

No further business coming before the Council, Councilman Steck moved that the Council recess, subject to call of the Mayor. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Mueller absent, 1.

The Council then recessed.

Approved: J. W. McFadden
MAYOR.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, December 31, 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 special meeting of December 14th and the regular meeting of December 17th 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.

Noyes D. Smith appeared before the Council and asked that the McAlester Coal Company be allowed to continue their scales in the alley adjacent to their property on Colorado Street until such time as may be deemed necessary by the City to have same removed.

The following resolution was laid before the Council:

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

THAT permission is hereby given to the McAlester Coal Company to maintain scales in the alley immediately north of its place of business on Colorado Street provided that said grantee thoroughly renovate and place in first class condition said scales at the present location and construct a concrete surface on the weighing platform and bring said scales and platform to a grade flush with the grade of the alley after same has been paved and shall maintain said scales in such condition at all times during said occupancy; and provided further that this permit is temporary and may be revoked by the City Council at any time in its discretion.

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 premises abutting the north and south sides of West Thirty-First Street from the east line of San Gabriel Street to the west line of King Street have never been numbered in accordance with the City of Austin's scheme of numbering houses; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has made a study of the conditions and has prepared a map showing the recommended scheme of numbering said premises and said map has been reviewed by the City Council of the City of Austin;

Therefore,

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

THAT the premises abutting the north and south sides of West Thirty-First Street from the east line of San Gabriel Street to the west line of King Street be numbered in accordance with the recommended house numbers shown on the plat hereto attached marked 2-0-429, which plat is hereby made a part of this resolution.

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

Mayor McFadden moved that in accordance with the recommendation of the Tax Assessor and Collector the improvements on Lot 4, Block 13, Plat 65, Grooms Addition, 3307 Speedway, owned by R. S. Pryor, be reduced from \$2438.00 full value to \$1444.00 full value, or \$965.00 two-thirds value for the year 1931, and the said Tax Assessor and Collector be authorized to change his rolls accordingly. 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.

Mayor McFadden moved that in accordance with the recommendation of the Tax Assessor and Collector no change be made in the valuation placed on Lot 8, Block 110, Plat 8, Original City, 913 Colorado Street, owned by John H. Chiles for the year 1931, but that the valuation of the improvements situated thereon be reduced from \$6042.00 full value to \$4834.00 full value, or \$3225.00 two-thirds value for said year, and the said Tax Assessor and Collector be authorized to change his rolls accordingly. 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 resolution:

WHEREAS, Texas Public Service 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 Texas Public Service 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 EAST THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET from Duval Street to Montrose Street, the center line of which gas main shall be 5 feet north of and parallel to the center line of said East Thirty-Eighth Street. Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than 2½ feet.

(2) A gas main in LIBERTY STREET south 80 feet from East Thirty-Eighth Street, the center line of which gas main shall be 18 feet west of and parallel to the east line of said Liberty Street. Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than 2½ feet.

(3) A gas main in BONNIVIEW from Hillside Drive to Melissa Lane, the center line of which gas main shall be 20 feet south of and parallel to the north line of said Bonniview. Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than 2½ feet.

(4) A gas main in Melissa Lane from Legrande Avenue to Bonniview, the center line of which gas main shall be 20 feet west of and parallel to the east line of said Melissa Lane. Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than 2½ feet.

(5) A gas main in HILLSIDE DRIVE from Legrande Avenue to Bonniview, the center line of which gas main shall be 20 feet west of and parallel to the east line of said Hillside Drive. Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than 2½ feet.

The Texas Public Service Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin does not 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 be required at special points. When the Texas Public Service 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 City Engineering Department not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Texas Public Service 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 wherever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of back-filling 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 franchise granted to said Company by the City of Austin.

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:

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

THAT Texas Public Service 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 CURVE STREET from East Fifteenth Street to East Sixteenth Street, the center line of which gas main shall be 18 feet west of and parallel to the east line of said Curve Street. Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than 27 feet.

The Texas Public Service Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin does not 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 be required at special points. When the Texas Public Service 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 City Engineering Department not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Texas Public Service 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 wherever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of back-filling 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 franchise granted to said company by the City of Austin.

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 ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CERTAIN AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 28, 1931, BETWEEN AUSTIN DAM, INC., AND CITY OF AUSTIN, AND ORDERING SAID AGREEMENT TO BE RECORDED AT LENGTH IN THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL; GRANTING TO AUSTIN DAM, INC., AND ITS ASSIGNS, THE FRANCHISE TO REHABILITATE AND COMPLETE THE DAM OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN ACROSS THE COLORADO RIVER AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION; ALSO, THE FRANCHISE TO HAVE THE POSSESSION AND USE OF SAID DAM, POWER-HOUSE, EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY AND APPURTENANCES, AND ALL OF SAID HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT, INCLUDING LANDS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, EASEMENTS, OVERFLOW RIGHTS, ETC., FOR THE PERIOD OF YEARS HEREIN SPECIFIED; AND ALSO THE FRANCHISE TO USE AND DISPOSE OF ALL POWER PRODUCED BY SAID HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT DURING SAID PERIOD; AND TO ERECT AND MAINTAIN CERTAIN TRANSMISSION LINES; ALL IN CONSIDERATION OF AND SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS EXPRESSED IN THIS ORDINANCE, AND IN THE AFORESAID AGREEMENT, AND IN THE DECREE OF COURT REFERRED TO IN THIS ORDINANCE.

The above ordinance was read the first time and laid over.

M. H. Crockett appeared before the Council and submitted an offer from Lon Martin to sell the City about twenty-two acres of land bordering Riverside Drive and running back to the Colorado River for the price of \$10,000.00, same to carry with it overflow rights to the proposed low water dam, and asked that the City act favorably upon the matter as soon as possible in order to prevent the leasing of said land to certain gravel companies for a long period of time. Several members of the Park Board, including Mrs. Noyes D. Smith, Gillespie Stacy, and Jac. L. Gubbels, Park Engineer, were present and expressed themselves individually as being favorable to the proposition as this property could be utilized for park and playground purposes. Prof. W. E. Metzenthin of the University of Texas also spoke of the need of acquiring this tract from an aesthetic standpoint. After hearing the discussion, Councilman Mueller moved that the Council take the matter under consideration in a conference to determine what means would be available for financing same, etc. 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.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following:

"Austin, Texas, December 31, 1931.

To the Honorable City Council
of the City of Austin,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sirs:

Acting for clients, the American National Bank hereby offers to purchase from the City of Austin, at par and accrued interest, the following 5% Bonds of the City of Austin as heretofore duly authorized in accordance with law, to be dated January 1, 1932:

\$75,000.00 face amount of Public Library Bonds
\$25,000.00 face amount of Fire Station Bonds

This bank will receive and pay for said bonds in cash upon delivery when accompanied by proper record and the approving opinion of Messrs. Thompson, Wood and Hoffman, Attorneys of New York City.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK,

By (Sgd) R. C. Roberdeau,
President. "

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Very truly yours,

THE AUSTIN NATIONAL BANK,

By (Sgd) W. H. Folts. "

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is proposed to issue and sell certain bonds of the City of Austin, to-wit, Public Library Bonds in the amount of \$150,000.00 and Fire Station Bonds in the amount of \$50,000.00, said bonds to be in denominations of \$1000.00 each, and to be dated January 1, 1932, and to bear interest at the rate of five per centum (5%); and

WHEREAS, the American National Bank, acting for clients, has this day offered to purchase from the City the following bonds of said issues:

\$75,000.00 of Public Library Bonds;
\$25,000.00 of Fire Station Bonds;

at par and accrued interest, and to pay cash for said bonds upon delivery when accompanied by proper record and approving opinion of Thompson, Wood & Hoffman, Attorneys of New York City;

Now, therefore,

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

THAT the American National Bank, acting for its clients, be awarded the purchase of the bonds last hereinabove mentioned and that same shall be sold, when issued, to American National Bank, upon the terms and conditions of its proposal.

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

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WHEREAS, the Austin National Bank, acting for clients, has this day offered to purchase from the City the following bonds of said issues:

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Now, therefore,

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

THAT the Austin National Bank, acting for its clients, be awarded the purchase of the bonds last hereinabove mentioned and that same shall be sold, when issued, to Austin National Bank, upon the terms and conditions of its proposal.

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

The Mayor appointed Councilmen Alford and Gillis as a committee to canvass the returns of the special election held in the City of Austin on December 21, 1931, and make a report to the Council at its next regular meeting.

No further business coming before the Council, Councilman Mueller moved that the Council recess, subject to call of the Mayor. Motion was seconded by Councilman Steck 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: P. W. McFadden
Mayor.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, January 7, 1932.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Councilman Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 4; absent, Councilman Alford, 1.

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 Five Hundred and Fifty (\$550.00) Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from unincumbered General Fund revenue for the purpose of defraying expenses incident to the special election held December 21, 1931.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilman Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Alford absent, 1.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING STREET IMPROVEMENTS
CONSTRUCTED BY SOUTHWEST BITULITHIC COMPANY
ON A PORTION OF WEST LYNN STREET IN THE CITY
OF AUSTIN, PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF ANY BAL-
ANCE DUE BY THE CITY FOR ITS PORTION OF THE
COSTS OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR THE DE-
LIVERY OF CERTIFICATES OF ASSESSMENTS AGAINST
ABUTTING PROPERTY AND ITS OWNERS.