said street at said point.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

~~xxThe Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayorxx~~

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance to prohibit the distribution of sample packages of medicines or other articles containing ingredients dangerous to health and prescribing a penalty for the violation 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 Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy, Hart & Powell 4

Nay Councilman Bartholomew 1

The ordinance was read the second time.

Councilman Bartholomew moved to amend the same by striking out the words "or by delivering same at the door of such residence", which motion was lost by the following vote :

Yea Councilman Bartholomew 1

Nay Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy, Hart & Powell 4

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

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy, Hart & Powell 4

Nay Councilman Bartholomew 1

The Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

*Patent Medicines
Distribution of
prohibited*

Austin, February 22nd 1911.

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

On motion of Councilman Bartholomew, leave of absence for one week, beginning February 25th 1911, was granted to W J Oliphant Jr, by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council his annual Budget for the year 1911, which was read.

Councilman Bartholomew moved to strike out appropriation of \$ 500.00 for Music, which motion was lost by the following vote :

Yeas Councilmen Bartholomew & Powell 2

Nays Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Gracy & Hart 3

Councilman Gracy moved to strike out, on page 2 the following words and figures, " excess of about \$ 11,997.45 appropriated above estimates of collections", which motion was lost by the following vote :

Yea Councilman Gracy 1

Nays Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 4

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

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

That the Budget of the Mayor for the year 1911, bearing date February 15th, 1911, and submitted this day, be and the same is hereby adopted, and the appropriations therein recommended are hereby made.

Resolved further, that the appropriations heretofore made for emergency purposes for the year 1911, be and they are hereby declared to be incorporated into and made a part of this budget.

Resolved further, That any excesses of monies appropriated but not expended in any of the departments during the current year shall be subject to transfer and re-assignment within his department by the head of each department. Where such transfers shall exceed the sum of Two Hundred and fifty dollars (\$ 250.00), notification of transfer shall be made by the head of his department to the City Council.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That from the statement contained on the attached affidavit and petition the City Council is of the opinion that it will be to the best interest of the City that the fine against the defendant Lucy Binford be continued in force, but that the defendant be given her liberty until the future order of the Council in this case.

Be it further resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that the said Lucy Binford be given her liberty, and the collection of the fine in this cause be held in obedience until the further order of the City Council in this case.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Budget for 1911
General Fund
Adopted.

Lucy Binford
Case - continued

. Says none.

The Council then adjourned.

Geo. O. Johnson
City Clerk.

Austin, Texas, February 15th 1911.

To the Honorable City Council.,
Of the City of Austin.
Gentlemen :

I submit below a Budget of this City for the year 1911, and ask the approval of the same by the City Council .

The estimated income of the City for the year 1911, exclusive of the income from the School Tax and the income of the Water, Light and Power Department , as furnished me by Councilman D B Gracy, is \$ 274,129.42, and is derived and apportioned as follows:

A P P O R T I O N M E N T

Estimated Receipts for 1911		General Expenses	Street Fund	Permanent Paving	Parks	Cemetery	Int. and Sink. Fd.
Ant. on hand January 1st	\$20,949.42		4,942.74	6,655.64	4,003.03	832.16	3,815.85
Advalorem Taxes 1910	147,500.00	99,532.50	32,450.00	8,112.50	4,425.00	2,950.00	
Advalorem Taxes 1909	1,500.00	1,012.50	330.00	82.50	45.00	30.00	
" " prior years	1,500.00	1,012.50	330.00	82.50	45.00	30.00	
Adv. taxes 1911 collected in 1911.....	12,000.00	8,100.00	2,640.00	660.00	360.00	240.00	
License Taxes	9,000.00	9,000.00					
Sale Cemetery Lots	1,000.00	1,000.00					
Fines in Corporation Ct.	7,500.00	7,500.00					
Pound Fees and Sales	1,000.00	1,000.00					
Hospital Pay Patients	400.00	400.00					
Int., Penalty and Costs	3,000.00	3,000.00					
Plumbers Inspection fees	600.00	600.00					
Int. on City money	2,590.00	900.00	200.00	350.00	100.00	30.00	1,000.00
Burial permits dead animals.....	200.00	200.00					
Registration fee of dogs	500.00	500.00					
Surveying fees	750.00		750.00				
Miscellaneous	1,750.00	1,500.00	250.00				
Int. & Sink. Fund taxes 1910.....	58,000.00						58,000.00
Int. & Sink. Fund taxes 1909.....	600.00						600.00
Int. & Sink. Fund taxes prior years.....	1,000.00						1,000.00
Int. & Sink. Fund taxes 1911 collected in 1910.	3,500.00						3,500.00
	274,129.42	135,287.50	41,892.74	15,945.14	8,978.03	4,112.16	67,915.85

Of this \$ 274,129.42 :

- (1) \$ 57,915.85 is by charter set aside for Interest and Sinking fund purposes.
- (2) \$57,835.88 of this \$ 274,129.42 is by charter or ordinance apportioned as a Street Fund, and \$ 41,892.74 ,of the \$ 57,835.88 is set aside to general street improvement purposes, and \$ 15,943.14 as a Permanent Paving fund .
- (3) \$ 8,978.03 of this \$274,129.42 is by ordinance apportioned to Public Parks.
- (4) \$ 4,112.16 of this \$ 274,129.42 is by ordinance apportioned to the Cemetery.
- (5) \$22,500.00 out of said \$ 274,129.42 must be paid by the City as an installment on account of the purchase of the Old Water Company's Plant.

These five apportionments of the City's total Revenue ,save from the School Taxes and from the income of the Water,Light and Power Plant,amount to \$ 161,341.92, and must be deducted from the total income of \$ 274,129.42 before we can begin to provide for the other expenses of the City. Deducting this \$ 161,341.92 from the total income of \$ 274,129.42 ,and thereis left \$ 112,787.50 ,and out of this \$ 112,787.50 plus 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ % of \$ 17,874.00 or \$11,997.45 at 95 cents on the \$ 100.00 of values, which is the unlevied part in 1910 of the General expense tax authorized by the Charter(or \$ 124,784.95 altogether) ,all of the expenses of the city not covered in the above assignments must be paid.

I beg to here recommend the following appropriations by Departments of the City's Revenue of \$ 274,129.42, plus \$ 11,997.45, or. \$286,126.87 .

" A " Department of Public Affairs, A P Wooldridge, Mayor, Superintendent.

1st For Salary of Mayor	\$ 2,500.00
2nd " " City Attorney	1,500.00
3rd " " Assistant City Attorney	900.00
4th " " Recorder	1,200.00
5th " " Clerk	1,200.00
6th " " Assistant Clerk	900.00
7th " " Stenographer	900.00
8th " " Secretary United Charities	600.00
9th For Stationery for heads of all Departments and postage for Mayor's Department	500.00
10th For Charity of all sorts including burial of paupers	2,500.00
11th For Public Free Concerts-onehalf for East Austin and onehalf for West Austin	500.00
12th For purchase of Library site	5,000.00
Total	\$ 18,500.00

" B " Department of Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts,

D B Gracy ,Superintendent.

1st Salary of Superintendent	\$ 2,000.00
2nd " " Assessor and Collector	1,500.00
3rd " " 1st Assistant Assessor & Collector	1,500.00
4th " " 2nd Assistant " "	1,000.00
5th Extra assistance in taking assessments and making tax rolls	1,200.00
6th Salary of Board of Equalization	900.00
7th Printing, Stationery, Postage and Books	400.00
8th Miscellaneous	100.00
Total	\$ 8,900.00

All of these expenditures are paid out of the General expense fund.

"C" Department of Parks and Public Property,

E. C. Bartholomew, Superintendent.

1st Salary Superintendent		\$ 2,000.00
2nd City Hall		
Salary Janitor		600.00
Fuel		350.00
Ice		90.00
Lamps		25.00
Repairs and improvements		400.00
Incidental expenses		75.00
3rd Market Square		
Salary Keeper	\$ 600.00	
New Roof for sheds	500.00	1,100.00
Total	\$	4,640.00

This amount of \$ 4640.00 is paid out of the General expense fund .

4th Pease Park

Salary of Keeper	\$ 480.00	
Repairs	150.00	
Tools and incidental expenses	75.00	7 05.00

5th Wooldridge Park

Salary Keeper	\$ 600.00	
Trees and shrubery	25.00	
Soil, Gravel and Grading	100.00	
Curbing ,Walks & Drain Pipe	1000.00	
Tools and incidental expenses	150.00	1,875.00

6th East Avenue

Balance of last year's appropriation	\$ 2,434.45
Additional appropriation for 1911	2,500.00

(This appropriation is conditioned upon the Citizens of East

Austin raising an additional \$ 1,000.00)

Contribution of \$ 1,000.00 from Citizens of East

Austinless \$25.00 paid for plans	975.00	\$ 5,909.45
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7th Miscellaneous Park appropriations	443.58
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Total for Parks	\$ 8,933.03
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8th Oakwood Cemetery

Salary Sexton	\$ 300.00
Labor in caring for Cemetery	1,200.00
Fences and repairs	1,000.00
Tools and incidental expenses	200.00
Dead House	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	412.16

Total for Cemetery	\$ 4,112.16
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The total of appropriations for Department "C"	17,730.19
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\$ 41640.00 of this \$ 17,730.19, comes out of General expense fund

\$ 8,978.03 out of Park fund ,and \$ 4,112.16 out of Cemetery fund.

"D" Department of Streets and Public Improvements,

P W Powell, Superintendent.

1st Salary of Superintendent	\$ 2,000.00
2nd Salary Engineer	1,800.00
3rd Salary Assistant Engineer	1,200.00
Total	\$ 5,000.00

(This sum is recommended to be paid out of General expense fund)

4th For General street work as follows:

Two teams of mules at \$ 450.00 per team	\$ 900.00
Equipments for streets, Dump wagons, wheel scrapers, slips, etc	\$ 2,000.00
Stock Feed	\$2,000.00
Blacksmithing	1,050.00
Harness and repairs	150.00
Lumber	1,500.00
Cement and Lime	1,500.00
Rent of Stables	180.00
Reinforced culvert over Little Shoal Creek between Nueces and West 5th streets	2,750.00
Cutting down West 12th street hill between Blanco & Creek	500.00
Regular Salaries (see pay roll below)	10,720.00
Extra Labor	10,000.00
Costs and damages up to \$ 1,000.00	1,000.00
Incidentals, Bridges, Freight, etc	7,542.74
Total for Streets, Bridges & Incidentals	\$ 41,892.74
For Permanent Paving	15,943.04
Total for Salaries, Streets and Permanent Paving paid out of Street fund	\$57,835.78

Monthly pay roll for street department.

1 Assistant Engineer. at \$ 53.35 per mo	\$ 1000.00
1 Rodman At \$ 50.00 per month	600.00
1 Foreman " \$ 7500. " "	900.00
1 Asst Foreman " 55.00 "	660.00
1 Rollerman " 55.00 "	660.00
1 Guard " 50.00 "	600.00
1 Stableman " 50.00 "	600.00
8 Teamsters " 50.00 " each	4,800.00

1 Inspector for Permanent work at \$ 75.00 per month \$ 900.00

Total Regular Salaries as shown above \$ 10,720.00

Total for Street Department \$ 64,835.88. Of this sum \$ 57,835.88 is from the Charter or ordinance assignment s out of the property taxes, and \$ 5,000.00 is out of the General expense fund, and \$ 2,000.00 is from Convict Labor at \$ 1.00 per man per day.

" E " Department of Police and Public Safety, Jas P Hart , Superintendent.

1st Salary of Superintendent	\$ 2,000.00
2nd Fire Department.	
Salaries of 9 Drivers of Hose Wagons & 1 Tillerman	\$ 8,400.00
Feed for Teams, horse-shoeing, new Harness, Repairing old Harness,	
Veterinary services	5,520.00

. Miscellaneous.

Repairs to apparatus	\$ 500.00	
Rent of Hall Washington Hose Co 2	600.00	
Feed and care of Buggy and horse Chief	300.00	
Hire of extra horse or horses in case one is disabled from any cause	100.00	
Repairs to Fire Halls	500.00	
Payment on 10th Ward Fire Hall	3,059.00	
New Hose already delivered	1,000.00	
Second story West Austin Fire Hall	2,000.00	
General Miscellaneous Fire Department	500.00	\$ 22,479.00

3rd Police department.

Salary of City Marshal	\$ 1,620.00	
" Sergeant of Police	1,250.00	
" Clerk Corporation Court & Day Clerk	1,440.00	
Salary Night Clerk	900.00	
Salaries 7 Foot Patrolmen	6,300.00	
Salaries of 3 Mounted Patrolmen	3,640.00	
Salary of City Detective	1,200.00	
" Pound Master	960.00	
" Asst Pound Master	900.00	
" Dog Catcher (five months)	400.00	
Care of Patrol wagon & Horses	360.00	
Feed for Pound	100.00	
Feeding Prisoners	2,000.00	
Dog Meat (for dog Pound)	50.00	
Feed for Blood Hounds	60.00	
Rent of pound	50.00	
Miscellaneous	940.00	
Total for Police department		\$ 26,550.00

4th Sanitary department .

Salary of Inspector	\$ 960.00	
Salaries of 15 men	9,000.00	
Salary Driver of Sweeper	660.00	
Blacksmithing and Repairs	750.00	
Extra Labor, Tools, etc	500.00	
Machinery and Sprinkling	2,000.00	
Feed for Teams	2,000.00	
Disinfectant s	200.00	
Mules	500.00	
Repairing Crematory	250.00	
Burying Dead Animals	250.00	
Grounds and Stables for Stock & Machinery	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	500.00	
Total for Sanitary department		\$ 18,570.00

5th Hospital Department.

Salary of Matron	\$ 500.00	
Salaries of Nurses and Attendants	1,500.00	
Salary of Cook	240.00	
" Laundress	216.00	
" Yard and General utility man	216.00	
Groceries	900.00	
Dry Goods	300.00	
Fuel and Cutting same	400.00	
Meat, Vegetables, Bread, Ice, etc	1,500.00	
Medical supplies including Sterilizer	1,200.00	
Salary City Health Officer	1,200.00	
" Asst .do do	600.00	
Repairs, Improvements, etc	800.00	
Miscellaneous	500.00	
Total for Hospital		\$ 10,172.00
6th Pure Food Inspector .		
Salary of Inspector	\$ 1,200.00	
Miscellaneous	25.00	
Total		\$ 1,225.00
7th Plumbing Inspector's Salary		1,020.00
Summary ,by Sub-Departments of the Department of Police and Public Safety.		
Salary Superintendent		\$ 2,000.00
Fire Department		22,479.00
Police Department		25,550.00
Sanitary Department		15,570.00
Hospital		10,172.00
Pure Food Inspector		1,225.00
Plumbing Department		1,020.00
Total for Department " E "		82,646.00

The entire expense of this department is paid out of the General Expense fund.

Special Appropriations.

Survey for Sewer System for East Austin \$ 500.00

To the above items of expense must be added \$ 4,595.95.00 to cover the contingent expenses of this City for the current year, including the overdraft of \$ 1,065.85 against the General expense fund on Dec 31st 1910.

In closing this Budget I have pleasure in contrasting the financial condition of the City as it existed on Dec 31st, 1910, with its condition on Dec 31st 1909. The total overdrafts of the City on Dec 31st 1909, less an outstanding warrant of \$ 6,500.00 issued to the School Board , amounted to \$ 31,529.37, arising as follows:

General fund	\$ 15,542.13
Street Improvement fund	5,352.93
Interest and Sinking fund	3,150.10
Park Fund	576.16
Cemetery fund	858.93
Total	\$ 31,529.37

Against this overdraft was only the balance of \$ 3,321.10 in the Permanent Paving fund, leaving a net overdraft of \$ 27,708.27.

This unsatisfactory condition of the City's finances at the end of 1909 and principally arose from the fact that no budget of the City's receipts and disbursements was provided for the year 1909, and as a consequence both the old Government and the present government had to do business more or less in the dark during that year.

On Dec 31st 1910, the only overdraft owing by the City (exclusive of the School warrant of \$ 6,500.00) was an overdraft against the General expense account of \$ 1,065.53.

Against this overdraft in the general expense fund the City had cash credits in the General fund of the City on Dec 31st, 1910, amounting to \$ 19,249.42, or net credits after deducting the \$ 1,065.53 from the \$ 19,249.42 of \$ 18,183.57.

Add this net cash credit of \$ 18,183.57 of Dec 31st, 1910, to the net overdraft of \$ 27,708.27 on Dec 31st, 1909, and we have the City \$ 45,891.84 better off in cash on Dec 31st 1910, than it was on Dec 31st 1909.

I wish also to add that every known debt owing by the City, (except its bonded debt) was paid or charged in 1910. We paid not only December salaries, but all December bills in 1910, or thirteen months bills in twelve months time.

I am informed by the City Officials that this has never been done before in our City.

There is in the budget a credit of \$ 67,915.85 to Interest and Sinking fund. The interest charges on the City's entire bonded indebtedness amounts to \$ 63,770.00. Deducting this sum from the estimated Interest and Sinking fund for the present year and there is left a balance of \$ 4,145.00, at least \$ 3,000.00 of which ought to be used in the redemption of some of our refunding bonds.

I will submit a separate budget for the Water and Light Department for 1911, when I shall have received the report of that department. I am looking for the same within the next few days.

I will only state here that its report will show a surplus on Dec 31st, 1910, after everything is paid, of \$ 75,249.01. Add this to the \$ 18,183.57 in the general fund and we have net cash on hand in all Departments on Dec 31st, 1910, amounting to \$ 93,432.57.

I beg to accompany this budget with the full and clear reports of all the departments, save that of the Water and Light department. The report of this department which is a large one, has been unavoidably delayed.

Respectfully,

A P Wooldridge

Mayor of the City of Austin.