

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 6, 1951
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Drake presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Absent: None

Present also: W. E. Seaholm, City Manager; W. T. Williams, Jr., City Attorney,
C. G. Levander, Director of Public Works.

Councilman Johnson moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Members from the Demolay visited the Council on Demolay Government Day, and later held their Council meeting.

MR. MAURY MAVERICK presented a petition in the interest of establishing the "French Village" in Austin, asking the City to adopt a general ordinance for the marking, description and preservation of the historic sites of Austin; and to adopt an ordinance with plat attached that several acres are considered to be in the "French Village Area", to include property up to the new highway and back to the Texas State Cemetery. MRS. W. P. WEBB, Daughters of the American Republic, spoke on the condition of the French Embassy. Mayor Drake inquired about the title of this property. It was stated the State held the title, but the Daughters of the Republic were given the responsibility of the Embassy. Councilman Long complimented Mr. Maverick for coming before the Council, as it was a rare occasion for an out-of-town citizen to come in, in the interest of the City. Councilman Long moved that this matter be sent to the Parks Board and that they study it and bring a recommendation whereby the Council may pass these ordinances. (Ordinances suggested in petition on file in City Clerk's office under "Petitions") The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

REV. R. G. WEARNER, Pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 403 East 31st Street, stated for a number of years a group had sung carols just before Christmas in connection with the world-wide commission appeal. In addition to this, Rev. Wearner wanted to use a recording to present these carols, and requested permission to use a sound-system through the residential neighborhoods. After a study of the present ordinance, the Council felt it should not amend the ordinance to grant this permission.

MR. A. N. McCALLUM, JR., representing the Travis County Chapter of the National Foundation, Infantile Paralysis, expressed the appreciation of the Committee to the City and to the School officials for its work and cooperation in its fight against Polio. In order to keep an epidemic like Odessa had from hitting Austin, Mr. McCallum asked that a clean-up drive be made by the individuals and individual business houses, and that the city continue or increase its spraying. MRS. HATCH read from a publication on Polio. MR. CHAS. SANDAHL spoke. Dr. Ben Primer stated another crew would be added to continue this spraying. Councilman Long asked if people were still being reminded to keep their garbage cans covered, and if the City were still in its clean-up campaign. The City Manager stated work was still being done in the various creeks and other places; and he would see that the general condition was improved. Councilman MacCorkle stated the individual citizens would have to take some responsibility. Councilman White suggested that after garbage cans were emptied, that the men place the tops back on them.

DR. EVERETT GIVENS asked that consideration be given for street lights at 13th and Alamo Streets, and at Alamo and New York Streets. The City Manager was asked to look into this matter. Dr. Givens made inquiry about a park in East Austin, about the location of the Fire Station in East Austin, and asked for more fire plugs in McKinley Heights.

In line with setting a public hearing on the Budget, Councilman MacCorkle suggested that the Council meet with the auditors before finally passing the budget. He stated the budget is very expertly drawn up and shows a lot of work has gone into it. The Council decided to meet with WADE, BARTON & MARSH, 3:30 P.M., Tuesday, December 11th.

Councilman MacCorkle moved that a public hearing on the Budget for 1952 be set for 11:00 A.M., December 20, 1951. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Mayor Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT WITH RESPECT TO THE PETITION OF THE SOUTHERN UNION GAS COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN ITS RATES FOR NATURAL GAS AND SERVICE OF NATURAL GAS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USES IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN; DETERMINING AND FIXING A SCHEDULE OF RATES TO BE CHARGED BY SUCH COMPANY FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR SOUTHERN UNION GAS COMPANY, OR ANY OTHER PERSON, FIRM, CORPORATION, RECEIVER OR LESSEE OPERATING A GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, OR ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF FURNISHING NATURAL GAS OR NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ACTUAL RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL CONSUMERS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, OR ANY OFFICER, AGENT, REPRESENTATIVE OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF TO DEMAND, EXACT OR COLLECT FROM ANY SUCH CONSUMER ANY CHARGE FOR NATURAL GAS OR NATURAL GAS SERVICE IN EXCESS OF THE RATES FIXED HEREIN; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE OF NOT LESS THAN \$50.00 NOR MORE THAN \$200.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE; REPEALING THE GAS RATE ORDINANCE PASSED AND APPROVED APRIL 22, 1943; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, BUT ONLY INSOFAR AS THE SAME MAY BE IN CONFLICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, MacCorkle, Mayor Drake
Noes: Councilmen Long, White

Councilman MacCorkle moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance be read the second time. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: Councilman Long

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: Councilman Long

The ordinance was read the third time, and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: Councilman Long

The Mayor then announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, JULY 17, 1941, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "L", PAGES 152-174, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WHICH ORDINANCE WAS AMENDATORY OF THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL APRIL 23, 1931, AND RECORDED IN BOOK "I", PAGES 301-318, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE AMENDATORY ORDINANCE HEREBY CHANGING THE USE DESIGNATION FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT ON LOT 5, LEWIS HANCOCK'S SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE MAPS SO AS TO RECORD THE CHANGES HEREBY ORDERED; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The Mayor then announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Thomas Brothers Lumber Company, in accordance with the terms and provisions of a certain contract, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution, and marked by the City Clerk for purposes of identification, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file for permanent record in the office of the City Clerk the attached copy of said contract without recordation in the Minutes of the City Council. (On file under Water Main Extensions. Contract No. 546-C)

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Ruby Connelly, in accordance with the terms and provisions of a certain contract, copy of which is attached to this Resolution, and marked by the City Clerk for purposes of identification, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to file for permanent record in the office of the City Clerk the attached copy of said contract without recordation in the Minutes of the City Council. (On file under Water Main Extensions. Contract File No. 550-C)

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver on behalf of the City of Austin deeds of conveyance to Alex Dochen in accordance with the terms and provisions of a certain contract heretofore entered into by and between the City of Austin and the said Alex Dochen, a copy of such contract being attached to this Resolution and marked by the City Clerk for identification. (On file under PROPERTY - Sale of)
Contract File No. 545-C)

The motion seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the City Council of the City of Austin hereby approves as a filling station site the property located at the north east corner of the intersection of Manor Road and Lafayette Avenue which property fronts 155.22 feet on Manor Road and 147.44 feet on Lafayette Avenue, and being known as Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 1 of Nowlin Heights in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and hereby authorizes the said Texas Company to construct, maintain and operate a drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct curbs, ramps, and sidewalks in conjunction therewith, subject to the same being constructed in compliance with all the ordinances relating thereto, and further subject to the foregoing attached recommendations and plans; and the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue an occupancy permit for the operation of this filling station after full compliance with all the provisions of this resolution and said permission shall be held to be granted and accepted to all necessary reasonable and proper, present and future regulations and ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, in the enforcement of the proper police, Traffic and Fire regulations; and the right of revocation is retained, if, after hearing, it is found by the City Council that the said Texas Company has failed and refused, and will continue to fail and refuse to perform any such conditions, regulations and ordinances.

(Recommendations attached)

"December 5, 1951

"Mr. Walter Seaholm
City Manager
Austin, Texas

"Dear Sir:

"We, the undersigned, have considered the application of The Texas Company for permission to construct, maintain and operate a drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct commercial driveways in conjunction therewith upon the property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Manor Road and Lafayette Avenue which property fronts 155.22 feet on Manor Road and 147.44 feet on Lafayette Avenue, and being known as Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 1 of Nowlin Heights in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and the property upon which this filling station is to be built is owned by The Texas Company and we hereby advise that the following conditions exist:

"The property upon which this filling station is to be located is designated as "C" Commercial Use District upon the Zoning maps of the City of Austin

"There is a storm sewer inlet on the north side of Manor Road adjacent to the above described property.

"We recommend that The Texas Company be granted permission to construct, maintain, and operate said drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct curbs, ramps and sidewalks in conjunction therewith, subject to the following conditions:

"(1) That all buildings and equipment shall be placed inside of the property line, correct lines to be obtained before construction starts or equipment is installed. Lines and Grades to be obtained from the Department of Public Works for entrances and driveways, building lines to be approved by the City Building Inspector. That the applicant shall confer with the Department of Public Works as to future grades of the sidewalks and gutters on the adjacent streets before he starts any construction relative to the filling station.

"(2) That only underground tanks shall be used and that all pumps shall be so located that it will be impracticable to service motor vehicles therefrom while said motor vehicles are standing on any part of a sidewalk, street or alley.

"(3) That the gasoline tanks, pumps, and all equipment used in connection with the storage and handling of gasoline shall be an approved type and shall bear the label of the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.; that all construction of the filling station improvements shall be in accord with the Building Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance, the Filling Station Ordinance, and in accord with the ordinance prohibiting the disposal of the Commercial water or oils upon the City streets.

"(4) That the grades of the station shall be such that no waste water or oils or any floor washings shall ever pass over the City sidewalk area and that all of said oils and water shall be concentrated into a combined grease and sand trap which shall be constructed in accordance with our standard plan 2-H-146.

"(5) That all filling station improvements, pump islands, driveways, ramps, gutters, sidewalks and curbs shall be constructed of concrete at the expense of the applicant as set forth upon the plan hereto attached, which plan bears the Department of Public Works file number 2-H-1052.

"(6) Expansion joints shall be constructed as shown upon the plan hereto attached marked 2-H-1052 and shall be of the pre-moulded type.

"(7) When the owner considers that he has complied with all the requirements of the City of Austin for filling stations, he shall apply for a final inspection before such filling station can be put into service.

"Respectfully submitted,
(Sgd) C. G. Levander
Director of Public Works

(Sgd) J. C. Eckert
Building Inspector "

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman MacCorkle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Southern Union Gas Company has presented to the City Council tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its gas mains in the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the City Council; therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT Southern Union Gas Company be and the same is hereby permitted to lay and construct its gas mains in and upon the following streets:

(1) A gas main in HARVARD STREET, from Bryan Street northerly 153 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said HARVARD STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(2) A gas main in WALTER STREET, from Harvard Street easterly 195 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6 feet north of and parallel to the south property line of said WALTER STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(3) A gas main in SHOAL CREEK BOULEVARD, from Northland Drive northerly 1200 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said SHOAL CREEK BOULEVARD.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(4) A gas main in ALLANDALE ROAD, from Shoal Creek Boulevard to Cary Drive, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said ALLANDALE ROAD.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(5) A gas main in CARY DRIVE, from Allandale Road northerly 1100 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said CARY DRIVE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(6) A gas main in RUNDELL PLACE, from Bluebonnet Lane

westerly 187 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said RUNDELL PLACE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(7) A gas main in NASCO DRIVE, from White Horse Trail northerly 154 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said NASCO DRIVE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(8) A gas main in OAKHURST AVENUE, from West 30th Street to Belmont Parkway, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said OAKHURST AVENUE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(9) A gas main in BELMONT PARKWAY, from Oakhurst Avenue easterly 500 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said BELMONT PARKWAY.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(10) A gas main in BELMONT PARKWAY, from Oakhurst Avenue westerly 166 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said BELMONT PARKWAY.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(11) A gas main in BELMONT CIRCLE, from Belmont Parkway southerly 290 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said BELMONT CIRCLE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(12) A gas main in COLE STREET, from a point 287 feet north of East 24th Street southerly 40 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said COLE STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(13) A gas main in EAST 16TH STREET from Clifford Avenue westerly 358 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said EAST 16TH STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(14) A 4'x4'x4' gas regulator pit in West 24th Street, the center of said gas regulator pit to be 40 feet east of the centerline of Parkway and 4.5 feet south of the north property line of West 24th Street.

The Southern Union Gas Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin doesnot guarantee that the space assigned above is clear from other underground utilities, but is based upon the best records we have at hand, and that the minimum depth stated does not have any reference to the fact that greater depths may not be required at special points. When the Southern Union Gas Company requires definite information upon the ground as to elevations or working points from which to base the location of their assignments, they shall apply to the Department of Public Works not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Southern Union Gas Company is further put upon notice that they will be required to bear the expense of repairs or replacement of any underground utility damaged during the construction of lines named in this resolution.

AND THAT whenever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of backfilling of the ditches.

THAT the work and laying of said gas mains, including the excavation in the streets, and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said mains have been laid shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager, and under all the pertinent terms and conditions of the certain franchises granted to said company by the City of Austin.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:
 Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
 Noes: None

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, on November 27, 1951, bids were received by the City of Austin for the construction of a sanitary sewer north and east of the Bastrop Road from Bergstrom Air Force Base to the Sewage Treatment Plant; such bids being as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>(a) 18" sewer</u>	<u>Alternate (b) 24" sewer</u>
W. L. Rea Construction Co.	\$ 81,039.60	\$ 98,955.50
Joe Bland Construction Co.	81,895.20	96,839.80
Karl Wagner	92,335.50	112,060.00
Roger Smith	94,489.76	113,539.76
R. B. Hodgson	130,506.22	144,238.38

and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the bids for Alternate (b) are most advantageous to the City and the bid of Joe Bland Construction Company in the sum of \$96,839.80 is the lowest and best bid on such Alternate (b); and

WHEREAS the acceptance of such bid of Joe Bland Construction Company on said Alternate (b) has been recommended by the Director of Public Works of the City of Austin and by the City Manager; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the bid of Joe Bland Construction Company be and the same is hereby accepted, and W. E. Seaholm, City Manager, is authorized and directed to execute a contract with Joe Bland Construction Company to construct a 24" sanitary sewer on the basis of their bid of \$96,839.80.

The motion, seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The request of REV. T. J. RADTKE for free water and light services at the CATHOLIC SALVAGE STORE, operated on a non-profit basis for the benefit of the low-income people, was considered, but no action taken. The City Attorney was requested to make a ruling on granting free water and light services. This matter was passed to be placed on the agenda the following week.

The Council noted two letters from the Park and Recreation Board, dated November 21, 1951, commending the Council in its dedicating the fifty acres of the Hancock Recreation Area for park and recreation purposes; and recommending to the Council that the funds from the sale of the forty remaining acres be earmarked for the acquisition of other park property.

The request of MR. HARRY PRUETT for waiver of set-back at corner of East Avenue and 19th Street was considered. After discussion, Councilman Long moved that the Council decline to deviate from the 25 foot set back on East Avenue. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The City Manager stated possibly the City could work out a trade with Mr. Pruett on this piece of property.

Discussion of the present solicitation ordinance was held. The Mayor suggested simplifying the present ordinance, and determine if an agency was a bona fide agency; if it were a charitable organization; and how often it would want to solicit funds. The City Manager suggested that the Committee that came before the Council (Mr. Francis Ansler, et al--October 25, 1951) and offered to act as a voluntary committee to make a study of this, be used as an advisory committee to work with the City. Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be instructed to redraw this ordinance; and if he wants to use the Committee, that would be up to him. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman MacCorkle inquired about the Airport. He understood some large planes were being routed from Dallas to San Antonio, and he wondered if they had bypassed Austin for the reason the runways were not long enough. The City Manager stated no request had been made to land their planes here; but the companies did not want to use any short flights with those big planes. He stated efforts were being made to acquire some property at the north of the field in order to extend those runways; but Federal funds will have to be obtained first, and he felt they would be available after July 1952 sometime. As soon as that money is made available, Airport Bonds could be sold, and work started right away.

Councilman MacCorkle noted in the budget there were additional people added in the Tax Department, and he wondered where they would be located, and made inquiry about the building of the annex to the City Hall. The City Manager stated if restrictions were lifted, the building could be started next year out of money available from the Police and Courts Building bonds; and additional money provided for in the 1953 budget. He explained the present plans of a quonset hut building to take care of a central store room, and that a few people could be officed there temporarily.

Councilman White asked about a report on the new bridge. The City Manager stated the request had been returned stating nothing could be done now; however, the request has been revised and resubmitted. As soon as the steel gets allocated, the plans were ready to start building.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 12:00 noon.

APPROVED: W. S. Drake
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elin Rossley
City Clerk