

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

February 16, 1961

10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Pro-tem Palmer presiding.

## Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
Absent: Mayor Miller

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

MAYOR PRO-TEM PALMER asked if there were any questions about the bids to be opened on 800,000 pounds per hour boiler for Holly Street Power Plant. There were no questions, and the bids were opened. The Consulting Engineer asked that in view of the closeness of two of the bids, they be permitted to take the bid sheets to their office and evaluate them to the total installation costs to the City of Austin, and submit a written recommendation substantiated by tabulating the evaluation by next Thursday. This was agreeable to everyone. Tabulation of bids are as follows:

BOILER HOLLY STREET #2  
Tabulation of Bids

BIDDERS	FOSTER WHEELER CORP.	(Alternate)	A. M. LOCKETT CO.	COMBUSTION ENGR. INC.
ITEM I Boiler	\$1,754,375	\$1,810,500	\$2,122,672	\$1,805,376
ITEM II Spare Pts.	4,960	4,960	20,000	9,009
ITEM III Lump Sum	1,759,335	1,815,460	2,142,672	1,814,385
ITEM IV Labor to Erect				
Dollars	448,820	451,690	514,694	584,940
Man Hours	81,910	82,510	87,727	82,500

BIDDERS (cont.)	FOSTER WHEELER CORP.	(Alternate)	A. M. LOCKETT CO.	COMBUSTION ENGR. INC.
ITEM V Omitting Sur. Steel	\$ 144,610	\$ 144,610	\$ 228,930	\$ 231,500
ITEM VI Omitting F.D. Fans	22,500	22,500	35,661	30,458
ITEM VII Omitting F.D. Fan Mtrs.	25,115	22,860	23,320	29,946
ITEM VIII Omitting Refractory	38,645	38,645	71,541	46,191
Dwgs. Del. Cal. Days	90	90	90	30
Equip. Del. Cal. Days	Feb. 1963	Feb. 1963	540 days after contract	650 days after contract
BID BOND	200,000		200,000	200,000
ESCULATION	Not to exceed 20%	Not to exceed 20%	Not to exceed 20%	Not to exceed 20%

MR. BYRON NELSON, Highland Lake Boat Club read request asking permission to sponsor an Outboard Boat Race on May 21, 1961, and to use the town lake in preparation for the Sunday's race from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Saturday May 20, 1961. It was pointed out should such permission be granted, he would be required to furnish the necessary liability insurance. Mr. Nelson, and MR. LESLIE CHAPMAN, Commodore, Highland Lakes Boat Club, described the organization of the Club. Councilman Bechtol stated the Council had agreed that the entire area would not be closed off, as there would be some parts of the lake to be left open so that people could get in and fish. Councilman Bechtol asked that a copy of the Highland Lake Boat Club charter and by-laws and possibly a membership list be submitted. The City Attorney asked them to submit these to his office. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer stated the Council would look into the request and try to give an answer next week.

No action was taken on the appeal of Milton Turner from the Plan Commission's decision of a Special Permit for City of Austin Service Center, as the City Manager and Director of Public Works wanted to look into the matter further.

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND CHANGING THE USE MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 39 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 AS FOLLOWS:  
FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "LR" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT ON THE FOLLOWING:  
(A) LOT 11, BLOCK 15, GRANDVIEW PLACE, AND  
(B) LOT 10, BLOCK 15, GRANDVIEW PLACE; LOCATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Miller

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Miller

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Miller

The Mayor Pro-tem announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND CHANGING THE USE MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 39 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 AS FOLLOWS:  
FROM "D" INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ON LOTS 11 AND 25, PAUL SIMMS ADDITION, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 2612-2614 EAST 7TH STREET AND 2607 GONZALES STREET, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
 Noes: None  
 Absent: Mayor Miller

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Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
 Noes: None  
 Absent: Mayor Miller

The Mayor Pro-tem announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The City Manager submitted the following:

"Sealed bids opened 2:00 P.M. Feb. 8, 1961  
 Tabulated by: O. G. Brush, Purchasing Agent

CITY OF AUSTIN  
 BIDS FOR HEAVY DUTY INDUSTRIAL LOADER  
 BACKHOE & TRACTOR COMBINATION

	Heavy duty Industrial Loader, backhoe, tractor combination per City Specifications For Electric Distribution	Manufacturer
QUAN.	1 only	
GIRARD MACHINE CO.	\$5515.00 Alt. #1 5890.00 Alt. #2 7045.00	Minneapolis Moline
TRAVIS CO. EQUIPMENT CO.	\$5583.26	Ford
JIM DULANEY MACH. CO.	\$7339.22	Oliver
MCCORMICH FARM EQT. STORE	\$5550.00	International
LANFORD EQUIP. CO.	<u>\$5384.00</u>	Massey Ferguson
AUSTIN TRUCK & MACH. CO.	\$6053.33	Case

"RECOMMENDATION: Recommend low bidder, Lanford Equipment Company of Austin be awarded order for Massey Ferguson equipment.

"W. T. Williams, Jr.  
City Manager"

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on February 8, 1961, for furnishing Heavy Duty Industrial Loader Backhoe and Tractor combination; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Lanford Equipment Company of Austin in the sum of \$5,384.00 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent 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 Lanford Equipment Company of Austin in the sum of \$5,384.00 be, and the same is hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Austin with Lanford Equipment Company of Austin

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Miller

The Assistant City Manager discussed the purchase of 36 trucks with trade-ins, and pointed out the needs for the additional trucks that were being added, and the usages to which they would be put. He said information came in this morning that under Bid # 9035, there would be two trade-ins, whereas it had been listed there were no trade-ins. He explained in detail how the additional trucks would be used in their respective departments. Tabulation of bids on file in the City Clerk's office under City Cars.

Councilman Bechtol offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on February 9, 1961, for the purchase of 36 trucks to be used by the different departments of the City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, the bids of Dependable Motors in the sum of \$1,508.50 for one  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton pick-up; in the sum of \$1,531.03 for one  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton pick-up; in the sum of \$1,465.40 and trade-in for one 1 ton cab and chassis; in the sum of \$1,544.78 for one  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton pick-up; and in the sum of \$1,543.25 for one  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton pick-up, were the lowest and best bids therefor; and,

WHEREAS, the bids of Armstrong-Johnson in the sum of \$7,260.00 for three 2 ton cab and chassis; in the sum of \$1,336.00 and trade-in for one  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton pick-up; in the sum of \$2,960.00 for one 2 ton dump truck, were the lowest and best bids therefor; and,

WHEREAS, the bids of Capitol Chevrolet in the sum of \$3,895.50 and trade-ins for two 2 ton cab and chassis; in the sum of \$1,708.62 and trade-in for one 1 ton pick-up; in the sum of \$1,571.14 for one  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton pick-up; in the sum of \$1,997.19 and trade-in for one 2 ton stake body; in the sum of \$2,019.00 for one 1 ton truck; in the sum of \$4,092.78 for two 1 ton flat bed trucks; in the sum of \$2,634.02 and trade-in for one 1-1/2 ton utility bed truck; in the sum of \$3,514.58 and trade-ins for two  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton pick-ups, and \$4,671.84 for three  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton pick-ups, were the lowest and best bids therefor; and,

WHEREAS, the bids of International Harvester in the sum of \$1,688.00 for one  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton cab and chassis; in the sum of \$2,395.00 and trade-in for one 1 ton tow and service truck; in the sum of \$3,102.50 and one trade-in for two  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton truck; in the sum of \$2,690.64 and one trade-in for one 2 ton truck; in the sum of \$16,262.00 and five trade-ins for five 2 ton dump trucks; in the sum of \$3,306.00 and one trade-in for one 2 ton Dump Truck; and in the sum of \$1,651.28 for one  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton pick-up, were the lowest and best bids therefor; and,

WHEREAS, the acceptance of such bids has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent 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 bids of Dependable Motors in the sums of \$1,508.50, \$1,531.03, \$1,465.40, \$1,544.78, \$1,543.25; and the bids of Armstrong-Johnson in the sums of \$7,260.00, \$1,336.00, \$2,960.00; and the bids of Capitol Chevrolet in the sums of \$3,895.50, \$1,708.62, \$1,571.14, \$1,997.19, \$2,019.00, \$4,092.78, \$2,634.02, \$3,514.58, \$4,671.84; and the bids of International Harvester in the sums of \$1,688.00, \$2,395.00, \$3,102.50, \$2,690.64, \$16,262.00, \$3,306.00, \$1,651.28 be, and the same are hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin is hereby authorized and directed to execute contracts on behalf of the City of Austin with Dependable Motors, Armstrong-Johnson, Capitol Chevrolet and International Harvester.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Miller

Councilman Bechtol stated he felt that the Water and Sewer Departments were getting too much in the contracting field where they should contract the work out, and now it appears they are getting too much in the vehicle maintenance. He stated he believed a central garage would be the most economical way to operate, but that he was sure there had been a lot of study on this, and he was willing to leave it up to the City Manager. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer stated for many years it had been the general feeling that work of any size be contracted. The City Manager stated most of the problems are the individual house services having to be lowered or extended through a curb line when paving is started.

The City Manager stated in connection with the normal expansion phase, that the City was growing at the rate of a little over three percent per year; and along with this expansion, the services would increase in proportion, and the total vehicles now will probably increase the fleet 2.7%.

The Council postponed the hearing on Paving Assessment against MRS. KATIE TIEMAN, Unit No. 60.106F, property on East 4th Street, until 10:30 February 23rd, and asked that MRS. ROBERT STAVINOHA, Temple, Texas, be notified.

The Council had before it for consideration the recommendation of the Director of Nursing, the Administrator, and the Hospital Board, of Brackenridge Hospital, to establish a policy on contracts for Nurses' Training at Brackenridge Hospital, as follows:

"REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ON  
RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN TUITION AND FEES  
January 27, 1961

In 1960 an analysis of the operating costs of Brackenridge Hospital School of Nursing in conjunction with the total cost study of the Hospital was made by John A. Steinle and Associates, Garden City, New York.

Changes in certain aspects of the financial structures were recommended "in order to bring them into line with established principles and practices and to follow sound methods and procedures." Criteria were established for a more accurate distribution of expenses and for more effective operation. The final report also presented two specific recommendations in regard to income for the School of Nursing.

1. Tuition should be charged to student nurses on the same basis as for courses taken at the University of Texas.
2. The students should pay their own tuition to the University of Texas for required courses not given in the School of Nursing.

Cognizant of the effects of rising costs in hospitals as well as educational institutions, the School of Nursing proposes the following recommendations:

1. Tuition to the School of Nursing should be charged to student nurses for each semester and summer term for the first two years. In the third year they are to be charged for the first semester only as there will be fewer classes and the major portion of their educational experience will be in the clinical nursing laboratory areas of the Hospital. This charge would not apply to student nurses currently enrolled in the School of Nursing.

2. Tuition to the University of Texas for academic courses should be charged to the student nurse on a semester basis. This charge would not apply to student nurses currently enrolled in the School of Nursing.
3. A library fee of \$5.00 per year would be charged to the student nurse. This fee will enable the School to purchase additional reference books, professional periodicals, visual aids, and other essential needs for a good library. It would also help to defray the cost of misplaced books. This fee would go into effect September, 1961 and would be charged to student nurses now enrolled in the School of Nursing.
4. A loan fund in the form of a contract should be established to cover tuition to the School of Nursing for selected applicants. We feel that this is necessary for two reasons.
  - 1) To prevent a significant reduction in enrollment due to lack of financial aid.
  - 2) To insure a means of supplying additional skilled professional nurses for the Hospital as recipients of these loans will work in the Hospital for a designated period of time after graduation.

After many meetings to work out these tuition rates on a sound basis we submit these recommendations for your consideration at this time as we are now preparing our School Bulletins for the class to be admitted in September.

If these recommendations are approved we should like to submit plans at the next Board Meeting for your approval of a loan fund contract.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ Edith Huck Turner

Mrs. Edith Huck Turner  
Director, School of Nursing  
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EXHIBIT A  
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" BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING  
TUITION AND FEES

F I R S T Y E A R

	FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER	SUMMER SESSION	TOTAL
<u>PRESENT</u>				
Books	\$71.33	\$30.30	\$22.95	
Uniforms	88.75			
Health Service Fee	3.00			
Student Activity Fee	5.00			
Key Fee	2.00			
	<u>\$170.08</u>	<u>\$30.30</u>	<u>\$22.05</u>	\$222.43
<u>PROPOSED ADDITIONAL</u>				
Tuition	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	
Library Fee	5.00			
University of Texas Fees				
Registration & Tuition Fee	\$50.00			
Hospital Fee	4.00		\$15.00	
Texas Union Fee	5.00		3.00	
Laboratory Fees	12.00		2.50	
General Property Deposit	7.00			
Student Service Fee	9.00		6.00	
	87.00	80.00	26.50	
	<u>\$142.00</u>	<u>\$130.00</u>	<u>\$51.50</u>	\$323.50

S E C O N D Y E A R

<u>PRESENT</u>				
Books	\$21.00	\$16.75		
Health Service Fee	3.00			
Student Activity Fee	5.00			
N.L.N. Achievement Tests	5.25	2.50		
	<u>\$34.25</u>	<u>\$19.25</u>		\$53.50
<u>PROPOSED ADDITIONAL</u>				
Tuition	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	
Library Fee	5.00			
	<u>\$55.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>	\$130.00

EXHIBIT A

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T H I R D Y E A R

	<u>FALL SEMESTER</u>	<u>SPRING SEMESTER</u>	<u>SUMMER SESSION</u>	<u>TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD</u>
<u>PRESENT</u>				<u>\$729.43</u>
Books	\$ 3.00	\$14.25		
Health Service Fee	3.00			
Student Activity Fee	5.00			
N.L.N. Achievement Tests		2.50		
Graduation Fee				
(Pin, uniform, invitations, diploma)	30.00			
State Board Examination Fee	15.00			
State Board Admission Fee	5.00			
Two University of Texas Transcripts	1.00			
	<u>\$62.00</u>	<u>\$16.75</u>		<u>\$78.75</u>
<u>PROPOSED ADDITIONAL</u>				
Tuition	\$50.00			\$55.00
Library Fee	5.00			<u>\$63.18</u>
	<u>\$55.00</u>			
<u>TOTAL FOR THREE YEARS</u>				<u>\$508.50</u>
Proposed increase in Tuition and Fees for the Three years				
Tuition to School of Nursing	\$300.00			
Tuition to University of Texas	193.50			
Library Fee	15.00			
				<u>\$354.68 "</u>
Present cost to student for full three years				

Excerpt of Minutes of Hospital Board

Brackenridge Hospital - January 27, 1961

- "3. Mrs. Edith Turner, Director of the School of Nursing, and Mr. Crandall presented a recommendation for increase in student fees and the establishment of a tuition fee for student nurses. Under the new plan the student would pay about \$865 as compared with \$355 in the past. On motion of Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Darsey, the Board voted to recommend to the City Council That the tuition fees be established according to the schedule presented effective September, 1961. A copy of the recommendations and schedule of fees is attached."

Councilman Bechtol stated he had talked to two doctors who felt there would be no problem of the medical profession's getting a scholarship fund established without the City participating. The City Manager explained he was not talking about a loan fund but about imposing a new fee. As to that new fee regarding certain selected students who, for financial reasons could not make the payment themselves, and who have promise to make good nurses; in a limited number of cases credit could be extended for the new few only. This would not include anything they are paying for now. He explained there would be a short-term arrangement which would be a moral obligation where the nurse agreed to stay until her service had retired her debt. In addition there would be a note which would be a binding obligation whether the nurse stayed with the City or not. Councilman White stated there was a shortage of nurses now; and if they had to obligate themselves to pay so much back, whether or not they wanted to stay with the City, he felt it would knock a lot of them out. Councilman Perry said he thought the City Manager's suggestion was good. After further detailed discussion, Councilman Bechtol moved that the recommendation as proposed be adopted by the Council with the exception that the loan fund be eliminated. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Miller

The Council discussed the recommendation of the Administrator of the T. B. Sanatorium, the Hospital Administrator, and the Board to increase the rates for certain rooms at the T. B. Sanatorium. The Assistant City Manager pointed out on a plat the rooms to be increased. The \$5.00 and \$6.00 rooms will remain the same. The \$7.00 rooms are proposed to go to \$8.50. Councilman White moved that the charges on these rooms at the T. B. Sanatorium be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Bechtol, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Miller

The City Manager gave a report from the Traffic Engineer regarding the parking situation in the 800 and 900 blocks of West 6th Street, in that he had made two inspections since last week; and on both occasions there were a number

of parking spaces vacant in the two blocks. The City Manager stated that he had had a number of calls about this particular area; and each time he asked the Traffic Engineer to check, and each time he would report back that there were a number of vacant spaces. Councilman White inquired about limiting parking in the 800 block but not in the 900 block. The Chief of Police stated he would go along with Mr. Klapproth's recommendation; but should regulations be placed there, he would prefer parking meters. Councilman Bechtol moved that the delegation (MR. HERBERT MEYER, spokesman) be informed that the Traffic Department finds it unnecessary at the present time to put the two-hour parking zone on those two blocks. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Miller

The City Manager made a report on the vacating of public interest in the 13th Street alley between Nueces and Rio Grande, and the Crestwood Road Service-way, the property owners' retaining a common right in the property as private drives. He stated the Fire Chief reported that closing of these alleys would not interfere with firefighting. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer suggested that the property owners be notified that this could be done. The City Manager called attention to a correction in the Minutes of February 9th, regarding the discussion of these three alleys, with particular reference to the name being recorded as FRITZ BOLLMAN who was interested in the alley between East Avenue and Comal, south of Manor Road.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of February 9, 1961, be approved as corrected. The motion, seconded by Councilman Bechtol, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Miller

The City Manager made a report of the advisability of passing an ordinance prohibiting loitering and fishing from the bridges, as the Council had instructed last week, and stated such ordinance would be valid and worth consideration. He made a report on the height of the railing of the bridges, stating generally they were about the same height running from 36" to 38"; and the Low Water Dam railing was 36½". He said this was the standard highway type of rail. He pointed out advantages and disadvantages of the heights of railings. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer stated if there were no other specific recommendations, the report of the City Manager would be accepted. The Director of Public Works was instructed to continue the work he had done on getting estimates.

The City Manager called attention to the filing of the ELECTRIC UTILITY PROGRESS REPORT.

Mayor Pro-tem Palmer made inquiry about traffic lights at 38th and Guadalupe. The City Manager reported that the equipment was here; but at 38th and Lamar, there were plans for a turn-out lane, and that work could be delayed until 38th was opened farther west. He stated if the Council wanted to proceed with installing the lights now, he would proceed. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer inquired about the stakes on Lamar and Barton Springs Road. The Director of Public Works stated after checking, he believed these were put out by the Traffic Engineer for a left turn lane.

The City Manager stated in connection with the bid opening today, that Mr. Higgins handed him a letter yesterday, which he was to hold until after the bid opening. He said in connection with the boiler, one of the questions that was to be considered would be the additional cost of engineering, and Mr. Higgins said until he saw the proposal he would be unable to indicate what additional engineering would be involved. The City Manager filed this letter from Brown & Root, by Don N. Higgins, dated February 15, 1961, with the City Clerk as follows:

"February 15, 1961

"Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr.  
City Manager  
P. O. Box 1160  
Austin 64, Texas

"Subject: Boiler - Engineering Cost

"Dear Mr. Williams:

"We have been requested by Mr. D. C. Kinney to present an estimate of additional engineering charges that would accrue, if the present boiler at Holly Street Station was not duplicated.

"Unlike the turbine-generator bids, the offerings of the various bidders for the boiler will not be as standardized and, therefore, we cannot give an engineering cost figure until we have carefully studied the boiler bids and considered all of the possibilities of each bid.

"Therefore, unless directed otherwise, after the bid opening on February 16, 1961 we will analyze all boiler bids and will make a written recommendation supported by a tabulation and any necessary evaluation to the Council on February 23, 1961.

"Very truly yours,

BROWN & ROOT, INC.

(Sgd) Don N. Higgins,  
Chief Power Engineer"

"DNH/rd

"cc: D. C. Kinney, Director Elec. Utility  
M. P. Anderson, Vice President &  
Chief Engineer - Brown & Root, Inc.  
G. L. Morris - Brown & Root, Inc.  
O. E. Lundelius - Brown & Root, Inc."

The City Manager made a report on a request from citizens in the area east of Springdale Road and Airport Boulevard in regard to a foot bridge at Sara Drive. The Director of Public Works stated a section of the old foot bridge that was at Bolm Road and Boggy Creek would be used, and a foot-bridge will be provided. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer asked that the spokesman for this delegation be notified that the bridge would be installed.

The City Manager stated that last week there was a discussion of a water main crossing at Hearn Street to serve Bluffington. He said it appeared that the pipe now in place appears to be 10 feet under the surface of the water, and that he had talked to MR. BILL HOWARD who said it would be late next fall or winter before he would be that far upstream. He outlined Mr. Howard's plan as beginning at the dam and creating a rather large turning basin so he could get his equipment in and out with ease. The next move would be to begin at the point where the water begins to shallow by the old diversion dam and cut a 100 foot channel upstream, and Mr. Howard anticipated it would be fall or winter before he would get to Hearn Street. The City Manager said in the meantime the line from Red Bud Trail would be constructed. He said the problem was not as critical as it seemed last week; and the Director of Public Works was locating a route from Red Bud Trail through the University property which would serve as a road as well as for the pipe. When that is done, then he would see about acquiring permission to cross the property with the line.

The City Manager reported that the Driskill Laundry at 19th and Neches had requested permission to install a private gasoline pump, and they had sent a sketch which indicated this plant to be placed on private property. It was found, after checking, that the building is on the property line, and the location of the pump would be in Neches Street, which dead ends at the rear of the Laundry. He questioned whether or not the plant should be installed in the public right-of-way; but if it were to be permitted, it would have to be with the understanding that when it was necessary to open that street, they would have to remove those facilities. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer said he felt hesitant to granting the permit, and it probably would be making a mistake to permit them to put a private gasoline tank on sidewalk property. He asked that this be checked further to see where it is located regarding the sidewalk area, and stated he would hate to see it put in the sidewalk area.

Councilman Bechtol moved that the Chamber of Commerce be granted permission to hang a banner at 7th and Congress Avenue, March 10th-17th for the Annual Livestock Show, to be held March 14th, 15th, and 16th. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Miller

Councilman Bechtol noted the letter from the AUSTIN LIVESTOCK SHOW regarding the use of the Coliseum floor, the carnival, and the City's furnishing the dirt for the floor, and other matters. The Director of Public Works stated he

had been asked to furnish the dirt, and was told that the group could get trucks from the County to haul it. As to the Carnival, Councilman Bechtol stated he was not in favor of permitting them to put the carnival at the site they mentioned. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer suggested that the City not participate in the dirt moving program either in or out. Minutes of previous meetings were checked, and it was found that permission had been granted the Austin Livestock Show to hold a carnival in connection with their show, and that it be policed properly by Chief Miles and the Livestock Committee. Later in the meeting, Councilman White moved that the City not participate in the dirt moving in any way, and that the Austin Livestock Show would be responsible for taking the dirt out and placing it as directed by Mr. Reuben Rountree, and that they would be responsible for sweeping the floor clean. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
 Noes: None  
 Absent: Mayor Miller

The Assistant City Manager submitted the request of PHI KAPPA TAU for a night parade, Saturday, February 18, at 7:30, prior to their Morticians Ball. After discussion, Councilman Bechtol moved that permission not be granted as it does not meet city requirements for parades. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White\*, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
 Noes: None  
 Absent: Mayor Miller

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\*Councilman White made the following statement regarding his vote:

"Contact them and see if they can arrange it at a different time, and maybe come back, and it might be granted."

The City Manager stated he had a letter that the Director of Aviation had asked that he take up with the Council. The F.A.A. requested immediate right of entry for occupancy of space in the new Terminal Building pending final consummation of the lease. He stated they wanted it immediately, and it involved the contractor. He said the F.A.A. was a partner in the construction of the building, and they had said it would take a month or two before they could operate from that tower, and it might be that they wanted the right to move in and install the equipment; but it would be necessary to get some clearance from the contractor. Councilman Bechtol stated the City Manager could be authorized to notify them that they may occupy the building subject to his finding that it is agreeable with the architects, engineers, and contractors on the job, and that it will not be construed as an acceptance of the building. Councilman Bechtol, moved that the Council authorize the City Manager to issue the immediate right of entry for the F.A.A. subject to approval as discussed with the contractor, architects, etc. The motion, seconded by Councilman Perry, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
 Noes: None  
 Absent: Mayor Miller

The Director of Public Works, referred to a letter from MR. E. E. DUVAL, dated February 13, 1961, requesting that the City deed the island adjoining his property to him. The Director of Public Works explained the situation stating Northcrest Boulevard was a street in Slyvan Heights Subdivision. Later, Mr. Walter Carrington resubdivided and it was determined that the wide right-of-way for this street would not be needed, and the street was cut down to 60'. He had a little sketch showing how the street was now laid out. Mr. Duval is asking that the portion of the street left be vacated to give him frontage, as he had at the time he purchased his property abutting on Northcrest Boulevard. He said this triangularly shaped piece is not needed for street purposes. He said Mr. Duval bought his property out of a developed subdivision, and built prior to the vacating of Northcrest Boulevard; and since he built the house, the subdivision has been resubdivided. The Mayor Pro-tem asked that a check be made with all Departments to be sure there is no need for this tract and that there are no utilities, and let the request clear through the regular channels.

Councilman White made inquiry about cleaning the creek out on Manor Road and Banton, suggesting that the willow trees should be cut and removed from the creek. The City Attorney explained that the problem involved private property; and if the City changed it in any way so as to accelerate the flow of water, or divert it, and cause flooding down stream, then the City would be liable to the people down stream. Councilman White said if the rain had continued another hour the water would have been up in the houses of those people. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer stated that in many of those cases, the title of the property went to the center of the creek; and in this case it was privately owned, and there would be nothing to keep these owners from removing the trees from their own property. Councilman White noted the property belonged to the man on the west side of the creek, and it is on his property. Councilman Bechtol stated he would like to hear this discussed, as this man had come in and filled in his land, that used to be low flood land, about five or six feet above Mrs. Matlock's property. The City Attorney said he had had conversation with the attorney representing the property owners, and he explained to the Council the position of the City. Councilman White asked if he had advised the property owners of this, and the City Attorney stated he had told the Attorneys. Councilman Perry reported that he had received numerous calls. Councilman Bechtol suggested that Mrs. Matlock, when she calls, be told to contact her attorney. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer said the attorneys were aware of the situation.

The Director of Public Works reported that some trees would have to be moved from the east side on Pedernales from Canterbury to East 1st, as the street had to be shifted east as there was no sidewalk area on the west side, and the sidewalk area would be needed as there are a number of children using the area. He said the best thing to do was to shift the street over a little.

The Assistant City Manager stated the Demolays wanted to have one truck for a hayride and drive down town in the evening of February 18th. The reason for the hayride was for publicity. Councilman White stated that they should be advised that they would not need a permit for this.




Councilman White submitted the request of the Sheriff for three or four more parking places, as he has 22 men, and the marked off spaces are being used by police officers. Chief Miles stated there were three meters left in the area. Mayor Pro-tem Palmer asked that this be checked. Councilmen White and Perry suggested granting the three extra spaces, and taking the three meters out. Councilman Bechtol asked for a delay so that a check could be made. The matter was delayed.

There being no further business, Councilman Perry moved that the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

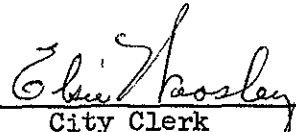
Ayes: Councilmen Bechtol, Perry, White, Mayor Pro-tem Palmer  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Miller

The Council adjourned at 5:00 P.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

  
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Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk