

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas February 29th 1912.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor : Roll called :
Present Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5
Absent none.

The minutes of the last regular and subsequent recessed meetings were read and adopted.

Councilman Haynes offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby instructed to make the following transfers ,to-wit:

Transfer funds

Transfer the sum of one hundred and ten (\$ 110.00) dollars from the general fund to the street fund.

Transfer the sum of twenty seven & 50/100' (\$ 27.50.) dollars from the general fund to the Paving fund.

These transfers being necessary in order to make the apportionment of Advalorum taxes received by the City Treasurer during the month of January 1912, agree with the rate of apportionment adopted for theyear 1912.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the Ci ty of Austin :

That the sum of one hundred twenrt & 57/100 (120.57) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the general tontingent fund of the City of Austin, to re-imburse the estate of Henry Ribbeck, the unearned part of retail liquor dealer's libense No 256, issued by the City of Austin to the said Henry Ribbeck, on the 11th day of July 1911.

*Henry Ribbeck
Liquor license
refused*

The unearned portion of said license is two hundred and thirty five (235) days ,and the value of the same is fifty one and thirty five one hundreths (.5135) cents per day, or, altogether one hundred twenty and 57/100) dollars

There is attached to this resolution ,and moving to the enactment of the same, the original retail liquor dealers linense No 256, which said retail liquor license is ,by assignment, transferred to Wm Von Rosenberg Jr, in whose behalf it is hereby directed that the warrent in payment of this claim shall be issued .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

Whereas, it appearing to the City Council that during the storm of the night of Feby 20th, the gates and fences of the following named parties were broken and their stock escaped and were impounded in the City Pound,

to-wit:

- A J Harper 1 head
- J S Jackson 1 head
- W B Walker 6 head
- G Prowse 1 head
- G R Felter 1 head
- C E Anderson 1 head
- Estelle Gilman 1 head

*Pound fees
received*

And said stock being at large from no fault of the owner, the Supt of Police and Public Safety recommends, that the pound fees due by the above named parties be and the same are hereby remitted.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

It appearing to the City Council, that one Matt Blair was fined in the Corporation Court for gambling, in the sum of \$ 34.80, that said Blair was used by the City as a witness in the conviction of a number of other defendants and should have immunity; therefore, Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That said fine and costs be and the same is hereby remitted .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none. Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

Whereas, it appearing to the City Council that a horse belonging to Chas J Brunner escaped soon after being unloaded from the cars of the I & G N Ry Co, and that he made every effort to recapture said horse at an expense of \$ 3.00 before he was taken up by the Pound Master.

Under the circumstances the Supt of Police and Public Safety recommends, that the pound fee in this case be remitted; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the pound fee paid by said Brunner be and the same is hereby remitted .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the fine and costs amounting to \$ 24.90, assessed against Deborah Roberts for assault be and the same is hereby remitted, it appearing to the Council that the defendant is a consumptive, without money to pay her fine and her confinement in the City jail would be dangerous to other occupants.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

Whereas it appearing to the City Council that there is a quantity of old junk such as old stoves and iron of different kinds which has been accumulating for years at the City Hospital and which is valueless except to some junk dealer, and it being suggested that the same may be sold for a small amount of money, and the Supt of Police and Public Safety recommending that said junk be donated to the United Charities for such purposes as it may see proper to use it; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That said junk be and the same is hereby transferred and donated to the United Charities to be used and disposed of in such manner as may seem best for the benefit of Charity.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

*Matt Blair
fine remitted*

*Chas Brunner
pound fee
remitted*

*Deborah Roberts
fine remitted*

*Hospital junk
to be
sold to
Charity*

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

A resolution ordering the construction of certain sidewalks and curbs on East ninth street in the City of Austin :

Be it resolved By the City Council of the City of Austin :

(1) That sidewalks and curbs be and the same are hereby ordered to be constructed in front of and abutting on Lots No 1, in block No 111, lots 1, 2 & 3 in block No 113, lot 7 in block No 96, lots 7, 8 & 9 in block No 95, all of said property lying and being situated on East ninth street in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas.

(2) That the said sidewalks and curbs herein above provided for shall be constructed at and upon the grades which have been established by the City Council at the respective places herein above designated ; said sidewalks and curbs shall be constructed of concrete and said sidewalks shall be of a uniform width of 4 ½ feet, except the sidewalk abutting on lot No 1 in block 111 which shall be of the uniform width of ten feet.

(3) That the construction of said sidewalks and curbs shall be begun within thirty days (30) after the date of the notices to the respective owners of the above described property, and shall be completed respectively within ten (10) days after the commencement thereof.

(4) That the City Engineer be and he is hereby instructed and required to file in the office of the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements full plans and specifications as to how the details of said work are to be executed and completed, and to prepare and file with the City Council a statement consisting of the names of the owners respectively of the above described lots, and an estimate of the cost of each of such sidewalks and curbs hereby ordered to be constructed, including all necessary filling and excavation.

(5) That the Supt of streets and Public Improvements be and he is hereby instructed and required to notify in writing the respective owners of the lots herein above described to construct said sidewalks and curbs in accordance with the terms of the ordinances of the City of Austin regulating the construction of sidewalks.

(6) That the cost of said sidewalks and curbs and such excavation or filling as may be necessary to bring same to the grade hereinabove stated will be paid by the owners of the lots abutting thereon, and shall be assessed against them and their property in accordance with the Charter and ordinances of the City of Austin; provided, that no assessment shall be made against any owner or his property in excess of the actual benefits to the said property in enhanced value by means of said improvement, nor until after notice and hearing to said owner as provided by said Charter and ordinances.

(7) That this resolution shall remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection for one week before the final passage or adoption thereof. The resolution was read the first time and laid over until the next regular meeting.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

A resolution ordering the improvement of portions of Colorado, Brazos and West 8th streets in the City of Austin; and approving specifications, proposals, contracts and bonds therefor.

Whereas, it is deemed necessary to improve the following streets of the

*Sidewalks & Curbs
E 9th Street*

City of Austin, within the following limits, to-wit:

- Colorado street from the north property line of West 4th street to the north property line of West 7th street;
- Brazos street from the North property line of ^{East fourth street to the North property line of} East 7th street; and,
- West 8th street from the West property line of Congress Avenue to the East curb line of Colorado street; and,

Paving Brazos Colorado Street

Whereas, the City Engineer of this City, has this day filed with the City Council complete specifications for the performance of the said work, by paving the said streets with Bitulithic paving upon the five inch gravel concrete foundation with concrete gutters along curb lines eighteen inches wide, and necessary excavations; and,

Whereas, the Texas Bitulithic Company has filed with this Council a proposal to do the said work at and for the following prices, to-wit:

For Earth and loose rock excavation	\$.35 cents per cubic Yd
For excavation solid rock	.3.00 per Cubic Yd
For Bitulithic paving including five inch gravel foundation as specified and concrete gutters with five years maintenance	\$ 2.21 per Sq yard

Whereas, the City attorney has prepared contracts for the said work, between the City and the Texas Bitulithic Company and also bonds for the construction and maintenance thereof by the said company, with the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company as surety, and has submitted the same to this Council; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

- (1) That, The said streets be improved by paving the same with the Bitulithic pavement within the limits above named with five inch gravel foundation, necessary excavation and concrete gutters all as set forth in said specifications.
- (2) That the said specifications for said work prepared by the City Engineer be and the same are hereby adopted, and that the proposal of the Texas Bitulithic Company to perform said work be accepted and the said work let to said company, and that the contracts prepared and submitted by the City Attorney for the performance of said work on each of the said streets be and the same are hereby approved, and that the Mayor of the City be and he is hereby directed upon the taking effect hereof to execute said contracts on behalf of the City and in its name and the City Clerk to attest the same with the impress of the Corporation seal; that the form of construction and maintenance bonds submitted by the City Attorney for execution by said Texas Bitulithic company in connection with the work of improvement of each of said streets, be and the same is hereby approved and the United States Fidelity and Guarantee company be and the same is hereby approved as surety thereon, and that the same be accepted by the City of Austin upon execution by said principal and surety.
- (3) That the cost of the said improvement shall be paid as follows, to-wit: The City shall pay to the contractor the whole cost of improving the intersections of other streets and all alleys with said streets named to be improved and that portion of Colorado street abutting on the premises upon which the United States Post Office is situated from a line in the center of said street, and further that portion of West 8th street abutting on the premises upon which the Colorado Fire Hall and the City Hall is situated from a line in the center of said street; the remainder of the cost of said improvement shall be paid by the owners of property abutting thereon, and assessed against them and their property in accordance with the Charter and ordinances of this City, provided, that no assessment shall be made against any owner or his property in excess of the actual benefits to the said property in enhanced value by means of said improvement nor until after notice and hearing to said owner as provided by said Charter and ordinances. That the payments to said Texas Bitulithic Company for the performance of said work shall be made in accordance with said specifications hereby adopted.

(4) That the sum of \$ 8,500.00 ,or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated and set apart from the Permanent paving fund of the City of Austin,not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the cost of said improvements payable by the City of Austin under the terms hereof and that said sum hereby set apart is declared to be a special fund which shall not be drawn upon or diverted to any other purpose except the payment of the City's portion of the said cost.

(5) That this resolution shall remain on file with the City Clerk for public inspection for one week before the final passage or adoption thereof and shall then be finally adopted.

The resolution was read and laid over for one week.

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:

- (1) The installation of a sanitary Sewer System for the City of Austin.
- (2) The permanent improvement of the streets.
- (3) The purchase and improvement of the Semetary grounds.
- (4) The construction and repairing of Public Free School Buildings, and purchasing of sites therefor.

The ordinance was read the first time.

The Council then recessed until this P M

February 29th 1912 P M

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present.

The Mayor laid before the Council the ordinance ordering an election to obtain the consent of the property taxpayers to the issuance of certain bonds

On motion the rule was suspended and the ordinance placed on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.

The ordinance was read the second time.

Councilman Hart offered the following amendment, viz:

Proposition No 5.

Shall the City Council of the City of Austin be authorized to issue bonds of said City in the sum of Fifty thousand (\$ 50,000.00)dollars for the purpose of erecting and furnishing with the proper appliances a Modern City Hospital for the City of Austin ,

The amendment was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 4
Nays Mayor Wooldridge 1

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following amendment ,which was lost by the following Vote : " Strike out Propositions Nos 1, 2, 4 & 5 "

Yeas Councilman Bartholomew 1

Nays Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Hart, Haynes & Powell 4

A motion was then made to suspend the rule and place the ordinance on its third reading and final passage, which motion prevailed by the following

vote: Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

*to election ordered
to vote on
Bonds.*

The ordinance was read the third time.

Mayor Wooldridge moved to reconsider the vote by which the ordinance was passed to its third reading, which motion prevailed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

The Council then recessed subject to call.

Friday March 1st 1912.

The Council was called to order by Councilman Bartholomew, Mayor Pro Tem, Present Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That a cordial invitation be and the same is hereby extended to the Improved Order of Red Men, now meeting in Dallas, Texas, to hold their next annual convention in this City The City of Austin and our Citizens pledge to the Improved Order of Red men our most cordial hospitality should they honor us with their presence at their next convention.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 3

Absent Mayor Wooldridge & Councilman Haynes 2

The Council then recessed subject to call ..

Saturday March 2nd 1912.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor with all members present.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That temporary permission be and is hereby granted Ben M Barker to install and maintain a gasoline pump, to be placed upon the curb at the edge of the sidewalk in front of his place of business 509-11 Colorado street, in the City of Austin, Texas. Said pump to be of iron, be made of the most modern and improved construction, and be not exceeding four and a half feet in height.

The pump hereby authorized to be installed at the place of business above described of the said Ben M Barker is to be placed in position under the supervision and subject to the approval of the City Engineer.

The permit herein above granted is to be temporary and subject to revocation by the City Council at its pleasure.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :

That the City Attorney of the City of Austin be and the same is hereby authorized and instructed to file a protest with the Fire Rating Board of the State of Texas against the fire insurance rates promulgated by that Board against insurance risks to be written in this City.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5

Nays none.

The Council then adjourned.

Geo. Johnson

City Clerk

Invitation Red Men to hold meeting in this City

Ben M Barker Gasoline Pump Colorado St

The city will file protest against rate