

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, May 9, 1918.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following present: Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; absent, none.

The minutes of previous meetings, to and including that of May 4, were read and adopted by a vote of 5 yeas.

Mrs. J. R. Hamilton and Mrs. Yarbrough were present and addressed the Council on the subject of free milk depots as a means of supplying nourishment for the babies of needy families. The Council took under advisement the matter of rendering assistance to the movement.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce came before the Council to ask that the question of amending the City Charter so as to permit the levy of a mill tax for the support of the Chamber of Commerce be submitted to the voters. Messrs. H. A. Wroe, W. E. Long, A. C. Goeth and others addressed the Council on the subject. The members of the Council expressed themselves as being in sympathy with the idea, but deferred action.

The April reports of the Fire Chief, Secretary of the United Charities, City Health Officer, Officer in Charge of the U. S. Employment Service, finances of the Street and Sewer Department, and reports of arrests made and animals impounded by the Police Department, were read and ordered filed; also a special report and estimate of cost made by the City Engineer in connection with the Camp Mabry sewer line.

Reports by the City Engineer and the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements concerning the completion of the tarvia pavement on the Speedway, between 24th and 43rd streets, were read, after which the following resolution was offered by Councilman Powell:

A RESOLUTION FINALLY ACCEPTING PAVEMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS ON THE SPEEDWAY FROM A POINT ONE HUNDRED AND TEN FEET NORTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF 24TH STREET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF 43RD STREET

Whereas, the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements has filed his report with the City Council to the effect that the Finley Method Company has completed the work of tarviating and improving the Speedway from a point one hundred and ten feet north of the north line of 24th street to the south line of 43rd street, under contract with the City, and that said work has been fully done in strict accordance with contract and specifications adopted by the City:

Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That the said work of improvement be finally accepted by the City and that the final estimate due by the City to the said Company be paid.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; nays none.

APPROVED, May 9, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

Afternoon session: All members present.

The Mayor read a communication from D. A. Gregg relating to damage by overflow to his land near Pease Park. The sentiment of the Council, as expressed, was that the City is no way liable for this damage.

Councilman Anthony submitted the resignations of George Randolph and John Lindsey as hosemen in the Fire Department. The resignations were accepted

Milk depots for children

Vote for support of Chamber of Commerce

April reports

Accepting tarvia pavement on Speedway

D. A. Gregg claim for damages

Geo. Randolph and John Lindsey resignations

by a vote of 5 yeas.

Councilman Anthony then nominated M. J. Touchstone and C. B. Stamford to be hosemen, and each of them was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 4; Councilman Anthony not voting.

The Mayor laid before the Council for final passage "An ordinance ordering an election, and providing for the submission to the qualified voters at said election of the question, "Shall a commission be chosen to frame a new charter for the City of Austin," and providing for the election of the members of such commission, provided a majority of the qualified voters, voting at said election, shall have voted in the affirmative on said question."

Following was the vote on the Mayor's motion to pass this ordinance finally: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony and Powell, 3; nays--Councilmen Bartholomew and Haynes, 2. A two-thirds majority being necessary for passage, the motion was declared lost.

The Mayor laid before the Council "An ordinance ordering an election to obtain the consent of the qualified voters of the City of Austin, Texas, who pay taxes on property within the limits of said city to the issuance of bonds by the City Council for the purpose of constructing and installing a sewage disposal plant for the City of Austin."

The ordinance was read the first time and the Mayor moved a suspension of the rule and placing it on its second reading. The motion prevailed by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; nays none.

When the ordinance had been read the second time the Mayor moved a further suspension of the rule and placing it on its third reading. The motion carried by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; nays none.

After the third reading, the Mayor's motion to pass the ordinance finally prevailed by the following vote: Yeas--Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; nays none.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:
RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent Fund of the City of Austin, Texas, and credited to the item and account of "Supplies for City Clerk's Office" in the budget of the City of Austin for the year 1918.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

APPROVED, May 9, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

*M. J. Touchstone
C. B. Stamford
Hosemen*

*Charter commission
ordinance
defeated*

*Ordering sewage
disposal plant
had election*

*Supplies for
City Clerk's
Office*

*Appo. for food
conservation
sign*

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS:

That One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent Fund of the City of Austin, Texas, to pay the bill of G. Flury for erecting a food conservation sign on the Postoffice grounds, east of the main entrance of the Postoffice in this city.

This sign is in the interest of food conservation chiefly during the war.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 3 yeas, no nays, Councilmen Bartholomew and Powell not being present when the vote was taken.

The following statement, signed by Councilman Powell, was laid before the Council and ordered recorded:

Austin, Texas, May 9th, 1918.

To the Hon. Mayor and City Council,

City of Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

On the 2nd day of May, A. D. 1918, the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, passed a resolution the caption of which is as follows:

"Resolution approving City Engineer's report concerning improvements upon West Sixteenth Street, in this city, from the west property line of Congress Avenue to the east property line of Lavaca Street, and directing a hearing to property owners concerning the assessment of a part of the cost of such improvements against them and their property, fixing a time for said hearing and directing that a notice be given to said property owners concerning the said hearing."

And I beg to report and certify that in accordance with said resolution that said notice of hearing (which was to be before the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, in the Mayor's office at the City Hall, on the 15th day of May, A. D. 1918, at ten o'clock A. M.) was published in the Austin American, a daily paper of general circulation, in the City of Austin, on the 7th and also on the 8th of May, A. D. 1918.

Respectfully,

(Signed) P. W. Powell,

Sup't of Streets and
Public Improvements.

The Council then adjourned.

*J. E. Martin
City Clerk*

*Certificate of
publication
of notice of
street paving
hearing*