

Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Mueller moved a further suspension of the rule and the placing of the ordinance on its third reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Mueller moved that same be finally passed. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

George Quinton, Colored, appeared before the Council and complained that the colored taxicab drivers of the City were being discriminated against by the Insurance Companies by their refusal to write any further insurance for said drivers; there being only one company that would underwrite them, and said company was charging them a higher premium than was being charged the white operators. The matter was referred to the City Attorney to confer with the State Insurance Commission and find out what relief could be given.

An invitation from the Ex-Volunteer Firemen's Association to the City Council to be present at their celebration at Barton Springs on San Jacinto Day was read.

Honorables C. M. Bartholomew, Tom Miller, and Oswald G. Wolf, members of the Council-elect, were present in response to an invitation from Mayor McFadden to sit in with the retiring Council at their last two regular meetings. Messrs. Bartholomew and Wolf each spoke briefly, thanking the Council for the invitation to be present - Mr. Miller having been excused from the meeting earlier in the session.

There being no further business, Councilman Mueller moved to recess, subject to call of the Mayor. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The Council then recessed.

APPROVED: *O. M. Fadden*
MAYOR.

Attest:

Helen McKeen
City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, April 27, 1933.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; absent, none.

The Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and Councilman Alford moved the adoption of same as read. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gillis and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

A communication from the Treasurer of the Austin Public Library Association, Mrs. David Lee Clark, inclosing check for \$465.54 as a gift to the Library Fund from said Association, same being the amount on hand at the closing of their books, and directing how the amount should be credited, was read.

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Austin Public Library Association has tendered to the City of Austin its gift of \$465.54, for the following purposes:

For deposit in the Library Fund, as created by Ordinance April 13, 1933 -	\$ 85.54
For Additional Salary for Frances Clark, for special cataloguing work at the Austin Public Library for 8 months, beginning May 1st, at \$20.00 per month -----	160.00
For purchase of Library of Congress Catalogue Cards for books of the Public Library accessioned up to March 20, 1933 -----	220.00

therefore,

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

1. THAT said gift is hereby accepted, with the thanks of the City Council, and the items of said gift shall not be used for any other purpose than that for which they were given.
2. THAT the sum of \$85.54 be and the same is hereby ordered to be deposited in the Library Fund.
3. THAT the remaining sum of said gift, to wit \$380.00, be deposited in the General Fund.
4. THAT the sum of \$160.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund for additional salary of Frances Clark, for special cataloguing work for 8 months, beginning May 1st, payable at \$20.00 each month.
5. THAT the sum of \$220.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund for the purchase of Library of Congress catalogue cards, for books accessioned by the Austin Public Library up to March 20, 1933; and
6. THAT items numbered 4 and 5, as above, be added to the Budget of the Austin Public Library for the year 1933.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

Dr. Sam Key appeared before the Council relative to delinquent taxes charged against him for the year 1923, amounting to \$184.82. After a discussion of the matter, the Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on October 16, 1928, the City of Austin filed Suit No. 45,705 against Dr. Sam Key for the collection of delinquent taxes for the years 1923 and 1927; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 1929, the court costs were paid, and on February 3, 1929, the taxes covering the year 1927 were paid and the suit dismissed on May 17, 1929, without the taxes for the year 1923 having been paid; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Key thought that he was paying all delinquent taxes at the time payment was made February 3, 1929, and he was not notified of same until some three years later; now, therefore,

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

THAT the Assessor and Collector of Taxes be and he is hereby authorized to accept payment of taxes by Dr. Sam Key for the year 1923 in the sum of \$184.82 without charging penalty and interest, provided payment is received at once.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The City Manager, Adam R. Johnson, submitted to the Council a report of the financial condition of the City to date. Councilman Mueller moved that the report be received and ordered spread on the Minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Coun-

cilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.

The report follows:

"Austin, Texas, April 27, 1933.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the
City Council,

Gentlemen:

As this will be the last regular council meeting before the retirement of Mayor McFadden, Councilman Mueller, Councilman Steck, and myself, I am giving you herewith the present financial condition of the City of Austin as shown by the records of this date. A more complete and detailed report will be delivered to the incoming Council upon the completion of an audit which is now being made by T. B. Trotter Company and which will be completed about May 15th.

The total indebtedness of the City of Austin, of any character, consists of \$6,232,250.00 in bonds, \$150,000.00 voted by the people for the purchase of the Zilker Tract, the payroll for the last half of this month, and the current bills, amounting to approximately \$52,000.00. The different accounts of the City of Austin show a cash balance as follows: General Fund, \$218,566.31, which is in excess of \$150,000.00 more than at the same date last year; Interest and Sinking Fund, \$239,482.15; Water, Light and Power Department, \$102,289.61; Parks and Playgrounds Bond Fund, \$14,390.18; and Library Bond Fund, \$5,347.00 - making a total of \$580,075.25, plus \$106,000.00 City of Austin Bonds purchased out of the accumulated surplus for retirement of term bonds issued in 1912.

Out of the Four and a Quarter Million Dollar Bonds voted in 1928, there remain unsold bonds as follows: \$75,000.00 Parks and Playgrounds, \$100,000.00 Fire Stations, and \$100,000.00 Market Place.

The necessary money for taking care of the 10% reduction in taxes for the year 1932 has amounted to \$95,600.00 and has already been transferred in full from the Water, Light and Power Fund to the General Fund.

It is gratifying, I am sure, to the outgoing members of this Council to know that, in the face of the financial stress which exists all over the country, you are handing back your commission to the citizens of Austin with \$560,338.07 in cash of Tax and Water, Light and Power money and \$19,737.18 of Bond money on hand, with all of the different activities of the city well-organized and functioning smoothly, at a per capita cost of \$2.61 less than in 1927, and with a city recognized as one of the first class everywhere.

I feel that it has been an honor and a privilege to have been associated with you for the past seven years and to have had some small part in the development of our splendid city, and it is most pleasing to me to turn over to my successor cash in all of the funds and a splendid organization with which to carry on the requirements of the City government, and I want him to know that my best wishes go out to him for a most successful administration.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd) Adam R. Johnson,
City Manager. "

Councilman Mueller was excused from further attendance upon the meeting.

Messrs. W. L. Saunders and H. W. Nunnelee appeared before the Council relative to the application of the said H. W. Nunnelee for permit to widen the cement approach to his garage and gasoline filling station at 42nd and Guadalupe Streets in order to make same more accessible for large trucks.

A letter from the City Engineer to the City Attorney relative to the above application was read, following which the Council deferred action on the matter until a visit could be made to the site to look the situation over.

The application of Ida M. Schulze for permit to construct a concrete driveway across the sidewalk in front of her property located at the northeast corner of Chicon and East 1st Streets was read.

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following:

"Austin, Texas, April 26, 1933.

Mr. Adam R. Johnson,
City Manager,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the request of Ida M. Schulze, owner of property abutting

East First Street between Chicon Street and Arkansas Street, same being Lot 2, Block 1, of Fairgrounds Addition, a portion of Outlot 23, Division "O" of the Government Outlots adjoining the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, which property fronts 47 feet on said East First Street, for permission to construct a commercial driveway across the parking area adjacent to said property according to the plan hereto attached.

The property at this location has been zoned for business use and we recommend that the request be granted subject to the construction of concrete curbs and ramp as shown on the attached plan marked 2-H-316.

Yours truly,

(Sgd) Orin E. Metcalfe, City Engineer. "

WHEREAS, Ida M. Schulze, owner of property abutting East First Street between Chicon Street and Arkansas Street, same being Lot 2, Block 1, of Fairgrounds Addition, in Outlot 23, Division "O" of the Government Outlots adjoining the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, which property fronts 47 feet on said East First Street, has made application to the City Council for a permit to construct concrete curbs and ramp across the parking area adjacent to said property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has favorably considered the granting of said request; therefore,

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

THAT permission is hereby granted to Ida M. Schulze, owner of property abutting East First Street between Chicon Street and Arkansas Street, same being Lot 2, Block 1, of Fairgrounds Addition, in Outlot 23, Division "O" of the Government Outlots adjoining the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, which property fronts 47 feet on said East First Street, to construct concrete curbs and ramp adjacent to said property according to the plan hereto attached marked 2-H-316, which plan is hereby made a part of this resolution and subject further to the construction of said concrete curbs and ramp in accordance with the City of Austin's plans and specifications governing such construction.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Mueller absent, 1.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the premises abutting the north and south sides of East First Street from Attoyac Street to Navasota Street have been placed within the "O" Commercial Use District and are being developed for commercial use and the said premises have never been numbered in accordance with the City of Austin's scheme of numbering property for commercial use; and

WHEREAS, the house numbering system now in use for the said premises does not harmonize with numbering for commercial use; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has made a study of the conditions and has prepared a map showing the recommended house numbers to be used, which numbers are in accordance with the City of Austin's scheme of numbering commercial property, and said map has been reviewed by the City Council; therefore,

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

THAT the premises abutting the north and south sides of East First Street from Attoyac Street to Navasota Street be numbered in accordance with the recommended house numbers as shown upon the map or plat hereto attached marked 2-C-489, which map is hereby made a part of this resolution.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Mueller absent, 1.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Claude Traweck is the Contractor for the construction of a building located at 1303 San Antonio Street and desires a portion of the street and sidewalk space abutting Lot 1, Block 156, of the Original City, of the City of Austin, during the construction of the building, such space to be used in the work and for the storage of materials therefor; therefore,

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

1. THAT space for the uses hereinabove enumerated be granted to said Claude Traweck, the boundary of which is described as follows:

STREET AND SIDEWALK WORKING SPACE.

Beginning at the northwest corner of said Lot 1; thence in a westerly direction and at right angles to the centerline of San Antonio Street a distance of 14 feet; thence in a southerly direction and parallel with the centerline of San Antonio Street a distance of 55 feet; thence in an easterly direction and at right angles to the centerline of San Antonio Street to the east line of San Antonio Street; thence in a northerly direction following the east line of San Antonio Street to the point of beginning.

2. THAT the above privileges and allotment of space are granted to said Claude Traweck, hereinafter termed "Contractor", upon the following express terms and conditions:

(1) That the Contractor shall maintain an open and unobstructed passage along the sidewalk area at all times during the construction work or shall construct a temporary walkway along the curb for the use of pedestrians, such walkway to be at least 3½ feet in width and constructed with guard rails on each side at least 4 feet high, substantially braced and anchored.

(2) That the Contractor shall in no way obstruct any fire plugs or other public utilities in the construction of such walkway.

(3) That provision shall be made for the normal flow of all storm waters in the gutter and the contractor will be responsible for any damage done due to obstruction of any such storm waters.

(4) That the Contractor shall place on the outside corners of any walkway, barricades or obstructions, red lights during all periods of darkness.

(5) That the Contractor is permitted to construct a temporary work office within such allotted working space.

(6) That the Contractor shall remove all fences, barricades, loose materials and other obstructions on the sidewalk and street immediately after the necessity for their existence on said sidewalk or street has ceased, such time to be determined by the City Manager, and in any event all such sidewalk, barricades, materials, equipment and other obstructions shall be removed not later than June 1, 1933.

(7) That the Contractor shall restore all public and private property injured during the use of such space to as good condition as the same existed before the use of such space began.

(8) That the City reserves the right to revoke at any time any and all the privileges herein granted or to require the erection or installation of additional barriers or safe-guards if the conditions demand it.

(9) That the Contractor shall furnish the City of Austin a surety bond in the sum of Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars, which shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Austin from any claims for damages to any person or property that may accrue to or be brought by any person by reason of the exercise of the privileges granted the Contractor by the City of Austin and shall guarantee the replacement of all sidewalks,

pavement and all other public property and public utilities disturbed or removed during the construction work and shall further guarantee the construction of a walkway and other safeguards during the occupancy of the space.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Mueller, absent, 1.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Texas Public Service Company has presented to the City Council tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its gas mains in the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the City Council; therefore,

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

THAT Texas Public Service Company be and the same is hereby permitted to lay and construct its gas mains in and upon the following streets:

(1) A gas main in WALLER STREET from East First Street to East Fourth Street, the centerline of which gas main shall be 4 feet west of and parallel to the centerline of said Waller Street. Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than 2½ feet.

(2) A gas main in RIVERSIDE DRIVE from Harper Lane easterly to the City limits, the centerline of which gas main shall be 26 feet north of and parallel to the south line of said Riverside Drive. Said gas main shall have a cover of not less than 2½ feet.

(3) A gas main in that unnamed street, same being the first street east of Harper Lane and extending northerly from Riverside Drive to Edgcliff Terrace, the centerline of which gas main shall be 15 feet west of and parallel to the east line of said unnamed street. Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than 2½ feet.

The Texas Public Service Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin does not guarantee that the space assigned above is clear from other underground utilities, but is based upon the best records we have at hand, and that the minimum depth stated does not have any reference to the fact that greater depths may be required at special points. When the Texas Public Service Company requires definite information upon the ground as to elevations or working points from which to base the location of their assignments they shall apply to the City Engineering Department not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Texas Public Service Company is further put upon notice that they will be required to bear the expense of repairs or replacement of any underground utility damaged during the construction of lines named in this resolution.

AND THAT whenever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of backfilling of the ditches.

THAT the work and laying of said gas mains, including the excavation in the streets and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said mains have been laid, shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager, and under all the pertinent terms and conditions of the certain franchise granted to said company by the City of Austin.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Mueller absent, 1.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Engineer of the City of Austin has presented a plan for the renumbering of houses, which plan consists of the selection of block numbers for that area shown on a map named "House Numbering Revision - Area No. 6", which map is marked 2-G-183; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Austin has favorably considered the block numbering scheme as presented and shown on said map; therefore,

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

THAT the plan of numbering of blocks of that area shown on the accompanying map named "House Numbering Revision - Area No. 6" and marked 2-0-183 is hereby approved. Said area being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

HOUSE NUMBERING REVISION - AREA NO. 6.

Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of Speedway and the centerline of East 19th Street;

Thence in a northerly direction following the centerline of Speedway to the centerline of 21st Street;

Thence in a westerly direction following the centerline of 21st Street to the centerline of Guadalupe Street;

Thence in a northerly direction following the centerline of Guadalupe Street to the centerline of West 26th Street;

Thence in an easterly direction following the centerline of 26th Street to the centerline of San Jacinto Boulevard;

Thence in an easterly direction following a straight line to a point in the east branch of Waller Creek where the north line of a tract of land formerly known as the Wesleyan College tract intersects said east branch of Waller Creek;

Thence in an easterly direction following the said north line of said Wesleyan College tract to the south line of Park Place;

Thence in an easterly direction following the south line of Park Place to the centerline of Red River Street;

Thence in a southerly direction following the centerline of Red River Street to the centerline of Wahrenberger Street;

Thence in an easterly direction following the centerline of Wahrenberger Street to the north line of Christian and Fellman Addition;

Thence in an easterly direction following the north line of Christian and Fellman Addition to the centerline of East Avenue or Cameron Road;

Thence in a northerly direction following the centerline of said East Avenue or Cameron Road to the east line of the City of Austin;

Thence in a general northerly direction following the various courses of said City limit line to the most northeasterly corner of the City limits;

Thence in a westerly and southwesterly direction following the various courses of the City limit line to its intersection with the west right-of-way line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad;

Thence in a general southerly and southwesterly direction following the west line of the Missouri Pacific railroad, same being the City limit line, to a point where the City limit line leaves the west line of the Missouri Pacific railroad right-of-way, same being a point in Saybrook Lane and about 1/2 block north from Enfield Road;

Thence following the east line of Saybrook Lane and the west line of the Missouri Pacific railroad right-of-way to a point where the north line of Waterston Street produced would strike the west line of said right-of-way;

Thence easterly following said north line of Waterston Street to the centerline of West Lynn Street;

Thence southerly with the west line of West Lynn Street to the centerline of West 12th Street;

Thence easterly with the centerline of West 12th Street to the center of Shoal Creek;

Thence up the center of Shoal Creek with its meanders to the centerline of West 19th Street;

Thence easterly with the centerline of West 19th Street to the place of the beginning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Engineer of the City of Austin is hereby instructed to complete plans for renumbering this area in accordance with the block numbering system hereby adopted.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Mueller absent, 1.

The application of Ralph Hugh Smith, 903 West 12th Street, for license to operate as a taxicab one 1927 Morman Sedan, Engine No. L9199, State Highway License No. A 37-239, was read. Councilman Gillis moved that the application be granted. Motion was seconded by Mayor McFadden and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Mueller absent, 1.

The application of B. J. Dzierzanowski, 309 Crockett Street, for license to operate as a taxicab one 1928 4-door Buick Sedan, Engine No. 2051386, State Highway License No. A 30-769, was read. Councilman Gillis moved that the application be granted. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Mueller absent, 1.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARAGRAPH (3) OF SECTION 2 OF THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO THE INTERNATIONAL-GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A RAILROAD INDUSTRY SPUR TRACK ON WEST THIRD STREET, CROSSING ITS INTERSECTION WITH COLORADO STREET TO A POINT IN THE PROPERTY LINE OF SAID RAILROAD COMPANY IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS".

The above ordinance was read the first time and Mayor McFadden moved a suspension of the rule and the placing of the ordinance on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Mueller absent, 1.

The ordinance was read the second time and Mayor McFadden moved a further suspension of the rule and the placing of the ordinance on its third reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Mueller absent, 1.

The ordinance was read the third time and Mayor McFadden moved that same be finally passed. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Mueller absent, 1.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC ON CERTAIN STREETS AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, PROVIDING FOR STOP SIGNS AT SUCH POINTS, AND PRESCRIBING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

The above ordinance was read the first time and Mayor McFadden moved a suspension of the rule and the placing of the ordinance on its second reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Mueller absent, 1.

The ordinance was read the second time and Mayor McFadden moved a further suspension of the rule and the placing of the ordinance on its third reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Mueller absent, 1.

The ordinance was read the third time and Mayor McFadden moved that same be finally passed. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Steck, 4; nays, none; Councilman Mueller absent, 1.

The following communication from the Texas Public Service Company was read; this matter having been taken up by the Council before Councilman Mueller was excused from the meeting:

"Austin, Texas, April 24, 1933.

Mr. Adam R. Johnson,
City Manager,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In further reference to our application to the City Council for permission to repair our gas mains on West 6th Street from Colorado to West Lynn. Some time after natural gas was served to the city of Austin, we found we had considerable leakage in our cast iron mains on West 6th Street. We secured permission from the city to dig up these bell joints and explained to your city engineer our plan of putting in new rubber and cement joints, which joints had been highly recommended to us and met with the approval of Mr. Metcalfe. We repaired these leaks, but find that the contraction and expansion has broken these cement joints in many instances and that the main is again leaking badly.

The only remedy we now know of to stop this leakage is to go down and rebuild these joints, putting in fresh oakum and lead, and in addition to this a leak clamp with gasket. This, we are sure, will overcome our leakage problems here.

The leakage of gas that we have found on this street may prove very dangerous if it is not repaired with a tight joint. There is considerable danger of accumulation of gas that might cause a serious explosion, and we will appreciate your prompt action in granting permit to repair this leakage as discussed above.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) A. T. Knies,
President Texas Public Service Co."

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Texas Public Service Company has requested the City Council for permission to cut the pavement on West Sixth Street from Congress Avenue to West Lynn Street for the purpose of repairing their gas main; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has presented to the City Council recommendations governing the repairs of pavement cuts, namely, that the Texas Public Service Company backfill the ditches and pour the base under the supervision of the City Engineer and that the City replace the surface with rock asphalt, the Texas Public Service Company to pay for the same at cost plus ten per cent.

All backfilling shall be done with sound materials in small layers and thoroughly water tamped.

The concrete base shall be not less than 6 inches thick and composed of concrete having a strength of not less than 3000 pounds per square inch at 3 days and that only Incon cement be used in connection with these repairs.

The surface repairs shall be of rock asphalt on all portions of the street except that upon which a brick surface is now existing.

That those areas which were previously repaired by the Texas Public Service Company if opened up again shall be entirely resurfaced with rock asphalt even though the entire base has not been removed in this proposed new repair program; therefore,

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

THAT the said Texas Public Service Company be and they are hereby advised that the pavement repairs must be made in accordance with the foregoing recommendations and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and the City Manager.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller and Steck, 5; nays, none.