

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, June 29th 1911.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor : Roll called:
Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Lockridge & Powell 5

Absent none.

The minutes of the last regular and subsequent recessed meetings

were read and adopted by the following vote P;

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

Nays none.

Petitions, etc:

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Citizens asking that property owners on East 6th street be required to put in Cement sidewalks in front of their property, which was read but no action taken.

Councilman Lockridge offered the following resolution :

Whereas, certain propositions have been made to the City of Austin to rebuild the dam across the Colorado River and to furnish power therefrom to operate the City plant; and,

Whereas, it is apparent, after mature consideration by the Council, that said propositions each contain features that are objectionable from a business standpoint and that they also contain features that are probably objectionable from Engineering and legal standpoints; and that the absence of definite information on which contractors can predicate their bids has precluded all real competition in bidding for the work; and,

Whereas, it is the sense of the Council that the interest of the City will be best served by letting the contract to rebuild the dam only after competitive bids have been invited for its re-construction in accordance with detailed and specific plans to be formulated by the best engineering talent obtainable and only after the legal and business features of the proposed contract have been settled so definitely that persons desirous of bidding may have opportunity to do so intelligently; therefore,

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

Section 1. That all pending bids for work be and are hereby rejected.

Sec 2. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to employ the best engineering talent obtainable (Government Engineer's preferred) to make the necessary investigations and to draw detailed and specific plans and specifications for re reconstructing the dam and its appurtenances that the structures will be modern, permanent, safe and efficient.

Sec 3. That the City Attorney be and is hereby instructed to submit to the Council a draft or form of contract according to which said work can be contracted for and paid for in installments out of gross receipts from the City water, light and power plant, without violating limitations on the power of the City, if in his opinion the City can legally make such a contract. If in his opinion the City cannot legally make such a contract, he is instructed to so advise the Council in writing, stating the legal objections to a contract of the character mentioned. The resolution was read and laid on the table subject to call.

Councilman Bartholomew presented a communication from H A Wroe, representative of the J F Cogan Co, in regard to the propositions for rebuilding the dam, which was read and filed.

By Councilman Lockridge An ordinance amending Article 1045, Section 15 of the

*Petition Citizens to
have sidewalks put in
on E 6th*

*Resolution
Councilman Lockridge
on rebuilding dam*

Circus Fair ordinance

the Revised ordinances of the City of Austin, State of Texas.

The ordinance was read the first time and, passed, under suspension of the rules by the following vote: and laid over.

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Lockridge & Powell. 5

Nays none.

Barbed Wire ordinance

By Councilman Hart An ordinance prohibiting the construction or maintenance of Barbed Wire Fences, for the violation of which a penalty is provided.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Lockridge & Powell. 5

Nays none. Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

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

That the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements be authorized to advertise for bids for the widening of the Fredricksburg Dyke from Congress Avenue to South First street, South Austin.

The roadway embankment is to be widened on the north side only on an average of approximately seven (7') feet, the new line of top of embankment to be twenty six (26) feet north of the center line of the street.

The approximate cost to be \$ 1,000.00, the City of Austin paying \$ 500.00 and the County of Travis paying \$ 500.00.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Lockridge & Powell. 5

Nays none.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

Resolution repealing a resolution passed by the City Council on February 25th 1911, and establishing permanent grades for West Avenue between 17th & 18th streets.

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

That the permanent grades of West Avenue between seventeenth and eighteen streets be and the same are hereby established as follows:

South side of 17th street	225.36	unchanged
50 feet north of the north line of 17th street	231.00	Cut 0.61'
75 feet north of the north line of 17th street	231.70	" 0.71'
100 " " " " " "	232.20	" 0.41'
125 " " " " " "	232.71	Unchanged
150 " " " " " "	232.81	"
175 " " " " " "	232.61	"
200 " " " " " "	232.31	"
225 " " " " " "	232.01	"
250 " " " " " "	231.71	unchanged
South line of 18th street	230.76	" 0.65
Center line of 18th street	229.82	" 0.05'
North line of 18th street	228.83	Unchanged

The bench mark is the top of the fire plug at the N W corner of 15th street and West Avenue, assumed elevation 197.36, or fire plug at the N W corner of 17th street and West Avenue, assumed elevation 231.13.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Lockridge & Powell. 5

Nays none.

Superintendent to advertise for bids for Fredricksburg Dyke.

Grade, W Avenue, 17th & 18th streets

- Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

That whereas on the day of Will Mabry ,an old negro ,was fined in the Corporation Court in the sum of twenty five (\$25.00) dollars and costs,amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$ 35.55,for slapping his Wife,that the man is quite old,very quiet and law abiding,that he has paid \$ 22.50 on said fine, leaving a balance of \$ 13.05 still due,and being very poor,asks leniency of the Council,therefore,

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

That the collection of the unpaid balance of said fine be held in abeyance until the further order of the Council in this case.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Woolridge,Councilmen Bartholomew,Hart,Lockridge & Powell 5

Nays none.

- Councilman Hart offered the following resolution:

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

That the pound fees heretofore paid by Mrs Chas Schroeder on the 18th day of June 1911,on three head of cattle,amounting to four & 50/100\$ (4.50) dollars be and the same are hereby remitted,and it appearing from the statement of Mrs Schroeder that her cow and calves were staked on the river below the bridge and were turned loose by some mexicans. She further states that hereafter she will keep her stock confined. She fourther states that she sells milk which partially supports the family and that the payment of these fees works a great hardship upon her.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Woolridge,Councilmen Bartholomew,Hart,Lockridge & Powell 5

Nays none.

Councilman Hart ~~offered the following resolution:~~ presented the following communication:

Austin,Texas ,June 29th 1911.

The Hon City Council :

Gentlemen :

I would most respectfully represent that on Dec 31st 1910 one Jean Wims was arrested and fined \$ 20.20 in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin,Texas,that he laid out 75 cents of said fine in the City jailand was released upon a hiring bond,the first payment of \$ 7.50 being paid in cash. And that on January 14th 1911,and before the second payment on said bond was in, the said Jean Wims was arrested on a charge of vagrancy,and was released on condition that he leave our City at once.

Now Gentlemen,as he was released on the condition that he leave town immediately,and he having left before any subsequent payment on said bond was due, I feel that it would not be just to compel the bondsmen to pay the balance on this fine,I therefore most respectfully recommend that your Hon body remit \$ 11.95 the balance due on this fine.

Respectfully,

J T Laughlin,

City Marshal ,Austin,Texas.

On motion the recommendation was adopted ,and the balance of said fineremitted, by the following vote :

Will Mabry
fine remitted

Pound fees refunded
Mrs Chas Schroeder

Jean Wims
fine

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

Nays none.

By Mayor Wooldridge An ordinance amending Article 394 of the Revised ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, concerning the granting of leaves of absence to Officers and employees of this City.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

By Mayor Wooldridge an ordinance amending in part sub-division 2 of Article 375 of the Revised ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, and declaring ten feet to be the legal width of the sidewalks on Brazos, San Jacinto, ^{Trinity} Neches, Red River and Sabine streets from third to sixth streets in this City.

Whereas, portions of Brazos, San Jacinto, Neches, Red River and Sabine streets, from third to sixth streets in this City are rapidly becoming business streets, and merchants and other business men upon said streets prefer the sidewalk to be ten (10) feet rather than twenty (20') feet in width, as is the present law, therefore.,

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

Sec 1. That the sidewalks on each side of Brazos, San Jacinto, Trinity, Neches, Red River and Sabine streets, from third to sixth streets, be and the same are hereby declared to be of the legal width of ten feet (10')

Sec 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof, be and the same are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

By Mayor Wooldridge an ordinance repealing an ordinance, passed by the City Council of the City of Austin on April 25th A D 1911, and approved the same day by A P Wooldridge, Mayor of said City, entitled " 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 passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

By Mayor Wooldridge an ordinance granting to the Houston & Texas Central Railway Company the right, and requiring said Company to construct, maintain and operate a railroad switch track or turn out upon and across certain streets in the City of Austin, subject to certain conditions.

The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

*Width sidewalks on
certain streets fixed*

*H M Moore, Ryholder
Ordinance repealed*

*H M Moore, Ryholder
Track*

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

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

That whereas the the City of Austin is the owner of 4 35-gallon chemical tanks bought years ago for use in the fire department, that more than two of said tanks have ever been used and only one to any great extent, at least two of these tanks are useless to the City and will be for years to come, the chief of the Fire Dept has an offer of \$ 40.00 for one of these tanks, and recommends its sale, therefore, Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, that said offer for \$ 40.00 for one of said tanks be and the same is hereby accepted and said sale authorized upon the payment of said sum into the City treasury.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

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

That the report of the Committee of the City Council, recommending the City's purchase from the Webb Motor Apparatus Company, an Automobile Hose Cart, for the price of forty two hundred (\$ 4,200.00) dollars, be and the same is hereby adopted and approved, and the purchase of said apparatus at the price and on the terms named be and the same is hereby authorized to the Commissioner of Police and Public Safety, Hon Jas P Hart.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

The Council then recessed until 2.30 O'clock P M this day.

2.30 O'Clock P M June 29th 1911.

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

Councilman Lockridge presented bids for Supplies, Material, etc for the City for the term ending December 31st 1911, as follows: viz,

For Blacksmithing, Swan Martin, C F Ecklund & Smith & Billen.

Cement, Austin Building Supply Co, Austin White Lime Co & Nalle & Co

For Lumber, Nalle & Co & Calcasieu Lumber Co,

For Hardware Walter Tips, W H Richardson & Co & Bengener Bros.

For Newspaper printing Daily Tribune.

For Bitter & Bitter Milk for Hospital, I P Hodge.

For Sweet Milk for Hospital, J W Templar.

For Stock Feed, Robinson Bros.

For Meals for City Prisoners, McE & E Wheeler.

For Coal for City Hall, McAlister Fuel Co, Consumers Fuel & Ice Co & Austin Coal & Ice Co

For Ice for all Depts, Lone Star Ice Co & Consumers Fuel & Ice Co.

For Meat for Hospital Wm Ullit.

For Groceries for Hospital, Tom D Smith, W B Smith & Moore & Morrison.

For Drugs for Hospital, Grahams Drug Store & Maxwell & Spalding.

For Prescriptions for paupers, Grahams Drug Store.

For Hauling paupers & pauper remains, S E Rosengren.

In action the bids for Drugs for Hospital, was referred to the City Health Officer, those for Hardware & Blacksmithing, to the Supt Streets, etc those for Groceries

Chemical tanks
ordered sold

Fire Auto ordered
purchased

Bids for supplies

. to Supt Lockridge, Hart & the City Clerk.

The Council then recessed subject to call of the Mayor.

Saturday July 1st 1911.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present. The following awards for Material, Supplies, etc., for the City for the term ending December 31st 1911, were made: viz,

*Contracts for Supplies
Awarded*

For Stock feed, to Robinson Bros .

For Newspaper printing to the Daily Tribune.

For Meals for City Prisoners to Mrs A E Wheeler.

For Meat for Hospital, to Wm Ulit.

For Hauling pauper remains & Hauling paupers sick , to SE Rosengren

Sweet Milk for Hospital to J W Templer.

For Butter & butter milk for Hospital to H F Hodge.

For Hardware for all Depts to W H Richardson & Co.

For Lumber for all Depts to Calcasieu Lumber Co.

For Cement for all Depts to the Austin White Lime Co.

For Blacksmithing to Smith & Bullian .

For Coal & Ice for City Hall, the bids of the McAlister Coal Co & the Consumers Fuel & Ice Co for Coal & the Lone Star Ice Co & the Consumers Fuel & Ice Co , for Ice, being the same , the Supt Receipts, Disbursements & Accounts, was directed to ask for new bids.

The bid Of Grahams Drug Store for prescriptions for paupers, was rejected , as being too high , and the Supt Receipts , Disbursements & Accounts was directed to ask for new bids.

The Council then adjourned ~~subject to call of the Mayor.~~XXXX

J. J. Johnson
City Clerk.