

A group of plumbers appeared and protested that provision of the amendment to the Plumbing Ordinance which would allow the gas company to install water heaters, declaring that the water heater is a plumbing fixture rather than a gas appliance, and as such should be installed by a licensed plumber.

There being no protests against the other provisions of the amendment to the Plumbing Ordinance, and no one else requesting to be heard, the meeting was then recessed, subject to call of the Mayor, without further action by the Council.

Approved: Tom Miller.
Mayor

Attest:

Harrie M. Keller
City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, April 9, 1942.

The City Council of the City of Austin convened in regular session, at the regular meeting place in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Building, on Thursday, April 9, 1942, at 10:30 A. M., with Mayor Tom Miller presiding. Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; absent, none.

The Minutes of the regular meeting of April 2, 1942, including the Afternoon and Night Sessions, were read, and upon motion of Councilman Alford, were adopted as read by the following vote: ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, none.

Councilman Alford offered the following resolution:

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

THAT the sum of \$5,137.50 be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of the General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of employing five additional men to operate the three cruising cars in the Fire Department from April 15, 1942, to the end of the year. This will be at the rate of \$110 for three months; \$120 for three months; and \$135 for two and a half months, or a total of \$5,137.50.

Upon motion of Councilman Alford, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote: ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, none.

Councilman Gillis offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in Book 3, page 119, of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, there appears a map or plat of a subdivision of land known as Castle Court; and

WHEREAS, upon said map or plat there is delineated a street, alley, or roadway designated as Castle Court; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Samuel Spears, who resides in this said subdivision, and who gives her address at 1102 Castle Court, has protested to Mr. Robert Thompson, the owner of the property designated as Castle Court; and

WHEREAS, the said Robert Thompson does not reside in Travis County, Texas, and has placed this request from his tenant, Mrs. Spears, in the hands of his local representative, namely, Harrison-Wilson Company of Austin, Texas, and the said Harrison-Wilson Company has requested the City Council of the City of Austin to change the name of said Castle Court to that of Castle Hill, for the reason that much confusion is caused among those seeking to locate people residing on the said Castle Court, and among delivery services, in general; and

WHEREAS, the said request has been reviewed and considered by the City Council of the City of Austin, and it has been determined that the said Castle Court is near enough in line with the southerly prolongation of Castle Hill to be considered an extension of Castle Hill, in so far as the naming of the public passageway is concerned; therefore,

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

THAT that street designated as Castle Court, as shown upon a map or plat of a subdivision of land known as Castle Court, as recorded in Plat Book 3, page 119, of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, be known and designated hereafter as CASTLE HILL.

Upon motion of Councilman Gillis, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote: ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, none.

Councilman Bartholomew offered 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:

A gas main in HOLLY STREET from a point 252 feet west of Chalmers Avenue westerly 49 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 26 feet south of, and parallel to, the north property line of said Holly Street.

Said gas main described above shall have a covering 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 not 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 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 franchise granted to said Company by the City of Austin.

Upon motion of Councilman Bartholomew, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote: ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, none.

Councilman Gillis offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council has decided to provide lower domestic water rates to consumers residing within the corporate limits of the City of Austin for a six months period; namely, for water consumption between April 1 and October 31, 1942 (dependent upon billing dates), for the purpose of furthering the Victory Garden program and the further beautification of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the City Council that this reduction shall be made only to those water consumers whose use shall be strictly for residential purposes, and is not effective for commercial purposes; therefore,

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 make effective on all water readings within the corporate limits of the City of Austin, Texas, for all water consumers whose use is strictly for residential purposes, as of April 1 to October 31, 1942, a reduction of 10% from the gross bill on amounts from \$1.00 to \$3.00 inclusive, there being no reduction on any amount less than \$1.00; a reduction of 20% from gross bill on amounts between \$3.01 and \$6.00, inclusive; a reduction of 25% on gross bill on amounts above \$6.00; all amounts of water used in excess of 250,000 gallons per month to be billed net on the regular rate.

Upon motion of Councilman Gillis, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote: ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, none.

Dr. Lora M. Lee came before the Council and asked that the City contribute \$100 per month to the salary of a nutritionist and equipment for the Nutrition Advisory Clinic. The matter was taken under advisement.

The application of A. H. Swanson, W. C. Schulle, Melete Numbers, and Emily Numbers for a change in zoning, from "B" Residence District to "C" Commercial District, of the entire block on Rio Grande Street facing west between 12th and 13th Streets, and extending back east 138 feet on both West 13th and West 12th Streets, and south from West 12th Street to the alley, was received; and the matter was referred to the Board of Adjustment for consideration and report.

Councilman Wolf offered the following resolution:

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

THAT the sum of \$1,784.60 be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of the General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of:

1. Arm Bands - 3,020 required. These are for air wardens, reserve war duty, police, auxiliary firemen, etc. -----	\$ 604.00
2. Certificates of Appointment - 3,200 -----	96.00
3. Furniture and Fixtures - typewriter desk, one 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11 file cabinet; one combination 3"x5' and 5"x8" filing cabinet; one map back board, 8'x24'; one table, 10' long; two tables, 11' long; one City of Austin map, large scale -----	310.00
4. Conditioning Room - removing temporary partitions, installing doors, etc., Labor and Material -----	350.00
5. Office and Civilian Defense Training Supplies -----	125.00
6. Telephone Installation Charges -----	\$ 16.00
Rental Charge -----	<u>183.60</u>
7. Miscellaneous -----	100.00
	\$ 1,784.60

Upon motion of Councilman Wolf, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote: ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, none.

Councilman Bartholomew moved that the following applications for licenses to operate private boats be granted, subject to the approval of same by the Lake Austin Navigation Board:

Name and Address of ApplicantDescription of Boat

Adams, L. T. - - - 1504 Nueces Street
 Kretschmar, Edgar E.-Route 4, Box 112, Austin
 Saunders, Emmett Neal-4200 Rosedale
 Thomason, L. D. - - - 611 Upson Street
 Van Norman, R. L. - - 204 Brown Building

Home-made, Canvas Covered, New,
 2-passenger
 Home-made, Row Boat, One Year
 Old, 3-passenger
 Home-made, Outboard, 1941 Model,
 Evenrude, 4-passenger
 Dixie, Outboard, 1941 Model,
 Johnson, 3-passenger
 Gear Wood, Inboard, 1935 Model,
 5-passenger

The motion was seconded by Councilman Alford, and the same prevailed by the following vote: ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis; Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, none.

M. H. Crockett came before the Council and asked that a permit be granted for a permanent amusement playground on his property adjacent to Barton Springs Road. After some discussion, the matter was taken under advisement until the next regular meeting.

The City Manager submitted a request from the South Austin Civic Club, asking that the water for the Stacy Swimming Pool be supplied from the City's mains instead of from the artesian well, due to the fact that the high temperature of the latter makes it undesirable for swimming. The matter was taken under advisement until the next regular meeting.

The Mayor called up for its second reading, the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF ALMS OR GIFTS FOR CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS, PATRIOTIC, OR PHILANTHROPIC PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AND REQUIRING EVERY PERSON TO OBTAIN A PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN ANY SUCH ACTIVITY; MAKING CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; PRESCRIBING A FORM OF APPLICATION AND A STANDARD BY WHICH ANY PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED OR REFUSED; PROVIDING FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A PERMIT; PROHIBITING CERTAIN UNLAWFUL PRACTICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOLICITATION OR ACCEPTANCE OF ALMS OR GIFTS; REPEALING AN ORDINANCE PASSED OCTOBER 2, 1941, RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "L", PAGES 187-190, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith, BUT MAKING THIS ORDINANCE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES NOT IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SAVING CLAUSE; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Wolf moved that the rules be suspended and the Ordinance be placed on its third reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alford, and the same prevailed by the following vote: ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, none.

The Ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Wolf moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alford, and the same prevailed by the following vote: ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, none.

The Mayor then declared the Ordinance finally passed.

The following ordinance was introduced by Councilman Wolf:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN OCTOBER 11, 1934, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "J", PAGES 625-634, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, CREATING THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND THE BOARD FOR THE EXAMINATION OF PLUMBERS, PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION AND OTHER REGULATIONS FOR PLUMBING IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AMENDING SECTION 5, AS AMENDED BY AN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL MAY 25, 1939, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "K", PAGES 516-521, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY ADDING SUBSECTION 5(e) PROVIDING CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS TO THIS ORDINANCE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GAS APPLIANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Ordinance was read the first time, and Councilman Wolf moved that the rules be suspended and the Ordinance be placed on its second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bartholomew,

and the same prevailed by the following vote: ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, none.

The Ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Wolf moved that the rules be further suspended and the Ordinance be placed on its third reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bartholomew, and the same prevailed by the following vote: ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, none.

The Ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Wolf moved that the Ordinance be finally passed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bartholomew, and the same prevailed by the following vote: ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, none.

The Mayor declared the Ordinance finally passed.

The Council approved the proclamation by the Mayor, designating the week of April 12-19 as "China Week," for the relief of Chinese war sufferers.

Mayor Miller submitted to the Council, the written request of Dr. George I. Sanchez, Professor of Latin American Education, and President General, League of United Latin American Citizens, on behalf of a group of public-spirited citizens and civic organizations, asking that a full-time recreation director be appointed for the community center on Comal Street. The matter was referred to the Recreation Department for consideration and report back to the Council and the City Manager as to what can be done, whether such appointment can be made from this year's budget, or will entail additional expense; and, if so, how much.

Upon motion, seconded and carried, the meeting was recessed at 11:55 A. M., subject to call by the Mayor.

Approved:

Tom Miller
Mayor

Attests:

Wallis M. Keller
City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, April 10, 1942.

Pursuant to call, the City Council convened in special session, at the regular meeting place in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Building, on Friday, April 10, 1942, at five o'clock P. M., with Mayor Miller presiding. Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; absent, none.

The following "Notice of Special Meeting", and "Consent to Meeting" were ordered spread on the minutes: