

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, June 23, 1927.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, and Steck, 4; absent, Councilman Reed.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and Councilman Mueller moved that same be adopted. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, and Steck, 4; nays, none, Councilman Reed absent.

A committee of residents on Duval Street again appeared before the Council in the matter of permanent paving for Duval Street from 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 35th Streets. As no agreement had been reached between this committee and the Street Car Company with reference to this paving, the Council advised the committee that the matter would again be deferred until the next regular meeting.

City Manager Johnson laid before the Council letter from W. E. Babel, General Agent I&GN Railway Company, requesting that, in order to have the amount of clearance required by law for their spur track on East 4th Street, the Becker Lumber Company be permitted to construct a platform 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide instead of 10 feet wide on the south side of their warehouse on East 4th Street. The following letter from the City Engineer with reference to this request was then read:

"Austin, Texas, June 23, 1927.

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

Dear Sir:

At the request of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company and Herman Becker, an Ordinance was passed permitting the Railway Company to construct a spur on Fourth Street between San Jacinto and Trinity Streets. Under this grant, the center line of this spur was to be 15.7 feet south of the north line of Fourth Street. They are now presenting a request that they be permitted to change their line to 17 feet south of the north line of Fourth Street and that the platform of the Becker building be cut back in such a manner that the sidewalk would only be 8 feet, whereas the established width of the sidewalk is 10 feet.

I recommend that the City maintain this width of walk at 10 feet and that the Ordinance be amended so that the center line of the track will be 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet south of the north line of Fourth Street. This will permit the City to keep its improvements on the same line and will permit the Railway Company to put their track in so they will not be in conflict with the State law in regard to clearance space.

Respectfully submitted,

Orin E. Metacalfe,
City Engineer."

Councilman Mueller moved that, in accordance with the recommendation of the City Engineer, the above request of the I&GN Railway Company be not granted. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, and Steck, 4; nays, none, Councilman Reed absent.

Mayor McFadden moved that City Manager be instructed to make a Desuperheater installation at the Power Plant at an approximate cost of \$2500.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Steck and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, and Steck, 4; nays, none, Councilman Reed absent.

City Manager Johnson recommended to the Council that the delinquent personal property taxes assessed against Juan G. Perales for the years 1923, 1924, and 1925, amounting to \$13.36, be remitted, for the reason that the said Juan G. Perales is now deceased and his wife and children are in destitute circumstances and unable to pay same. Mayor McFadden moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be adopted. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, and Steck, 4; nays, none, Councilman Reed absent.

City Manager Johnson laid before the Council the matter of a 50% reduction in the water rates for the summer months, over and above a minimum charge of three dollars. The Council deferred action on the matter until a later date.

City Manager Johnson laid before the Council a request from Dick Burnett for a remission of the penalty assessed against his 1926 taxes. The Council took no action on the matter.

Councilman Steck moved that the claim of M. L. Petty, in the amount of \$33.50, for valuables lost at Barton Springs Bath-House on June 19th, 1927, be allowed and ordered paid. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, and Steck, 4; nays, none, Councilman Reed absent.

Councilman Mueller nominated the following as members of the Board of Equalization:

Simon Gillis, Chairman;
A. W. Townsend;
Otto Ebeling.

Above nominations were confirmed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, and Steck, 3; nays, Mayor McFadden, absent, Councilman Reed.

City Manager Johnson advised the Council of the additional expense account of \$19.40 and \$18.35 incurred by T. C. Green and Albert R. Davis, respectively, in their trip to Chicago June 4-12, 1927, in attendance upon the convention of the American Water Works Association.

Councilman Pannell moved that the Council recess, subject to call of the Mayor. Motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Mayor McFadden, Councilmen Mueller, Pannell, and Steck, 4; nays, none, Councilman Reed absent.

The Council then recessed.

Approved: J. H. McFadden
Mayor.