

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1963; 8:30 A.M.

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The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, DE LA GARZA, JONES, KAUFMAN, COCKRELL, PADILLA, PARKER and BREMER.

The invocation was given by Dr. Lowell O. Ryan, Minister, Woodlawn Methodist Church.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Mr. William Sinkin, President of the Executive Committee of Hemisfair, Inc., introduced Mr. John Daniels, Secretary, Mr. James Gaines, Vice President, and Dr. Gonzalez, also members of the Committee. Mr. Sinkin gave the following report:

Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the San Antonio Fair, Inc., we are here to report to you that our underwriting goal of \$6,000,000 was passed in a record-smashing three-and-a-half months, due to the inspiring efforts of our underwriting committee, headed by chairman Marshall T. Steves, Paul Howell, Dan Rheiner and others, who did a magnificent job in stimulating community private-business support for the Hemisfair. We intend to continue our underwriting campaign until the day the fair opens.

Recognizing that we have achieved our first goal, that of putting a solid financial foundation on this dynamic project, we now come to our second vital step, the need to call a bond issue in order to assure up to 8.5 million visitors, attending the Hemisfair in 1968, that they will have the necessary requisites for their convenience, well being and entertainment as well as to develop for San Antonio permanent assets after the Hemisfair is over.

Specifically, we ask the City Council to call a bond issue for a convention center, for necessary urban renewal funds for site acquisition, for the River Bend project, for expansion of LaVillita, and for Mission Road, together with any other permanent improvements necessary to insure San Antonio's ability to make the Hemisfair literally the "Showcase of the Americas" in 1968.

We sincerely request the City Council to give this matter its earliest consideration.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Sinkin and stated that in answer to his request the Council, some months ago, asked the City Staff to make a study of a list of capital improvements needed over the next five years. Considerable study has been given to the amount of bond issue involved and selection of improvement priority. In a very short time the Council will be able to submit a bond issue to the citizens that will be very pleasing in so far as cost is concerned. The Mayor said the tax rate in 1960 was \$2.00 per hundred, and that this was lowered considerably by the Council for 1961. He stated that the tax rate will not be higher than it was in the past.

The following ordinances were explained by members of the Administrative Staff, and on motion made and seconded were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Jones, Kaufman, Cockrell, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Gatti.

AN ORDINANCE 31,830

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF EUREKA FIRE HOSE TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH CERTAIN FIRE HOSE FOR A TOTAL OF \$7,830.00.

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## AN ORDINANCE 31,831

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF EASTERN SEED COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PARKS DEPARTMENT WITH CERTAIN ITALIAN RYE GRASS SEED FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,248.00.

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## AN ORDINANCE 31,832

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF CATTO & PUTTY, INC., AND WATSON DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, INC., TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PARKS DEPARTMENT WITH CERTAIN MOWING EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,597.55.

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## AN ORDINANCE 31,833

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF FORGY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE COMPLETE DEMOLITION OF CERTAIN PARCELS LOCATED IN SAN ANTONIO URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY'S CENTRAL WEST AREA, PROJECT I, TEX. R-39, FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$10,523.00.

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City Manager Jack Shelley called on Mr. Al Tripp, Purchasing Agent, to explain the status of the proposed Sky-Ride at Brackenridge Park. Mr. Tripp stated one proposal and one protest letter (marked proposal) were received and opened by the City Clerk. He also had received an additional letter of protest from Mr. G. L. Smith. The Aerial Transportation Company submitted the following proposal in addition to meeting the mechanical specifications of the City. They proposed to pay the City 10% on the first \$150,000 in revenue and 20% over \$150,000, and a minimum yearly guarantee of \$5,000 in return for a 15 year contract. The Mayor asked Mr. Tripp to review the proposed operation. The Purchasing Agent stated roundtrip rides would cost 50¢ per person; the ride was 1,200 feet one way and there would be two stations; one near the entrance of the Zoo and one near the river walk bridge; the ride carries 4 seat gondolas. In answer to Mrs. Cockrell's question on liability insurance, he explained that the requirements of the City of \$50,000 per person, \$1,000,000 per accident and \$50,000 property damage has been accepted.

Mr. G. L. Smith, operator of the Brackenridge Eagle, stated his letter of protest was submitted because not enough time had been allowed from date of publication to the opening of the proposal, however, if the Council felt it should go ahead and accept the bid, he would not pursue the matter further, and would withdraw his protest.

Mr. Tripp stated Mr. Smith, Mr. Holt and the Aerial Transportation Company, Inc., all had been notified Wednesday afternoon by his office that this proposal was being presented to the Council today.

Assistant City Manager Gerald Henckel explained this had been under discussion 90 days and had received newspaper publicity on several occasions, and due to the length of time required to receive the equipment, the only manufacturer being located in Switzerland, he felt that the time of publication was sufficient. Mr. de la Garza questioned how the bid could be

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protected if the award was not made at this time.

After further discussion, the Council decided to take the matter under advisement.

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Mr. Sam Granata, Director of Public Works, briefed the Council on the following ordinance, and on motion of Mr. de la Garza, seconded by Mr. Jones, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Jones, Cockrell, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 31,834

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF MEADER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR THE FRESNO DRIVE-OLMOS DRIVE PAVING PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SUCH WORK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$345,703.73 OUT OF NO. 479-10, STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 1957, PAYABLE TO MEADER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR THIS WORK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$10,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT ON SUCH PROJECT; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,000.00 OUT OF SAID FUND TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT OF SUCH PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROJECT.

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At 9:00 A.M. the Mayor opened the hearing on the alternate solutions to the alley problem at the rear of the 100 block of Andricks Drive.

Mr. C. A. Shipp, the original petitioner to close the alley, made the following statement:

My name is C. A. Shipp. I live at 123 Andricks Drive. I am one of the property owners whose property abutts the easement between Archimedes and Eureka, at the rear of 100 Andricks. I have the consent of my neighbors, who have property abutting this easement, to speak on their behalf and present our coordinated proposition to resolve the problem now under study. I would like to clear one point prior to presenting the proposition that appears murky in the verbiage of alternate Number 3, submitted to the property owners by the City. In this alternate, reference is made to the "29.6 foot width portion of the alley." This piece of property is plotted on the City drawings as Purity Drive. The alley actually begins behind Lot 7 of Block 10497, and extends to Eureka, I think you should know this in weighing our proposition. Also, we understand the proposition I am about to present will require the pick-up of refuse at the front of our houses, and we have no objection to this. Our proposition is to barricade the alley behind Lot 7 of Block 10497, provide curbed driveway approaches at the Archimedes and Eureka entrances and provide "Dead End" warning signs on Eureka--all at the City's expense. Additionally, provide a gate at the Eureka entrance at my expense. The barricade and gate to be so situated as to provide a pedestrian and bicycle thoroughfare as school children use this alley daily. Do not provide a cul-de-sac at the Eureka entrance as doing so would involve moving fences and utility poles, plus being very expensive. We respectfully submit this proposition for your approval. We consider it fair, just and the most workable in recolving our problem. I am prepared to discuss the pros and cons of the other 7 alternates the City proposed, if you so desire. Thank you.

The Mayor asked if anyone present objected to the proposal submitted by Mr. Shipp. No one asked to speak against the proposed solution.

After further discussion of the problem, the City Manager was instructed to prepare the necessary ordinance to close the alley to through traffic in line with Mr. Shipp's proposal.

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The following ordinance was explained by the Public Works Director, and on motion made by Mr. de la Garza, seconded by Dr. Parker, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Jones, Cockrell, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Kaufman.

AN ORDINANCE 31,835

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF WILLIAM N. ALLEN & C. MONTGOMERY, CO-VENTURERS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,273,962.00, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEGMENT "D", LEON CREEK OUTFALL SEWER LINE;

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AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SUCH WORK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,273,962.00 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE FUND NO. 204-02, PAYABLE TO WILLIAM N. ALLEN & C. MONTGOMERY, CO-VENTURERS FOR THIS WORK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$25,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT ON THIS PROJECT; AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$50,000.00, PAYABLE TO FRANK T. DROUGHT, OUT OF THE SAME FUND, TO COVER HIS FEE FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RENDERED ON THIS PROJECT.

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The following ordinance was explained by the Director of Public Works, and on motion of Mr. Gatti, seconded by Mr. de la Garza, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Jones, Cockrell, Gatti, Padilla, and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINED: Parker; ABSENT: Kaufman.

AN ORDINANCE 31,836

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF JOE M. REDINGER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT AT BRACKENRIDGE PARK; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SUCH WORK; AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$24,201.20 OUT OF GENERAL FUND SPECIAL ACCOUNT NO. 11-07-01, CODE 5-12, TO JOE M. REDINGER, FOR THIS WORK; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$1,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME ACCOUNT TO BE USED AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT ON SUCH PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$300.00 OUT OF SAID ACCOUNT TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT ON SUCH PROJECT.

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Members of the Administrative Staff briefed the Council on the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Jones, Cockrell, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Kaufman.

AN ORDINANCE 31,837

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$683.40 OUT OF SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT NO. 11-03-17 TO ATLEE B. & ROBERT M. AYRES, ARCHITECTS, FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM REPAIR PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,838

MANIFESTING THE EXTENSION OF A LEASE OF SPACE IN HANGAR 3 AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO RAILWAY EXPRESS AGENCY, INC.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,839

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF AVIATION TO ISSUE MARIACHI LICENSES AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; MAKING SUCH LICENSES ISSUABLE AT NO COST; MAKING SUCH LICENSES TERMINABLE AT THE WILL OF EITHER PARTY, AND RESTRICTING THE USE OF THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO PROPERLY LICENSED MARIACHIS.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,840

AUTHORIZING CITY WATER BOARD TO CONTRACT FOR THE PLUGGING OF SEVEN WELLS AT INTER-

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NATIONAL AIRPORT AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$2,600.00 OUT OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REVENUE FUND ACCOUNT 12-02-05 IN PAYMENT THEREFOR.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,841

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO CREST CONVERSIONS, INC.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,842

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$64,906.00 OUT OF CERTAIN FUNDS FOR ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR U. S. 90 WEST PROJECT, STORM DRAINAGE #58 PROJECT AND KELLY ACCESS ROAD PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,843

CHANGING THE NAMES OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF TERRON ROAD AND JULIA HELEN DRIVE.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,844

DIRECTING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, CONSISTING OF 71 VEHICLES, IN POSSESSION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOT OWNED OR CLAIMED BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,845

DIRECTING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, CONSISTING OF 328 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, IN THE POSSESSION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOT OWNED OR CLAIMED BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,846

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ROBERT BRINKERHOFF FOR THE OPERATION OF ELECTRICAL GOLF CARTS AT BRACKENRIDGE GOLF COURSE FOR A THIRTY DAY PERIOD.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,847

DECLARING A CERTAIN PARCEL OF PROPERTY AND EASEMENT TO BE SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE WATERWORKS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND REQUESTING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO CONVEY SUCH PROPERTY TO THE SAN ANTONIO MEDICAL FOUNDATION IN EXCHANGE FOR A LIKE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY SAID SAN ANTONIO MEDICAL FOUNDATION.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,848

MAKING AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH NOONAN & KROCKER & PHELPS & SIMMONS & ASSOCIATES, ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS, TO PERFORM ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES, PRESENTATIONS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR A PROPOSED CONVENTION CENTER FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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Mayor McAllister instructed Mr. Cawdel, Chief of Field Operations Region 5, for Civil Defense, with headquarters in Denton, Texas.

Mr. Cawdel stated the Defense Department, Civil Defense Section, after long study, arrived at the conclusion that fallout shelters system had the greatest potential of saving lives in case of nuclear war at the lowest possible cost. San Antonio has over 212 building owners who have agreed to use their buildings for fallout shelters with a potential of 217,000 spaces. 180,000 have been stocked. 132 buildings will be stocked by this weekend and 60,000 spaces supplied with water. This has been possible through the fine cooperation of the City Manager and others. Mr. Cawdel presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Martin Eser for his outstanding service and leadership as San Antonio Civil Defense Coordinator.

The Mayor congratulated Mr. Eser for a fine job accomplished.

At 10:00 A.M. the Mayor opened the scheduled hearing on the application of E. E. Francis for a permit to build and operate a dead room, or mortuary, in connection with a funeral home at the N. E. corner of E. Houston and Rosary Streets.

Mr. Francis stated he operates a funeral home in Seguin, Texas, and wanted to build a funeral home on Lot 34, NCB 6907 which he owns. He also owns Lots 32 and 33, which would give him 100 ft. frontage on E. Houston Street. As to parking, he explained that 30 off-street parking places would be provided and there were a total of 75 spaces in the surrounding area.

Mr. Charles H. McClinton, 2843 W. Houston, and Mr. Lucas Salazar, 946 Gulf Street, stated while they did not object to the funeral home, were concerned about the parking problem that would be created.

City Manager Shelley reported that in accordance with Code provision, the Director of Public Health had approved this location and the property was properly zoned; however the question of parking should be resolved before the permit is granted.

After further discussion, the Council reserved final decision on the request until an adequate parking plan is assured.

Mr. Maury Maverick asked the Council that it go on record in favor of the repeal of the poll tax. After discussion of the request, Mr. Padilla made a motion in "that the Council favors abolition of the poll tax." Seconded by Mr. Gatti, the motion carried by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Jones, Cockrell, Gatti, Padilla and Bremer; NAYS: Parker; ABSENT: Kaufman.

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Mr. Craig Kennedy, District Governor of the National Exchange Clubs of Texas, invited the Council to attend the Forth Annual Firemen's Awards dinner next Tuesday night at the Highlands High School. He stated the Council will be represented by Dr. Parker and Mr. Jones. Mr. Gatti will introduce the Lieutenant Governor of Texas, Mr. Preston Smith. Mr. Kennedy stated this was a very important occasion and it is the opportunity for the citizens of San Antonio to express their appreciation to the firemen.

Mr. Bill Levine, read a statement recommending higher pay for policemen and a change in policy concerning wearing of uniforms; liability for accidents; pay for court duty on off-days; and penalties for reporting to work late. (Complete statement filed with original minutes of meeting.)

While the Mayor agreed that turn-over in policemen was an important factor, he disagreed with Mr. Levine that the size of the police force governed the quality of police department. Also, pay was not the only factor, as policemen have many fringe benefits. He said he was not familiar with allegations made that the officers were liable for the repair of police cars involved in accidents, nor about their getting only one hour pay for serving as a witness on their off-day. He said the Council would consider the request.

Mr. Eddie Montez, President of the Edgewood Independent School District, requested permission to speak and also asked the Council to hear Mrs. Lucille Santos, Principal of Cenizo Park Elementary School, who was present with a group of citizens. Mr. Montez stated a traffic light should be placed at the intersection of Highway 90 and 34th Street. This intersection was the scene of an accident last week when a school bus collided with a station wagon. He mentioned that this request had been made several times and each time the Traffic Department turned it down.

Mrs. Santos complained of the numerous streets being closed in the school area causing a major traffic problem on Arbor Place, the location of the school. Mrs. Santos gave copies of a plat to the Council members showing the number of streets closed and those that will be closed due to the Storm Drainage Project under way in this area. He asked the Council to permit bridges to be erected over the drainage area at two key locations; Arbor and Blueridge Streets.

The requests of Mr. Montez and Mrs. Santos were taken under consideration.

Mrs. Mearl Hansler, 252 Archimedes, stated she could not be present at 9:00 A.M. for the hearing concerning the closing of the alley to the rear of the 100 block of Andricks. She objected to the closing of the alley because she would get all the traffic from cars turning around at the dead end alley and on Archimedes.

Also protesting was Mrs. Benigno Silva, Jr., 135 Andricks, as she used the alley and did not want the garbage picked up from the front yard.

After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti, explained the Council action taken and informed her it would be on a trial basis. He thanked both women for expressing their position on the matter.

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After a brief recess, the meeting reconvened.

Mayor McAllister announced that the Council has considered the matter of the Skyride in Brackenridge Park, and that due to the short notice given, the Council felt the proposals should be called for again and 90 days notice be given.

Mr. Red McCombs, representing Aerial Transportation Company, objected to this action as it would definitely put his company at a disadvantage. He explained the equipment bid was specified by the City due to safety features. Mr. Randall Clay, President of the firm, explained that he was able to put a bid together in the time allowed, and anyone serious about bidding could have done the same thing. Also speaking against readvertising was Mr. Austin Hemphill.

After further discussion, the Mayor appointed Councilmen Gatti and Parker as a Committee to study the question of the Skyride and report back to the Council.

Mayor McAllister stated that, the Council, in view of San Antonio's need for a number of Capital Improvements, is of the opinion that it should appoint an Initial Capital Improvements Study Committee to study the capital improvements program that the City Manager has prepared. He then announced appointments to this initial committee as follows: Mr. Edward Sullivan, Mr. Ralph Langley, Mr Morris Kallison, Mr. G. S. McCreless, Mr. Walter Gunstream, Mr. Joe Olivares, Mr. M. B. Killian, Mrs. Wm. B. Lecznar, Dr. Max Johnson, Mr. Perry Gragg, Mr. Everett Jennings and Mr. Frank G. Huntress.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned.

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