

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, Oct. 3, 1918.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor, and the roll was called, showing the following members present: Mayor Wooldridge, Councilman Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; absent none.

The minutes of September 26 and subsequent special meetings were read, and approved by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

*Bennett L. Schramm
J. Orberg
Special policemen*

A communication from Sergeant Bennett L. Schramm of Company E, Ninth Infantry, was read offering his services and those of Sergeant J. Orberg as special detectives on the day of the Barnum & Bailey show, Oct. 4, and Councilman Anthony nominated them to be special policemen without pay. The nomination was confirmed by the following vote: Yeas, Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 4; nays none; Councilman Anthony not voting.

The reports of the Public Weigher and Sealer of Weights and Measures for September, and those of the Fire Marshal for August and September, were read and ordered filed.

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

*Mrs. H. C. Peterson
cancel assessment
March*

That the assessment of an automobile against Mrs. H. C. Peterson for taxes of the year 1917, at the value of \$300.00, be and the same is hereby cancelled and annulled. This action is taken in consideration of the attached affidavit of the said Mrs. H. C. Peterson, in which she says that she did not come into possession of the automobile in question until March, 1917.

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

APPROVED, October 3, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

*Delegations
asked for
6 cent car
fare*

There came before the Council W. J. Jones, President of the Austin Street Railway Company, Judge Charles A. Wilcox, Attorney for the Street Railway Company, and a committee of the company's employees, in the interest of an increase of car fares from 5 cents to 6 cents. They presented and the Mayor read a financial statement showing the income and expenditures of the company, past and prospective, upon the basis of which it was held that the proposed increase of fares was necessary and reasonable. Action by the Council was deferred until one week hence.

*Pit. Clerk
refers to
Referendum
Petition*

The report of the City Clerk, dated October 1, upon the referendum petitions filed September 21 praying that the question of the adoption of the Unit System of tax equalization be referred to a vote of the people, was read certifying that the petitions contained 281 signatures and that 255 of this number were the signatures of duly qualified voters of the City of Austin.

The Mayor then read a number of letters and tax statements from officials of various Texas cities, and from Cleveland, O., in which, without exception, the Unit System was endorsed.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Whereas, Paul O. Simms, as agent for O. F. Olsen, owner of Lot 5, Block 9, Outlot 19, Division "O", of the City of Austin, assessed improvements upon said lot for the year 1917 at the value of \$1,000.00; and

*W. J. Allen
Lives on
improvements
cancelled*

Whereas, the said Paul O. Simms now makes affidavit, hereto attached, that said rendition was made in error and that the said improvements did not exist upon the said lot on the first day of January, 1917; therefore

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the assessment of improvements upon the lot hereinabove described, for taxes of the year 1917, at the valuation of \$1,000.00, be and the same is hereby cancelled and annulled.

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

APPROVED, October 3, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then adjourned.

J. E. Martin

City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, Oct. 4, 1918.

The Council met with all members present.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution:

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

That the Superintendent of Streets and Public Improvements be and he is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of a sewage disposal plant to be erected by this city on its property near the sewer outfall, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the bids for said work shall be opened by the City Council in the Mayor's office in this city at eleven o'clock, A. M., of Thursday, October 31st, 1918, and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER:

That the city expressly reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that may be offered for the work hereinabove stated as proposed to be done, and

RESOLVED FURTHER:

That the city expressly reserves the right to do any and all of said work in its public capacity should it elect so to do.

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

APPROVED, October 4, 1918: 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 sum of Two Hundred Ninety-four Dollars and Thirty-three Cents (\$294.33) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Contingent fund of this city and made payable to the Treasurer of the Austin Public Free Schools in payment of the amount due the Austin Public Free Schools on taxes in arrears and collected during the month of September, 1918, per the attached statement of Fred Sterzing, Assessor and Collector of this city.

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

APPROVED, October 4, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

*A check for
Bids on Sewage
Disposal Plant*

*Approved by
Council
Resolved by
Council*