

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL;

Austin, Texas, January 18, 1940.

A special meeting of the City Council was held at 7:30 P. M., Thursday, January 18, in the Council Room at the Municipal Building, with Mayor Tom Miller presiding. Roll call showed the following members present: Mayor Miller and Councilman Wolf; absent, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, and Gillis.

The following citizens were also present: E. B. Moody; Sid Smith; Speedy Croisdale; C. L. Price; Frank Tisdale; E. J. St. John; C. E. Berkman; Edward T. Lorey; W. F. Garlin; Lloyd M. O'Neal; Marvin Kreuz; W. W. Wright; J. H. Green; E. J. Hedblom; Freeman Taylor; B. Melton Wright; L. E. Funnell.

The Mayor stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of a public hearing on the proposal to close Lake Austin to fishing until May 1, 1941, but as a quorum was not present, the matter would only be discussed.

The meeting was then opened to discussion, and the following persons appeared and were heard:

Mr. Sid Smith publicly expressed to the Mayor, the City Council, and the City Manager his appreciation and gratitude for the fine work and cooperative spirit shown by them on all matters of this nature, particularly the establishing of a bird sanctuary on Lake Austin and the purchasing of land for a Federal fish hatchery. He heartily indorsed the closing of the Lake.

Mr. Marvin Kreuse stated that he was in favor of closing the Lake if the Texas Game, Fish & Oyster Commission would give assurance that it would be stocked with enough fish to justify the closed period for propagation. He asked that trot line fishing be prohibited also.

Mr. Ed St. John stated that his interest in the Lake was strictly recreational; that he had discussed the matter of closing with numerous sportsmen and the question seemed to be whether there would be cooperation by the Game Department. He further suggested that an advisory board, similar to the zoning and other boards, be appointed to pass upon many of the problems that will arise in the regulation of the Lake.

Mr. Leland Funnell stated that he had rather see the Lake closed until 1942 in order that the brood fish could get a good start. He also asked that the Lake be patrolled.

Mr. Freeman Taylor stated that if the Lake were closed he could get it stocked with from 300 to 500 brood fish within the next thirty days, but that it would be useless to put them there if the Lake were left open to fishing. He also asked that an ordinance be passed placing a bag limit of ten to twelve fish, and prohibiting trot line fishing.

Mr. E. T. Lorey stated that he was in favor of closing the Lake, but thought that the period should be extended to three years in order to reap the most benefit. He asked that an ordinance be drafted regulating the size of fish that could be caught, especially cat and gasper fish.

Mr. E. B. Moody stated that he thought the closed period should be extended to two years if the same could be done without provoking too much dissension, and that Bee and Bull Creeks be closed at all times for spawning. He further stated that he would like to see protective measures set up which would preserve the Lake for recreational and not commercial fishing, and that he indorsed the suggestion that an advisory board be appointed to assist in the administration of the Lake.

Mr. Lloyd M. O'Neal, in behalf of the Boy Scouts, objected to the permanent closing of Bull Creek to fishing.

Mr. Sid Smith introduced a resolution relative to the closing of the Lake, which he read and asked that the group present indorse to the City Council. After some discussion, upon motion of Mr. Moody, the resolution was withdrawn by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Moody asked that a sluice be built and stocked with fish for the use and enjoyment of children only, making it unlawful for adults to fish there.

Following the discussion, in which all present were given an opportunity to be heard, it was the

consensus of opinion that the Lake should be closed to fishing until May 1, 1941.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P. M.

Approved, Tom Miller
Mayor

Attest:

Hallie McKeen
City Clerk.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Austin, Texas, January 25, 1940.

The City Council met in regular session, at the regular meeting place in the Council Room at the Municipal Building, on Thursday, January 25, 1940, at 10:50 A. M., with Mayor Tom Miller presiding. Roll call showed the following members present: Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; absent, none.

The Minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 1940, were read, and upon motion of Councilman Bartholomew, seconded by Councilman Alford, were approved, as read, by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Bartholomew, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, none.

Councilman Bartholomew went on record as approving the action of the City Council on all matters at the regular meeting of Thursday, January 18, the same as if had been present and voting.

Mr. Polk Shelton, Attorney for E. J. Walsh, et al., appeared before the Council relative to his clients' proposal for settlement of overflow easement rights to their property abutting Lake Austin, stating that said clients would be willing to arbitrate the matter with the City. Accordingly, the following were appointed as arbitrators in the matter, said arbitrators to select the third arbitrator: John B. Pearson, representing the Walsh heirs; and Kurt Meyer, representing the City of Austin.

The matter of an easement for overflow rights on the H. C. Bohls, et ux, property abutting the Lake was directed to be disposed of in the aforesaid manner, if satisfactory to the said H. C. Bohls, et ux.

Mr. E. E. Ernest appeared before the Council relative to his request for permission to explore for buried treasure on the 1008-acre tract of land owned by the City abutting Lake Austin. It was moved by Councilman Gillis that the City Attorney be directed to prepare the proper contract granting the said E. E. Ernest permission to do said work, upon the following conditions: that the work does not interfere in any manner with the CCC Camp, that all holes be filled when the work is finished, that the City receive one-half of all treasure found, and that contract extend for period of six months, but automatically terminate if the work interferes with said CCC Camp. The motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes, Councilmen Alford, Gillis, Mayor Miller, and Councilman Wolf; nays, Councilman Bartholomew.

Mr. George Kneip appeared before the Council to protest against the waters of Bull Creek being