

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, Dec. 19, 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 December 12 and subsequent meetings were read, and approved by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

Reports

The October and November reports of the Street and Sewer Department, and the November report of the Municipal Nurse were read and ordered filed; also the November report of the City Sexton.

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

Appro. for salary of Jas. H. Gregory

That the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Sewage Disposal Plant Workd Fund to pay the salary of John H. Gregory, Consulting Engineer upon said works, for the two months beginning October 8th, 1918, and ending December 8th, 1918, at the rate of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per month.

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

APPROVED, Dec. 19, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

Amusement of urged by delegation

A large delegation of Austin women and pastors of churches, representatives of various local organizations and institutions, came before the Council to urge the importance of a censorship of all amusements. Talks were made by Rev. R. W. Jopling, representing the ministers and churches; Miss Maclovie Hill, representing the High School and the youth of the city; Mrs. R. E. Vinson, representing the student body of the University; Miss Virginia Williams, representing the Y. W. C. A.; Rev. C. S. Wright, who spoke of this movement as being in line with a nation-wide movement; and Rev. W. R. Minter, who discussed a plan of procedure. The Mayor and Council were asked to provide for a paid censor in the 1919 budget.

Special tax for Chamber of Commerce. City Attorney's opinion

A committee composed of A. C. Goeth, W. E. Long, John H. Tobin, and E. L. Early were present in the interest of a special tax or appropriation for the support of the Chamber of Commerce. An opinion of the City Attorney was read, to the effect that a tax for this purpose could not be levied, though under certain conditions appropriations could be made, legally, for the promotion of the economic and other interests of the city. The Mayor declared, however, that in the present condition of the city finances an appropriation of this sort could not be considered.

Conditions of Fund raised this week

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

That the Auditorium Fund of this city, by reason of the dismantling of the old wooden tabernacle, be discontinued, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the balance now to the credit of this fund, amounting to \$88.31, be and the same is hereby transferred to the General Fund of the City of Austin, Texas, and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER:

That the Mayor of this city is authorized to draw a draft on the Auditorium Fund in favor of the General Fund for \$88.31 to close the Auditorium Fund account.

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

APPROVED, Dec. 19, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council "An ordinance entitled an ordinance amending Section six of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance creating the office of Fire Marshal, prescribing the duties thereof and prescribing penalties for violations,' passed by the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, June 9th, 1910."

The ordinance was read the first time, after which the Mayor moved a suspension of the rule and the placing of the ordinance upon its second reading. The motion prevailed by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

After the ordinance had been read the second time, the Mayor moved a further suspension of the rule and the placing of it on its third reading. This motion carried by a vote of 5 yeas, no nays.

When the ordinance had been read the third time, the Mayor moved its final passage, the motion prevailing by the following vote: Yeas, Mayor Wooldridge, Councilman Anthony, Bartholomew, Haynes, and Powell, 5; nays none.

The Council then adjourned.

V. E. Martin

City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL: Austin, Texas, Dec. 20, 1918.

The Council met with all members present.

Councilman Anthony offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the unpaid balance of the fine and costs (\$50.00 fine and \$14.80 costs) assessed against C. B. Coffield for vagrancy in Cause No. 13156, Corporation Court of this city, said balance amounting to \$50.80, be and the same is hereby remitted. This action is taken, upon the recommendation of the Assistant City Attorney, because of the youth of the said Coffield and the existence of mitigating circumstances in his case. Also, it is believed that, having worked out \$14.00 of the said fine and costs, the young man has been sufficiently punished.

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

APPROVED, Dec. 20, 1918: A. P. Wooldridge, Mayor.

V. E. Martin

City Clerk

*Fire Marshal
Ordinance
Amended*

*C. B. Coffield
Fine*