

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Recessed Meeting

April 26, 1948
2:00 P.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order, with Mayor Miller presiding.

Roll call

Present : Councilmen Glass, Thornberry, Mayor Miller;

Absent : Councilmen Johnson, Bartholomew

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., Tax Assessor and Collector;
Howard Bull, L. Theo Bellmont, Rickey Key, members of Tax Board of Equalization.

G.F. Zimmerman, - Lots 15 and 16 and the N. 43-1/3'
of Lot 17, Block 13, Swisher Addition
to the City of Austin, Map 122, Item
82.

Mr. Zimmerman appeared in protest to the value, and the Council stated it would go over his taxes and notify him of the valuations at which it finally arrived, and he could go to the Tax Department and get straightened out on the routine notice that he had received.

Walter Staehely - - - - - for A. F. Martin, Lots 1, 2 & 3,
Block 122 (Home Place) and Warehouse
on Lots 11 and 12, Block 42.

Mr. Staehely's own property at 25th
and Red River.

Mr. Staehely stated that the home place of Mr. Martin was assessed too high, as the outside had been painted recently, but the inside was in bad shape. He was agreeable to the assessment on the land. In his opinion \$10,000 would be fair. On the Warehouse, Lots 11 and 12, Block 42, Mr. Staehely felt it was \$5,000 too high. The Council stated they would check the improvements at the home place of Mr. Martin, and go into the matter of

On Mr. Staehely's property at 25th and Red River, the Council is to look at this and advise Mr. Staehely of the finding. The land is assessed at \$1,980, and Mr. Staehely thinks \$1,500 would be correct.

Mrs. Rowe stated she had two lots, one facing on Lavaca and 10th and the adjoining lot facing on 10th, this inside lot taking the value from Lavaca instead of 10th. It was explained that there was very little difference in the valuation on Lavaca and on 10th. Previously the Board had reduced the house \$500 due to the age. She stated the rental property at 1406 Brazos was too high, due to the lot being so short. It was explained this land had been reduced from \$80. a front foot to \$76, due to the shortness of the lot, and the house had been reduced \$500.00 due to its age. The Council said they would further check into it and she would be notified.

Mr. Swann stated he had 4.82 acres, valued at \$2,000 per acre, valued as an overall unit on acreage basis. There was only an acre and a half of usable land, the other part being in gulleys. He wanted two acres assessed at \$2,000 and 4 acres at \$400.00 per acre. It was brought out that he has a beautiful place of great value, but Mr. Swann thought that other property owners in that vicinity had different values. The Council agreed to go out and look over the property and let him know.

Mrs. Worthington stated the taxes were just too high, and that the rent had been frozen on the other part of the duplex, and she received \$37.50 rent. It was explained the front foot value was set at \$18.00 , the depth of her lot plus an alley, made a total valuation of \$1,040, 2/3 being \$690. The duplex is nine years old, valued at \$3.40 per square foot. The City gave 10% discount and the value is \$4,310. It was explained that she could raise her rent due to the tax increase. The Council stated it would make a further study of her property and advise her.

Miss Carmen stated the building is 24 years old and its value should have been decreased instead of increased, as there are tremendous amounts of repairs. It was explained that she was allowed 25% discount; \$10,090, plus \$20 for garage and \$8,970 for the land. She stated she wanted the Council to take into consideration the "corner influence" and see if the taxes could not be reduced some way. The Council stated it would inspect the property and notify her.

Mr. George E. Shelley, by telephone, asked that his appeal be continued to another meeting of the Council.

Mr. H. M. Oetting, by telephone, asked that his appeal be continued, as he would be out of town on this date.

Frances D. Horton did not appear.

Mr. B. H. Bloor did not get his notice soon enough to prepare for the hearing, and asked further consideration.

Mr. Edward Bock, Jr., by telephone, asked that his appeal be continued to a later date.

The Council set hearing for 20 appeals at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, April 29, and 15 appeals at 8:00 P.M. Thursday; 20 appeals at 2:00 P.M. Friday, April 30 and 15 appeals at 8:00 P.M. Friday.

Upon motion, seconded and carried, the meeting was then recessed, subject to call of the Mayor.

Approved: Tom Miller
MAYOR

Attest:

Helia M. Kellum

CITY CLERK