

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, October 4, 1938.

The City Council convened in special session, at the regular meeting place, on Tuesday, October 4, 1938, at 3:00 P. M., with Mayor Tom Miller presiding. Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen C. F. Alford, C.M. Bartholomew, Simon Gillis, Mayor Tom Miller, and Councilman Oswald G. Wolf; absent, none.

The Mayor stated that the meeting was called primarily for the purpose of discussing with a committee from the Maternal Health Clinic of Austin the question of the removal of said clinic from Brackenridge Hospital.

Mrs. Roy Bedichek, President of the Maternal Health Clinic of Austin, Dr. C. W. Hall, and Mrs. George S. Nalle, constituting the committee, then spoke of the work of said organization, including its activities relative to birth control, and asked that, by reason of its vital connection with public health, said organization be allowed to continue functioning at Brackenridge Hospital.

Dr. E. J. Lloyd, Director of the Austin-Travis County Health Unit, was present and stated that the Public Health Service of the United States had not indorsed birth control, and declared that in his opinion the time had not yet come when the movement should be sanctioned with government funds.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mayor Miller that the Maternal Health Clinic of Austin, which is a birth control clinic, now operating at Brackenridge Hospital, having been located there a year ago at the request of Dr. Banner Gregg, City Health Officer, be requested to move, for the reason that the matter is a highly controversial one, and not properly a governmental function.

The question being put, those in favor of the removal of said clinic voting "aye"; those opposed, "nay," the result was as follows: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, Councilman Bartholomew.

The Mayor then declared the motion carried.

Councilman Bartholomew, in casting his vote on the foregoing question, stated that there had been some doubt in his mind as to whether a birth control clinic should be allowed to operate at Brackenridge Hospital, but that he was wholeheartedly in sympathy with the organization in the good work it was doing.

The matter of an increase in the telephone rates applied for by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company was discussed.

The report of Maxwell & Cox, Auditors, employed by the City to examine the books of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for the twelve months ended June 30, 1938, was submitted.

Councilman Bartholomew then moved that the following rates be tentatively approved, subject to formal approval at the next regular meeting after a public hearing on the matter: \$2.35 for residence telephones, plus the usual rental of 15¢ for hand sets for a period of twenty-four months; \$6 for business telephones, with no extra charge for hand sets; \$9 for PBX or Trunk lines; and \$2 for private long distance telephones. The motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, none.

Mayor Miller introduced the following resolution:

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

THAT the City Council hereby expresses its appreciation to Dr. Banner Gregg for his five years' services to the City as City Physician, in which capacity he demonstrated his fine skill as a surgeon; and wishes for him a very successful and happy private practice upon his retirement from the City's service in an advisory capacity on October 15, 1938, in which capacity he has served since his voluntary resignation on August 18, 1938.

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

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

Approved: Tom Miller.  
Mayor

Attest:

Halle McKeen  
City Clerk