

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH, A.D.1918, 4 P.M.

PRESENT: Honorable Sam C. Bell, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners Coy, Lambert, Heuermann, Lowther.

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

----MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS ----

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police:

Stires Out-Door Adv. Co. for bill boards Travis Street, S.S. bridge.

" " " " " " " rear 447 Soledad Street.

Mrs M. Billingsly, for change in Jitney route.

A communication from the Bexar County Medical Association protesting against advance of Telephone rates, was read and ordered filed.

Communication from San Antonio Retail Merchants Association protesting against advance of telephone rates was read and ordered filed.

Commissioner Coy introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Lambert, Heuermann, Lowther.

No. 251 AN ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to issue warrants for the payment of wages to City Day Laborers for the week ending January 12, 1918, and that the following sums be and are hereby appropriated out of the several ~~xxx~~ general and special funds for that purpose, to-wit:

1917 General Fund \$2458.05

Commissioner Coy introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Lambert, Heuermann and Lowther.

No. 252 AN ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$2.57 (the School Board levy being 60%) be and is hereby appropriated out of the 1916 General Fund, warrant for which shall be made payable to the heirs of Paul Mareaux, said sum being a refund of taxes erroneously collected from said heirs of Paul Maureaux on an automobile assessed at a value of \$150.00 on the assessment rolls for said fiscal year 1916.

Petition of S.Heights M.E.Church for exemption of taxes on lots 1-2-3-4 C.B.1623 was not granted on recommendation of Commissioner of Taxation.

The resignation of Mr. J.Ed. Wilkins as Judge of the Corporation Court was read and accepted.

The resignation of W.M.Simpson as Book-keeper in the office of City Tax collector was read and accepted.

Commissioner Coy placed in nomination the name of G.W.Flannery as bookkeeper in the office of City Tax Collector, and the nomination was confirmed by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Lambert, Heuermann and Lowther.

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Commissioner Lowther made the following recommendations, which were read and adopted:

Petition of D.K.Bell for change in Jitney route, granted.

Petition of J.M.Elizando for change in Jitney route, granted.

Petition of Auto Owners Supply Co. for permit to erect a sign, granted.

Commissioner Lowther submitted the following nominations, which were confirmed by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Lambert, Heuermann and Lowther. Extra Policeman, J.J.Lindley. Policeman L.C.Merriman.

Commissioner Lowther nominated the following men for appointment as Extra Policeman to serve in making arrests for violation of liquor law (boot legging) said men to be paid at the rate of wages paid regular policemen, but for the time only when on duty; to-wit: J.H.Miller, Chas M. Phillips, C.H.Appling, A.Gloeckner, Bob White, Colored.

The appointments were confirmed by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Lambert, Heuermann, Lowther.

Commissioner Lowther nominated M.E.Buckley as Judge of the Corporation Court, which nomination was confirmed by the following vote, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Lambert, Heuermann and Lowther.

The following ordinance was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Lambert, Heuermann and Lowther.

AN ORDINANCE

Forbidding within the limits of the City of San Antonio the sale, delivery or gift of malt, spirituous or vinous liquors by any wholesale or retail liquor dealer to be consumed or used off of the premises where sold, delivered or given, except in the case of sale or delivery by a wholesaler to a licensed retailer or in cases of sickness or for religious or sacramental purposes, and declaring penalty and emergency.

[For full text of this ordinance see Ordinance Book F, page 293]

The following resolution was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION

Directing the City Clerk to advertise for sidewalk bids in front of Brackenridge Park on River Avenue.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids to construct a cement sidewalk on City property in front of Brackenridge Park on River Avenue.

Same to be paid out of the sidewalk bond issue fund. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A communication signed by a number of colored citizens requesting that a certain photo play known as The Birth of a Nation, be not permitted to show for the week beginning July 20, as advertised, at the Grand Opera House, was read and taken under further consideration.

Commissioner Lambert introduced a statement of the Health Department relating to notices served on property owners to clean weeds etc. from lots, which was read and ordered filed.

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Lambert, Heuermann, Lowther.

AN ORDINANCE

Directing the City Health Officer to improve certain lots and parcels of real estate in the City of San Antonio, in order to abate nuisances being maintained thereon by removing all weeds and brush, and to charge the expense of cost thereof to the respective owners of said properties, and to cause a lien to be fixed thereon to the amount of such cost and expense.

WHEREAS, the City Health Officer has reported that on certain lots or parcels of real estate situated within the limits of the City of San Antonio, nuisances exist and are being maintained by an excessive growth of weeds and brush, detrimental to public health and that after due service of notice so to do the owners of said premises or property have severally failed and refused to abate same, in violation of the provisions of the ordinances of said City in such cases made and provided; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio find that said nuisance exist and are being maintained as aforesaid, that due notice has been given to and duly served upon each owner, respectively, requiring the abatement of the nuisances being maintained upon their respective premises, and each of said persons has failed or refused to comply therewith; that it is necessary for the protection of the public health that said respective lots or parcels of real estate be improved by removing such growth of weeds and brush, and that said nuisances should be abated; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That the City Health be and he is hereby authorized and directed, without further notice to the persons hereinafter named to at once remove all weeds and brush on the lots or parcels of real estate hereinafter described, at the cost and expense of the respective owners thereof, whose names are set opposite description of the several lots or parcels of land to be so improved; to charge the amount thereof to said owners and said property respectively, and to cause a statement showing the name of such owners, the description of the property so improved and the amount of the cost of said improvements when completed, to be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Bexar County, Texas, fixing a lien upon said lots or parcels of land respectively, all as provided by an ordinance entitled "An ordinance requiring the grubbing and removal of weeds, brush, rubbish and any and all other objectional, unsightly or unsanitary matter from any lot or lots or parcels of real estate within the City, and the levelling, filling in, draining and regulating of the surface of any of said lots or premises so as to prevent stagnant water standing therein, declaring the same a public nuisance and fixing penalties for violation hereof: also providing that such work and improvements may be made by the City at the cost of the owners of said lots or premises, fixing a lien therefor and providing for foreclosure of such liens; repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency" passed and approved on the 11th day of June A.D. 1917, which is hereto referred to and made a part hereof. The description of the several lots or parcels of real estate hereby ordered improved, and the names of the respective owners thereof, are as follows, to-wit:

F.F.Rodriguez, 1701 Jones Ave. San Antonio, Texas, Lots Nos 1 and 2, City Block 2997, on the corner of Kendall and E.Dewey Place. Lot Nos. 11 and 12, City Block 2964 on Kendall and E.Courtland Place.

R.T.Pruitt, 429 E.Evergreen Ave. San Antonio, Texas, Lots Nos 4-5 and 6, City Block 2996 on East Courtland Place, Lots Nos 4-5, City Block 372 on West Cypress St.

J.C.Henderson, San Antonio, Texas, Lots No. 17, City Block 3216, on Uvalde Street.

P.H.Hamburg, San Antonio, Tex. Lot No. 17, City Block 3066, on Chicago Blvd.

B.D.Hays, San Antonio, Texas, Lots Nos 9 and 10, City Block 3028 on S.Presa St.

D.D.Harrigan, San Antonio, Texas, Lots 7-8-9-10, City Block 624 on Mesquite Street.

Antonio Fournier, San Antonio, Texas, Lot 3, City Block 3153 on Buckingham Ave.

Harry Hamilton, San Antonio, Texas, Lot Nos 1-2-3, City Block 2257, on south side Salinas Street.

H.R.Geyer, San Antonio, Texas, Lots 27-28, City Block 3054, Block 2, on the north side Fair Ave.

Adams Minnie Franz, San Antonio, Texas, Lots No 50-51 and 52, City Block 3000 on the west side of Roosevelt Ave.

W.L.Baker, San Antonio, Texas, Lots Nos 45 and 46, City Block 1597 on the north side of Vine Street.

Mrs E;i Arnaud, San Antonio, Texas, Lot No. 43, City Block 1013 on the north side of Garza Street.

J.N.Allen, San Antonio, Texas, Lot 17, City Block 664 on Louisiana Street.

Adelia C.Cresson, San Antonio, Texas, Lots Nos 1-2, City Block 1055 on River Ave.

M.S.Callahan, San Antonio, Texas, Lot No. 38, City Block 3207, on Fairview Ave.

Elizabeth Cox, San Antonio, Lot Nos 1-5, City Block 2606 on the north side of Lubbock St.

Eugene Baucon, San Antonio, Texas, Lot No. 18, City Block 1013, on the south side of Granada Street.

W.S.Conness, San Antonio, Texas, Lot No. 9, City Block 983 on Leigh St.

S.P.Cunningham, San Antonio, Texas, Lot No 1-2 and 3, City Block 1858 on the south east corner of San Pedro and W.Woodlawn Ave.

Mrs Hana Cleary, San Antonio, Tex. Lot. No. 1, City Block 1908 on ~~DENVER HEIGHTS~~ E.Locust St

C.T.Zapp, Houston, Texas, Lot No. 29-30-31-32, City Block 1629 on Denver Heights.

J.J.Yelton, San Marcos, Tex. Lot No. 16, City Block 3067 on north side Chicago Blvd.

Geo P. Zacharas, Temple, Tex. Lot No. 18, City Block 3336 in Highland Park.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK.

APPROVED


MAYOR