

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

THURSDAY, JULY 11TH, A.D.1918, 4 P.M.

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

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

----MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS----

Petition of J.J.Petsch offering to buy a triangular piece of land owned by City at North Flores & Poplar Streets was read and referred to Commissioner of Sanitation, Parks and Public Property.

Petition of citizens to have New Braunfels Avenue from M. Street north to City line retopped, was read and referred to Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Taxation.

H.V.Holmstein, for refund of taxes.

Ed M. Rivas, for correction of assessment and refund.

Petition of D.W.Gregory for permit to make sewer connection was read and referred to Commissioner of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Streets and Public Improvements.

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

F.D.Hensley, for gasoline equipment.

Sunset Supply Co. " "

H.Wagner & Son " "

Paul Laundry Co. " "-----.

Petition and form of ordinance granting to the Mackay Telegraph and Cable Co. the right to construct and maintain lines of poles, etc. was read and referred to the City Attorney.

Commissioner Heuermann introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, an ordinance was heretofore, on January 29, 1900, and approved February 1, 1900, enacted, granted to H.M.Aubrey and Frank Smith and their assigns certain rights with respect to the construction, maintenance and operation of a telephone system and telephone exchange in the City of San Antonio, Texas, as is manifest of record in book C, pp. 226-9 of the Book of Ordinances of said City;

AND WHEREAS, it has now come to the notice of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, Texas, that the benefits and privileges granted to the original grantees of said ordinance were thereafter taken over and its obligations assumed by San Antonio Telephone Company, Incorporated, but said Company has now ceased to do business, and has taken down and removed its telephone poles and has withdrawn its cables from the underground conduits, and has thereby abandoned such conduits, which abandoned conduits are now claimed by other persons or corporations to this Mayor and Board of Commissioners unknown:

AND WHEREAS, the said ordinance provides for the forfeiture in the contingencies

aforesaid of all the rights and privileges thereby granted to said franchise holders, and therefore the City of San Antonio may have the rights in and to the said underground conduits, and all of their appurtenances, which should be ascertained and enforced:

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of San Antonio;

That Robert J. McMillan, City Attorney of the City of San Antonio be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to make prompt ~~XXXXXXXX~~ and diligent inquiry and investigation as to the facts aforesaid relating to the abandonment of said underground conduits, and as to all claims asserted thereto by any person or corporation, and as to the forfeiture of all rights granted by virtue of the said ordinance to the beneficiaries thereunder, and their assigns, and after having ascertained all the facts relating to the matters aforesaid that he make his report to this body thereof, with proper recommendation as to the course which he will advise should be pursued in the premises by the proper authorities looking toward the assertion and enforcement of the rights of the City of San Antonio, and of the public, with regard to the said underground conduits and ~~th~~ their ownership, and with such other recommendations as he may see fit to make as City Attorney and legal adviser of this body,

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

MC-429 AN ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio proposes to establish, upon the property commonly known as the Automobile Club property, lying approximately ten miles north of the City of San Antonio upon the blanco Road, a City farm for the detention and treatment of infected women and for their reformation; and /

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States, acting through its chairman of Section on Reformation, has offered and agreed to contribute to the City the sum of \$15,000.00 towards the expense of the purchase of said property and the installation of said farm, upon certain conditions as hereinafter set out, to-wit:

1st. The appointment by the Mayor of an advisory committee of five citizens of the City of San Antonio, at least two of whom shall be women, to act in the capacity hereinafter set forth in the management of said Farm.

2nd. That adequate medical treatment be provided, through the public health service if possible.

3rd. That suitable maintenance of said Farm, together with the payment of such salaries as may be necessary for the maintenance and operation of same, be assured by the City for the remainder of the war:

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

FIRST. The City of San Antonio accepts said conditions as herein set forth, and agrees to cause the same to be effected and said detention Farm to be conducted as herein provided.

SECOND. The Mayor is hereby authorized and instructed to appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of Commissioners of said City, such committee of five persons, and to fill all vacancies on said committee, and to ~~be~~ cause to be taken such steps as may be necessary or proper to provide for such adjusted medical treatment and the maintenance and operation of said Detention Farm for the purpose herein outlined; provided

that the members of said Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation.

THIRD. Said Advisory Committee so to be appointed, shall be, and is hereby authorized and empowered, subject to all provisions of law and all regulations which may be made as herein provided, to manage and direct said detention Farm, and to supervise its operation and conduct to the end of accomplishing its purposes to the fullest extent; and the superintendent, assistants and other persons to be employed on said farm shall observe, and are hereby directed to observe, in the performance of their duties, any and all instructions in writing signed by any three members of said Advisory Committee, in so far as following such instructions would not violate or come in conflict, with any provisions of law or of any regulation made as herein provided by the Commissioners Court of Bexar County, Texas.

Fourth. Said Advisory Committee shall visit said Detention Farm from time to time, and shall give all necessary or proper instructions, and shall investigate and examine into the manner in which the same is conducted, and shall report to the County Judge or Commissioners of Bexar County, in writing, any matters which they deem to require further ~~further~~ or more authoritative regulation, and shall likewise report the recommendations of said Advisory Committee thereon.

Fifth. It is understood and agreed that for and during the period of the war, the conduct and regulation of said detention Farm, and the duties of all persons regularly employed thereon, shall be and remain subject to the provisions of this ordinance; and the Commissioners Court of the County of Bexar shall provide for, or cause, the appointment and removal of all persons employed in conducting said Detention Farm, provided, however, that for and during the period of the war, having due regard for financial provisions made for the maintenance and operation of said Detention Farm, said Advisory Committee shall be authorized to make and present to the County and Commissioners of Bexar County written recommendations of said Advisory Committee concerning the appointment, removal, duties and compensation of employees conducting said Detention Farm, and it is understood that such appointments or removals will be made or procured with due regard to all reasonable recommendation so presented.

Sixth. Except as herein otherwise provided, and except as said advisory Committee is herein substituted for the Board of Managers provided for in a certain contract dated November 14th, 1914, made and entered into by and between said City of San Antonio and said County of Bexar, for the joint operation and maintenance of the "Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital", said contract shall, as between said City and County, govern all matters connected with the operation of said Detention Farm, for and during the period of the present war.

SEVENTH. This ordinance shall become effective and binding on said City whenever an order shall be passed and approved by the Commissioners Court of said Bexar County, and entered on its minutes, ratifying and accepting the preceding provisions hereof; provided, a certified copy of this ordinance shall be furnished by the City Clerk to the County Clerk, and said County Commissioner shall cause a certified copy of their order as so made and entered to be furnished to the City Clerk to be by him filed, kept and recorded in the records of the City; and thereafter this ordinance and said order shall constitute the contract between said City and County governing the matter of said Detention Farm.

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

AN ORDINANCE

Regulating the making of cuts, openings or excavations, etc. in public places, streets alleys or highways; requiring bond of indemnity and certain deposits, and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, etc.

(For full text of this ordinance see Ordinance Book "F", pages 328-321)

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

No. 78

MC-431

AN ORDINANCE

Making appropriation for the purchase of a strip of land in City Block 154, on the west side of Soledad Street, for the purpose of widening said street.

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

That the sum of Thirty Five Hundred (\$3500.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1918 General Fund, for the purchase of a strip of land off the east end of Lot 4 (4) City Block One Hundred and Fifty Four (154), fronting on Travis Street and extending in a northerly direction between the old and new established west boundary lines of Soledad Street to the north line of said lot No. 4, belonging to the Mayor Piano Company, and that warrant therefor be issued and delivered to the order of said Mayor Piano Company upon the execution and delivery of a general warranty deed, approved as to form by the City Attorney, conveying said property to the City of San Antonio.

--

No. 79

-432

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$110.00 to pay rent of City Stables for month of July, 1918.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of One hundred, ten dollars (\$110.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is, hereby appropriated out of the 1918 General Fund to pay Mrs. Dora Stumberg, for rent of 224 W. Nueva Street for the month of July, 1918. Premises used by street cleaning department.

--

No. 80

-433

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$625.00 out of the 1918 General Fund to pay the San Antonio Portland Cement Co. for one car cement for use Street Maintenance Department.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Five hundred, twenty five Dollars (\$525.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is, hereby appropriated out of the 1918 General Fund to pay the San Antonio Portland Cement Co. for one car cement for use of Street Maintenance Department,

No. 81.

-434

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$387.60 to pay for tripod drill for use street maintenance Dept.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Three Hundred, eighty seven and 60/100 Dollars (\$387.60) or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is, hereby appropriated out of the 1918 General Fund to pay W.F. Montgomery for one

tripod drill for use of Street Maintenance Department.

Commissioner Coy submitted the City Auditors statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the quarter ending May 31, 1918 which was ordered published.

Commissioner Coy introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio desires to select depositories for City funds for the ensuing period of one year or more.

NOW THEREFORE, said City hereby invites proposals from each bank, banker or Trust Company in the City of San Antonio, desiring to be selected as such depository of City funds; such proposals duly signed and inclosed under seal, to be delivered to the City Clerk on or before the 18th day of July at 4 o'clock p.m. at which time (subject to postponement of one week on order on order of the Commissioners) the same will be opened at a meeting of said Board of Commissioners, who will thereupon make selection and designation of such depository or depositories of City funds, and thereafter receive and consider the depository bonds tendered by such bidders, all as provided by law and charter and ordinances of said City.

Each such proposal shall state the rate of interest, not to be less than three percent on daily balances, payable monthly, which the bidder offers to pay to the City.

And each such proposal which contemplates a deposit with the bidder of less than the whole of the funds of the City, shall state whether the bidder desires to become a general depository or a special depository, and shall designate the character and amount of proportion of such deposit desired;

And each such bidder proposing to become a general depository will be expected to include or combine in such proposal, or to file in a separate proposal at the same time and in the same manner, an additional proposal in writing stating the terms and conditions upon which such bidder proposes to loan to the City of San Antonio, from time to time as needed, such sums or sums as said Board of Commissioners may desire to borrow for the use of the City for cashing City warrants in anticipation of the receipts of taxes and current revenues of the City for the current fiscal year which will be pledged as security for such loans; all as provided by the charter and ordinances of said City, reference being specially made hereby to what is known as the "Finance Ordinances".

And the City Clerk is hereby directed to cause notice of the foregoing resolution to be published not less than one week before the date above fixed for opening said bids, and to preserve proof of such publication.

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

MC-435

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$100.00 to pay Texas Cavalry.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of One Hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the 1918 General Fund to pay Maj. Freeborn as the City's contribution towards a fund of \$5000.00 now being raised, to be

used for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Texas cavalry now being organized, incident to its induction into the service of the United States.

MC-436 AN ORDINANCE

No. 83.

Appropriating \$33.08 to refund certain beer dealers licenses.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$33.08 be and is hereby appropriated out of the Special Emergency Fund and contingency for the purpose of refunding to the parties named herein the unexpired portion of the Liquor licenses held by them, to-wit:

Truesdale & Bunting	\$18.68
L.W.Degen	14.40

- 437 AN ORDINANCE

Adopting a tentative budget for the fiscal year 1918.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the following be, and is hereby adopted as a tentative budget for the expenditures of the City of San Antonio for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 1918 and ending May 31, 1919, subject to revision and correction from time to time as the Commissioners may deem proper.

TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mayor and Comms.	\$22,800.00
City Clerk.....	12,450.00
City Attorney.....	11,670.00
City Auditor.....	9,000.00
Purchasing Agent	5,920.00
City Repair Shop.....	28,062.00
Assessor....	15,943.00
Collector.....	6,367.00
Treasurer	1,200.00
License and Dues Collector.....	3,140.00
Building Inspector.....	2,520.00
Engineer.....	45,046.00
Street Maintenance.....	161,811.00
Sewer Construction.....	40,074.00
Street Widening & Bridges.....	87,500.00
Police Department	293,863.95
Fire Department.....	234,576.40
Fire & Police Station.....	12,544.55
City Electrician.....	12,687.25
Fire Marshall.....	1,560.00
Street Lights.....	56,000.00
Parks & Plazas.....	71,500.00
Health Department.....	60,342.00
Street Cleaning and Sanitation.....	239,768.00
Hospital.....	54,767.09
River & Ditches.....	15,000.00
Market House.....	5,938.00
Plumbing Inspector.....	13,252.00
Municipal Farm.....	3,600.00
City Hall.....	4,805.00
Weight and Measures.....	1,500.00
Cemeteries.....	5,000.00
Water.....	62,000.00
Interest on Bank notes.....	35,000.00
Carnegie Library.....	15,000.00
Interest and Sinking Fund.....	423,525.00
Contingencies.....	34,257.56

Total.....\$2,110,000.00

Commissioner of Taxation recommended that petition of A.North for refund of part of Auto For Hire License be refused. Adopted.

Petitions of Beeks Produce Co. and City Produce Co. for special building permits were granted.

Petition of Mission Auto Co. for permit to install gasoline equipment at 211 S. Flores Street was granted on recommendation of City Plumbing Inspector.

Petition of S.W.Tel & Tel Co. for permit to replace poles was granted on recommendation of City Electrician.

Communication from City Purchasing Agent recommending purchase of one White truck for Street Maintenance Department was adopted.

Petition of Gates Half Service Station for permit to install gasoline equipment at 630 Main Ave. was referred to Commissioner of Fire & Police.

A hearing to the owners of Lot 16, C.B.673 fronting on Hackberry Street, was held for the purpose of correcting an assessment for street paving in favor of Rushmore & Gowdy, Contractors. (See page 31 Record of Hearings)

Petition for the opening of Lamm Street was read and referred to Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements.

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

MC-439 AN ORDINANCE

Ordering the laying of sidewalks etc. on various streets, under the penalties for failure to comply with said order.

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

WHEREAS the City Commissioners of the City of San Antonio in the exercise of the Police Power, finds and hereby declares a public necessity for the laying of sidewalks etc. aahereinafter ordered; and

WHEREAS by an ordinance heretofore on the 10th day of August, A.D.1914, passed and approved this City Commissioners provided for such cases; said ordinance being entitled "An ordinance prescribing specifications for sidewalks and curbing for Public Streets and Places, and providing measures to compel the laying, construction and repair of the same by owners of abutting property; requiring the cost thereof to be paid by the owners of such property and declaring such cost a personal liability of such owners, and a first and prior lien and charge against such property, and prescribing the manner of ordering and compelling the construction of such work, and the punishment for failure to comply with such orders", and proceeding hereupon in accordance with said previous ordinance, which is made a part hereof;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED;

Section One: That the construction of cement sidewalks be and the same is hereby ordered along or in front of the entire extent of each parcel of the property and premises hereinafter described, and that the owners of such premises proceed immediately to construct said improvements, or to cause same to be constructed at their cost and expense, on the streets and public places hereinafter named; the respective premises herein referred to, the owner or owners thereof to whom this order is addressed and each such respective street or public place being as follows, to-wit:

OWNER	LOT NO.	NEW CITY BLOCK NO.	LOCATED ON.
J.W.Monckton	3	1374	Potomac St.
A.G.Wimbish	2	1374	Do.
Lankford	4	1374	Do.
S.P.Washington	5	1374	Do.
Marie Russell	6	1374	Do.
Leonard Ellis	8	1374	Do.
Maning	9	1374	Do.
Johnson Anna	10	1374	Do.
Nannie Roberts	1	1374	Do.
Walton J.T.	5-6	1374	Do.
John N. Cole	1-3	1374	Do.
G.Roge	$\frac{1}{2}$ -14	1374	Do.
M.Johnson	$\frac{1}{2}$ -15	1374	Do.
Hattie Greenberry	$\frac{1}{2}$ -21-22	1374	Do.
Hattie Warner	23	1374	Do.
L.Napin	24.25	1374	Do.
Jas Frees	9	659	Indiana Street.
Fred Colgate	22	659	Indiana Street.
Joseph Murray	15	1835	Mistletoe Ave.
Jewish Synagogue	4	418	Travis and Jefferson Sts.

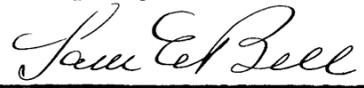
Section Two. That said improvements shall be constructed promptly in accordance with the specifications and other provisions contained in said ordinance of August 10, 1914, and that said work shall be commenced within thirty days after the service of notice on this order, and that said notices shall be given and all other things shall be done as herein provided; and that for failure to comply with or violation of this order, any person, association of persons, or corporation found guilty of such offense shall be fined not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, all under and as in said ordinance of August 10, 1914, provided.

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

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK.

APPROVED


MAYOR