

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, Mar. 28, 1919.

The Council met with all members present.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

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

1. That the curbing and sidewalking of West Fifth Street on the north side between Nueces and Rio Grande Streets be and the same is hereby ordered.

2. That the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to take all legal and engineering steps necessary to enforce the laying of curbing and sidewalking on Fifth Street between Rio Grande and Nueces Streets.

3. That the work called for in this resolution be recommended to be undertaken by the city administration which will be elected on the 7th day of April, 1919.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Yeas, Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholemew and Powell, 3; nays, Councilmen Anthony and Haynes, 2.

APPROVED, Mar. 28, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

Austin, Texas, Mar. 29, 1919.

The Council met with all members present.

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution:

Whereas, it has been shown to the City Council that a tract of land 67 by 200 feet out of the north half of Outlet No. 23, Division C, in the City of Austin, and belonging to Mrs. E. A. Greems, is assessed at a figure wholly out of proportion to other and more valuable tracts in the same vicinity (as indicated by the attached statement and sketch which have been verified by the City Tax Assessor); and

Whereas, the building on the said tract belonging to Mrs. Greems is old, dilapidated, and of little value; therefore

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the assessed valuation of the said tract of land be and the same is hereby ordered reduced from \$550.00 to \$200.00, and that of the improvements from \$500.00 to \$200.00.

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

APPROVED, Mar. 29, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

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

That Avenue B from 39th to 40th Streets in this city be and the same is hereby vacated for the use of the Baker School and other schools in their track meet from 1:30 P. M. to 3:30 P. M. of this day.

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

APPROVED, Mar. 29, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Whereas, the work done by Milton Morris, officially called

West Fifth St.
between Nueces &
Rio Grande
order curbed &
sidewalked

Mrs. E. A. Greems
assessments lowered

Annex 13
vacated

Assistant City Clerk, is practically wholly that of bookkeeping and accounting; and

Whereas, at the present time there may be said to be absolutely no need for any official called Assistant City Clerk,

Now, therefore,

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

That the office of Assistant City Clerk of the City of Austin, Texas, be and the same is hereby abolished.

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

APPROVED, Mar. 29, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

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

That the office of Auditor and Accountant of and for the City's finances and accounts be and the same is hereby created, with an annual salary of Fifteen Hundred Dollars payable at the rate of One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) per month, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the power of appointment of said Auditor and Accountant of the City is hereby declared to be vested in the Superintendent of Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts.

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

APPROVED, Mar. 29, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Haynes nominated Milton Morris to be Auditor and Accountant of the city. The nomination was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas, Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Anthony, Bartholemew, and Powell, 4; Councilman Haynes not voting.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Whereas, there is no such real officer at the present time in this city as Assistant City Clerk, but the work assigned to said Assistant City Clerk is wholly that of auditor and bookkeeper for the city,

Now, therefore,

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

That the unexpended balance of the appropriation in the budget of the Mayor of this city for the year 1919 and assigned to the office of Assistant City Clerk be and said balance, amounting to One Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$1,125.00), is hereby appropriated to the pay of the salary of the Auditor and Accountant of said city at the rate of One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) per month, and said appropriation is hereby transferred from the expenditures of the Mayor's Department to that of the Superintendent of Receipts, Disbursements and Accounts.

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

APPROVED, Mar. 29, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.

Austin, Texas, April 1, 1919.

The Council met with all members present.

Councilman Bartholemew offered the following resolution:

Office of Assistant City Clerk abolished

Office of Auditor & Accountant created

Milton Morris chosen as Auditor & Accountant

Transfer of salary of Assistant City Clerk to Auditor & Accountant

*S. S. Posey employed
to survey parts of
Oakwood Annex*

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

That S. S. Posey be and he is hereby employed to survey certain parts, especially the southeastern part, of Oakwood Annex and to place and replace monuments on lots in said Cemetery Annex, and to do any and all other incidental work necessary and proper in and about certain new work directed to be done by the Superintendent of Parks and Public Property.

This employment of Mr. S. S. Posey as engineer is for the period of three months, beginning March 15th, 1919, and ending June 15th, 1919, at a monthly salary of One Hundred and Thirty-five Dollars (\$135.00).

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

APPROVED, Apr. 1, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the sum of \$119.25 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent Fund of this city and made payable to the City Health Officer, Dr. O. H. Radkey, as his remuneration for filing 477 birth and death certificates with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics,--covering the period from Nov. 1, 1918, to Feb. 28, 1919.

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

APPROVED, Apr. 1, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

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

That the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the surplus funds of the Water and Light Department and made payable to the Treasurer of the Austin Public Free Schools in payment of interest due on Note No. 1 given by the City of Austin to the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Free Schools in purchase of Barten Springs.

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

APPROVED, Apr. 1, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

Applications for food products establishments permits as follows were laid before the Council, and all were granted by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays:

S. L. Brown, Redd's Market, 1311 South Congress Avenue;
Herman L. Achilles, meat market, 1608 Lavaca Street;
W. R. Caswell, meat market, 2811 Nueces Street;
O. J. Clements, meat market, 1200 East Sixth Street;
M. N. Schutz, Henry Ulit's Market, 1112 East Twelfth Street;
Hammond & Cuneo, City Market, 423 East Sixth Street;
W. O. Stone, Oil Mill Market, 1907 East Sixth Street;
P. G. Wolf, East End Cash Meat Market, 1900 East Twelfth Street;
J. B. Pierce & Bre., meat market, 1511 East Sixth Street;
Sawyer & Shaw Market, 1815 East Twelfth Street.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the appeal on behalf of the H. E. Ford Estate, for reduction of the valuation placed by the City Board of Equalization, for the year 1917, upon the southwest one-fourth of Outlet 25, Division E, City of Austin, be and the same is hereby declined.

*Appropriation:
Dist. Radkey for
filing vital Sta-
tistics*

*Appropriation:
Interest on Barten
Springs note*

*Food Products
Establishments
Permits Granted*

*Mrs. H. E. Ford
Jas. A. Ford
reduced valuation
declined*

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

APPROVED, Apr. 1, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

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

That the appeal of M. M. Shipe, Agent for the MK&T Land Company, from the action of the Board of Equalization of this city in affixing the values of certain lands and lots for which he is agent in Hyde Park, Austin, Texas, be and the same is hereby allowed, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the values affixed by the City Council for the lands and lots represented by said M. M. Shipe, Agent, for the year 1917, be and the same are hereby affixed to the lands and lots of the said M. M. Shipe in Hyde Park for the year 1918.

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

APPROVED, Apr. 1, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

There was laid before the Council the following resolution:

Whereas, a member of the firm of Cohn Bros. of this city, duly sworn by the Mayor, has made oath that the valuation at which the said firm assessed its merchandise for the year 1918, \$2,000.00, was near the actual value of the goods in question; and

Whereas, said firm doubled the size of its store on about July 1, 1918; and

Whereas, the City Board of Equalization when it raised the assessment of said Cohn Bros. from \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00 probably did so after the store had been enlarged and under the belief that the condition which obtained after July 1 was true of the date Jan. 1 of the same year; therefore

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the valuation to be placed upon said stock of goods for the year 1918 be and the same is hereby ordered fixed at \$2,000.00.

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

APPROVED, Apr. 1, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the appeal of N. P. Elledge from the action of the City Board of Equalization in raising the assessed value of Lots 11 and 12, Pleasant View Addition, for the year 1918, be and the same is hereby declined.

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

APPROVED, Apr. 1, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

There was laid before the Council the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the appeal of the Enfield Realty and Home Building Company for reductions of the valuations placed by the City Board of Equalization upon Lots 10, 11 and 12 of Block 21, and Lots 5 and 6 of Block 32, all in the Swisher Addition, for the year 1918, be and the same is hereby declined.

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

APPROVED, Apr. 1, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

M. M. Shipe
2nd Appeal
granted

Cohn Bros.
2nd Appeal
granted

N. P. Elledge
2nd Appeal
declined

Enfield Realty Co.
2nd Appeal
declined

Frank Isaleib :
Jan 1918
for 18

There was laid before the Council the following resolution:
 RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the valuation of \$900.00 placed by the City Board of Equalization on the improvements located upon Lot 5, Block 3, Outlet 4, Division 2, of this city, the property of Frank Isaleib, for the year 1918, be and the same is hereby ordered reduced to \$600.00; this for the reason that the Council is convinced, from the attached statement of the said Frank Isaleib, a soldier, that \$600.00 is an equitable valuation to place upon these improvements.

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

APPROVED, Apr. 1, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:
 RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That in consideration of the facts set out in the attached statement of Kendall B. Cressey, editor of the Austin American, which appear to this Council to be conclusive as to the value of the printing press, linetypes, and type and machinery assessed for taxes by the American Publishing Company, the valuations placed upon this property by the City Board of Equalization are hereby ordered reduced as follows: One printing press, from \$8,000.00 to \$5,000.00; type and machinery, from \$1,250.00 to \$1,000.00; five linetypes, from \$7,000.00 to \$6,000.00.

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

APPROVED, Apr. 1, 1919: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The financial reports of the Street and Sanitary Sewer Departments and the Sewage Disposal Plant for the months of February and March were read and ordered filed.

The Council then adjourned.

V. E. Martin

City Clerk

Austin American :
Jan 1918

Report