

JANUARY 31, 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, JANUARY 31, 1946.

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

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The Clerk read the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, which were approved, as read, on motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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PETITIONS PRESENTED:

REFERRED to Commissioner of Fire and Police:

Magnolia Petroleum Co., for permission to erect service station on Lots 119 and 120, NCB 3466, southeast corner of Nogalitos and Theo Aves., and to remove residence from Lot 119 to Lot 121.

Will Ziegler, for permission to build barbecue pit at 2101 W. Poplar St.

Texas Co., for permission to make gasoline installation at 521 Menchaca St.

Mrs. B. Polunsky, and others, for street light at 646-648 Main Ave.

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REFERRED to City Engineer:

Frank T. Drought, for approval of subdivision plat of City Block 8567.

Elizondo & Nacke, for approval of two plats vacating and subdividing Lots 1 through 4, City Block 648.

J. Morris Oldham, for approval of subdivision plat of Tract No. 214, N.C.B. 7847, Harlandale Acre Tracts No. 2 (first filing).

C. T. Hennessey, for approval of subdivision plat of Lot A-2, OCL 4, R. 3, D. 4, NCB 8371.

J. E. Lowrey, for approval of two plats vacating and subdividing Block 24, NCB 8112, the north $\frac{1}{2}$ of 23 and south $\frac{1}{2}$ of 26, NCB 8113, Donaldson Terraces.

L. M. Samuels, for approval of two plats vacating and subdividing Lots 3, 4 and 5, NCB 3053.

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The Clerk read the following telegram:

Honorable Gus B. Mauermann
Mayor, City of San Antonio

We have tentatively allocated 380 units to you on your application for veterans' housing under Mead Resolution. Letter follows.

Marshall W. Amis
Federal Public Housing Authority
(Fort Worth, Texas)

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The Mayor said the City had applied for 750 units, to be placed on any available location to provide temporary housing for veterans. He said he understood the FPHA was sending a representative to San Antonio to discuss the necessary arrangements with City officials.

In reply to a question from Commissioner Hein, the Mayor said he had talked with Cong. Kilday the day before in regard to the return of Stinson Field to the City and hoped to have a certificate of entry within a very short while.

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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.

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APPRO. NO. 552

AN ORDINANCE (3005)

TRANSFERRING \$4,000 FROM BACK TAX GENERAL FUND AND \$3,000 FROM 1944 GENERAL FUND TO 1945 GENERAL FUND.

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APPRO. NO. 553

AN ORDINANCE (3006)

APPROPRIATING \$25,028.77 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY NOTE NO. 44 AND ACCRUED INTEREST.

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APPRO. NO. 554

AN ORDINANCE (3007)

APPROPRIATING \$101,538.14 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLLS.

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APPRO. NO. 555

AN ORDINANCE (3008)

APPROPRIATING \$162.50 OUT OF INTER-AMERICAN HEALTH PROJECT NO. AIA2-5309 FOR PAYROLL.

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APPRO. NO. 556

AN ORDINANCE (3009)

APPROPRIATING \$12,303.18 OUT OF POLICE & FIREMEN' PENSION FUND FOR PAYROLLS.

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APPRO. NO. 557

AN ORDINANCE (3010)

APPROPRIATING \$2,160.90 OUT OF 1944 GENERAL FUND, ASSESSOR'S DEPT., FOR STAMPS FOR PITNEY-BOWES POSTAGE METER & GENERAL SUPPLIES.

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APPRO. NO. 558

AN ORDINANCE (3011)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR EQUIPMENT WITH BURROUGHS ADDING MACHING CO. TO FURNISH ASSESSOR'S DEPT. WITH ONE BURROUGHS MACHINE WITH STAND.

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APPRO. NO. 559

AN ORDINANCE (3012)

APPROPRIATING \$197.28 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, 1946.

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AN ORDINANCE (3013)

LEVYING AN ADVALOREM AND OCCUPATION TAX FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, AND LEVYING A TAX TO PAY THE INTEREST ON THE BONDED DEBT OF SAID CITY, AND TO CREATE A SINKING FUND THEREOF, AND A SPECIAL TAX FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY, CITY-COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL, AND MUNICIPAL ADVERTISING IN SAID CITY, ALL SAID TAXES BEING LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 1945, AND ENDING MAY 31, 1946.

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AN ORDINANCE (3014)

ON
LEVYING SPECIAL TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST/AND TO CREATE A SINKING FUND FOR THE ULTIMATE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN ISSUES OF BONDS, ISSUED ON THE CREDITS OF IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS NO. 4, 12 AND 15, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 1945, AND ENDING MAY 31, 1946.

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

A RESOLUTION (3015)

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

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

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Approved plat filed by Raymond Edwards, on behalf of Steves Bros. Inc., and Ed Steves and Sons, subdividing Bel Meade Addition.

Approved subdivision plat of NCB 9155, 9156, 9157 and 9158, filed by L. E. Fite.

Accepted the offer of J. M. Prado to deed to City the north 17.1 feet of Lots 10, 11 and 12, NCB 2429, on Elvira St., for the purpose of laying sewer line to his property.

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

APPRO. NO. 560

AN ORDINANCE (3016)

APPROPRIATING \$35 OUT OF STREET EXCAVATION TRUST ACCOUNT FOR REFUNDS.

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APPRO. NO. 561

AN ORDINANCE (3017)

APPROPRIATING \$870.80 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, STREET MAINTENANCE, PAYABLE TO RODGERS & STEWART, INC., FOR PAVING INTERSECTIONS ON VARIOUS STREETS.

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A RESOLUTION (3018)

CHANGING THE NAME OF FROST ALLEY TO KENMORE LANE.

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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 took the following action:

Denied petition of Hubert Hester for permission to keep a horse at 110 Edinburg St.

Granted the following petitions:

Golden West Lubricating Co., for permission to make gasoline installation at 1023 Buena Vista St.

Albert Kaak, for permission to make gasoline installation at 126 Fredericksburg Road.

Sinclair Refining Co., for permission to make gasoline installation at Highland Blvd. and Gevers St.

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

AN ORDINANCE (3019)

FIXING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF CITY BOARDS.

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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. 562

AN ORDINANCE (3020)

APPROPRIATING \$195.50 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, STINSON FIELD NOTES DEPT., TO PAY FROST NATIONAL BANK PRINCIPAL & INTEREST ON LAND BOUGHT FOR STINSON FIELD.

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APPRO. NO. 563

AN ORDINANCE (3021)

APPROPRIATING \$1125 TO H. R. HOHENBERGER FOR COMMISSION ON SALE OF LOT A-5, NEW CITY BLOCK 872.

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APPRO. NO. 564

AN ORDINANCE (3022)

APPROPRIATING \$195.96 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, STINSON FIELD NOTES AND INTEREST DEPT., TO PAY FROST NATIONAL BANK PRINCIPAL & INTEREST ON LAND BOUGHT FOR STINSON FIELD.

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APPRO. NO. 565

AN ORDINANCE (3023)

APPROPRIATING \$483 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, STINSON FIELD NOTES AND INTEREST DEPT., TO PAY NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON LAND BOUGHT FOR STINSON FIELD.

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APPRO. NO. 566

AN ORDINANCE (3024)

APPROPRIATING \$7 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, REFUNDS DEPT., PAYABLE TO G. A. DAVIS TO REFUND DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF FINE.

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APPRO. NO. 567

AN ORDINANCE (3025)

APPROPRIATING \$10 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, BACK TAX ATTORNEY, TO PAY JOHN B. STONER FOR TYPING TWO COPIES OF "ASSESSMENTS OF THE REAL ESTATE".

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APPRO. NO. 568

AN ORDINANCE (3026)

APPROPRIATING \$113.25 TO STEWART TITLE GUARANTY CO. FOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE TO LOT A-5, NEW CITY BLOCK 872.

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AN ORDINANCE (3027)

CANCELLING CITY AND SCHOOL TAXES ON A 62-FOOT STRIP IN CITY BLOCK 62 (Thompson St.).

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AN ORDINANCE (3028)

MAKING DEED TO J. H. MORSE FOR LAND ON EAST MARKET STREET.

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Mayor Mauermann introduced the following ordinance, explaining that the property in question is on the right-of-way of the Inter-Regional Highway and should be condemned to protect the right-of-way. He said a bottling works is under construction on it and the City had requested the builder to stop. He said it was necessary to authorize the City Attorney to enter condemnation proceedings to stop this building.

Commissioner Callaghan asked if it wasn't true that the builder obtained a building permit "in the proper way" for this building.

The Mayor replied that it was true, but it was now necessary to stop it in order to save unnecessary expenditure of public money at a later date.

Commissioner Callaghan protested that the highway plans had been kept "secret".

The Mayor said copies of the plans had been available for some time, open to the public, in the Mayor's Office, City Engineer's Office, Highway Office, Planning Board Office, and other places, and the plans had been published in the newspapers showing this property to be on the right-of-way.

Commissioner Anderson added that "we could not foresee at the time" that there would be a fight against the issuance of the bonds to build the highway.

The ordinance, which follows, was passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, Callaghan.

AN ORDINANCE (3029)

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO CONDEMN CERTAIN PROPERTY OF R. R. SAUNDERS FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

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A. A. Luther, inspector in the Garbage and Sanitation Dept., made a generally favorable report on the request of C. H. Chowning, made at the January 24 meeting, for permission to build a metal container for garbage cans on College St. Luther said that although the sidewalk was narrow, the proposed container would take up less space than garbage cans do at present and would improve the general sanitation of the area.

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Commissioner Anderson spoke against the metal container, because it would take 30 inches off a sidewalk that is narrow and crowded with heavy pedestrian traffic. He asked why the merchants had not been arrested for using improper garbage containers and contributing to unsanitary conditions.

Luther said he had filed charges as far back as last September, but police had not served the warrants.

In reply to a question, City Attorney Cobbs said the Police Dept. is required by the City Charter to serve all warrants.

Commissioner Anderson ordered the warrants served immediately and advocated greater co-operation by the City departments involved.

Mayor Mauermann protested against "giving the sidewalks away".

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Dr. Francisco Villagran, director of extension courses of the National University of Mexico, accompanied by Consul General Gustavo Ortiz-Hernan and Mr. Ramon Galindo, was a guest of the Council. He was welcomed by the Mayor and all Commissioners.

Dr. Villagran addressed the Council on the extension courses being inaugurated February 1, at the San Pedro Playhouse, to acquaint San Antonians and Texans with the language, history and customs of Mexico. The Mayor and Commissioners promised full cooperation to make the courses a success.

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On motion of Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan 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 5, 1946.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the meeting of January 31, the Council reconvened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on Tuesday, February 5, 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 Streets:

Thurman Barrett, for permission to construct sewer main on S. Flores St. from Huff Ave. to Jacobs Road.

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REFERRED to Commissioner of Fire & Police:

Magnolia Petroleum Co., for permission to make gasoline installation at 310 N. Center St.
 Humble Oil & Ref. Co., for permission to make gasoline installation at 601 Austin St.
 M. F. Fischer & Son, for permission to make gasoline installation at 203 Fredericksburg Rd.
 Zula Coleman, protesting the keeping of a cow at 731 Dean St.

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REFERRED TO City Engineer:

Henry F. Hein, for approval of plat of "Hein's Subdivision No. 4" out of County Block 5132 and North Montoya Survey No. 21.

John H. Covington, for approval of plat of "Jupe subdivision" out of County Block 5132 and North Montoya Survey No. 21.

Frank T. Drought, for approval of plat of subdivision of Lot 33, NCB 6724.

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Jack P. Hale, asking the annexation of "Oak Crest" subdivision, referred to City Engineer to check field notes and make recommendation to the Council.

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REFERRED to Zoning Commission:

George D. Gray and others, asking that no permit be issued for pool hall, bowling alley, or place where beer or liquors are sold in the 4100 block of S. Presa St.

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REFERRED to Committee of the Whole:

Guy A. Thompson, trustee, I. & G. N. R.R., for railway track in and along Salado St.

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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. 569

AN ORDINANCE (3030)

APPROPRIATING \$28,901.24 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR PER DIEM PAYROLLS.

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APPRO. NO. 570

AN ORDINANCE (3031)

APPROPRIATING \$863.13 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., FOR INDEPENDENT HIRE OF TEAMS AND TRUCKS.

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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. Commissioner Hein asked that the name of Maury Maverick, former mayor, be added to the La Villita Board as an honorary member, although he is no longer a citizen of San Antonio. Mayor Mauermann agreed to include this name in his nominations and all Commissioners agreed to the appointment.

AN ORDINANCE (3032)

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE LA VILLITA BOARD.

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

APPRO. NO. 571

AN ORDINANCE (3033)

APPROPRIATING \$5.50 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., PAYABLE TO FRANK W. BRADY, CITY CLERK, FOR RECORDING FEES.

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AN ORDINANCE (3034)

TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF C. W. FENSTERMAKER.

City Engineer Coghill explained this connection, although in Terrell Hills, was necessary since it is located in the sewer district recently taken over by the City.

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

Plat^s vacating and subdividing Lots 3, 4 and 5, NCB 3053, submitted by L. M. Samuels, et ux.

Plats vacating and subdividing Lots 1 through 4, C.B. 648, submitted by Elizondo & Nacke.

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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. 572

AN ORDINANCE (3035)

APPROPRIATING \$20 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT., PAYABLE TO W. T. QUILLIN, CASHIER, HEALTH DEPT., FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENDITURES.

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APPRO. NO. 573

AN ORDINANCE (3036)

TRANSFERRING \$640 FROM 1945 GENERAL FUND, SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT,
TO THE 1945 GENERAL FUND, POLICE DEPT.

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APPRO. NO. 574

AN ORDINANCE (3037)

APPROPRIATING \$62 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, AUDITING DEPT.,
PAYABLE TO DAN QUILL, POSTMASTER, FOR STAMPS.

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APPRO. NO. 575

AN ORDINANCE (3038)

APPROPRIATING \$564 OUT OF PARK REVENUE BOND 1945 FUND FOR PAYROLL.

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On motion of Commissioner Callaghan, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll
call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the meeting
adjourned Tuesday, February 5, 1946.

APPROVED:


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ATTEST:


City Clerk

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(For full text of all ordinances passed and approved at this Regular
Meeting and Recessed Meeting, see Ordinance Book "N", pages 272 through 297.)

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