

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

Petitions, etc :

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from Citizens asking that the wages of Firemen and Coal Passers at the Water and Light Plant , be increased, which was read and filed.

*Petition Citizens
to increase
wages Firemen
& Coal Passers
at Water & Light Plant*

Councilman Bartholomew presented a petition from the Engineers and Firemen at the Water and Light Plant asking an ~~increase~~ increase of wages, which was read and filed.

The Mayor Presented a petition from A E Hancock asking permission to erect an Electric sign at his place of business at 909 Congress Avenue , which was read.

*A E Hancock
Sign*

Mayor Wooldridge offered the following resolution :

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

That permit be and is hereby granted to A E Hancock Company to install and maintain at its place of business, 909 Congress Avenue in this City , an electric light sign, above the awning. The general description of this sign is that it is to be of a metal frame, approximately eight inches through , twelve inches high and six feet in length.

In this metal frame work glass panels are to be placed, upon which are to be painted appropriate signs, which signs are to be illuminated within by electric lights.

The permit hereby granted, is to be carried out under the Supervision of the Asst Supt of the Water, Light and Power Department, and is granted, held and to be accepted as revocable at any time in the pleasure of the City Council .

This permit is to be deemed a substitute for the petition heretofore made by said A E Hancock Co, in which petition the sign hereby authorized to be placed was petitioned to be extended beyond the curb and across a portion of the street, which privilege this Council declines to grant.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Reports of City Officers:

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of the City Sexton for the month of November 1912, which was read and ordered filed.

The Council then recessed subject to call.

Saturday Dec 2 27th 1912.

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

W. Caswell
James

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:
That the appeals of W. Caswell for himself for items 'B' Caswell' and for the Austin Oil Manufacturing Co. are disallowed as to the value of the lands complained to be overassessed by the Board of Equalization; but the appeals as to the value of the improvements, consisting largely of Machinery, are allowed and fixed as follows:

The improvements upon Block 2, Outlet 6, Division "O" are fixed at \$6000.00. The value of Machinery upon same Block is reduced from \$4,000.00 to \$3,000.00, and the value of the Machinery, Engines, etc. and other improvements upon the three acres at the North West Corner of Outlet 6, Division "O", are reduced from \$18,000.00 to \$15,000.00, and the excess above said figures in the report of the Board of Equalization is hereby cancelled.
Be it further resolved:

That the Assessor & Collector is authorized and instructed to take credit in accordance with the figures herein above set out.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:
Yeas Mayor Howardridge, Councilmen Bartelme, Hunt, Haynes & Powell 5.
Nays None

Approved, A. Howardridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:
That the appeal of Cole Brothers from the action of the Board of Equalization of this City, increasing the value of Block 6, Outlet 6, Div "B" from \$855.00 to \$1,000.00, be and the same is hereby disallowed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:
Yeas Mayor Howardridge, Councilmen Bartelme, Hunt, Haynes & Powell 5.
Nays None

Approved, A. Howardridge, Mayor.

W. Caswell

P. Hawles
Case

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:
Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:
That the appeal of P. Hawles from the assessments of the Board of Equalization against his land values as fixed by said Board of Equalization for the year 1912, be and the same is hereby disallowed; but

Be it further resolved:
That his appeal as to the value of the improvements upon the north sixty feet of Lots 7 & 8 of Block 126, in this city, be and the same is hereby allowed, and the value of said improvements is fixed at the sum of \$2500.00

Be it further resolved:
That the Assessment & Collection of this City be and he is hereby authorized to take credit upon his rolls for the year 1912 in accordance with the provisions of this resolution

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.
Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:
That the appeal of E C Gaines from the action of the Board of Equalization in assessing him thirty acres of land in the northeast corner of the Jno D McCall survey in south Austin at \$40.00 per acre and the same is hereby disallowed.
The resolution was adopted by the following vote:
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Powell 5
Nays none.
Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

E. C. Gaines
Case

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:
That the appeal of A B Palm from the report of the Board of Equalization as to the value of Lots 2, 3 & 4, in Block 112, be and the same is hereby disallowed.
The resolution was adopted by the following vote:
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew Hart & Powell 4
Nays Councilman Haynes 1
Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

A. B. Palm
Case

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:
That the appeal of Mrs Clara Franklin from the action of the Board of Equalization of this City as to the Value of a twenty-five

Mrs Clara Franklin
Case

. feet strip along the north side of lots 17 & 25, in Block 18, Out lot 45, Division " B ", Brass Addition, is in part allowed, and the value of said strip is hereby fixed at \$ 500.00

Be it further resolved :

That the Assessor and Collector of this city is hereby authorized to take credit upon the rolls for 1912 in accordance with the terms of this resolution .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution

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

That the appeal of Mrs Mary C Moore from the action of the Board of Equalization in increasing the value of her lot, situated at the corner of East 17th and Comal streets in this City be and is hereby disallowed.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote

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

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

That the appeal of Mrs Sophia Staehleley from the action of the Board of Equalization as to the value of the north half of Lots 5 & 6, Block 150 in this City, be and the same is hereby disallowed and the value of the said improvements is hereby fixed at \$ 2,250.00.

Be it further resolved:

That the Assessor and Collector be and he is hereby authorized to take credit upon his rolls for the year 1912 in accordance with this resolution .

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Nays none.

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

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

That the following pound fees be remitted, to-wit:

C N Bustin	\$ 1.50
Mrs E J Allen, 1 cow	1.50
Mrs C M Thompson, 1 cow	1.50
Jno King, 2 horses	3.00

It appearing that all of said stock was out through unavoidable accident on the part of the owners, and as to Mr King, he having paid a numerous number of pound fees, assures me that hereafter he will keep his gate locked, and said fees being still in the hands of the Clerk of the Corporation Court, said Officer is authorized and directed to refund the same.

*Mrs Mary C Moore
Appeal*

*Mrs Staehleley
Appeal*

*Pound fees
remitted*

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

Councilman Hart offered the following resolution :

It appearing to the City Council from the attached affidavit that H C Schaeffer was the owner of a certain mule impounded in the City pound on the 1st day of August 1912, that said mule was unclaimed, was duly advertised and sold by the City Marshal as required by law, for the sum of \$ 43.50, that after deducting all fees there remained the sum of \$ 33.10, which was paid to the City tax Collector to which the owner is entitled; therefore:

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

That the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of said H C Schaeffer for said sum of \$ 33.10, in full settlement of of this claim.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :

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

Approved, A P Wooldridge, Mayor.

The Council then recessed.

Monday Dec 30th 1912:

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

Councilman Haynes presented the following report:

Austin, Texas, Dec 30th 1912.

To the Hon Mayor & City Council, of the City of Austin :

Gentlemen :

We your committee beg to report that, with the aid & assistance of the City Engineer, we have carefully compared the various bids for City Supplies &c, for the six months ending July 1st 1913, and find the following named parties the lowest bidders for the supplies mentioned, to wit:
N Nalle & Co, for Cement & Lumber,
Robinson Bros, for Feed,
W H Richardson & Co for Hardware,
Swan Martin, for Blacksmithing & Repairs,
V O Weed, Transportation of remains of paupers etc (White) and in furnishing coffins,

W M Tears For transporting remains of Paupers (Colored)

Respectfully,

P W Powell,

H L Haynes.

The report was adopted by the following vote :

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

H C Schaeffer
Refunded \$33.10
Sale from pound

Bids for
Supplies

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution :

Whereas, taxes on lots 9 & 10, in Block No 7, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, due the City of Austin, are unpaid for the years 1895, 1897, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910 & 1911, besides interest, penalties and costs, and,

Whereas, judgement was obtained in the Dist Court of Travis County, Texas, on the 14th day of May 1903, for the sum of \$ 5661.11 taxes, interest and penalties for the years 1895, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900 & 1901, besides cost of Court, and said lots were ordered sold to pay said amounts, subject, however, to redemption by the owner thereof within two years from the date of such sale, and,

Whereas, said lots were sold under judgement, on the 4th day of August 1903, to the City of Austin, for the sum of \$ 6164.64, the amount of said taxes, interest, penalty & cost, and a deed executed to said city for same bearing date 9th September, 1903, and,

Whereas, said lots not being redeemed within said two years on 18th of March 1912, the said City of Austin filed suit in the District Court of Travis County Texas, against Sallie G Brush, and Wm B Brush her Husband, who claimed to be the owners of said lots, praying for title and possession of said lots and for damages, costs, etc, and by decree of said Court rendered on the 2nd day of April, 1912, the title and possession of said lots were divested out of the said Sallie G Brush and Wm B Brush and vested in the said City of Austin, and,

Whereas, the taxes now due on said lots at this date, together with interest, penalties and costs amount to the sum of \$ 2,044.46, and,

Whereas, Mrs Sallie K Brush, claiming to be the owner of said lots desires to pay said amount of \$ 2,044.46, and obtain a deed from the City of Austin of all the rights, title and interest of said City of Austin in said lots, and,

Whereas, said City of Austin does not desire to acquire property owned by any of its citizens, on account of their non-payment of taxes, but desires all property in the boundaries of the City of Austin, to pay the taxes assessed against the same. Therefore, Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin,

that upon payment by the said Mrs Sallie K Brush to the City Collector of the City of Austin, the sum of \$ 2,044.46, besides taxes for the current year 1912, on or before Dec 31st, 1912, the Mayor of the City of Austin, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute to Mrs Sallie K Brush, any and all instruments in writing necessary and proper to vest in the said Mrs Sallie K Brush, all the rights, title and interest of the City of Austin, in and to said lots 9 & 10, in Block No 7.

Approved, J B Ouldin Rector, City Attorney.

Approved A P Wooldridge, Mayor

The resolution was adopted by the following vote :
Yeas Mayor Wooldridge, Councilmen Bartholomew, Hart, Haynes & Fernald 5

*Cases
W.D. Strunk*

*Warrant to execute
City Collector*

. The Mayor laid before the Council the following Communication :

To his Honor the Mayor & Gentlemen of The council:

Gentlemen :

I have good reason to believe ,that the grade ,as established , west of my property at corner of 8th & Lavaca,will result in damage to the property.

I have protested as strongly as I know how against the unjust grading ,and I write to say that, if any damage, small or large,shall result from the work now being done,I will bring suit against the City.

Yours truly,

Mrs Mary H Mitchell.

The ~~communication~~ communication was received and ordered filed.

The Council then adjourned.

Geo. Johnson
City Clerk

*Mrs M. Mitchell
protest grade*