

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, April 17th 1911.

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

Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy & Hart 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

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

The Mayor laid before the Council a protest signed by the Chief of the Fire Dept and Foremen of several of the Fire Companies, protesting against the confirmation of N A Turner as Recorder of the Fire Dept for the year beginning April 21st 1911, which was read, and action on same postponed for the present.

Reports of City Officers:

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the Plumbing Inspector for the months of January, February and March 1911, which were read and ordered filed, also that of the Fire Marshal for the quarter ending March 31st 1911, and that of the City Marshal & Sexton for the month of March 1911, all of which were ordered filed.

New business :

Councilman Hart presented petitions from L A Juhring, Jno S Jackson and Julius Martinez, asking to have pound fees refunded, which were read and the same rejected by the following vote, :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy & Hart 4

Nays none.

Councilman Hart presented a petition from Mrs Edith L Cooper, asking the Council to remit the unpaid portion of a fine assessed against Thos Lewis, in the Recorder's court, amounting to \$ 14.75, which petition was recommended by Councilman Hart.

The petition was granted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy & Hart 4

Nays none.

Councilman Gracy offered the following resolution :

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

That for reasons satisfactory to the Supt of Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts, Mr J P Wallace, a member of the Board of Equalization of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby removed from his Office as a member of said Board of Equalization.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Gracy & Hart 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

The Council then recessed until 2 O'Clock P M this day.

*Protest against confirmation
N A Turner as Recorder
Fire Dept 911*

Reports of City Officers

*L A Juhring, Jno S Jackson
Julius Martinez
Pound fees*

*Thos Lewis fine
remitted*

*J P Wallace removed
as member
Board of Equalization*

Friday April 14th 1911.

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

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

It appearing to the Council that J B St John was the owner of a certain animal described in the attached affidavit, sold by the City for pound fees, etc, and he having made proof of ownership as required by Article 10 of the Revised Ordinances, and is entitled to the sum of eleven and 50/100 dollars (\$ 11.50) now on deposit in the City Treasury, being the amount of balance from sale of said animal after deducting all cost and expense due the City; therefore,
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the sum of \$ 11.50 be paid to the said J B St John, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to issue a warrant in his favor for said amount.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance to grant H M Moore the right to construct, maintain and operate a railroad track upon and across certain streets in the City of Austin, subject to certain conditions and penalties.

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.

The Mayor laid before the Council 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 sidewalk south side of east 9th street between San Jacinto and Trinity streets, the bench mark being the top of the fire plug at the S W corner of Congress Avenue and ninth street, assumed elevation 100:

At East side of San Jacinto street	118.6	Cut 3.9'
46 Feet east of San Jacinto street	119.1	" 4.5'
92 Feet east of San Jacinto street	119.3	" 2.5'
The above grades are 7'-10' above the established grade of the center of the street, which latter is also the established curb grade.		
138 feet east of San Jacinto street	118.8	Fill .4'
92 feet west of Trinity street	117.7	" 2.3'
46 feet west of Trinity street	117.7	" 2.3'

That the sidewalk grade heretofore established on the - day - 1911 be and the same is hereby repealed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

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

That a cordial invitation be and is hereby extended to the modern order of Praetorians to hold its annual convention for the year 1913 in this City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote.:

J B St John
Refunded for stock sold
from Council

H M Moore
Spur RR track

Side Grade Egt
Crack
San Jacinto & Trinity

Prætorians
Prætorians Annual
Convention

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

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following report:

We the undersigned Committee appointed to canvass the election returns of the election held in this City on the 3rd of April, 1911, for the election of a Mayor and four Councilmen, beg to report as follows:

We have canvassed said returns and find that:

W H McElroy nominee for Mayor, received	1321 votes
A P Wooldridge, nominee for Mayor, received	2315 votes
E C Bartholomew, nominee for Councilman, received	3182 votes
F M Covert, nominee for Councilman, received	1338 votes
Jas P Hart, nominee for Councilman, received	2179 votes
H L Haynes, nominee for Councilman, received	1113 votes
I P Lockridge, nominee for Councilman, received	1697 votes
C B Moreland, nominee for Councilman, received	1554 votes
P W Powell, nominee for Councilman, received	2978 votes
Total number of votes cast in said election	3671

D B Gracy

Jas P Hart

E C Bartholomew.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

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

That whereas the report of the special committee of the City Council appointed to canvass the returns of the election held in this City on the

3rd of April 1911, for the election of a Mayor and four Councilmen, shows that A P Wooldridge received a majority of the votes cast for the Mayoralty at said election, he, the said A P Wooldridge, is therefore hereby declared to be the duly and legally elected Mayor of this City, to serve for the two years ending after April 3rd 1913.

And, Whereas, it also appears from said report that E C Bartholomew, P W Powell, Jas P Hart, and I P Lockridge, received the largest number of votes cast at said election for Councilmen, they, the said E C Bartholomew, P W Powell, Jas P Hart and I P Lockridge, are hereby declared to be the duly and legally elected Councilmen of this City, to serve for two years next ensuing after April 3rd 1911.

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 an ordinance to grant to H M Moore the right to construct, maintain and operate a railroad track upon and across certain streets in the City of Austin, subject to certain conditions and penalties.

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 then read the second time and laid over.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

*Report Committee
Election April 3rd 1911*

*Office declared elected
A P Wooldridge
E C Bartholomew
P W Powell
Jas P Hart
I P Lockridge*

*Ordinance
to grant to H M Moore
the right to construct,
maintain and operate
a railroad track upon
and across certain
streets in the City
of Austin, subject to
certain conditions
and penalties.*

*Invitation Grand
Lodges Sons of
Herman*

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

That a most cordial invitation is here extended to the Grand Lodge of the Sons of Herman of the State of Texas to hold its annual convention for the year 1913 in this City.

The City of Austin will esteem it a privilege to entertain the Sons of Herman, and pledges the cordial hospitality of its people to the Sons of Herman, should they come to us in 1913.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following communication:

Austin, Texas, April 15 th 1911.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council, City of Austin.

Gentlemen :

I left Austin April 8th for the purpose of inspecting the different street paving in New Orleans and other Cities which put in permanent street work.

I found more different kinds of paving in New Orleans than in any of the other Cities which I visited—Granite Blocks, Brick, asphalt, Bitulithic and Granitoid.

The Granitoid I consider as good, if not better than most of the paving that I inspected, and it was recommended by the City Engineer of New Orleans as one of their best materials. It is sanitary and much cooler in the summer. There is no slipping of horses, either on the level or grades, and automobiles will not skid. This paving is laid with expansion joints, preventing the depression. I found no cracking in the surface. In appearance it is a bright and grayish color. The paving which I inspected had been in use three years, and I could not distinguish any wear on its surface.

The trip was, I consider, very advantageous in the way of probably securing the best and most economical material for paving the streets of Austin.

Respectfully ,

P W Powell

Supt Streets and Public Improvements.

The Mayor laid before the Council the Budget for the Water and Light Dept for the year 1911, which was read.

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 of this City for the Water, Light and Power Dept , for the year 1911, be and the same is hereby approved, and the appropriations therein recommended be and the same are hereby made.

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

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

Nays none.

The resolution was then read the second time and laid over.

The Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

*Report P. W. Powell
Supt Streets
Inspection Trip to
New Orleans, etc*

*Budget Water &
Light Dept 1911*

Saturday April 15th 1911.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor, with all members present: The following statement was presented.

The resolution calling for bids for street paving restricted the street paving to Bithulitic pavement, wood block pavement and vitrified brick pavement.

The advertisement for bids for street paving also called for paving with bitulithic, Wood blocks and vitrified brick.

At a meeting of bidders for street paving, held this day., other sorts of street paving were proposed to the City Council.

Bids for street paving
Certain streets named

As a matter of convenience and information to the Council, upon the consent of the representatives of the Bithulitic, Wood block and vitrified brick paving, consent was granted the representatives of other sorts of paving to file and open their bids and present the merits of their several sorts of street paving, but no waiver of legal rights was granted by the City Council or the representatives of the Bithulitic, Wood block, and vitrified brick paving, by reason of the consent granted to the representatives of other sorts of paving to submit bids and discuss the merits of their several sorts of paving.

This record of the action of the City Council in this matter is here made for the information of the City Council, the bidders and of the public, should there be future occasion to know the definite action of the City Council in this particular matter.

This statement is here ordered by the City Council to be filed and recorded in the minutes of the Council, as of date April 15th 1911.

Councilman Powell presented to the Council bids from several parties, for paving certain streets in this City, as set out in specifications made and published by the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements, as follows:

Bithulitic Paving Co \$ 2.21 cents per sq yard, and for excavating Dirt and loose rock 35 cents per sq yard. Solid Rock excavation \$ 3.00 per ^{cu} yd
Granatoid Paving Co \$ 1.85 per sq yard, excavating dirt and loose rock 45 cents per sq yard. Solid Rock \$ 2.00 per sq yard.

Cresoting Wood Block Paving Co, Gulf Port Miss,

Wood Blocks \$ 2.45 per sq Yard, excavating, dirt and loose rock 45 cents per sq yard. Solid Rock \$ 1.50 per sq yard.

Texas Grading Co, Wood Blocks \$ 2.44 per sq yard, excavating, dirt and loose rock, 45 cents per sq yard. Solid Rock \$ 1.50 per sq yard

Texas Grading Co Brick \$ 2.57 per sq yard, excavating dirt & loose rock 45 cents. Solid Rock \$ 1.50.

J O Pelhemus, Wood Blocks \$ 2.4, per sq yard, excavating, dirt & loose rock 40 cents. Solid Rock \$ 2.00.

J O Pelhemus Brick \$ 2.15 per sq yard, excavating, dirt & loose rock 40 cents. Solid Rock \$ 2.00.

Knox T Johnson Wood Blocks \$ 2.20 per sq yard, excavating, dirt & loose rock 50 cents. Solid Rock \$ 1.50.

Knox T Johnson Brick \$ 1.95 per sq yard, excavating, dirt & loose rock. Solid Rock \$ 1.50.

Knox T Johnson Concrete \$ 1.75 per sq yard, excavation, dirt & loose rock 50 cents. Solid Rock \$ 1.50.

.Further consideration of the bids were postponed until Saturday April 22nd 1911.
The Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

Monday April 17th 1911.

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

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

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

That leave of absence is here granted to Joe O Johnson, City Clerk, from April 15th to April 22nd inclusive.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew Hart & Powell 4

Absent Councilman Gracy 1

The Council then adjourned.

J. O. Johnson
City Clerk

Joe O. Johnson
Leave Absence