

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, November 12, 1942

The City Council convened in regular session, at the regular meeting place in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Building, on Thursday, November 12, 1942, at 10:40 A. M., with Mayor Tom Miller presiding. Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; absent, Councilman Wolf.

There were present also: Acting City Manager Seaholm, Acting City Attorney Randle; City Engineer Motheral; and Chief of Police Thorp.

The Minutes of the regular meeting of November 5, 1942, were read, and upon motion of Councilman Alford, were adopted as read by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

A. F. Smith came before the Council and submitted a request that the City, in compliance with an alleged oral agreement heretofore made by the Water Department, and in return for the use of water lines belonging to him on other streets, take up and deliver to him the water pipe on his property in Highland Addition which the City has replaced with a larger main.

Following some discussion, it was the sense of the Council that, as an equitable adjustment of the matter, the City agrees that at such time as it is released from the restrictions imposed by the War Production Board, and desires to put in a larger water main on the streets where water lines belonging to the said A. F. Smith are located and being served by the City, it will, where practicable to do so, follow the course of the lines then in place, thereby removing the pipe and delivering same to the said A. F. Smith.

A petition from patrons of Woodridge School, asking for certain changes in the University bus schedule, was received; and the matter was referred to E. P. Cravens and J. E. McClain of the Austin Transit Company for consideration.

A petition from patrons of Travis Heights School, complaining of unsafe condition of foot bridge across Blunn Creek near the school, was received; and the matter was referred to the City Engineer to get the consent of the owner of the property to the City's building a new bridge there, provided the cost of same is not too much.

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Travis County Rationing Board has heretofore been furnished quarters in the City Hall but has now been expanded in its work to such an extent that larger quarters are necessary; and

WHEREAS, a tentative plan has been proposed whereby the City of Austin and the County of Travis would each pay equal amounts toward the expense of larger offices for the Travis County Rationing Board; now, therefore,

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

THAT the City Manager, or in his absence the Acting City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into appropriate agreements whereby the City of Austin will guarantee payment in an amount of approximately One hundred and twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00), being one-half of the estimated expense for rent, fuel, and janitor service, this authority being given with the understanding that the County of Travis is to pay an equal amount toward such expense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

THAT the City Manager, or in his absence, the Acting City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to permit the Travis County Rationing Board to move furniture from the City Hall which had been previously bought for them by the City, upon the understanding that the County of Travis is to be billed for one-half of the cost of such furniture and office equipment.

In making the above authorization for expense, it is understood that the Office of Price Administration of the Federal Government will be expected to reimburse the City of Austin for such expense for larger offices, and moreover, that the payment of such rent and other expense by the City of Austin shall be terminated as soon as funds have been appropriated and are available by which the Federal Government will assume the payment thereof.

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

The application of Loren Alvis Davis, 2918 Salado Street, for a taxicab driver's permit, approved by the Acting City Manager, et al., was submitted. Councilman Alford moved that the application be granted. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

The application of Joel Manning, Colored, 1006 East 13th Street, for a taxicab driver's permit, approved by the Acting City Manager, et al., was submitted. Councilman Alford moved that the application be granted. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

The application of Emmett Jackson, Colored, 2307 East 14th Street, for a taxicab driver's permit, approved by the Acting City Manager, et al., was submitted. Councilman Alford moved that the application be granted. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

The application of Bennette Roy Hance, 2212 Bentley Street, for a taxicab driver's permit, approved by the Acting City Manager, et al., was submitted. Councilman Alford moved that the application be granted. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

The application of William Crawford Kyle, 96 Mildred Street, for a taxicab driver's permit, approved by the Acting City Manager, et al., was submitted. Councilman Alford moved that the application be granted. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

The application of Lawrence Reuben Owens, Colored, 1172 Angelina Street, for a taxicab driver's permit, approved by the Acting City Manager, et al., was submitted. Councilman Alford moved that the application be granted. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

The application of Zeno Clark, Colored, 1708 East 13th Street, for a taxicab driver's permit, approved by the Acting City Manager, et al., was submitted. Councilman Alford moved that the application be granted. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

The application of Lee Everett Williams, Colored, 1807 New York Avenue, for a taxicab driver's permit, approved by the Acting City Manager, et al., was submitted. Councilman Alford moved that the application be granted. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

The application of David Lee Rucker, Colored, 2529 East 12th Street, for a taxicab driver's permit, approved by the Acting City Manager, et al., was submitted. Councilman Alford moved that the application be granted. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

The application of Mrs. Mabelle Banner, 26 Miller Street, for a taxicab driver's permit, approved by the Acting City Manager, et al., was submitted. Councilman Alford moved that the application be granted. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis,

and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

The application of Lee Everett Williams, Colored, 1709 East 12th Street, for a license to operate as a taxicab a Ford Sedan, 1941 Model, Factory No. Star 18-6430762, State License No. W21-4222-Texas-1942, duly approved by the Acting City Manager, et al., was submitted. Councilman Gillis moved that the application be granted. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

The application of Emmett Jackson, Colored, 1709 East 12th Street, for a license to operate as a taxicab a 4-door Ford Sedan, 1940 Model, Motor No. 5733962, State License No. W50-314, duly approved by the Acting City Manager, et al., was submitted. Councilman Bartholomew moved that the application be granted. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

The application of Calvin Houston Phelan, 300 Congress Avenue, for a license to operate as a taxicab a 4-door Ford Sedan, 1941 Model, Motor No. 5947041, State License No. 4-364, duly approved by the Acting City Manager, et al., was submitted. Councilman Bartholomew moved that the application be granted. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

The following applications for private boat licenses were submitted:

<u>Name and Address of Applicant</u>	<u>Description of Boat</u>
Brill, L. K. - - 1109 West 9th Street	Thompson, Outboard, 1926 Model, Evinrude, 6-passenger
Elliott, C. J. - - 1404 Hardouin Avenue	Wagemaker, Wolverine, 1941 Model, Outboard, Champion, 6-passenger
Kamp, Karl J. and Ben A. Laurie - - 2207 Canterbury Street	Syprus, Outboard, 1937 Model, Johnson, 5-passenger

It was moved by Councilman Bartholomew that the foregoing applications be granted, subject to approval of the Lake Austin Navigation Board. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

It was the sense of the Council that a decision on the advisability of installing Christmas street lighting this year be postponed to the next regular meeting in order to ascertain the reaction of the public in the matter.

Councilman Bartholomew offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Bids on the construction of an airplane hangar at the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Engineering Department were duly advertised for, to be received at the office of the Acting City Manager in the Municipal Building at ten o'clock A. M., Monday, November 9, 1942, as required under Article 2362a, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, At said time and place the following bids were received, opened, and read, to-wit:

J. M. Odom ----- \$19,927
 Frank R. Rundell --- \$21,220
 Frank Barron ----- \$23,649

and

WHEREAS, It appears that the bid of J. M. Odom, in the amount of \$19,927, was the lowest and best bid received; now, therefore,

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

THAT the said bid of J. M. Odom, in the amount of \$19,927, be accepted, and the Acting City Manager be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to enter into contract with the said J. M. Odom in accordance with the plans and specifications above referred to; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

THAT the sum of \$5500 be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of the General Fund, not

otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of supplementing the appropriation of \$17,000 heretofore made, by resolution dated August 27, 1942, for construction of said airplane hangar.

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

The application of James Rutledge Henderson, 2302 Lake Austin Boulevard, for a taxicab driver's permit, duly approved by the Acting City Manager, et al., was submitted. Councilman Alford moved that the application be granted. The motion prevailed by the following vote: "ayes," Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, and Mayor Miller; "nays," none; Councilman Wolf absent.

The following resolution was introduced by Mayor Miller:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, The Honorable Oswald G. Wolf, on the Third day of April, 1933, was duly elected by popular vote as a member of the City Council of the City of Austin, Texas, and has been duly re-elected continuously since that time to that position, and is now a member in good standing of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Wolf was elected by the City Council as Mayor pro tempore at the inauguration on his first term of office in the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Councilman Wolf has now been commissioned as a Lieutenant (jg) in the United States Naval Reserve, and has now received orders to report to the Naval Reserve Armory, Los Angeles, California, on the 16th day of November, 1942; now, therefore,

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

THAT the Honorable Oswald G. Wolf be, and he is hereby, granted a leave of absence by the City Council for the remainder of his unexpired term.

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

The following resolution was introduced:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, City of Austin taxes were assessed in the name of W. R. E. Boothe Estate for the years 1936 through 1941 on the center 46.66 feet of Lots 7, 8, and 9, and west 46.66 feet of Lots 7, 8, and 9, Block 17, Swisher Addition, City of Austin, Texas, said taxes being for the sum of \$369.34; and for non-payment of same at maturity, penalty in the sum of \$18.46 has been assessed, and interest in the sum of \$68.74, making the total amount of taxes, penalty, and interest, \$456.54; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Austin deems it just and equitable to remit said penalty in the sum of \$18.46, and one-half of the interest in the sum of \$34.37; therefore,

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

THAT the aforesaid penalty in the sum of \$18.46, and one-half of the interest in the sum of \$34.37, are hereby remitted, and the Tax Assessor and Collector of the City of Austin is authorized and directed to charge said penalty in the sum of \$18.46, and one-half of the interest in the sum of \$34.37, off his rolls, and to issue to the party entitled to receive same a receipt in full upon the payment of said taxes and one-half of the interest, as aforesaid.

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

Upon motion, seconded and carried, the meeting was recessed at 12:10 P. M., subject to call of the Mayor.

ATTEST:

Hallie M. Miller
CITY CLERK

APPROVED *Tom Miller*
MAYOR