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Attest:

City Clerk

Approved:

Mayor

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, December 22, 1933.

The Council met at 7:30 P. M., pursuant to notice of public hearing on the proposed budget of the City of Austin for the year 1934. Roll call showed the following members present: Councilman Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; absent, none.

A petition from the Austin Building Trades Council and the Building Trades Unions, asking that the minimum wage scale of one dollar per hour for skilled labor and forty cents per hour for unskilled labor prescribed by the National Recovery Act be applied to municipal work, was submitted by J. A. Sparks and P. W. Burroughs.

After considerable discussion, the matter was taken under advisement and the Committee were informed that the City Council contemplated raising the minimum wage scale for common labor employed by the City to three dollars per day as soon as the financial condition of the City would justify.

Written communications from R. E. Compton, Dick Cooper, Jack Badgett, Joe Daey, and George E. Halden, asking that provision be made in the municipal budget for 1934 for the installation of a police radio system, were received and taken under advisement.
Various citizens were heard in the interest of an appropriation of Seven Hundred Twenty Dollars in the budget for the services of a director for the Austin Boys' Band. Prof. C. A. Seivers and Burnett Pharr, Director of the University Longhorn Band, endorsed the proposition, but asked for the appointment of a professional musician as director. W. H. Copeland, C. B. Reddick, and Mrs. W. A. Trenckmann gave a resume of the achievements of said band under the leadership of its present director, Al Blosebaum, and urged his retention as such in the event the City took over the maintenance of same. The matter was taken under advisement.

Councilman Bartholomew gave notice that he proposes to recommend an appropriation for the installation of a fire alarm system in the business section of the City as soon as funds are available for this purpose.

No other citizens appearing to be heard, Councilman Bartholomew moved that the budget be adopted, subject to revision. The motion was carried by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Tax Assessor and Collector has this day submitted to the City Council the tax rolls of the City of Austin for the year 1933, which rolls show an aggregate amount of $47,962,703 of valuation of property assessed for taxation for said year, and an aggregate amount of $1,080,836.89 levied as taxes for said year; and

WHEREAS, Said tax rolls appear in all respects in correct form, the valuations contained in said rolls having been examined and corrected by the Board of Equalization, which has made its report to the City Council; therefore,

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

That said tax rolls for said year be and the same are hereby approved.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf, 5; nays, none.

Councilman Bartholomew introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The City of Austin is now the owner and in exclusive possession of what is known as the Austin Dam across the Colorado River and the power plant and appurtenances thereto, which cost, all told, more than two million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Said dam is incomplete and it will cost in the neighborhood of $500,000 to complete; and

WHEREAS, There are periods each year when the flow of the Colorado River is so low that said dam will not furnish power sufficient to operate Austin's municipally-owned water, light, and power plant and, for that reason, it is thought inadvisable for the City of Austin to undertake to complete said dam and provide necessary hydro-electric machinery to generate the power produced thereby; and

WHEREAS, If the flow of the river were stabilised and the dam completed, it would furnish sufficient power during the year to operate the City's water, light, and power plant and would be a very valuable asset in that it would save the City of Austin a large sum of money annually in the generation of its needed power; and

WHEREAS, If the Hamilton Dam and development up the Colorado River were completed, the flow of the Colorado River would thereby be stabilised and floods prevented, which, from 1900 to 1913, cost the people living along the Colorado River an average of four million dollars per annum, and it would make the completion of the City's dam feasible and desirable and assure the people of Austin a supply of cheap, dependable power, and would, also, assure Austin a constant, dependable water supply; therefore,