

FEBRUARY 14, 1946

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL, AT TEN O'CLOCK, A.M., ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1946.

PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Mayor Mauermann presiding.

Due to the fact the start of the meeting was delayed 30 minutes waiting for a quorum, the Mayor ordered the reading of the minutes deferred to the next meeting.

PETITIONS PRESENTED:

REFERRED to Commissioner of Fire and Police:

Jack Neal, Inc., for permission to make gasoline installation at 550 Ruiz St.

Texas Co., for permission to make gasoline installation at 825 Morales St.

Alfred Cchoa, and others, asking repair of arc light at corner of Nueces and El Paso Sts.

REFERRED to Commissioner of Streets:

Mrs. J. R. Ibarra, and others, asking for sewer line on W. Hidalgo to Calaveras Sts.

REFERRED to City Engineer:

Roy R. Campbell, for approval of two plats, vacating and subdividing two lots on West Mayfield Blvd.

REFERRED to Zoning Commission:

Raymond Edwards, on behalf of Ed Steves & Sons and Steves Bros., Inc., for zoning of Bel Meade Addition.

REFERRED to Committee of the Whole:

Ben F. Foster, making offer to purchase that portion of Lots 8 and 9, County Block 115, above the 728-foot contour line, in Olmos Basin.

Commissioner Callaghan introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 590

AN ORDINANCE (3060)

TRANSFERRING \$3,400 FROM BACK TAX GENERAL FUND AND \$1,800 FROM 1944 GENERAL FUND TO 1945 GENERAL FUND.

APPRO. NO. 591

AN ORDINANCE (3061)

APPROPRIATING \$101,834.69 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLLS.

APPRO. NO. 592

AN ORDINANCE (3062)

APPROPRIATING \$53,438.88 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY FOR MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND MISCELLANEOUS.

APPRO. NO. 593

AN ORDINANCE (3063)

APPROPRIATING \$51,825 OUT OF VARIOUS SINKING FUNDS TO PAY MARCH 1, 1946, INTEREST COUPON MATURITIES.

APPRO. NO. 594

AN ORDINANCE (3064)

APPROPRIATING \$25,012.47 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY NOTE NO. 45 AND ACCRUED INTEREST.

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APPRO. NO. 595 AN ORDINANCE (3065)
 APPROPRIATING \$1,822.97 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY, 1946.

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APPRO. NO. 596 AN ORDINANCE (3066)
 REPEALING AN ORDINANCE.

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APPRO. NO. 597 AN ORDINANCE (3067)
 APPROPRIATING \$1,125 OUT OF STREET OPENING & WIDENING FUND OF 1919 TO PAY H. R. HOHENBERGER FOR COMMISSION ON SALE OF LOT A-5, NCB 872.

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APPRO. NO. 598 AN ORDINANCE (3068)
 REPEALING AN ORDINANCE.

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APPRO. NO. 599 AN ORDINANCE (3069)
 APPROPRIATING \$113.25 TO STEWART TITLE GUARANTY CO. FOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE TO LOT A-5, N.C.B. 872.

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APPRO. NO. 600 AN ORDINANCE (3070)
 APPROPRIATING \$162.50 OUT OF INTER-AMERICAN HEALTH PROJECT NO. AIA2-5309 FOR PAYROLL.

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Commissioner Hein introduced the following ordinance, which was passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 601 AN ORDINANCE (3071)

APPROPRIATING \$338.40 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, RIVERS & DITCHES, PAYABLE TO E.E. HOOD FOR RENTAL OF TRACTOR SCRAPER & BULLDOZER.

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In each case on recommendation of the City Engineer and on motion of Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson (Commissioner Hein not voting on Hein's Subdivision, in which he was interested), the Council approved the following plats:

Plat of Hein's Subdivision No. 4, submitted by Henry F. Hein.

Plat of Jupe Subdivision, submitted by John H. Covington.

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Commissioner Steffler introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 602 AN ORDINANCE (3072)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF ANDERSON & WAITE TO CONSTRUCT SANITARY SEWER MAIN ON SOUTH WALTERS STREET NORTH OF HICKS AVENUE TO ALLEY SOUTH OF HICKS AVENUE AND ON ALLEY SOUTH OF HICKS AVENUE FROM SOUTH WALTERS STREET TO ADELE STREET; AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT; AND APPROPRIATING \$2800 IN PAYMENT FOR SAME.

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APPRO. NO. 603 AN ORDINANCE (3073)

APPROPRIATING \$1.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, SEWER MAINTENANCE DEPT., PAYABLE TO MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS RR CO. OF TEXAS FOR LEASE OF GROUND USED FOR SEWER LINE.

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In each case on recommendation and motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the Council granted the following petitions:

Bear Oil & Dist. Co., to make gasoline installation at 1903 Guadalupe St.

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Albert Kaak, to make gasoline installation at 5316 S. Flores St. for sunset Service.
Jack Neal, Inc., to make gasoline installation at 808 N. New Braunfels Ave.

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Commissioner Anderson introduced on first reading the following ordinance, which was ordered published on motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

AN ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY - *OAK CREST SUBDIVISION.

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Mayor Mauermann introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 604

AN ORDINANCE (3074)

APPROPRIATING \$38.10 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., PAYABLE TO DAN QUILL, POSTMASTER, FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.

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APPRO. NO. 605

AN ORDINANCE (3075)

APPROPRIATING \$331.35 OUT OF PARK REVENUE BOND 1945 FUND TO PAY VARIOUS MERCHANTS FOR SUPPLIES.

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AN ORDINANCE (3076)

ACCEPTING GENERAL AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1944.

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AN ORDINANCE (3077)

ASSIGNING LEASE OF MANUEL AGUILAR ON EAST MARKET STREET TO J.H. MORSE.

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A RESOLUTION (3078)

CALLING FOR BIDS FOR PAVING OF ISLAND AT SAN ANTONIO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

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Mayor Mauermann announced that Mr. Frank Huntress had notified him he was unable to accept the appointment to the Municipal Advertising Commission. The Mayor suggested Mr. W.W. McAllister be nominated in his stead. On motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler & Anderson, Callaghan, the Council appointed Mr. McAllister to the Advertising Commission and ordered the necessary ordinance drawn.

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Bids for the laying of a sewer in alley north of West Commerce St., west from 25th St., were opened and publicly read. On recommendation of the City Engineer and on motion of Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the Council accepted the bid of M. F. Fischer & Son as the low bid and ordered the ordinance drawn.

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On motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the meeting was recessed to 11:00 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, February 19, 1946.

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FEBRUARY 19, 1946

PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the Meeting of February 14, the Council reconvened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, February 19, 1946.

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PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Mayor Mauermann presiding.

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PETITIONS PRESENTED:

REFERRED to Commissioner of Fire and Police:

Jack Neal, Inc., two petitions, for gasoline installations at Somerset Rd. and Main St., and at Military Drive and Laredo Highway.

Miss Hazel Hunter for permission to build barbecue pit at 714 N. Zarzamora St.

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REFERRED to Commissioner of Taxation:

Crockett Street Christian Church, asking exemption from taxes on property at 1101 East Crockett Street.

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REFERRED TO Commissioner of Streets:

C. J. LeComte, et al, for sewer main on Tommins Ave.

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REFERRED to City Engineer:

V. R. Martinez, for approval of plats vacating and subdividing lots 7 and 8, NCB 2868.

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Mr. Richard Friedrich, President of the San Antonio Zoological Society, addressed the Council, outlining a plan for building an aquarium in the zoo. He asked that the City contribute \$10,000 toward this construction, which amount could be realized by withholding \$833.33 monthly from the City's share of the gate receipts, beginning in June, the first month of the 1946 fiscal year. He said the Society has \$20,000 in a separate fund, earmarked for this purpose, and guaranteed he could obtain donations to make up the remainder of the \$50,000 needed. With this amount, he said, an aquarium worth \$200,000 could be built. He said the State had already agreed to stock the aquarium free when it is completed. He said the aquarium would bring a large increase in attendance at the zoo, and added that it has been predicted 1946 and 1947 will bring the zoo its greatest popularity, thereby increasing the gate receipts to such an extent the \$833.33 withheld each month will not be missed by the City. Mr. Friedrich stated the materials and labor needed to build the aquarium are available, and veterans will be given preference in employment on the project. Asking an immediate affirmative vote by the Council, he asserted work on the aquarium could begin immediately, and added that, when complete, it would make the San Antonio zoo the best in America.

Commissioner Anderson objected that the matter ought to be given further study by the Committee of the Whole. He said it was equivalent to granting a \$10,000 budget increase to the zoo, and, while he was "for the aquarium as much as any man in this room", he thought this a "very unique way to write a budget", and a "fundamental mistake in financing the City".

Commissioner Steffler agreed that it might be better discussed by the Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Mauermann and Commissioners Hein and Callaghan favored taking action.

In reply to a question from the Mayor, Mr. Friedrich pledged that if the Council agreed to put up the \$10,000, the aquarium would be built and stocked completely.

Commissioner Hein moved that the Council accept the proposition. After a second by Commissioner Callaghan, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann,

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Callaghan, Hein and Steffler; Nay, Anderson.

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Commissioner Callaghan introduced the following ordinances, which were passed & approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 606

AN ORDINANCE (3079)

APPROPRIATING \$24,462.95 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR PER DIEM PAYROLLS.

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APPRO. NO. 607

AN ORDINANCE (3080)

APPROPRIATING \$25,017.26 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY NOTE NO. 46 AND ACCRUED INTEREST.

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APPRO. NO. 608

AN ORDINANCE (3081)

APPROPRIATING \$508 OUT OF PARK REVENUE BOND 1945 FUND FOR PAYROLL.

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APPRO. NO. 609

AN ORDINANCE (3082)

APPROPRIATING \$720.39 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, VARICUS DEPTS., FOR INDEPENDENT HIRE OF TEAMS AND TRUCKS.

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Commissioner Hein introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 610

AN ORDINANCE (3083)

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFER OF THE 1945 GENERAL FUND.

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APPRO. NO. 611

AN ORDINANCE (3084)

APPROPRIATING \$500 IN PAYMENT TO CLARA CROUCH FOR DAMAGES.

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A RESOLUTION (3085)

CALLING FOR BIDS TO REPAIR AND REPLACE ROOF ON CHURCH BUILDING AT 508 VILLITA STREET.

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On recommendation and motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the Council granted the petition of Gulf Oil Corp. for permission to make gasoline installation at 424 N. Zarzamora St.

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Commissioner Anderson introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 612

AN ORDINANCE (3086)

APPROPRIATING \$456.93 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY CITY'S SHARE OF GROUP INSURANCE FOR FEBRUARY, 1946, COVERING EMPLOYEES IN THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

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APPRO. NO. 613

AN ORDINANCE (3087)

APPROPRIATING \$5 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, REFUND DEPT., PAYABLE TO GOLDEN WEST LUBRICATING CO.

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Mayor Mauermann introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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APPRO. NO. 614

AN ORDINANCE (3088)

APPROPRIATING \$1.70 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, BACK TAX ATTORNEY, PAYABLE TO A. J. KNAGGS, SHERIFF OF DIMMITT COUNTY, FOR SERVING CITATION.

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APPRO. NO. 615

AN ORDINANCE (3089)

APPROPRIATING \$10 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, REFUND DEPT., PAYABLE TO JOHN HENRY EILER.

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AN ORDINANCE (3090)

APPOINTING WALTER W. McALLISTER TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE MUNICIPAL ADVERTISING COMMISSION.

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Commissioner Anderson suggested the City call a bond issue election to submit propositions for an up-to-date fire alarm system and traffic signal system, which, he said, were defeated by "only 30 or 40 votes" in the September Bond Election.

Mayor Mauermann said he thought the election should be called and propositions also submitted for sanitary and storm sewers.

Commissioner Steffler said he was heartily in accord and asked that a proposition for street markers in the annexed areas also be submitted in this election.

Commissioner Callaghan said he knew of improvements more vitally needed than those mentioned. He said he needed more office space for his department, and that the outfall sewer was in bad condition and should be taken care of before new sewers are laid. He said it was his idea that new areas of the City should organize their own improvement districts to get sewers, as had been done in older sections of the City. He said materials were not available and several bond issues had already been defeated. He said bringing more highways into the City would just cause traffic jams, and argued that the \$100,000 appropriated for municipal advertising might better have been spent on sewers, as there is no need to "bring more people here".

Mayor Mauermann was joined by Commissioner Steffler in replying that all necessary labor and materials for sewer work is available and people need employment, which the bond issue would supply. Commissioner Steffler said he had been in office 22 years and did not remember any improvement districts organized to lay sewers. The Mayor said San Antonio would have a hard time keeping the \$6,500,000 allocated for the Inter-Regional Highway "if we don't do something." He said something should be done to bring people here and keep them here and that he wanted to state publicly he was for a bond issue election.

Commissioner Anderson objected to the statement that "several" bond issues had been defeated. He said he was going to get out and carry the next bond issue and use the same tactics the opposition did in defeating part of the September bond issue.

Commissioner Hein stated a bond issue was the only way to get the money needed to finance urgently needed improvements in the traffic signal system, sewers and the sewage disposal plant.

Mayor Mauermann called a meeting of the Committee of the Whole for 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, in Commissioner Steffler's office, to plan the proposed bond issue election.

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On motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the meeting adjourned Tuesday, February 19, 1946.

APPROVED:

ATTEST: *Frank Bealy*
City Clerk

George Mauermann
MAYOR

(Full text of all ordinances passed, Feb. 14 and 19, Ord. Bk. "N", pps. 307 thru 319.)

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