

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

August 25, 1955  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Miller presiding.

## Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

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

Invocation was delivered by REV. CHARLES DICKEY, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of August 18th and of the Special Meeting of August 22nd be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

MRS. W. H. SHUTTS, spokesman for a group from the Austin League of Women's Voters, read the following statement in support of the Master Plan and filed a PLANNING NOTEBOOK, as prepared by the League of Women Voters of Austin:

"The League of Women Voters of Austin would like to commend the City Council for the interest you are showing in the formulation of a Master, or Comprehensive, Plan for Austin. As part of our local program "Study and Action Leading to the Adoption of Austin's Master Plan", the League is compiling a planning notebook. The first two sections along with the cover have been released and we would like to leave a copy with each one of you so you may see one of the things we are doing to inform our membership.

"The League realizes, as we are sure the Council does, that the preparation of a Comprehensive Plan can not be hurried. The beginning stages in the

preparation of any overall plan are sure to be slow and tedious; but a plan prepared without thorough study of the existing situation and of all available material would not be realistic and would not provide a firm basis for development.

"Although the initial cost of formulating a Comprehensive Plan may seem high, that cost is not so great when pro rated over the years during which an effective Plan can insure the orderly growth of our city.

"The League of Women Voters hopes the Council will include in the 1955-56 budget adequate appropriations for both the planning department and for the continued preparation of the Master Plan."

The City Manager submitted the following report from the Traffic Engineer:

"This is in response to a request made by the City Council for a report on the need for the establishment of a two-hour time limit along the curb described above (along west curb of Sabine Street - 700 block)

"We have made numerous inspections in the vicinity over a period of weeks and have always found parking space available. In fact, there are more parallel parking spaces available at the present time than formerly.

"The only business in the block is a second-hand clothing store operated by Mr. Volley Williams. This particular complaint is directed at the Police Department who allegedly park their cars in front of his store all day long. This matter has been checked with police officials who have informed us that their entire personnel has been instructed to avoid parking in the vicinity of Mr. William's store. In fact, at the very moment there are four parking spaces vacant directly in front of his location.

"We are of the opinion that the establishment of a two-hour time limitation in this block would be entirely unwarranted."

Discussion followed as to parking of Police cars. The Mayor stated the Police Department had recommended to the City Manager that a certain building, belonging to Ben Powell, be rented to take care of impounded cars, and pointed out the advantages and recommended that if it were rented that it be obtained at the lowest possible figure. Councilman Pearson suggested considering the purchase of it. The Mayor stated another offer of property by MR. EAST had been made in this respect. Councilman Pearson suggested that the Council ask Mr. Williams to contact Judge Powell's Agent and see what it would take to buy the property, and see what the lowest rental would be; and if the Council members cared to, to go by and look at the property and consider it next Thursday.

The Mayor recognized and greeted MR. RAY MATTHEWS, former Superintendent of the Water Department of Albany, Texas.

After considerable discussion, Councilman White moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the instruments to cover the following:

- a. Establishment of 5-minute parking time limit between 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. adjacent to banks.
- b. Establishment of 60 minute parking in lieu of 30 minute parking adjacent to Austin Savings and Loan Association on 11th Street and Lavaca Street.
- c. Amendment to Section 33.43, Austin City Code, to allow for 5-minute parking in lieu of passenger and loading zones.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Palmer

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on August 19, 1955, for the construction of a Recreation Center to be located at 2200 East 3rd Street; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of W. D. Anderson in the sum of \$116,515.00, being the base bid of \$110,515.00 plus bids on Alternates 1, 2, and 4, was the lowest and best bid for the general construction, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Public Works 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 W. D. Anderson in the total sum of \$116,515.00, being the base bid of \$110,515.00 plus bids on Alternates 1, 2, and 4, for the general construction of said Recreation Center, 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 W. D. Anderson.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Palmer

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on August 19, 1955, for the construction of a Recreation Center to be located at 2200 East 3rd Street; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of J. P. Huber in the sum of \$11,092.00, being the base bid of \$10,917.00 plus bid on Alternate 1A, was the lowest and best bid for the plumbing, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Public Works 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 J. P. Huber in the total sum of \$11,092.00, being the base bid of \$10,917.00 plus bid on Alternate 1A, for the plumbing to be installed in said Recreation Center, 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 J. P. Huber.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Palmer

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on August 19, 1955, for the construction of a Recreation Center to be located at 2200 East 3rd Street; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Young & Pratt in the sum of \$16,927.00 being the base bid of \$16,666.00 plus bid on Alternate 2A, was the lowest and best bid for the air-conditioning, heating and ventilating, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Public Works 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 Young & Pratt in the total sum of \$16,927.00, being the base bid of \$16,666.00 plus bid on Alternate 2A, for the air-conditioning, heating and ventilating to be installed in said Recreation Center, 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 Young & Pratt.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Palmer

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on August 19, 1955, for the construction of a Recreation Center to be located at 2200 East 3rd Street; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Bohls Electric Company in the sum of \$10,700.00, being the base bid of \$9,800.00 plus bid on Alternate 3A, was the lowest and best bid for the electrical work, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Director of Public Works 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 Bohls Electric Company in the total sum of \$10,700.00, being the base bid of \$9,800.00 plus bid on Alternate 3A, for the electrical work in said Recreation Center, 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 Bohls Electric Company.

The Motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Palmer

The Mayor suggested that the people in the community suggest a name for this Center. Also, he suggested that the two houses on this property of the Center be relocated, and a cyclone fence constructed around them and that they be fixed where people would have a place to go to play games, and have picnics, etc. He suggested that a location be found on the east side of the river and then one on the west for the fishermen.

The Mayor reported on an unsightly condition of the Springs at Zilker Springs, (dedicated to the Elks) and he asked that the City Manager issue orders to get this cleaned out. Discussion was held on filling the structure with a concrete base and pumping water back into it and placing fish in there.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

THAT the City Council of the City of Austin hereby approves as a filling station site the property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Rosewood Avenue and Comal Street, which property fronts 100 feet on Rosewood Avenue and 100 feet on Comal Street and being known as a part of Lot 1, Patterson Subdivision in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and hereby authorizes the said D. P. Johnson to construct, maintain and operate a drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct curbs, ramps and sidewalks in conjunction therewith, subject to the same being constructed in compliance with all ordinances relating thereto, and further subject to the foregoing attached recommendations and plans; and the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue an occupancy permit for the operation of this filling station after full compliance with all the provisions of this resolution, and said permission shall be held to be granted and accepted to all necessary, reasonable and proper, present and future regulations and ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, in the enforcement of the

proper Police, Traffic and Fire regulations; and the right of revocation is retained, if after hearing it is found by the City Council that the said D. P. Johnson has failed and refused and will continue to fail and refuse to perform any such conditions, regulations, and ordinances.

(Recommendations attached)

"August 25, 1955

"Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr.  
Acting City Manager  
Austin, Texas

"Dear Sir:

"We, the undersigned, have considered the application of D. P. Johnson for permission to construct, maintain and operate a drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct commercial driveways in conjunction therewith upon the property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Rosewood Avenue and Comal Street, which property fronts 100 feet on Rosewood Avenue, and 100 feet on Comal Street and being known as a part of Lot 1, Patterson Subdivision in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and the property upon which this filling station is to be located is owned by D. P. Johnson and we hereby advise that the following conditions exist.

"The property upon which this filling station is to be located is designated as "C-1" Commercial Use District upon the zoning maps of the City of Austin.

"All drainage, natural or otherwise, from this filling station is to be disposed of in such a manner that such drainage will not flow across the sidewalk area into the street and furthermore, shall not create a nuisance to others in the neighborhood and it is understood that the disposal of such drainage shall be entirely the responsibility of the property owner. Any waste connection to a storm sewer which empties into an open drainageway shall be discontinued if the waste becomes a nuisance or damages any property or rights of others in the vicinity of the open drainageway.

"We recommend that D. P. Johnson be granted permission to construct, maintain and operate said drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct curbs, ramps and sidewalks in conjunction therewith, subject to the following conditions.

"(1) That all buildings and equipment shall be placed inside of the property line, correct lines to be obtained before construction starts or equipment is installed. Lines and grades to be obtained from the Department of Public Works for entrances and driveways, building lines to be approved by the City Building Inspector. That the applicant shall confer with the Department of Public Works as to future grades of the sidewalks and gutters on the adjacent streets before he starts any construction relative to the filling station.

"(2) That only underground tanks shall be used and that all pumps shall be so located that it will be impracticable to service motor vehicles therefrom while said motor vehicles are standing on any part of a sidewalk, street or alley.

"(3) That the gasoline tanks, pumps, and all equipment used in connection with the storage and handling of gasoline shall be an approved type and shall bear the label of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. and that all construction of the filling station improvements shall be in accordance with the Building Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance, the Filling Station Ordinance and in accordance with the ordinance prohibiting the disposal of commercial water or oils upon the city streets.

"(4) That the grades of the station shall be such that no waste water or oils or any floor washings shall ever pass over the City sidewalk area and that all of said oils and water shall be concentrated into a combined grease and sand trap which shall be constructed in accordance with our standard plan 2 - H - 146.

"(5) That all filling station improvements, pump islands, driveways, ramps, gutters, sidewalks and curbs shall be constructed of concrete at the expense of the applicant as set forth upon the plan hereto attached, which plan bears the Department of Public Works file number 2 - C - 1848.

"(6) Expansion joints shall be constructed as shown upon the plan hereto attached marked 2 - C - 1848 and shall be of the pre-moulded type.

"(7) When the owner considers that he has complied with all the requirements of the City of Austin for filling stations, he shall apply for a final inspection and upon approval, the Building Inspector shall issue a Certification of Operation before such filling station can be put into service.

"Respectfully submitted  
(Sgd) S. Reuben Rountree, Jr.  
Acting Director of Public Works  
(Sgd) J. C. Eckert  
Building Inspector"

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Palmer

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

THAT the City Council of the City of Austin hereby approves as a filling station site the property located at the north side of South Lamar Boulevard, approximately 271 feet east of Bluebonnet Lane, which property fronts 180 feet on South Lamar Boulevard and being a portion of a tract out of the Isaac Decker League in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and hereby authorizes the said Humble Oil and Refining Company to construct, maintain and operate a drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct curbs, ramps and sidewalks in conjunction therewith, subject to the same being constructed in compliance with all ordinances relating thereto, and further subject to the foregoing attached recommendations and plans; and the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue an occupancy permit for the operation of this filling station after full

compliance with all the provisions of this resolution, and said permission shall be held to be granted and accepted to all necessary, reasonable and proper, present and future regulations and ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, in the enforcement of the proper Police, Traffic and Fire regulations; and the right of revocation is retained, if after hearing it is found by the City Council that the said Humble Oil and Refining Company has failed and refused and will continue to fail and refuse to perform any such conditions, regulations, and ordinances.

(Recommendations attached)

"August 25, 1955

"Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr.  
Acting City Manager  
Austin, Texas

"Dear Sir:

"We, the undersigned have considered the application of Humble Oil and Refining Company for permission to construct, maintain and operate a drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct commercial driveways in conjunction therewith upon the property located on the north side of South Lamar Boulevard, approximately 271 feet east of Bluebonnet Lane, which property fronts 180 feet on South Lamar Boulevard and being a portion of a tract out of the Isaac Decker League in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and the property upon which this filling station is to be located is owned by Eleven-Seven Reality Company, Inc., and we hereby advise that the following conditions exist.

"The property upon which this filling station is to be located is designated as "C-1" Commercial Use District upon the zoning maps of the City of Austin.

"All drainage, natural or otherwise, from this filling station is to be disposed of in such a manner that such drainage will not flow across the sidewalk area into the street and furthermore, shall not create a nuisance to others in the neighborhood and it is understood that the disposal of such drainage shall be entirely the responsibility of the property owner. Any waste connection to a storm sewer which empties into an open drainageway shall be discontinued if the waste becomes a nuisance or damages any property or rights of others in the vicinity of the open drainageway.

"We recommend that Humble Oil and Refining Company be granted permission to construct, maintain and operate said drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct curbs, ramps and sidewalks in conjunction therewith, subject to the following conditions.

"(1) That all buildings and equipment shall be placed inside of the property line, correct lines to be obtained before construction starts or equipment is installed. Lines and grades to be obtained from the Department of Public Works for entrances and driveways, building lines to be approved by the City Building Inspector. That the applicant shall confer with the Department of Public Works as to future grades of the sidewalks and gutters on the adjacent streets before he starts any construction relative to the filling station.



"(2) That only underground tanks shall be used and that all pumps shall be so located that it will be impracticable to service motor vehicles therefrom while said motor vehicles are standing on any part of a sidewalk, street or alley.

"(3) That the gasoline tanks, pumps, and all equipment used in connection with the storage and handling of gasoline shall be an approved type and shall bear the label of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. and that all construction of the filling station improvements shall be in accordance with the Building Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance, the Filling Station Ordinance, and in accordance with the ordinance prohibiting the disposal of commercial water or oils upon the City Streets.

"(4) That the grades of the station shall be such that no waste water or oils or any floor washings shall ever pass over the City sidewalk area and that all of said oils and water shall be concentrated into a combined grease and sand trap which shall be constructed in accordance with our standard plan 2 - H - 146.

"(5) That all filling station improvements, pump islands, driveways, ramps, gutters, sidewalks and curbs shall be constructed of concrete at the expense of the applicant as set forth upon the plan hereto attached, which plan bears the Department of Public Works file number 2 - H - 1396.

"(6) Expansion joints shall be constructed as shown upon the plan hereto attached marked 2 - H - 1396 and shall be of the pre-moulded type.

"(7) When the owner considers that he has complied with all the requirements of the City of Austin for filling stations, he shall apply for a final inspection and upon approval, the Building Inspector shall issue a Certification of Operation before such filling station can be put into service.

"Respectfully submitted  
(Sgd) S. Reuben Rountree, Jr.  
Acting Director of Public Works  
(Sgd) J. C. Eckert  
Building Inspector"

The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

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

THAT the City Council of the City of Austin hereby approves as a filling station site the property located at the south side of East 19th Street approximately 50 feet west of Clifford Street, which property fronts 159 feet on East 19th Street and being known as a part of Lot 22, Outlot 28, Division B in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and hereby authorizes the said C. O. Barker to construct, maintain and operate a drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct curbs, ramps and sidewalks in conjunction therewith, subject to the

same being constructed in compliance with all ordinances relating thereto, and further subject to the foregoing attached recommendations and plans; and the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue an occupancy permit for the operation of this filling station after full compliance with all the provisions of this resolution, and said permission shall be held to be granted and accepted to all necessary, reasonable and proper, present and future regulations and ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, in the enforcement of the proper Police, Traffic and Fire regulations; and the right of revocation is retained, if after hearing it is found by the City Council that the said C.O. Barker has failed and refused and will continue to fail and refuse to perform any such conditions, regulations, and ordinances.

(Recommendations attached)

"August 25, 1955

"Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr.  
Acting City Manager  
Austin, Texas

"Dear Sir:

"We, the undersigned have considered the application of C. O. Barker for permission to construct, maintain and operate a drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct commercial driveways in conjunction therewith upon the property located on the south side of East 19th Street approximately 50 feet west of Clifford Street, which property fronts 159 feet on East 19th Street and being known as a part of Lot 22, Outlot 28, Division B in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and the property upon which this filling station is to be located is owned by C. O. Barker and we hereby advise that the following conditions exist.

"The property upon which this filling station is to be located is designated as "C" Commercial Use District upon the zoning maps of the City of Austin.

"All drainage, natural or otherwise, from this filling station is to be disposed of in such a manner that such drainage will not flow across the sidewalk area into the street and furthermore, shall not create a nuisance to others in the neighborhood and it is understood that the disposal of such drainage shall be entirely the responsibility of the property owner. Any waste connection to a storm sewer which empties into an open drainageway shall be discontinued if the waste becomes a nuisance or damages any property or rights of others in the vicinity of the open drainageway.

"We recommend that C. O. Barker be granted permission to construct, maintain and operate said drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct curbs, ramps and sidewalks in conjunction therewith, subject to the following conditions.

"(1) That all buildings and equipment shall be placed inside of the property line, correct lines to be obtained before construction starts or equipment is installed. Lines and grades to be obtained from the Department of Public Works for entrances and driveways, building lines to be approved by the City Building Inspector. That the applicant shall confer with the Department of Public Works as to future grades of the sidewalks and gutters on the adjacent streets before he starts any construction relative to the filling station.

"(2) That only underground tanks shall be used and that all pumps shall be so located that it will be impracticable to service motor vehicles therefrom while said motor vehicles are standing on any part of a sidewalk, street or alley.

"(3) That the gasoline tanks, pumps, and all equipment used in connection with the storage and handling of gasoline shall be an approved type and shall bear the label of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. and that all construction of the filling station improvements shall be in accordance with the Building Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance, the Filling Station Ordinance, and in accordance with the ordinance prohibiting the disposal of commercial water or oils upon the City Streets.

"(4) That the grades of the station shall be such that no waste water or oils or any floor washings shall ever pass over the City sidewalk area and that all of said oils and water shall be concentrated into a combined grease and sand trap which shall be constructed in accordance with our standard plan 2 - H - 146.

"(5) That all filling station improvements, pump islands, driveways, ramps, gutters, sidewalks and curbs shall be constructed of concrete at the expense of the applicant as set forth upon the plan hereto attached, which plan bears the Department of Public Works file number 2 - C - 1849.

"(6) Expansion joints shall be constructed as shown upon the plan hereto attached marked 2 - C - 1849 and shall be of the pre-moulded type.

"(7) When the owner considers that he has complied with all the requirements of the City of Austin for filling stations, he shall apply for a final inspection and upon approval, the Building Inspector shall issue a Certification of Operation before such filling station can be put into service.

"Respectfully submitted  
(Sgd) S. Reuben Rountree, Jr.  
Acting Director of Public Works  
(Sgd) J. C. Eckert  
Building Inspector"

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Palmer

Councilman Long read a letter from G. J. Malburt, 1127 Gunter, stating a filling station had been allowed to put in over-head gasoline tanks. An application had been made to change the zoning from "C" to "D". The location of the Storage Plant was 1128 Airport Boulevard. The petition was turned over to the City Manager.

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH T. H. WILLIAMS, JR. AND WIFE, NANCY T. WILLIAMS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF MONEY PAID TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN UNDER SUCH CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH EMMETT R. SCHIEFFER AND WIFE, JEANETTE SCHIEFFER; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF MONEY PAID TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN UNDER SUCH CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH GLENBROOK LAND COMPANY; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF MONEY PAID TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN UNDER SUCH CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

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Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH BUILDERS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF MONEY PAID TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN UNDER SUCH CONTRACT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

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Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, JULY 17, 1941, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "L", PAGES 152-174, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WHICH ORDINANCE WAS AMENDATORY OF THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL APRIL 23, 1931, AND RECORDED IN BOOK "I", PAGES 301-318, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE AMENDATORY ORDINANCE HEREBY ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES FOR VARIOUS ORIGINAL USE DISTRICTS AND HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICTS, IN AREAS ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON JUNE 23, 1955; ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA MAPS SO AS TO RECORD SUCH DISTRICTS; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
 Noes: None  
 Absent: Councilman Palmer

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
 Noes: None  
 Absent: Councilman Palmer

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The City Manager submitted the following:

"August 22, 1955

"Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr.  
 City Manager  
 Austin, Texas

"Dear Mr. Williams:

"We wish to recommend the purchase of additional X-ray equipment to be installed on our Operating Room floor. Our plan is to set up a room for routine and special radiological work near the operating rooms which would preclude anesthetized patients being transported from the 3rd floor down to the 1st floor. This plan has been worked out with the full approval of the Medical Staff, Dr. Joe Rude, Radiologist, and Dr. Herman Smith, Hospital Consultant.

"The main items recommended are an X-ray generator and control, impulse timer for angiographic use, rotating anode tube unit, 45 degree angulating table, head chair and clamp, a serigraph and smaller items of X-ray equipment.

"Invitations to bid were sent to the General Electric Company, Wilson X-ray and Surgical Company, Gilbert X-ray Company and the R. P. Kincheloe Company. Bids were received from General Electric and Wilson X-ray and are tabulated as follows:

"Wilson X-ray	\$23,906.10
Less trade-in allowance on old unit	<u>4,906.10</u>
Total Bid	\$19,000.00
 "General Electric	 \$18,709.00
Less trade-in allowance on old unit	<u>500.00</u>
Total Bid	\$18,209.00

"Both vendors bid on acceptable equipment and both maintain adequate service departments. As the General Electric bid is the lower it is recommended that the award be made to that company.

"Respectfully submitted,  
 (Sgd) T. W. Fourqurean  
 Administrator"

The Council discussed the advantages of setting up a room for special radiological work near the operating rooms at the Hospital. Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption with the stipulation that the City keep its old equipment with the possibility of selling it outright; and if General Electric would not accept the offer, then accept the bid as made:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on June 24, 1955, for the purchase of additional X-ray equipment to be installed in the Operating Room Floor of Brackenridge Hospital; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of General Electric in the sum of \$18,209.00 was the lowest and best bid therefor, and the acceptance of such bid has been recommended by the Administrator of Brackenridge Hospital, and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

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

That the bid of General Electric in the sum of \$18,209.00 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 the General Electric Company.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Palmer

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 23.17 OF CHAPTER 23  
OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Palmer

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Palmer



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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Long moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draw a resolution covering one-way street designation on Whitis from 19th to 21st Street north-bound and on Wichita from 19th to 21st Street south-bound. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE WRITTEN STATEMENT AND REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, SHOWING THE ESTIMATES OF THE TOTAL COSTS OF ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS, THE ESTIMATES OF THE COSTS PER FRONT FOOT PROPOSED TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE ABUTTING PROPERTY, AND THE REAL AND TRUE OWNERS THEREOF, AND THE ESTIMATES OF VARIOUS OTHER COSTS FOR THE IMPROVING OF PORTIONS OF KAREN AVENUE, AND PORTIONS OF SUNDRY OTHER STREETS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, WITHIN THE LIMITS HEREINBELOW DESCRIBED, AND OF OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; DETERMINING AND FIXING THE PORTION OF SAID COSTS AND THE RATE THEREOF PROPOSED TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST AND PAID BY THE ABUTTING PROPERTY, AND THE REAL AND TRUE OWNERS THEREOF; DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING AN ASSESSMENT AGAINST SAID ABUTTING PROPERTY, AND THE REAL AND TRUE OWNERS THEREOF FOR THE PORTION OF SAID COSTS APPORTIONED TO THEM; ORDERING AND SETTING A HEARING AT 10:30 O'CLOCK A. M. ON THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1955, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, AS THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE HEARING OF THE REAL AND TRUE OWNERS OF SAID ABUTTING PROPERTY AND ALL OTHERS INTERESTED IN SAID ABUTTING PROPERTY OR IN ANY OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND CONTRACT CONCERNING SAID ASSESSMENTS, PROCEEDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO GIVE NOTICE OF SAID HEARING AS REQUIRED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN; DECLARING AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Pearson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, on or about May 27, 1955, Jack Ritter Sales Company, Incorporated, did give, grant and convey the hereinafter described premises to the City of Austin for street purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has accepted such conveyance and dedication of said premises for the future widening of South First Street in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, present plans do not provide for the widening of such section of South First Street, nor do plans of the immediate future provide for same; and,

WHEREAS, said donor, Jack Ritter Sales Company, Incorporated, has requested permission to use said premises to erect a sign or signs thereon until such time as said section of South First Street is widened or as hereinafter provided; Now, Therefore,

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

That the application of Jack Ritter Sales Company, Incorporated, to construct and maintain a sign or signs located on that certain 2456 square feet of land, same being out of and a part of Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Block C, Pearson Subdivision, a subdivision of a portion of the Isaac Decker League in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, which 2456 square feet of land is more particularly described in that certain instrument of record in Volume 1573 at page 185, Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, be and the same is hereby granted and the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue a permit for the construction of said sign or signs, said grant and permit to be subject to the following conditions:

1. Said sign or signs shall be constructed and maintained in compliance with all ordinances relating thereto;
2. The permit shall be issued and accepted subject to all reasonable police, traffic, fire, electrical and zoning regulations of the City of Austin, as now existing or hereafter adopted;
3. Jack Ritter Sales Company, Incorporated, will indemnify and save the City of Austin harmless from any and all claims against said City growing out of or connected with the construction or maintenance of said sign or signs.
4. The City of Austin may revoke such permit at any time and upon such revocation the owner of said sign or signs will remove same and leave said area, on which same were located, in the same, or as good a condition as before such sign or signs were constructed, all without expense to the City of Austin.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Palmer

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PERPETUALLY VACATING AND CLOSING THAT CERTAIN ALLEY DESIGNATED AS EVA DRIVE LYING NORTH OF NELLIE STREET, SOUTH OF JAMES STREET AND WEST OF SOUTH CONGRESS AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; RETAINING A CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES EASEMENT IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AND IMPOSING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS THEREON; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Palmer

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Palmer

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

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Long made inquiry concerning property owners abutting an alley back of Columbus, which alley the Council had closed sometime back. There is now a controversy as to ownership of the property. The City Attorney advised that this was a matter that would have to be resolved in Court.

Councilman Pearson stated in connection with the vacating of Eva Drive, that the owners of the property would be interested in getting Nellie Street paved, and asked if they would give the City a letter stating anytime permanent paving were put down, they would be agreeable, and if the Council would look favorably upon letting them gravel the street and squirt it at their own expense. The state owns the other half of the street. He then asked if this would not be acceptable, if these owners could go on and put in a permanent paving, would it be possible later to assess the state when the money was available. The City Attorney stated it would not be in this latter case. The Mayor stated in the first request, that there would be exceptions to be made all over town. Councilman Pearson stated he would talk to them about putting in the permanent paving at their own expense, as they were very anxious to get Nellie Street paved.

The Mayor submitted a letter of August 23rd from ED IDAR, JR., Executive Secretary, American GI Forum of Texas, regarding creating a new precinct out of parts of Nos. 124 and 125; and subdividing precincts 126 and 127. The matter was laid over until the return of Councilman Palmer.

Councilman Long stated JOHN WEATHERSBY, 1151 E. Webberville Road, has cancer, and has been receiving water, since he could not pay his bill, but now the water had been cut off. He was scheduled to go back to work this fall with the Schools, and she asked if the Council would agree to let the water be turned back on and let him have it until he got back to work. The Mayor stated it had been the policy during his 16 years, that in distress cases, illness and dire necessity that water not be cut off, after carefully checking to see if there was a necessity. The matter was turned over to the City Manager to check into. The Mayor suggested turning the water on and if there was waste, bring that up later on.

Councilman Long inquired if there was a policy that the City had adopted that when a person owned an apartment house and the renters put up a deposit and moves out and leaves a bill, that the City made the person moving in or the owner pay the bill. In the one particular case, a woman ran up a \$40.00 bill and moved out, leaving the bill unpaid. People moved in from out of the City, and it looked as though they would have to pay the bill. The Mayor stated all complaints should be attended with sympathy and understanding and with obedience to the rules of treating everyone alike. Councilman Pearson complimented the departments in the excellent manner in which they are trying to handle the complaints.

Councilman Pearson inquired about annexing one family living one mile beyond the City Limits, and there is no way for him to receive water. He had told him he did not believe the Council would consider it unless there was 150' on each side of the road brought in. Councilman Long believed all the people should petition to come in. Councilman White stated Mr. Lingo, director of the Water District, contended that the City was obligated to go all the way down the length of the line. Councilman Pearson asked if it would be agreeable to the Council to ask Mr. Williams, to make a survey and see if those people in this area on Riverside Drive about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the Country Club, would like to be annexed; and if the survey revealed they did not want to come in, he could write this party and tell him. The Council informally agreed to have the survey made.

The City Manager stated there was a little building 9x12 on some property on North Loop and Hancock Drive which must be disposed of. There was no plumbing in it. There is a house that the city wants to move to this location and make a residence out of it and make it available for sale; but this little building will be of no use. There has been a \$50.00 offer for it by a neighbor, and he did not believe it would be worth any more than that. The Mayor suggested that someone like Mr. Rountree or Mr. Eckert, who is familiar with values, pass on it; and if it is not worth more than that, to go ahead and sell it to the neighbor. Councilman Pearson asked that the report be made to the Council by Monday.

The Mayor urged that everyone do everything possible to help the Humane Society raise its money for the Shelter.

The City Manager stated in July 1953, the city leased a small part of the Butler Tract just east of Lamar Boulevard to a person who erected a bait house. At that time, boating and swimming and fishing in the river was prohibited. The man is now asking that the part of his lease pertaining to renting boats, etc, be removed. No action was taken on this request; Councilman Pearson was not too favorably inclined, and the Mayor was concerned about the swift waters around the City's intake, and whether or not he could control his boaters.

The City Manager gave a report on the \$165.00 payment due by MR. FRANK HILLIARD for water connections. Instead of requiring those people to pay the full amount under a refund contract of about \$1450, it was determined to accept a cash settlement and let them pay a part of the amount, as it was such a small amount. It was the understanding that that was acceptable to the subdividers. The lines were then put in thinking the owners would comply with the arrangement, and the lines have been in for sometime now.

Councilman Long moved that the paving of OAKHURST DRIVE from 29th Street north to about the 3000 block of Oakhurst be approved, since the petition was about 86% complete. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller

Noes: None

Absent: Councilman Palmer

The City Manager submitted the following bids:

Tabulated by: O.G. Brush

Purchasing Agent

(Bids opened 2:00 P.M. August 16, 1955)

## BIDS ON COPPER WIRE &amp; CABLES

## ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

COPPER WIRE DESCRIPTION	Curtis Musgrove	Sterrett Supply	General Electric Supply	Priester Supply	Priester Supply	Nelson Electric Supply	Southern Graybar Electric Company	Graybar Electric Company
	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
#6 MHD, Polyethelene, coils	No. bid	No. bid	\$63.71	\$61.32	\$61.24	\$60.85	\$61.24	\$61.32
#2 Ditto	"	"	58.05	55.99	55.92	55.49	55.93	55.99
#2/0 "	"	"	54.74	52.47	52.38	51.74	52.38	52.47
#4/0 "	"	"	54.07	51.28	51.19	50.67	51.19	51.28
#1/0 MHD Bare	"	"	51.10	49.00	48.92	48.91	48.92	49.00
#4/0 Ditto	"	"	50.85	48.75	48.67	48.66	48.67	48.75
#6A-3 str. copperweld	"	"	52.16	47.56	47.42	48.45	47.42	47.56
#2A Ditto	"	"	51.44	46.91	46.77	47.82	46.91	46.77
Manufacturer	Southern	Southern	Not stated	Anaconda		Midland	Phelps-Dodge	Anaconda
Definite Delivery	Not able	Not able	Delivery	As re-	Indefinite	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
Date	to obtain	to obtain	not def-	quired in	30-60	30-60	30-60	30-60
	copper so	copper so	inite	4th qtr.	days	days	days	days
	did not bid	did not bid	due to	in 1955 &				
	shortage	shortage	as required	of copper in 1956				

Price Firm

No-price in effect at time of shipment

No-price in effect at time of shipment

No-prices Prices to be in effect at time of shipment with 10% maximum limit

Recommendation: In view of the serious copper shortage and the fact that low bidder, Nelson Electric Co. is unable to give definite shipment and since his prices are not firm but to be those in effect at time of shipment, it is recommended contract be executed with Priester Supply, Graybar Electric Co. and Southern Electric Supply for 100,000 lbs. each of bare and polyethylene covered wire and cable with delivery of quantities by size and type of wire to be made in accordance with requirements of the Electrical Department. Southern Electric Supply is low bidder on copperweld and it is recommended that contract be made with Southern Electric Supply Co. for a total of 100,000 lbs, of copperweld to be shipped in quantities and sizes as required by the Electric Department.

W. T. Williams, Jr. Acting City Manager

The City Manager explained the bids received on copper wire as received, and his recommendation. In view of the fact the low bidder, NELSON ELECTRIC COMPANY is unable to give definite shipment and since his prices were not firm it was recommended to execute contract with the other three bidders next in line, and which three sent in identical bids. The Mayor suggested that Nelson Electric Company be asked again about his deliveries; and if he will not give a definite commitment, go ahead and contract with those that will deliver on time.

After much discussion, Councilman Pearson moved that an order be placed with the low bidder and get him to give a firm commitment; and if he is unable to deliver, then equally distribute the business between PRIESTER SUPPLY, SOUTHERN ELECTRIC, and GRAYBAR, where immediate delivery can be received. Councilman Long amended the motion to instruct the City Manager to send the identical bids to the Attorney General for investigation. The Mayor asked that inquiry of the Attorney General be made as to what happened in the past when the identical bids were sent in to his Department, and that this part be held up until a report was received from him. After discussion, Councilman Long withdrew her amendment to the motion, and Councilman Pearson restated his motion that the order be placed with the low bidder, and if he is unable to deliver, then equally distribute the business between Priester Supply, Southern Electric and Graybar. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

Mayor Miller then relinquished the chair and Mayor Pro-tem Pearson presided. Mayor Miller moved that the City Manager be authorized to write a letter to the Attorney General asking him what disposition had been made of the letters and complaints that the City had made about the purchase of materials. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, White, Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro-tem Pearson  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

Councilman Long moved that the identical bids be sent up to the Attorney General for investigation at this particular time. Mayor Pro-tem Pearson announced that the motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Miller resumed the chair at this point and presided.

The City Attorney gave a report on the two houses on 55th and Chesterfield. The one owned by Mr. Crawford was now being renovated. The one owned by Mr. Van Smith was planned to be moved away next week.

The Mayor announced that the State had appropriated \$25,000 for bridge improvements, and that the County and City were working together. He asked that the Council instruct the City Manager to write MR. DeWITT GREER and JUDGE TOM JOHNSON letters stating that the City was very grateful and thankful and suggesting that they meet with our engineers and the County engineers, and that the State take over the project and do the job the best it can with the

least money, and call for bids. Councilman Long moved that the letters be written as suggested. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller  
Noes: None  
Absent: Councilman Palmer

The Mayor stated the South Austin Civic Club had expressed appreciation to the City for taking the posts down at the Stacy Addition at Travis Heights and thanked the Director of Public Works for getting the old tree down. The City Manager stated the departments were following the policy as the Council would like it to be followed; that many times misunderstandings might show up, but he thought the departments could make corrections, or qualify their actions.

The Mayor suggested contacting people on Congress to get their checks in for the topping of the Avenue, so that work could be started before the fall season started. Many checks were already in, but he wanted all to be received as soon as possible.

Councilman Long stated MR. VERNON MCGEE, member of the Budget Board, would be leaving town on August 31st, and inquired if he would be able to get a budget in time to make his study. The City Manager stated the Budgets would be ready in the morning, and a copy would be furnished each member of the Board.

The Mayor stated the Council wanted to go over the Hospital Budget Monday, August 29th.

There being no further business the Council adjourned at 12:40 P.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Tom Miller  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Chas. H. Hensley  
City Clerk