

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH, A.D. 1917. 4 P.M.

PRESENT: Clinton G. Brown, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

----MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS----

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police: Busy Bee Candy Co., for permit to erect electric sign at 230 E. Houston Street. Citizens, for arc lamp at North Flores and Weymouth Street.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements:

Property owners calling attention to condition of San Jacinto and Delgado Streets.

C. A. Davies, relating to the opening of Bandera Avenue into Woodlawn Avenue.

Grace Lutheran Sanitorium, for sanitary sewer.

W.A. Baity, for permit to lay private sewer.

A. B. Mohnahan, for permit to build private sewer.

An application of Western Union Tel. Co. (with plats attached) for permission to construct certain underground conduits in and adjacent to West Houston Street was read and referred to City Engineer for investigation and report.

Petition for watermains in the district bounded by Walnut Street, Cherry Street, Indiana Street and Cash Alley, was read and referred to Commissioner of Sanitation, Parks and Public Property.

Petition of Alberto Garza, for permit to open meat market, was read and referred to the Board of Health.

Petition of David Stenernagel, for permit to erect slaughter house was granted, subject to conditions endorsed hereon by the Board of Health.

Commissioner Kearny made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

That petition of J.C. Herren, requesting replacement of sidewalk in front of his property be not granted as by so doing the connection between Hays Street and the East end of the viaduct and Cherry Street, under the viaduct would be destroyed by the inconvenience of the public in general.

The petition of the San Antonio Traction Company requesting permit to construct track on Hackberry Street, from Aransas Street to Rigsby Avenue, and on Rigsby Avenue from Hackberry Street to Olive Street, and to remove the track on Olive Street and Avant Street, was granted on motion of Commissioner Kearny, duly seconded and carried.

Reporting on the proposition of Geo W. Huntress, attorney for the estate of Josefa Gonzales offering to deed certain property (C.B. 135) to City, Commissioner Kearny recommended that the proposition be accepted, and on receipt of deed to the property by the City, that the curb and sidewalk be constructed at the expense of the City. Adopted.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.

No. 248. **MB-382** AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$1,618.98 to pay Findley Method Co.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Sixteen Hundred and Eighteen and 98/100 (\$1,618.98) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1916 General Fund to pay Finley Method Company for maintenance of roadways in Brackenridge Park, according to contract.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.

No. 249 **-383** AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$2,064.12 to pay Colglazier Const. Co.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Two Thousand and Sixty Four and 12/100 (\$2,064.12) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1916 General Fund to pay Colglazier Construction Co. for maintenance of roadways in Brackenridge Park, according to contract.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinances, which were read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert and Kearny. Nay, Uhr.

MB-384

An ordinance granting permit to Pedro Amparman to operate Car No. 11765 in Local Street Transportation.

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An ordinance granting permit to Marshall Stanteen to operate Car No. 11631 in Local Street Transportation.

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An ordinance granting permit to Matt Falby to operate Car No. 10421 in Local Street Transportation.

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An ordinance granting permit to A. Garnier to operate Car No. 11961 in Local Street Transportation.

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An ordinance granting permit to A.A.Stow to operate Car No. 11966 in Local Street Transportation.

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An ordinance granting permit to E.K.Taylor to operate Car No. 11862 in Local Street Transportation.

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An ordinance granting permit to Amin Karam to operate Car No. 11341 in Local Street Transportation.

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An ordinance granting permit to H.D.Hierholzer to operate Car No. 2294 in Local Street Transportation.

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An ordinance granting permit to G.S.Fulger to operate Car No. 8146 in Local Street Transportation.

Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.

No. 250

AB-373 AN ORDINANCE

Providing for the payment of certain old bonds of the City.

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

WHEREAS bonds of said City are outstanding as follows:

ISSUED	PURPOSES	TOTAL AMOUNT	WHEN PAID
Aug. 1, 1887	Public Impts. &c	150,000.00	Feb. 1, 1917
July 1, 1889	Public Impts.	50,000.00	Jan. 1, 1917
July 1, 1889	Street Impts.	225,000.00	Jan. 1, 1917
July 1, 1889	Sidewalk Impts.	10,000.00	Jan. 1, 1917
Sept. 15, 1890	Constr. Bridges	100,000.00	Mar. 15, 1917
Sept. 15, 1890	Property Condemned	75,000.00	Mar. 15, 1917
Sept. 15, 1890	Street Impts.	50,000.00	Mar. 15, 1917
Sept. 15, 1890	Sidewalk Impts.	10,000.00	Sept. 15, 1917
Sept. 15, 1890	School Bldgs	41,000.00	Sept. 15, 1917
Sept. 15, 1890	Elec. Fire Alarm.	12,000.00	Mar. 15, 1917

The foregoing being all of said bonds being payable in thirty years (30) and redeemable at the option of said City after twenty (20) years; and being all in denominations of One Thousand Dollars each and bearing five (5) per cent interest, excepting Public Improvements Issue of 1889 which are for Five Hundred Dollars each and bear six (6) per cent interest; and Whereas said City has called said bonds for final payment, redemption and retirement; and such payments to be made without prejudice to other bonds secured by said General Sinking Fund, which will be amply provided for with only a small and lawful increase (one cent) in the tax levy for said General Sinking Fund for fiscal years 1916 to 1919 inclusive, and thereafter a material reduction in such levy; wherefore this ordinance is passed for the purpose of making provision for the final payment, redemption and retirement of said called bonds; Now Therefore,

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ORDAINED,

Section One. That the sum of One Hundred and fifty five thousand two hundred and fifty Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated from the General Sinking Fund of this City for the purpose of redeeming and retiring said issues of bonds dated August 1st, 1887, and called for payment as aforesaid, to-wit

Issued	Purpose	Total Amount	To be paid.
August 1, 1887	Public Impts.	150,000.00	Feb. 1, 1917

and that City warrants shall issue against said General Sinking Fund payable to the Alamo National Bank of San Antonio, Texas, the City Depository having all or a part of said General Sinking Fund; and that the City Treasurer and said Alamo National Bank be and they are hereby directed to cause all necessary exchange to issue or transfers of the funds to be made, so that said bonds together with all interest thereon to Feb. 1, 1917, may be finally paid and redeemed on presentation to the National Bank of Commerce of New York City on or after Feb. 1st, 1917, all as provided by law and the terms of said called bonds and the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners calling same for redemption and retirement.

Section Two. That for the purpose of producing additional ready money necessary for further appropriations and payments of all of said bonds called as aforesaid, it is hereby ordered that all bonds now held as an investment by said General Sinking Fund,

other than the bonds constituting a part of the issues called as aforesaid, shall be sold and transferred as an investment to the several sinking Funds of the respective improvements districts of this City, for par and accrued interest, and transfers thereof shall be entered on the books of the City Treasurer and City Auditor, and such transfers shall be ~~entered on the books of the City~~ by them reported to this Board in writing subject to approval by ordinance so as to make such transfers a matter of record; and that the proceeds of all bonds so sold shall be placed to the credit of said General Sinking Fund and that further appropriations and all necessary transfers of funds shall be made, all as provided by law and the terms of said called bonds and the ordinance calling the same for redemption, so that the remainder of said called bonds, both principal and interest, shall be finally paid at the time and place fixed therefor; and that all of said old bonds so paid shall be by such payment finally redeemed and wholly retired as obligations of this City; provided however that no rights or equities of the holders of any other bonds of said City secured by said General Sinking Fund, and not so called, shall be in any manner prejudiced, but said City shall be and remain pledged and liable in accordance with its lawful obligations, to make payment of all the remaining bonds entitled to share in said fund, and any assets or credits belonging thereto, and to make levies of ad valorem taxes for said General Sinking Fund, or other and special sinking Funds to be provided therefor, so that the aggregate amount to be produced by such levies shall be sufficient to pay when due the interest on all such outstanding bonds, together with the principal of such bonds at or before the final maturity thereof; and provided further that the Mayor shall prescribe such safeguards as he may deem necessary to make sure that the bonds so to be paid are the bonds originally issued by the City.

Petition of Slimp Oil Company, for permit to install gasoline pump, was read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police.

Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.

No. 251 **MB-394** AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$194.00 to pay Alamo National Bank.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of One Hundred and Ninety Four (\$194.00) Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1916 General Fund to pay the Alamo National Bank for transmitting \$155,250.00 to New York to be used for the redemption of an issue of \$150,000.00 Public Improvement Bonds on February 1, 1917.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance, which ~~was~~ was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert and Kearny. Commissioner Uhr requested to be excused from voting, when under the rules the Mayor ordered his vote to be registered as "nay".

No. 252 **-395** AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$7427.00 to make payment on account of Joint ^{City} and County Hospital.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, that, the sum of

Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Seven (\$7,427.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary be and is hereby appropriated out of the 1916 General Fund for the purpose of completing payments on the Joint City and County Hospital.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

Petition of National Bank of Commerce for reduction of taxes on certain property was read and referred to Commissioner of Taxation.

Commissioner Uhr recommended that the petition of First Church of the Nazarene for permit to erect an electric sign at Sandoval & Colorado Streets; also petition of Young Womans Christian Ass'n for permit to exchange location of Electric sign, be granted. Adopted.

The following communication was read and adopted:

January 15, 1917.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners,
Through Hon. Rob't F. Uhr, Com'r Fire and Police.
Gentlemen:

There were two bids submitted for the furnishing of a Police Signal System for the City of San Antonio.

One from the Gamewell Company for the sum of \$10,250.00

One from the Stromberg-Carlson Tel. Co. for 5,508.00

I believe that the desired increase in the efficiency of the Police Department can be obtained by the installation of a system at a less expense than either of the above bids.

The essential parts of the system bid on are a signal to call the police and a telephone for the police to reach headquarters with.

I would suggest therefore, that both bids be rejected, and the location of signal and call boxes be established so as to enable the City Electrician to determine the exact amount of wire required to install the system. Such action would also enable us to request the Telephone Company to give an accurate statement of the cost to the City of renting either the wiring or the full equipment.

Respectfully.

Ray M. Mackey
City Purchasing Agent.

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

APPROVED

Clinton Brown

ATTEST:

Ed. Smith

City Clerk