

Regular meeting of the City Council: Austin, Texas, Aug 15th 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 approved.

Reports of City Officers:

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the Sanitary Inspector for the month of July 1912, which was read and ordered filed.

Councilman Bartholomew presented the report of the Supt Water & Light Plant for the months of April & May 1912, which were ordered filed.

Councilman Powell presented the report of the City Engineer for the month of July 1912, which was ordered filed.

On motion of Councilman Hart, the Fire ordinance was made the special order for 10 O'clock Am Tuesday Aug 20th 1912.

On motion of Mayor Wooldridge, leave of absence for the month of Sept 1912, was granted to Councilmen Bartholomew & Hart 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 following transfers of the East Avenue Park fund be made:

The sum of twenty five dollars (\$ 25.00) from the salary of Keeper to Band Stand appropriation.

The sum of twenty five dollars (\$ 25.00) from the salary of Keeper to soil, gravel and grading appropriation.

The sum of twelve hundred eleven and 63/100 dollars (\$ 1,211.63) from improvements 15th to 19th street to Soil, Gravel and Grading appropriation.

The sum of seventeen and 73/100 dollars (\$ 17.73) from improvements 15th to 19th streets to Tools and incidental appropriation.

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 following transfers in the Fire Dept be made:

Transfer the sum of Nine hundred and fifty three dollars (953.00) from "Miscellaneous Items" appropriation to first and second payments on chemical apparatus appropriation.

Transfer the sum of seventeen and 43/100 dollars (\$ 17.43) from miscellaneous items" appropriation to Repairs to Fire Halls appropriation.

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:

*Leave absence
Bartholomew & Hart*

Transfer funds

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

That seven hundred and fifty (\$ 750.) dollars out of the general contingent fund of the City of Austin for the current year, be and the same is hereby appropriated to the following items of expenditure for the City Hall:

\$ 250.00 for fuel for the current year.

\$ 250.00 for improvements for the current year, and

\$ 250.00 for incidentals for the current year.

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 one hundred ,fifteen and 52/100 (\$ 115.52) dollars ,be and the same is hereby transferred from the item of " Miscellaneous expenses for all Parks " to the item of " Expense of curbing and cement walk at Wooldridge Park. "

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 two hundred dollars (\$ 200.00) out of the appropriation for repairs for the current year at Pease Park, be and the same is hereby transferred to the improvement of East Avenue Park from 15th to 16th streets, and one hundred dollars (\$ 100.00) out of the item of " Tools and incidental expenses at Pease Park ", be and the same is likewise transferred to incidental expenses at East Avenue Park for the current year.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That five dollars (\$ 5.00) out of the general contingent fund ,be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated to the expense of Municipal Literature for the Mayor's Dept for the current year.

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 Council that a cow belonging to Mrs H W Heflin was impounded, for which she paid the sum of \$ 1.50 for release, that the animal broke out of the enclosure where she was confined, that the Lady is a widow and does not allow her cow to run at large, and the Chief of Police recommending the remittance of this fee; therefore,

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

That said fee be and is hereby remitted and the money still being in the hands of the Clerk of the Corporation Court, said Officer is hereby authorized and directed to refund said money.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

*Mrs H W Heflin
paid fee*

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

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

Whereas, upon petition of J L Clayton hereto attached, it appearing to the City Council that this is the first time that the cow of the petitioner has been in the City Pound, and the territory from which she was taken has been recently enclosed in the Pound limits, and the Supt of Police and Public Safety recommending the remission of the pound fee; therefore,

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

That the sum of \$ 1.50 paid by J L Clayton, the petitioner, be and the same is hereby remitted, and the money still being in the hands of the Clerk of the Corporation Court, said officer is authorized and directed to refund same.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

It appearing to the City Council from the accompanying affidavit of J L & Geo T Hume, that they were not the owners on the 1st day of January 1911, of the vendors note assessed against them in the year 1911, and amounting to \$ 4,000.00, they having, as per the accompanying affidavit, disposed of said notes prior to January 1st 1911; therefore,

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

That the assessment against said J L Hume for the year 1911 for credits in the amount of \$ 4,000. be and the same is hereby remitted, and said assessment is hereby corrected, and the Assessor & collector is hereby authorized to take credit upon his assessment rolls for the year 1911 by the amount of \$ 4,000..

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

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

That the following grade be, and the same is hereby established as the permanent grade of West 6th street from a point 950' West of the west property line of Westlin street to a point on the dam boulevard 2096' feet west of the west property line of Westlin street.

Bench mark used : Fire plug at S E Corner of West 6th street and Westlin streets.

| Station | Elevation. |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 950W of W property line Westlin street | 97.2' unchanged |
| 1100' " " " | 102.1' cut .5' |
| 1150 " " " | 103.2' cut .8' |
| 1200 " " " | 103.4' cut .9' |
| 1250 " " " | 102.0' cut 1.1' |
| 1300 " " " | 100.0' cut 2.3' |

*J L Clayton
Pound Fee*

*J L Hume
Notes*

*Grade W 6th
Street*

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| 1600 (I & G N R R Viaduct | 85.0' | Out 5.3' |
| 1625 ' W of W property line of Westlin street | 84.2' | Out 4.1' |
| 1646 " " " " | 84.0' | Out 2.8' |
| 1796 " " " " | 83.3' | unchanged |
| 1846 ' " " " | 83.4' | FILL.2' |
| 1946 " " " " | 84.8' | unchanged |
| 2096 ' " " " | 87.6' | unchanged |

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Resolved : That J W Maxwell is hereby authorized and instructed to bring suit for the delinquent taxes against the following named parties, and on the following described property:

*Tax suit
order filed*

- W R Dickinson et al, property in Outl t 4 Div "O"
- J J O'Rourke et al , Property in 38 Div "B",
- Geo Graham et al ,Property in Outlet 4, Div "B"
- R L Patterson, et al, Property in Patterson's Sub-Division ,B.1.
- Isabella Canto et al, Property in Outlet 46 Div "B"
- Annie Deffenbaugh et al, Property in part of Block 141 City
- Henry Dennis et al , Property in Outlet 48 Div " B"
- Ether Haywood et al, Property in Outl t 56 Div "B"
- Demps Passon et al, Property in Outlot 4 Div "E"
- Max Maas et al, Property in 29 Div "E"
- Sophia Henderson et al, property in Out 1 t 3 Div "O"
- Henry Black et al Property in Outlet 4 Div "O"
- Henry Burton et al ,Property in Outlot 57 Div "B"
- James D Field et al, Property in Outlot 57 Div "B"
- R S Harris n et al Property in Outlot -Div "B"
- Josephine Key et al, Property in Outlot 58 Div "B"
- J S Jones et al, Property in Outlot 58 Div "B"
- Addie H Iman et al , Property in Outlot 58 Div "B"
- Nancy Dicherson et al ,Property in Outlot 46 Div "B"
- Sarah Herbert et al, Pr perty in outl t 56 Div "B"
- Geo P Warner et al, Property in Block 22 Fair View Park
- Sam Bassett Property in Outl t 56 Div "B"
- Alice Hauke, Property in Block 169, city ,
- Isreal Johns et al, Property in Out lot 55 Div "B"
- Robert Chapman et al, Property in Outlot 43 Div "B"
- Hausen Clark ,Pr perty in outlot 37 Div "B"
- J H Johnson, Property in Outlot 1 Div "B"
- William Howard et al, Property in Outlot 1 Div "B"
- Arthur Jarrett et al, Pr perty in Outlot 57 Div "B"
- Ida Casey et al, Property in Outlot 43 Div "B"
- Robert Alexander ,et al Property in Outlet 43 Div "B2"
- William Nicholset al, Property in Outl t 58 Div "B"
- JO - Blant n et al, Property in Outlot 58 Div "B"

Mrs S C Pitts et al, Property in Outlot 78 Div "D"

Green Dennis et al, Property in Block 143 City
Julius Wright et al Property in Outlot 55 Div "B"

S W Scott et al, Property in Outlot 61 Div "B"
" " " " 2 " " 3 Div "A"

Thomas Tallie et al, Property in Outlot 1 Div "B"

Hattie Shackelford, Property in Outlot 58 Div "B"

J E Bouldin et al, Property in Blocks N, I & O, Bouldin Addition

Burn Bros et al, Block 33 Swisher Addition,

Mary Dawson et al, Property in South Austin

Pat Rail et al, Property in Div "C", Christian & Fellman

Damon Brown et al, Property in Block 10 South Heights

Jeff Donovan, Property in Block 52, and 72, City

O A Caldwell et al, Block 121 City

Joe Graham et al, Property in Outlot 4 Div "O"

Andrew Jackson et al, Property in Outlot 55 Div "B"

Sarah McDonald et al, Property in Out Lot 49 Div "E"

" " " " Block 40 City

W D Hart Trustee et al, Property in 108 City

C H Finley Ext et al Property in Outlot 20 and 77, Div "D"

J E Steffy et al, Property in Outlot 8 Div "O"

Ben Franklin Mrs et al, Property in Outlot 61 Div "B"

Charles Rainey et al, Property in Outlot 58 Div "B"

Allen Hodges et al, Property in Outlot 58 Div "B"

John W Maddox et al, Property in Outlot 3 Div 2

Violet Norman et al, Property in Outlot 61 Div "B"

Sam D Hill et al, Property in Block 5 Bouldin Addition

Rose Gammage et al, Property in Out lot 61 Div "B"

Tom Plummer et al, Property in Block 143 City

Lucy Brown et al, Property in Maas Addition

Unknown owners in Isaac Decker League

Wylie Moore et al, Outlot 34 Div "B"

Von Boeckman Jones & Co, personal tax.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

Councilman Hart presented bids for repairing East Austin Fire Hall, from

Wm Schoenert, C W Moore & Brydson Bros.

On motion of Councilman Hart the contract was awarded to Wm Schoenert, he

being the lowest and best bidder, which motion prevailed by the following

vote :

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

Nays none.

Councilman Haynes presented a petition from H D [unclear] asking the council

to correct his assessment for 1911, he having been assessed for an Automobile,

which he did not own on the 1st, of January 1911.

On motion the petition was granted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

*Repair E. Austin
Fire Hall
Contract awarded
Wm Schoenert*

*H D [unclear]
Jan 11*

The Council then recessed subject to call.

Tuesday Aug 20 th 1912.

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

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That permission and authority to Edwin Blackburn to erect ,operate and maintain a blast furnace at the corner of Colorado and 5th streets in this City ,be and the same are hereby refused.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Hart and Powell 3

Nays Councilmen Bartholomew & Haynes 2

The Council then recessed subject to call.

Wednesday Aug 21st 1912.

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

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution :

Whereas the Rockdale Lignite Co ,Lignite mine at or near Rockdale, Texas, has taken fire and it has been found necessary to close the mine to extinguish the fire,which closing may conyinue for an indefinite time,and,

Whereas, said Rockdale Lignite Co has asked to be relieved from its contract to furnish the City of Austin with Lignite for the Water,Light and Power Plant for the balance of the year 1912, and Messrs Ryan and Perry of Rockdale ,Texas, have signified their willingness to carry out the contract with certain qualifications; Now therefore,

Resolved that the Supt of Parks and Public Property be authorized to contract with Messrs Ryan and Perry for Lignite for the city of Austin, Texas, for the year commencing August 15th 1912, and ending August 15th 1913, at \$ 1.35 per ton f o b Austin, Texas, under similar contract to that with the Rockdale Lignite Co; with the proviso that when the City of Austin can receive power from the dam now being erected across the Colorado River above the City of Austin ,it shall not be obligated to take only such lignite as shall be required for additional power ; and provided also that the city of Austin shall have the option of extending the contract for Lignite with Messrs Ryan & Perry until Jan 1st 1914, upon the same terms by giving the said Ryan & Perry notice of such desired extension 30 days before the expiration of the proposed contract.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

The Mayor presented the following petition :

Austin, Texas ,Aug 20th 1912.

Hon Mayor and City Council

Hereby the undersigned respectfully applies for permission to erect an electric sign on 9th street at the Girls co-operative Home, Size of sign 10X 3 feet with the words Cafeteria on each side.

On motion the permission was granted, subject to re-vocation at the pleasure of the Council by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

The Council then adjourned.

Mrs. Johnson

City Clerk

*E Blackburn
Building permit
refused*

*Contract for
Lignite
Aug 15 1912
to
Aug 15 1913
Awarded
Ryan & Perry*

*G. H. ...
Sign*