

Regular meeting of the City Council : Austin, Texas , Sept 25th 1912.

Roll called: Present ,Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 4

Absent excused Councilman Haynes 1

Regular order of business was suspended, to receive bids on Paving.

Councilman Powell presented bids for paving certain streets of the City , received in response to advertisement for same , as follows :

*Bids for paving*

Roach, Manigan Paving Co, Fort Worth Texas

General Construction Co, Fort Worth, Texas

Texas Bitulithic Co, Dallas, Texas

Creosote Wood Block Paving Co of

J O Polhemus Of Austin, Texas

Western Paving Co of

Knox T Johnson of Austin, Texas.

The different bids were opened and read, and were referred to the Supt of Streets and Public Improvements , with the City Engineer for calculation and report .

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The Council was called to order by the Mayor, with members present as at <sup>Recess</sup> ~~morning session~~.

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

*Paving Contract  
Awarded to Texas  
Bitulithic Co*

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

That the bid of the Texas Bitulithic Company for Bitulithic paving upon Lavacca street from 7th to 19th streets , 19th street from Lavacca to Congress Avenue , and University Avenue from 19th to 21st streets and East 6th street from the East side of East Avenue to Waller street , be and the same are hereby accepted. The price and terms of these bids are as here now follows:

Pavement on 5-inch concrete base	\$ 2.14
Pavement on 4-inch concrete base	2.08
Dirt excavation per cubic yard	.35
Loose Rock excavation per cubic yard	.35
Solid Rock excavation per cubic yard	3.00
Interest on deferred payments	7%
7-inch of excavation at 35 cts per cubic yard	.058
6 -inch of excavation 35 cents per cubic yard	.658
Pavement complete with 7-inch excavation	2.208
Pavement complete with 6-inch excavation	2.138
Curbing per linear foot	.40
Terms : 20 % , in 30 days	
.20% , in one year	
20% in two years	
20% in 3 years	
20 % in 4years	Interest 7% on deferred payments
2% discount for cash on all except first payment	
5 cents per square yard discount for elimination of guarantee	

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:  
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 4

Absent excused Councilman Haynes 1

Councilman Powell offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council that the certified checks of all bidders for street paving , except the checks of the Bitulithic Co , be and the same are hereby directed to be surrendered by the City Clerk to the bidders .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:  
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Powell 4 Nays none.

Sept 25th 1912, 3 P M.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor ,with members present as at the morning session,except Councilman Powell.

The Council resumed the regular order of business,which was suspended at the morning session .

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

Petitions,etc :

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Mrs Herndon and J T Parker, calling a<sup>n</sup> attention to the fact that certain property in South Austin which was used for religeous purposes had been assessed for taxes ,and asking the Council to investigate the matter and grant them relief .

The communication was read.MMA but no action taken on same.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :  
That the Assessor and Collector be and he is hereby authorized to accept the sum of nine hundred and eighty five & 75/100 dollars,in full payment of all taxes in arrears due and owing by the former firm of Ben C Jones and Company of this City to the City of Austin.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew & Hart.

Absent Councilmen Haynes and Powell 2

Unfinished business:

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance vacating against public use traffic and travel a strip or piece of ground 43 1/2 feet wide by 185 feet long, North of Wooldridge school in Outlot 43 Div "D" ,of the City Of Austin,Texas, and repealing all ordinances or resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with the provisions hereof.

The ordinance was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew & Hart 3

Absent excused Councilmen Haynes & Powell 2

The Mayor then laid before the Council an ordinance levying an assessment for the payment of a part of the cost of improving Colorado street in the City of Austin between the north property line of 4th street and the north property line of 7th street and to fix a charge and lien against the owners of property and their property abutting said street and providing for the collection and enforcement thereof.

The ordinance was read the second time.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

Be ir resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :  
That the street East one block from Lampassas street and extending from 19th to 23rd street in this City , be and the same shall hereafter be known and called as Tom Green street .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hark & x3 . 3

Absent excused Councilmen Haynes & Powell 2

*Petition to exempt property from tax*

*Yeas Ben C Jones & Co Compromised*

*Vacating Street*

*Levy Assessment partly Colorado St*

*Tom Green St Named*

*Pound fee refunded J.A. Patton*

Councilman Hart presented the following resolution :  
It appearing to the City Council that an inoffensive sheep belonging to J A Patton of Oak Hill was through the activity of dogs and boys run into the City limits where it was captured by the City pound Master and placed in the City pound. This sheep having run the gauntlet of hungry dogs and mischievous boys is entitled to consideration and believing that its release without charge will have some effect on the cost of high living, the City Marshal and the Supt of Police and Public Safety recommends the remission of the pound fee of \$ 1.50; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :  
That the pound fee of \$ 1.50 be and the same is hereby remitted .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :  
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew & Hart 3  
Absent excused Councilmen Haynes & Powell 2

*Pound fee J.S. Jackson*

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :  
Whereas, it appearing to the City Council from the attached statement from Jno S Jackson that two mules belonging to him were impounded for which he paid the fee of \$ 3.00 for their release, believing his statement to be true, and the Supt of Police and Public Safety so recommending; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :  
That said Pound fee of three dollars be and the same is hereby remitted, and the money being still in the hands of the Clerk of the Corporation Court, said Officer is hereby authorized and directed to refund same to said Jno S Jackson.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :  
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew & Hart 3  
Absent Councilmen Haynes & Powell 2

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :  
Upon the recommendation of the City Marshal and the Supt of Police and Public Safety, and for the reasons given on the attached statement made a part of this resolution, it appearing to the City Council that there is no good reason why said recommendation should not be accepted and approved and the best interest of the City subserved thereby; therefore,

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin :  
That said fines against said parties, to-wit:

*Remitted*

Lonnie Wren	\$	31.85
Ollie Tyson		18.90
Eddie Samples		34.55
Julius Wright		13.35
Chas Cazares		1.25
Will Mabry		18.35
Mae Miller		10.00

be and the same are hereby remitted .  
The resolution was adopted by the following vote :  
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew & Hart 3  
Absent Councilmen Haynes & Powell 2

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution:  
A resolution designating owners and their property on 4th street in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, between the East line of its intersection with Colorado street and the West line of its intersection with San Jacinto street, who have failed or refused to agree

with the City Council as to the special benefits of improvement on said 4th street & apportionment of the cost of such improvements to be assessed against them, and directing the City Attorney to file with the County Judge of Travis County a statement thereof.

Whereas, the City Council has heretofore ordered the improvement of 4th street between the East line of its intersection of Colorado street and the West line of its intersection of San Jacinto Street by grading and paving the same and has given a notice and hearing to the owners of property abutting thereon, concerning the benefits of the said improvement and the amount and proportion of the cost thereof to be assessed against them; and, Whereas, the said hearing has been held and all of the said owners have been given an opportunity to be heard before the City Council concerning the said matters; and,

Whereas, some of said owners have agreed and consented with the City Council concerning the benefits of said improvements to their property and the amount to be assessed against the same; and,

Whereas, others have failed and refused to agree with the City Council as to the special benefits of said improvement and the amount and the apportionment of the cost thereof to be assessed against them and their property; and,

Whereas, said improvement has been fully completed and accepted by the City of Austin; therefore,

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

1st. That the said City Council does hereby designate the following property owners and their property, who have failed and refused to agree with the Council concerning the said matters, the names of said property owners, the description of their property by lot and block number, and the amounts proposed to be assessed against them and their property, being as follows, to-wit:

E A Hatzfeld & Peter L Lawless

Exrs of Will of Phillip Hatzfeld Deceased	Lot No , Lot 12, block 43,	Block No, 160 ft	No front feet, \$ 7.11	Amt per D To all \$	
					Total \$ 882.61.

Est of J Koppel, dec'd Nelson Davis Executor

-Lot 6, Block, 29, 160 feet \$ 7.11 per foot \$ 1134.89

J G Hornberger Lot 4, Block 41, 46 feet, \$ 7.11 per foot \$ 231.72

Mrs J G Hornberger Lots 5&6, Block 41, 92 feet \$ 7.11, To all \$ 557.85

The above parties are all citizens of and reside in Austin, Travis County, Texas, except Mrs J G Hornberger, who resides in New York City.

2nd. That the City Attorney be and he is hereby directed to file with the County Judge of Travis County, Texas, a statement hereof as provided by Section 4 of an ordinance in such case made and provided, passed by the City Council of the City of Austin, on February 23rd 1912; and further to take such steps for the appointment of Commissioners, and for the determination of the amounts of said assessments as are provided by the said ordinance.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew & Hart 3

Absent excused Councilmen Haynes & Powell 2

*Order for  
Appointment of  
Commissioners  
Parry Hart*

Petition Citizens  
Lavaca st  
in regard to  
permits to have  
Electric lights  
installed

Amendment to  
Revised Ordinances

Fee for Buffalo  
Bill Show

H & T C Ry. Co  
for boundary  
permit

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Citizens on Lavaca street protesting against a change in the thickness of concrete base for paving on Lavaca street from 5 to 4 inches and asking the 5 year guarantee be retained ,also a petition from the same parties asking to have Electric Lights ,similar to those on 6th street, installed on Lavaca street The petitions were read and ordered filed.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following ordinance,An ordinance to amend Articles 807 ,808, 809,810 & 811, of the revised ordinances of the City of Austin ,Texas, and to repeal certain conflicting provisions in said Articles 807,808,809,810& 811, of the Revised ordinances of the City of Austin .

The ordinance was read the first time.

The Council then recessed subject to call.

Friday Sept 27th 1912.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor,with the following Councilmen present: Councilmen Bartholomew & Hart.

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That the Assessor & Collector be and he is hereby authorized to collect one hundred ,twelve & 50/100 dollars ( 112.50 ) ,from the Buffalo Bill Show in full for license for performance and side shows.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew & Hart 3

Absent Councilmen Haynes & Powell 2

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Councilmen Hart offered the following resolution :

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

That the petition of the H & T C Ry Co, to erect a corrugated Iron shanty ,10 by 20 feet, on Block 30, City of Austin, be and the same is hereby declined .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew & Hart 3

Absent Councilmen Haynes & Powell 2

The Council then recessed subject to call;

Monday Sept 30th 1912.

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

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

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

That the sum of thirty nine (\$ 39.00) dollars of excess interest for one day paid by the Commerce Trust Co, to the City of Austin on \$ 250,000.00 draft and refunded to the Commerce Trust Co, out of the General fund ,be and the same is hereby directed to be charged against the Interest and Sinking fund of the City of Austin, and a transfer of said thirty nine dollars out of the Interest and Sinking fund to the General fund is hereby made.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4

Absent Councilman Powell 1

Interest on Bond  
referred

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

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

That the following transfers be made:

*Transfer funds.*

- (1) Transfer six and 27/100 dollars from the Hospital fund to the General fund.
- (2) Transfer six and 27/100 dollars from the Cemetery fund to the General fund.
- (3) Transfer thirty one & 33/100 dollars from the Sanitary Sewer fund to the General fund.
- (4) Transfer thirty one & 34/100 dollars from the Permanent Paving fund to the General fund.

The above for the purpose of refunding bond expenses heretofore paid out of the General fund.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4  
 Absent excused Councilman Powell 1

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

*Change of Contract  
F D Horton  
Seven Wells*

That the proposition of F D Horton to do certain work on East 1st street and East Avenue as substitute for the work covered in the contract heretofore made by him on the 24th day of Sept 1912, and amounting to an extra sum of \$ 514.82 ,be and the same is hereby accepted ,authorized and approved by the City Council ,and the Mayor of this City is hereby authorized to accept the proposition of said F D Horton to do said extra work for the sum of \$ 614.82.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

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

That permit be and is hereby granted to Geo W Littlefield to place and maintain upon and under the sidewalk north of his premises ,and being under his sidewalk upon West 25th street, and under the sidewalk at lot No 7, Block 1, Outlot 16 Div "D" of the City of Austin, a steel storage Gasoline tank of the dimensions of three feet by five feet.

The said tank is to be placed not less than 12 inches under the level of the sidewalk .

The permit hereby granted is to be deemed temporary and subject to revocation at any time in the judgement of this or any subsequent City Council.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart & Haynes 4  
 Absent excused Councilman Powell 1

*Gasoline tank  
Geo W Littlefield*

The Council then adjourned.

*Geo W Johnson*  
 City Clerk