

MARCH 1, 1945

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, MARCH 1, 1945.

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

The Clerk read the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, together with those of the Recessed Meeting of February 27, which minutes were approved as read, on motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

The petition of Mrs. Robert McRae, et al, protesting the keeping of cows by Robert E. Lucas at 141 Lorraine Street was presented and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police.

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. 575

AN ORDINANCE (1855)

APPROPRIATING \$1,230.75 OUT OF 1944 GENERAL FUND FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL.

(Full text in Ordinance Book "M", page 331.)

APPRO. NO. 576

AN ORDINANCE (1856)

APPROPRIATING \$250.00 OUT OF 1944 GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL COUNSEL DEPT., PAYABLE TO BREWER, MATTHEWS, NOWLIN & MACFARLANE, ATTORNEYS FOR ALAMO NATIONAL BANK, FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 1944 FISCAL YEAR DEPOSITORY CONTRACT.

(Full text in Ordinance Book "M", page 331.)

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

AN ORDINANCE (1857)

CALLING FOR BIDS FOR LEVELLING OF BASE AND PAVING TENNIS COURT IN PARK AT MENCHACA AND 18TH STREET.

(Full text in Ordinance Book "M", page 332.)

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. 577

AN ORDINANCE (1858)

APPROPRIATING \$65.00 OUT OF STREET EXCAVATION TRUST ACCOUNT FOR REFUNDS AND REPAIRS.

(Full text in Ordinance Book "M", page 333.)

APPRO. NO. 578

AN ORDINANCE (1859)

APPROPRIATING \$50.00 TO PAY CARMEN BUSTAMANTE FOR DAMAGES BY STREET DEPARTMENT TRUCK.

(Full text in Ordinance Book "M", page 333.)

AN ORDINANCE (1860).

CLOSING PART OF SOUTH COMAL STREET AND MAKING A QUIT CLAIM TO VICTOR PRASSEL.

(Full text in Ordinance Book "M", page 333.)

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AN ORDINANCE (1861)

ACCEPTING ALTERNATE BID OF A. V. KNIGHT FOR BRICK.

(Full text in Ordinance Book "M", page 334.)

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On motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried on roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the Council refused the petition of Hollis B. Williams for permission to keep two horses at 1638 Pasadena Street.

The following petitions were granted, in each case on motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson:

Petition of Harold E. Taylor to keep horses at 206 Sherwood Drive.

Petition of Carlos Soliz for permission to build barbecue pit at 613 Austin Street.

Petition of George E. Brombaugh for permission to install gasoline storage tank and equipment at 710 West Theo Avenue.

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Commissioner Anderson called attention to the meeting of the nations of North and South America being held in Mexico City and to the forthcoming diplomatic meeting of the United Nations, to be held in San Francisco. He pointed out that the City Council had passed a "Good Neighbor Ordinance" several years ago. In view of these matters, he moved that the City Council instruct the City Attorney to draw a resolution endorsing the Good Neighbor Policy of the Texas Legislature and directing that a copy of the "Good Neighbor Ordinance" of the City of San Antonio be sent members of the Texas Legislature from Bexar County. Following a second by Commissioner Steffler, the motion was carried on roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, and the resolution ordered drawn. *

*(Full text of this Resolution on Page 324 of this Volume.)

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

AN ORDINANCE (1862).

MAKING A LEASE WITH JESSE MARTINEZ.

(Full text in Ordinance Book "M", page 334.)

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The following Resolution, submitted to City Council by the Breakfast Club of San Antonio, was read to the Council by Mr. F. Walter Gutzeit, President of the Breakfast Club:

RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved as follows by the Breakfast Club of San Antonio, Texas, composed of a representative group of the business and professional men of this city:

FIRST: That we commend the Chamber of Commerce and Post War Planning Board for their efforts and plans for a bigger and better San Antonio after the war has ended and we have returned to the pursuits of peace.

SECOND: That we respectfully request and urge the City of San Antonio to restore at once its tax levy for city advertisement purposes as authorized by the Amended Charter of the City, and that at the earliest possible moment its program of advertising in other areas, states and countries be resumed. In this way alone may its rightful place in the minds, hearts and plans of the travelling public be preserved. In this way alone, can we offset the present program of other cities now engaged in active, extensive and expensive propaganda seeking to

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attract to themselves people who otherwise would be attracted to and through San Antonio. To neglect our duty in this respect, or even postpone it longer would be tragic.

THIRD: That we urge the City Officials to capitalize at once upon the golden opportunity for national and international advertising and good will through the soldiers who from time to time are stationed here, by having an ample supply of the pamphlet "See San Antonio" printed, and by maintaining a booth or room at the Municipal Auditorium where soldiers and other persons in the armed forces, may obtain free of cost to them, as many copies as they may desire to mail to their families and friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Resolutions Committee

s/ M. A. Childers
Chairman

Dated:

Feb. 22, 1945.

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On motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the above resolution was referred to the Council sitting as a Committee of the Whole.

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On motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the meeting adjourned Thursday, March 1, 1945.

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APPROVED:

Gust M. Mauermann

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ATTEST:

Frank Brady
City Clerk

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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A COPY OF THE GOOD NEIGHBOR ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO MEMBERS OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE, FROM BEXAR COUNTY.

1. WHEREAS, Lieutenant General George Grunert, United States Army, in a recent speech delivered here in San Antonio said, "Today thousands of American citizens of Mexican origin are, as members of the armed forces of the United States, courageously fighting the common enemy on most of the battlefronts of the world. Great numbers of these gallant Mexican fighting men have been reported on our casualty lists. Hundreds have made the supreme sacrifice, giving their lives for us and for democracy;" and

2. WHEREAS, The City of San Antonio and the State of Texas are historically linked with the Republic of Mexico, and a large percentage of our inhabitants are American citizens of Mexican birth or ancestry; and

3. WHEREAS, a very friendly and co-operative relationship now exists between the peoples of the United States and Mexico, and between the public officials of the two countries, and particularly between the peoples and public officials of the City of San Antonio and of the State of Texas under Governor Coke Stevenson and those of our neighbor Republic, and it is earnestly desired that such relationship should continue; and

4. WHEREAS, it has been the policy of the Legislature of the State of Texas from time to time to strengthen inter-American friendship in various and sundry ways; THEREFORE:-

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

5. That the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of San Antonio endorse and approve the Good Neighbor Policy which has been initiated by the Legislature of the State of Texas and that the City Clerk of the City of San Antonio be directed to send a certified copy of the Good Neighbor Ordinance, No. 649, of the City of San Antonio, to Senator J. Franklin Spears in order that he may have a full knowledge and support of said City Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:-

6. That this Resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Council and that true copies thereof be made and certified by the City Clerk to be sent to each member of the Legislature representing Bexar County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of March, A. D. 1945.

s/ Gus B. Mauermann
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ATTEST:

s/ Frank W. Brady
Frank W. Brady
City Clerk

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