

No further business coming before the Council, Councilman Steck moved that the Council recess, subject to call of the Mayor. 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.

The Council then recessed.

Approved: P. W. McFadden

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, March 17, 1932.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Mueller, 4; absent, Councilman Steck, 1.

The Minutes of the Special Meetings of March 7th and 8th, and the Regular Meeting of March 10th were read, and Councilman Alford moved the adoption of same as read. Motion was seconded by Councilman Mueller and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Mueller, 4; nays, none; Councilman Steck absent, 1.

Councilman Gillis reported to the Council that he had investigated the complaint of Mrs. Allie C. Belcher that her property at 304 West 8th Street was entitled to a greater reduction in assessed valuation than that recommended by the Tax Assessor and Collector, and found that same was fairly assessed with surrounding property and not entitled to a further reduction.

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following:

"Austin, Texas, January 20, 1932.

Mayor P. W. McFadden,
City Hall,
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In response to your request for an investigation into the value of the improvements on the East 46 feet of Lot 4 and the West 16 feet of Lot 5, Block 100, Plat 7, belonging to Mrs. A. C. Belcher, I herewith make my report.

These improvements are constructed of pressed brick, common brick, and frame. The age of the structure ranges from thirty to forty-five years, according to the owner. The original two-thirds taxable value on same as set in 1927 at the time the unit system was installed is \$7,320.00, and it has been carried at that figure for each year since. Mr. Ledbetter has inspected the property, remeasuring the house, and figuring new units and depreciation throughout as follows:

Pressed brick construction: \$3.50 unit with 33 1/3% depreciation; common brick construction, \$2.50 unit with 25% depreciation; frame construction, \$2.00 unit with 50% depreciation. These several amounts give a full value of \$7,817.00, plus \$200.00 for out-buildings, making a total full value of \$8,017.00, or a two-thirds taxable value of \$5,345.00. We think this to be a fair value of this property.

The records of the Board of Equalization show that Mrs. Belcher appeared before that body in 1929, at which time the Board visited her property, but decided to make no change. If she has appeared before the Board since then, the records do not show this to be the case. Mrs. Belcher contends that since her property is now in the business zone, the improvements have no value whatsoever, which contention, of course, the Tax Department does not recognize.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd) T. B. Marshall,
Tax Assessor & Collector. "

Mayor McFadden moved that the above recommendation of the Tax Assessor and Collector for an adjustment of the assessment placed on the improvements of the said Mrs. Allie G. Belcher at 304 West 8th Street be approved and that he be directed to change his rolls accordingly. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Mueller, 4; nays, none; Councilman Steck absent, 1.

O. N. Avery appeared before the Council and asked for a reduction in the assessed valuation placed on the improvements situated at 2110 Rio Grande Street, belonging to Mrs. M. L. White, on account of the age and deterioration of same. Councilman Mueller moved that the matter be referred to the Tax Department for a special investigation and report to the Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Alford and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Mueller, 4; nays, none, Councilman Steck absent, 1.

Judge E. Cartledge requested the Council to have the curb set back in front of the property on the west side of Wichita Street near the intersection of Nineteenth Street so as to conform to the original width of the street and the line adhered to by the other property owners on said street. The matter was referred to the City Attorney for an investigation of certain legal phases and a report to the Council as soon as possible.

Prof. A. N. McCallum, Superintendent of the Austin Public Schools, J. A. Biggers and others presented a petition signed by a majority of the qualified voters of the school district just north and west of the State School for the Blind, asking that this territory be taken into the city limits for school purposes only. Prof. McCallum also submitted the following written communication:

"Austin, Texas, March 15, 1932.

Honorable Mayor and City Council,
Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

At its regular monthly meeting last night the Board was asked by Mr. J. A. Biggers to recommend that a certain tract of land just north and west of the State School for the Blind be incorporated into the City of Austin for school purposes only. Mr. Biggers presented a petition making this request signed by a majority of the citizens of this neighborhood.

The Board then unanimously adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Schools that we recommend that the corporate limits of the City of Austin be extended, for school purposes only, so as to embrace the territory set out in the petition presented herewith.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) A. N. McCallum,
Supt. of Schools . "

Mayor McFadden moved that the above matter be taken under advisement for a week, and that the County School Superintendent be notified that same is before the Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gillis and same prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, 3; nays, Councilman Mueller, 1; absent, Councilman Steck, 1.

City Manager Johnson submitted to the Council a written communication from the Texas Quarries, Inc., requesting that they be given the same water rate as consumers inside of the City, on account of their being a manufacturer and consumer of large volumes of water. The matter was referred to the City Manager to have the proper resolution drawn granting the request. C. N. Avery, representing the Texas Quarries, Inc., was present and asked that said Company be given a rebate on the water previously consumed. He was advised that this could not be done.

A petition signed by the property owners, asking that the zoning of the property fronting south on East 12th Street between Navasota and Comal Streets be changed from Residence "A" to Commercial "C", was read.

The Mayor then laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the owners of at least 50 per cent of the property fronting south on East 12th Street, extending from the north line of East 12th Street to the south line of the alley lying between East 12th Street and East 13th Street and extending from the east line of Lot 2, Block 1, Outlot 38, Division "B" of the City of Austin to the west line of Lot 4, Block 3, Outlot 38, Division "B" of the City of Austin; and all of that property fronting north on East 12th Street, extending 150 feet south of the south line of East 12th Street and extending from the east line of Lot 4 (E), Block 7, Outlots 38 and 56, Division "B" of the City of Austin to the west line of Lot 4 (N), Block 9, Outlots 38 and 56, Division "B" of the City of Austin, have petitioned the City Council to amend the Zoning Ordinance so as to change the USE designation of said property from "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT to "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Zoning Ordinance, such matters must be referred to the City Plan Commission for its consideration and action and that a public hearing be held at which opportunity shall be given the public to offer any objections to said amendment; therefore,

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

That said matters be referred to the City Plan Commission for its consideration and report to the City Council, and that a public hearing be held thereon at the City Hall at 11:00 A. M. on Thursday, April 7, 1932, and that notice of such hearing be completed by publication as required by the terms of said Zoning Ordinance.

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

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the improvements on the west 125 feet of Lot 1, Block 7, Outlot 56, Division "B", Plat 33, in the name of Mrs. Ada Johnson, are assessed at a valuation of \$880.00 for the years 1928, 1930, and 1931; and

WHEREAS, upon investigation of the Tax Department, there appears to have been an over valuation on this property, same being in a poor state of repair and entitled to considerable more depreciation;

Now, therefore,

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

THAT the Tax Assessor & Collector of the City of Austin be and he is hereby authorized to change his rolls for the years 1928, 1930, and 1931 on said property from an assessed valuation of \$550.00 to \$495.00.

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

The Mayor laid before the Council the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has presented to the City Council tentative maps and plans showing the proposed construction of its pole lines in the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have been considered by the City Engineer; therefore,

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

THAT the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company be and the same is hereby permitted to construct its pole lines in the following streets:

(1) A telephone pole line in WEST TWELFTH STREET from West Lynn Street to Charlotte Street, the centerline of which pole line shall be 9 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of said West Twelfth Street.

That the work and construction of said pole lines, including the excavation of the streets and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said pole lines have been constructed, shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager.

The above resolution was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor McFadden, Councilman Mueller, 4; nays, none; Councilman Steck 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 WILLOW STREET from San Saba Street to Llano Street, the center line of which gas main shall be 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet south of and parallel to the north line of said Willow Street. Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 wherever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of back-filling 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 Mueller, 4; nays, none; Councilman Steck absent, 1.

The Mayor laid before the Council the following:

"Austin, Texas, March 15, 1932.

Honorable City Council,
Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Permission is hereby requested to operate a drive-in automobile washing and greasing service at the northeast corner of 7th and Trinity Streets. It is planned to use the present driveways without any new construction. This site has formerly been used for a wagon and automobile storage service.

A standard grease trap as required by the Engineering Department will be installed and proper connections made with the storm sewer so as to prevent any waste water from crossing the sidewalk or entering the street.

Trusting that you will grant this permit, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) Jesse R. Pritchard. "

"Austin, Texas, March 17, 1932.

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

Dear Sir:

We have considered the application of Jesse R. Pritchard for a permit to construct and operate a drive-in automobile washing and greasing station to be located at the northeast corner of 7th and Trinity Streets, and hereby advise that the following conditions exist:

(a) He proposes to construct his washing and greasing station on property which is shown on the Zoning map as being located within the "C" Commercial Use District.

(b) A storm sewer is close by his property and can be connected to without breaking any existing paving.

We recommend that Jesse R. Pritchard be granted a permit to construct and operate the said washing and greasing station 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 installed. Lines and grades to be obtained from the City Engineering Department for entrances and driveways, building plans to be approved by the City Building Inspector.

(2) That all construction of the washing and greasing station improvements shall be in accord with the Building Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance, Filling Station Ordinance and in accord with the Ordinance prohibiting the disposal of commercial water or oil upon the City streets.

(3) That the grades of the station shall be such that no waste oils or water or any floor washing shall ever pass over the City sidewalk area, and that all 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, and shall be conducted by a pipe connection from said grease and sand trap to the nearest practical storm sewer at the expense of the applicant.

(4) That no additional sidewalk crossings shall be permitted and that only the present sidewalk crossings and ramps shall be used in connection with the operation of the station.

(5) That before use of said station, the owner shall apply to the Building Inspector for final inspection when he considers that he has complied with all the requirements of the City.

(Sgd) G. S. Moore, Building Inspector
Orin E. Metcalfe, City Engineer."

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

THAT the City Council of the City of Austin hereby approves Lots 1 and 2 of the Original City Block #87 as a washing and greasing drive-in station site and hereby authorizes Jesse R. Pritchard to construct and operate a washing and greasing station at the northeast corner of 7th Street and Trinity Street, subject to same's being constructed according to the foregoing attached recommendations and plan which are hereby made a part of this resolution, and the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue an occupancy permit for the operation of this washing and greasing station after full compliance with all of the provisions of this resolution, and said permission shall be held to be granted and accepted subject to all necessary, reasonable and proper, present and future regulations and ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, in the enforcement of proper police, traffic, and fire regulations; and the right of revocation is retained if, after hearing, it is found by the City Council that Jesse R. Pritchard has failed and refused and will continue to fail and refuse to perform any such conditions, regulations and ordinances.

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

City Manager Johnson was authorized by the Council to call for bids on a 750-gallon pumper for the North Austin Fire Station, said bids to be opened on March 24th.

A statement from the State Fire Insurance Department, showing that by reason of its good fire record the City of Austin is entitled to a good credit rating of 15% for the year 1932, was read.

No further business coming before the Council, 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, Councilman Mueller, 4; nays, none; Councilman Steck absent, 1.

The Council then recessed.

Approved: _____

J. M. Fadden
MAYOR.