

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, December 5, 1919.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; absent, none.

The application of Jessie Hoby to operate a service car was granted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

The following protests against property valuations for the year 1919 were heard:

Thos. F. Taylor appeared before the Council and asked that the valuation put upon the property belonging to Seton Infirmary, at the corner of 27th and Nueces Streets, be reduced. Councilman Haynes moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward; nays, none.

*Seton Infirmary
Property*

*Swift & Co.
Prop. reduced*

C. J. Schneider appeared before the Council and asked that the valuation placed upon the property of Swift & Company on Congress Avenue be reduced. Councilman Graham moved that the assessment be reduced to \$6000.00. Councilman Haynes offered as a substitute motion that the property be assessed at \$6400.00, which substitute motion carried by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

*F. S. S. S.
Property*

M. M. Shipe, Agent for Fred Sassman, appeared before the Council and asked that the assessment upon Lots 1 to 5 and 30 to 34, Block 36, Hyde Park be reduced. Upon motion of Councilman Haynes, the assessment upon these lots was reduced from \$172.50 per lot to \$150.00 per lot, by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

The Council then recessed until 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Protest

E. C. Gaines appeared before the Council and asked that the valuation of \$5500.00 placed on Lot 11, Block 56, be reduced. After hearing the facts fully, the Council refused to reduce the assessment by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

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The written protest of G. K. Wifler, protesting against the valuation placed by the Board of Equalization upon Lots 26, 27 and 28, Block 32, Hyde Park, was read. The Council by the following vote sustained the action of the Board: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

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The written protest of J. M. Faulk against the action of the Board of Equalization in raising the value of Lots 20, 21 and 22 in Block 18, Hyde Park No. 2 from \$350.00 to \$450.00, was read. The Council by the following vote sustained the valuation placed by the Board: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

*Contest
St. David's Episcopal Church*

The communication of D. K. Woodward, relative to the assessment of property belonging to St. David's Episcopal Church, was read and referred to the City Attorney by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5 ; nays, none.

*Contest of
R. L. Ziller*

R. L. Ziller appeared before the Council and asked that the assessment upon 101½ x 466 feet of the North one-half of Outlot 47, Division "D" be reduced; also the valuation placed upon Lot 8, Outlot 27, Division "E", owned by Mrs. Theresa Ziller, be reduced. The Council reduced the valuation on the first named property to \$3300.00, but sustained the valuation placed upon the latter by the Board of Equalization by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5 ; nays, none.

*Contest of
A. W. Bloor*

The written protest of A. W. Bloor, representing Mrs. Martha W. Bloor, protesting against the valuation placed by the Board of Equalization upon the North one-half of Block 15, Hyde Park No. 2, was read. The Council by the following vote sustained the action of the Board of Equalization by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward 5; nays, none.

*Contest
W. E. Armstrong*

The written protest of W. E. Armstrong against the valuation placed by the Board of Equalization upon Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 17, at \$6,000.00; also the valuation placed upon Lot 38, Outlot 32, Division "D". be reduced to \$2,000.00, was read. The Council by the following vote sustained the valuation placed by the Board of Equalization: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5 ; nays, none.

*Contest of
Mrs. E. Von Boeckmann*

The written protest of Mrs. E. Von Boeckmann against the valuation placed upon Lots 1 to 16, Block 1, Hyde Park, and a plot of ground 125 X 400 feet east of Block 1, was read. The Council by the following vote sustained the valuation placed by the Board of Equalization: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5 ; nays, none.

*Contest
Mrs. Clara Murray*

The written protest of Mrs. Clara Murray against the valuation placed by the Board of Equalization upon Lot 28, Block 22½, Division "D", was read. Owing to the bad drainage of this property, the Council by the following vote placed the assessment upon this property at \$2,700.00: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5 ; Nays, none.

*Contest of
E. D. Junkin*

The written protest of E. D. Junkin against the assessment placed by the Board of Equalization upon Lot 21, and the south 12 feet of Lot 20, Block 11, Outlots 15, 16 and 17, Division "D", Whitis Addition, was read. The Council by the following vote sustained the valuation placed by the Board of Equalization: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

*Contest of
H. A. Wroe*

The written protest of H. A. Wroe against the assessment placed by the Board of Equalization upon the South one-half of Lot 2, Block 124 and the North one-half of same, was read. The Council by the following vote sustained the valuation placed by the Board of Equalization: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

*Board of Woman's
Missions
Contest*

The written protest from the Board of Woman's Missions against the valuation placed by the Board of Equalization upon Lots 1 and 2, Outlot 18, Division "D", was read. Councilman Haynes moved that the communication be referred to the City Attorney. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes,

Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

The written protest of W. H. Cunningham against the valuation placed by the Board of Equalization upon an Overland automobile owned by him was read. The Council by the following vote reduced the assessment to \$100.00: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; nays, none.

The Council then recessed.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, December 6, 1919.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford and Ward, absent, Councilman Haynes and Graham.

Councilman Alford laid before the Council the following resolution:

Whereas, on the 4th day of November, 1919, in Cause #13778 in the Corporation Court of the City of Austin, Texas, Miss Stella Brown was convicted of fast driving of an automobile and fined in the amount of Twelve Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$12.80); and

Whereas, in consideration of the youth of the defendant and the further fact that the Council believes the young lady has been taught a lesson by her experience,

Therefore,

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

That one-half of the fine and costs, amounting to Six Dollars and Forty Cents (\$6.40) be and the same is hereby remitted and said amount be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent Fund and the City Clerk is hereby instructed to draw warrant for said amount, being one-half of fine and costs.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford and Ward, nays, none; Councilmen Graham and Haynes being absent.

The Council then recessed.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL :

Austin, Texas, December 8, 1919

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5; absent, none.

Murray Graham, on behalf of the Enfield Realty Company, appeared before the Council and protested against the valuation placed by the Board of Equalization upon certain lots in Enfield Addition. For good and sufficient reasons shown by said Murray Graham, Councilmen Haynes moved that the increase made by the Board of Equalization on said Enfield lots be reduced 50%. Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen Alford, Graham, Haynes and Ward, 5, nays, none.

The written protest of Mrs. L. A. E. Flack against the assessment placed by the Board of Equalization upon Lots 7, 8 and 9, in block 45, was read. The Council by the following vote reduced the valuation on this property to \$5,000.00, but sustained the valuation placed by the Board of Equalization upon the Congress Avenue property: Ayes, Mayor Yett, Councilmen