

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, July 9, 1931.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; absent, none.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and Councilman Mueller moved the adoption of same as read. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford, and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

This being the day set for the hearing of owners of abutting property and others interested with reference to street improvements to be constructed in the certain Units or Districts of Improvement as follows:

SAN ANTONIO STREET from the north property line of Twelfth Street to the south property line of Fifteenth Street, Unit or District No. P-127;

SAN ANTONIO STREET from the north line of Fifteenth Street to the south property line of Nineteenth Street, Unit or District No. P-128;

BLANCO STREET from the north property line of Sixth Street to the south property line of Ninth Street, Unit or District No. P-119;

BLANCO STREET from the south property line of Ninth Street on west side and the north property line of Ninth Street on the east side to the south property line of Twelfth Street, Unit or District No. P-119A;

WINDSOR ROAD from the south property line of Twelfth Street to the south property line of Thirteenth Street on the west side and the north property line of Lot 38, Enfield A, Outlots 6, 7, 8, Division "2" on the east side, Unit or District No. P-120;

WINDSOR ROAD from the south property line of Thirteenth Street on the west side and the north property line of Lot 38, Enfield "A", Outlots 6, 7, 8, Division "2" on the east side to the south property line of Enfield Road, Unit or District No. P-120A;

ELEVENTH STREET from the east property line of Red River Street to the west property line of East Avenue, Unit or District No. P-156;

the Mayor thereupon stated that all persons desiring to protest the levying of assessments against abutting property on the above mentioned streets and within the limits above stated, or who desired to be heard with reference to the improvements proposed to be assessed against said property and the owners thereof, the lien and liability thereof, the special benefits to the property and the owners thereof, or any other matters or things authorized by the provisions of Article XXIV of the Charter of the City of Austin to be urged and considered at this hearing, would now be heard from, and thereupon the following persons appeared and were heard:

On San Antonio Street District No. P-128:

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. J. Terrell stated that three or four years ago they were in a position to pay for paving, but owing to loss of revenue occasioned by the present financial depression they were unable to do so now. They also stated that as San Antonio Street was not a through street no necessity existed for the paving of same.

Mrs. Helena Pfannekuchen stated that she was financially unable to meet the payments on the paving.

Miss Mary Louise Wells stated that her property would not be enhanced in value as the cost of paving would amount to more than any increase in valuation by reason of same. She also stated that the street should not be paved if there were to be any skips.

Miss Emelie Hutter, represented by Mrs. W. J. J. Terrell, stated that she was financially unable to pay for the paving.

On Blanco Street, District P-119:

John D. Riley stated that his property at present was not yielding 2% and if the cost of paving were added to that he would have to fence it up.

On Blanco Street, District P-119A:

Charles Petmecky stated that he was financially unable to pay for the paving; that his home is not yet paid for, and that he has been unable to meet some of the

payments on same.

L. V. Laudan stated that he was financially unable to pay for the paving.

On Windsor Road, Districts P-120 and P-120A:

A petition signed by the following property owners, protesting the paving of this street, was read and filed:

James M. Loving  
 Mary Hart Loving  
 L. Novy  
 Theo. P. Meyer  
 J. M. Denton  
 N. G. Shelley Estate,  
 by Geo. E. Shelley, Agent,  
 Eli H. Miller,  
 A. F. Beverly  
 A. W. Hart

Geo. E. Shelley, Agent for the N. G. Shelley Estate, stated that they were financially unable to pay for paving unless part of the Estate were sold and asked that the paving be deferred another year at least until the property would be more salable.

Mrs. J. M. Loving stated that as their property does not face on this street, the enhancement in value to same will not justify the cost of paving. She also stated that as the street is in good condition and there is very little traffic on it, she did not think a necessity existed for the paving of same at present. She further stated that owing to economic conditions they were financially unable to pay for the paving at this time.

J. M. Denton stated that as this street was hard-surfaced and in good condition he did not think the paving was necessary.

On Eleventh Street, District No. P-156:

A petition signed by the following property owners, protesting the paving of this street, was read and filed:

Walter F. Kuehne  
 Mrs. W. F. Kuehne  
 Louis Silberstein  
 Julius Alexander  
 G. S. Hamby  
 A. T. Quisenberry  
 T. R. Stephens  
 J. C. Brodie

J. C. Brodie stated that he was willing to pave if the City would either build a bridge across Waller Creek at this point so that his property would be accessible, or fill in his property to a width of sixty-nine feet, the amount he is being assessed for paving. He was advised to take this matter up with H. R. F. Helland, Consulting Engineer, for such adjustment as could be made.

L. Silberstein stated that his property is cheap rental property and the revenues from same would not justify the cost of paving.

Julius Alexander stated that by reason of having paid for paving on Neches Street he is financially unable to pay for this paving. He also stated that as this street is tarviated and in good condition he did not consider there was a necessity for permanent paving, and that the paving of same would increase the traffic hazard to the school children.

A. T. Quisenberry stated that in his opinion the street should not be paved if a majority of the property owners were opposed to same. He also stated that the paving of this street would increase the traffic hazard.

Thereupon L. A. Robbins was called as a witness and after being duly sworn testified that he has resided in the City of Austin for several years; that he is well acquainted with the value of the property abutting upon each of the Units or Districts as to which this hearing was being held; that he is acquainted with the type of paving which is proposed to be constructed upon said Units or Districts as to which this hearing was being held; and that in his opinion each parcel of abutting property would be enhanced in value by reason of the construction of the proposed improvements in an amount in excess of the amount proposed to be assessed against the same, as set out on the Engineer's Roll or Statement on file relating to such Units or Districts of Improvement.

No other witnesses being offered or desiring to be heard, and no other interested parties or owners having requested to be heard, the Mayor thereupon laid before

the Council the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE CLOSING HEARING AND LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR PART OF THE COST OF IMPROVING PORTIONS OF ELEVENTH STREET IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, FIXING A CHARGE AND LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY ABUTTING THEREON AND AGAINST THE OWNERS THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH ASSESSMENTS AND THE ISSUANCE OF ASSIGNABLE CERTIFICATES IN EVIDENCE THEREOF.

The above ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Mueller moved a suspension of the rule and the placing of the ordinance on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Mueller moved a further suspension of the rule and the placing of the ordinance on its third reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Mueller moved that same be finally passed. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford, and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE CLOSING HEARING AND LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR PART OF THE COST OF IMPROVING PORTIONS OF BLANCO STREET AND SUNDRY OTHER STREETS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, FIXING A CHARGE AND LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY ABUTTING THEREON AND AGAINST THE OWNERS THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SUCH ASSESSMENTS AND THE ISSUANCE OF ASSIGNABLE CERTIFICATES IN EVIDENCE THEREOF.

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W. Y. Knight appeared before the Council with reference to the location of the west line of the street adjacent to his property, formerly known as The Cliff. In this connection, Orin E. Metcalfe, City Engineer, submitted the following report:

"Austin, Texas, July 8, 1931.

Mr. Adam R. Johnson,  
City Manager,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your request, this is to advise you that I have investigated the claim that Mr. W. Y. Knight has made that the City should protect him as to the continuance of a street west of his property. I have consulted the City Attorney about the matter and beg to advise that the only street which we find in existence is the street as used by the public for the past 30 or more years, and that the street as used by the public has never been over 40 feet wide. Mr. Knight has been advised that if he can secure legal evidence of any other street, that the City will be glad to consider same. Mr. Knight has got all of his property in his possession. The City has not closed any portion of the street.

I have addressed letters to Mr. A. T. Martin and Mr. W. Y. Knight, copies of which can be found in City Engineer's Record Book IX, pages 207 to 209, which takes the matter up in technical detail.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) Orin E. Metcalfe,  
City Engineer. "

Mr. Knight asked that he be notified in the event the City should abandon any part of the above street. The Council took no further action in the matter.

M. H. Crockett appeared before the Council relative to deeding the City a small strip of land on the south side of his land fronting on Nineteenth Street on the east side of Waller Creek for better drainage of Waller Creek in exchange for fill to his property with dirt removed from the bed of said creek at the City's expense. He also submitted his proposal in writing. The Council deferred action on the matter until they could make an inspection on the ground with the City Manager and City Consulting Engineer.

Reports of L. E. Whitham & Company and H. R. F. Helland, Consulting Engineer, stating that the paving has been completed on East Second Street from the east line of Brazos Street to the west line of Red River Street, District P-109, and on Trinity Street from the north line of First Street to the south line of Third Street, District No. P-113, except for skips in front of the property of Ernst A. H. Ebner, Kalil Shipley, and Margaret Harn, District No. P-109, John Simms and Kalil Shipley, District No. P-113, which skips were caused by the property owners' not being able to give sufficient security to cover their pro rata part of the cost of improvements, in accordance with the plans and specifications for same, and recommending the acceptance of said paving, were read and ordered filed.

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN,  
TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE IMPROVEMENT  
OF EAST SECOND STREET AND SUNDRY  
OTHER STREETS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN,  
AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE  
BALANCE DUE BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN  
AND THE ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF  
CERTIFICATES OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT  
AGAINST OWNERS OF ABUTTING PROPERTY.

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

That, Whereas, heretofore the hereinafter described street was ordered improved, contract for said work of improvement duly entered into, and assessment levied against abutting property and the owners thereof to cover the portion of the cost payable by the said property owners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said contract and other proceedings in connection therewith, L. E. Whitham & Company has completed the improvement of the following streets, to-wit:

PAVING DISTRICT NO. P-109: EAST SECOND STREET from the east line of Brazos Street to the west line of Red River Street;

PAVING DISTRICT NO. P-113: TRINITY STREET from the north line of First Street to the south line of Third Street; and

WHEREAS, said improvements are in strict compliance with the terms of said contract, specifications adopted for said improvements and other proceedings in connection therewith;

Therefore,

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

That said improvements on said portion of said streets be and the same are hereby accepted as in full compliance with the terms of said contract, specifications and proceedings, and the final estimate due from the City of Austin to L. E. Whitham & Company be and the same is hereby ordered paid.

That the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized and instructed to issue, execute and deliver to L. E. Whitham & Company certificates of special assessment against the abutting property and the owners thereof, evidencing the several sums of money assessed against said property and the owners thereof respectively for their pro rata of the cost of said improvements, in accordance with the terms of said contracts and proceedings.

That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 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 sum of Twelve Hundred (\$1200.00) Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND for the purchase of the following described real estate which is required for the extension of West Fifth Street, to-wit:

One (1) acre of land out of Outlot No. 11, in Division "Z" in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, lying east of Shoal Creek, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning 3 feet south 71° east from a large pecan tree 30 inches in diameter, at a stake on the east side of said tree;

Thence South 71° East 143 feet to a stake for the northeast corner of this survey;

Thence South 19° West 316 feet to Shoal Creek;

Thence up said creek with its meanders to point on the north edge of same, 316 feet from beginning;

Thence North 19° East 316 feet to the place of beginning;

and that a warrant for said amount be issued to Henry H. Brooks, Ancillary Receiver in Cause No. 393 - In Equity, entitled H.H. Henley and O. G. Darnall vs. W. B. Foshay Co., in the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division; the City of Austin having bid to the Receiver for the purchase of said property in accordance with the order of the Court, and the Court having approved the bid and authorized the Receiver to sell said real estate to the City of Austin for the sum of money above stated, and to give his Receiver's Deed therefor; and that said warrant be delivered to said Receiver upon the delivery of his Deed to the City of Austin for said real estate.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Park Board of the City of Austin has recommended that the sum of \$2,000.00 be spent for repairs and alterations necessary to be made at the Gymnasium recently purchased from W. T. Caswell; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approves such expenditure;

Now, therefore,

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

That the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated out of the Parks and Playgrounds Bond Fund for the purpose above stated.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, and Steck, 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 following described strip of land is hereby dedicated and designated as a street of the City of Austin, to-wit:

A strip of land 120 feet in width, a part of the Grooms Addition out of the Thomas Gray Survey and being also part of Outlots 9 and 10 of Division "D" of the Government Tract of the City of Austin, and also being composed of, or adjacent to the following Subdivisions or streets, to-wit: Grooms Addition, Moore's Subdivision of Outlot 10, Division "D", Archway, Twenty-ninth Street, Wooldridge Street, Duval Street, Twenty-sixth and One-half Street, and Twenty-sixth Street, and lying between the north line at Twenty-sixth Street and the southeast line of Speedway or Lampasas Street, the center line of said strip of land, 120 feet in width, being described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake on the east or southeast line of Speedway on the west line of Lot #1 of Block #3 of the Grooms Addition out of the Thomas Gray Survey within the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, which iron stake is S. 44 degrees 55' W. 11.23 feet from the most northerly corner of Lot #1, Block #3 of the Grooms Addition and from which beginning corner a concrete monument set at the intersection of the center line of Thirtieth Street and the center line of Speedway bears N. 0 degrees 44' East 57.49 feet;

Thence with the center line of Waller Boulevard according to the following seven courses, to-wit:

(1) S. 3 degrees 22' E. 93.85 feet to an iron stake set at a point of curve of Waller Boulevard and from which point a concrete monument bears N. 86 degrees 38' E. 60 feet.

(2) Thence following a curving line to the left an arc distance of 306.33 feet, said curving line having a radius of 521.07 feet, a degree of curve of 11 degrees and the long chord of which runs S. 20 degrees 12' 30" E. 299.20 feet to a stake and from which stake a concrete monument bears N. 52 degrees 57' E. 60 feet.

(3) Thence S. 37 degrees 3' E. 314.30 feet to an iron stake set at a point of curve of Waller Boulevard.

(4) Thence following a line curving to the right an arc distance of 85.80 feet, said curving line having a radius of 350.56 feet, a degree of curve of 16 degrees 24', and the long chord of which runs S. 30 degrees 3' E. 85.43 feet to a concrete monument.

(5) Thence S. 23 degrees 3' E. 177.09 feet to a concrete monument and from which another concrete monument bears N. 66 degrees 57' E. 60 feet.

(6) Thence following a line curving to the right an arc distance of 234.68 feet, said curving line having a radius of 390.7 feet, a degree of curve of 14 degrees 42' and the long chord of which runs S. 5 degrees 50' 30" E. 231.18 feet to a concrete monument.

(7) Thence S. 11 degrees 22' W. 277.79 feet to a concrete monument about S. 84 degrees 22' E. from the south line of Lot #14 of the Archway Subdivision.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That said street hereby above described and designated shall be named and known as WALLER BOULEVARD.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

Councilman Alford moved that the City Manager be authorized to ratify transfer of Cemetery Lot 295, Section B, Oakwood Cemetery Annex, from A. Foster, 2207 West 25th Street, Fort Worth, Texas, to Wiley Foster, 1718 Willow Street, Austin, Texas. Motion was seconded by Mayor McFadden, and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

Councilman Alford nominated the following as members of the Examining and Supervising Board of Plumbers:

W. C. Dunham, Master Plumber;  
R. H. Barr, Journeyman Plumber;

Ex Officio

O. E. Metcalfe, City Engineer;  
Dr. Lee Edens, City Health Officer;  
Fred Bernd, Chief Plumbing Inspector.

The above nominations were confirmed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

A resolution by the Negro Citizens Council of the City of Austin, asking that the name of East Avenue be changed to that of Wooldridge Avenue in memory of the late Col. A. P. Wooldridge, was read and filed for future consideration.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, H. E. Wattinger & Company is the contractor for the construction of a warehouse for Herman Becker, Sr., on Lots 1 and 2, Block 33 of the Original City of the City of Austin, and desires a portion of the streets abutting said premises during said construction to be used in the work and for the storage of materials therefor;

Therefore,

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

1. That space for the uses hereinabove enumerated be granted to H. E. Wattinger & Company, the boundaries of which are described as follows:

Trinity and East 3rd Street Working Space

Beginning at the southeast corner of Lot 2, Block 33; thence in a southerly direction and at right angles to the center line of East 3rd Street a distance of 20 feet to a point; thence in a westerly direction and parallel to the center line of East 3rd Street a distance of 140 feet to a point; thence in a northwesterly direction and at a 45 degree angle to East 3rd Street to the center line of Trinity Street; thence in a northerly direction along the center line of Trinity Street to a point opposite the north line of Lot 1, Block 33; thence in an easterly direction and at right angles to the center line of Trinity Street to the east line of Trinity Street; thence in a southerly direction along the east line of Trinity Street to the north line of East 3rd Street; thence in an easterly direction along the north line of East 3rd Street to the point of beginning.

2. That the above privileges and allotments of space are granted to said H. E. Wattinger & Company, hereinafter termed "Contractor" upon the following express terms and conditions:

(1) That the Contractor shall erect and maintain continuously and in good condition during the use of said space hereby allotted along the south, west and southwest boundaries of East 3rd Street and Trinity Street working spaces a substantial guard rail at least 4 feet high and weighted down in such a manner that work and storage of materials against same will not move it out of line.

(2) That the Contractor may maintain an opening in the barrier around said working space only in the east, southwest and north corners of said working space, provided, that at all times when this portion of the barrier is opened there shall be a not less than 2" x 4" bar placed across the opening to prevent pedestrians from coming into the building site.

(3) That the Contractor shall be allowed to construct a temporary work office and store house within Trinity Street working space, provided, that the north wall of said work office and store house shall be at least 25 feet south of the north line of said Lots 1 and 2, Block 33, and also that said work office shall be at least 25 feet from the north line of East 3rd Street.

(4) That no vehicles shall be loaded or unloaded by the Contractor while parked on either Trinity or East 3rd Streets outside of the allotted working space.

(5) That storm waters shall be taken care of by the Contractor on both Trinity and East 3rd Streets.

(6) That any public utilities disturbed during the construction shall be replaced in as good condition as same existed when the work started.

(7) That the Contractor shall place on the outside corners of his barrier during all periods of darkness, red lanterns or electric lights to warn traffic of the obstruction placed there.

(8) That the Contractor during the use of the street working space shall take care to see that at all times any materials, scaffolding or debris is kept within the allotted street working space and that during the use of the street the Contractor shall not at any time have materials or any obstruction in the street in such was as to prevent the passage of a fire truck wishing to gain access to a fire through this street.

(9) That the Contractor shall remove all fences, barricades, materials and other obstructions in the streets immediately after the necessity for their existence in said streets has ceased, such time to be determined by the City Manager. The Contractor shall restore said streets to as good condition as same existed before the use of the space hereby granted the Contractor. In no event shall the Contractor be permitted to use street spaces herein granted later than November 1, 1931.

(10) Special Requirements:

(11) That the Contractor shall furnish the City of Austin a surety bond in the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, which shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Austin from any claims for damages to any persons or property that may accrue to or be brought by any person by reason of the exercise of the privileges granted the Contractor by the City and shall guarantee the replacement of all sidewalk, pavement and all other public property and public utilities disturbed or removed during the construction work and shall further guarantee the construction of a guard rail and other safeguards during the occupancy of the space.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.



The Mayor laid before the Council the following report:

"Austin, Texas, July 9, 1931.

To the Honorable Mayor, City Council,  
and City Manager of the City of Austin:

Greeting:

I herewith submit for your information a partial report of my activities since my appointment as Labor Investigator of the City of Austin.

This office was established on the 1st of May, 1931, and is located in the lobby of the City Hall. The work of registration of the unemployed was begun immediately and has continued daily since the inception of this office.

The only requirement for preference of employment is that the applicant must have resided in the City at least one year prior.

Approximately 175 registered on the opening day and since then the number has increased until today we have approximately 600 unemployed enrolled.

Your Investigator has succeeded in placing about 175 men in employment, the majority of whom have been employed by the City and on contract work for the City, although some have been placed in outside work not connected with the City's activities in any manner.

I find that applications for workmen, salesmen, and vocational tradesmen are being requested through this department and its value is increasing daily as a clearing house for those seeking help.

I made a trip to the Hamilton dam in an effort to get in touch with the labor situation there and believe that in a few months I will be able to place a large number of the unemployed of Travis County at work on this project; am also getting in touch with those who may require cotton pickers and place some in this field.

Your Labor Investigator has been able to devote one hour a day to the work of registration, but many hours could be employed in the work of seeking employment in an intelligent manner and formulating ideas, ways and means of meeting the situation that confronts us today.

Many of the cases that come to my attention are deplorable and in most cases immediate relief is necessary, and some plans should be made at the present time for winter relief unless conditions materially change.

Am inclosing the forms used in the work of this department.

Trusting my efforts have met the approval of your Honorable Body and that you may see the need of continuing and extending the work of this office, I beg to remain,

Yours respectfully,

(Sgd) Joe Amstead,  
Labor Investigator. "

Councilman Steck moved that the above report be filed and the City Attorney be directed to write a letter to Joe Amstead, Labor Investigator, expressing the appreciation of the Council for his efforts and commendation of the good work that he is accomplishing. Motion was seconded by Mayor McFadden, and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

Councilman Alford moved that the Council recess, subject to call of the Mayor. Motion was seconded by Councilman Mueller and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Council then recessed.

APPROVED:

*J. M. Fadden*  
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