

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, A. D. 1916. 4 P.M.

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

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

----MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS----

Petition of Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, requesting that they be relieved from the payment of certain paving assessments, was read and referred to City Attorney with the request that he advise whether or not this petition can be granted.

Petitions of W. S. Seng, and of Jno. B. Hildebrandt for correction of assessment, were read and referred to Commissioner of Taxation.

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

E. A. Hutchins, re dedication of Hertzberg Ave. (or East Craig Place).

Gus Mintel, complaining of condition of Hoefgen Avenue.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police:
 Petition of Sunset System, for permit to erect billboard at rear 437 Soledad Street.
 Thompson and Kush, for permit to install gasoline tank 924 Garden Street.
 Stires Outdoor Adv. Co., for permit to erect billboard East Side of Romana Street.
 "Adolphus Bar" for permit to erect electric sign.

Petition of H. Schimpff, for permit to open meat market, was read and referred to Health Department.

At the request of the property owners interested in the widening of W. Commerce Street, from Main Plaza to Santa Rosa Ave., the hearing ordered for this day was again postponed by the following vote, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Uhr. Nay, Kearny, and the date of the hearing set for Monday, October 23rd, 1916.

A bid of Rushmore and Gowdy, being the only bid received for the paving of West Travis Street, from Main Avenue to N. Flores Street, was opened, read and referred to the City Engineer.

Bids for constructing sewers in St Mary Syreet, from Nueva Street to San Antonio River, offered by Elder Bros, Traehart and Jackson and W.G. Schuwirth and Co., were opened and referred to M. E. Ervin, Sewer Engineer.

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. Nays, none.

MB-168

AN ORDINANCE

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

That the following sums of money be appropriated out of the following funds to pay Merchants Bills for September, 1916, to-wit: Out of the 1916 General.

Fund for the following Departments:

City Hall Expenditures	\$ 1658.12	
Police	1859.30	
Health	209.47	
Hospital	842.43	
Fire	2410.10	
Fire Alarm	156.00	
Engineering	256.27	
Parks and Plazas	1812.65	
Street Maintenance	1123.34	
Street Cleaning and Sanitation	627.50	
Market & Market House	79.89	
Lights	4469.21	
Water	4701.50	
Rivers & Ditches	57.95	
Sewer Construction	411.92	
Plumbing and Sewer Inspection	94.30	
Police and Fire Station	183.16	
Contingencies	322.40	
Street Opening and Widening	902.81	
Cemetery	7.10	
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Making total out of 1916 General Fund		\$22,295.32
Out of Street Paving Fund		638.20
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Grand Total		\$22933.52

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 ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr. Nays, none.

No. 144 **MB-168.1** AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the payment of wages to City Laborers for the week ending October 12, 1916, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to issue warrants for the payment of wages to City Day Laborers for the week ending October 12th, 1916, and that the following sums be and are hereby appropriated out of the several special funds for that purpose, to-wit:

General Fund of 1916	\$2257.00
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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. Nays, none.

No. 145 **-169** AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$2600.00

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$2600.00 be appropriated from the Street Paving Fund to pay the Uvalde Rock Asphalt Company's final estimate on Austin Street, from Ninth to Duval Street.

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. Nays, none.

No. 146 **-170** AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$1603.43

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$1603.43 be appropriated from the Street Maintenance Department to pay the Uvalde Rock

Asphalt Company for patch work on old paved streets.

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. Nays, none.

No. 147 **MB-171** AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating money to pay for a strip of land off of lot Number Four (4) Block Number 119, on the South side of West Travis Street.

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

That the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty Five (\$325.00) Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the West Travis Street Widening Fund to pay for a strip of land off of lot number four (4), Block Number 119, on the South side of West Travis Street near the intersection of Flores Street, and that said warrant be made payable to Henry Laager and that said warrant be delivered to said Henry Laager on the delivery of a deed conveying said strip to the City of San Antonio.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following resolution which was read and adopted by the ~~Commissioners~~ on roll call, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the proposal of Western Paving Company as set forth in its letter to Mr. C.H.Kearny, dated Sept, 6th, and offering to release the City of San Antonio of any obligation to pave Ruiz Street, from Laredo to San Jacinto Street, Labor Street from Carolina Street to Goliad Street, and Castro Street from Laredo Street to Navidad Street, under an award made to said Western Paving Company for the paving of said streets, be and is hereby accepted subject to the conditions contained in said letter of Sept 6th, 1916, hereinbefore referred to, it being understood ^{if} that/it is determined and possible, hereinafter during the term of this administration to pave any and all of said streets said work shall be awarded to said Company, subject to the terms of their proposal heretofore made and accepted.

(Letter of Western Paving Company)

San Antonio, Texas, September 6, 1916

Mr. Clinton H. Kearny, Commissioner,
Streets & Public Improvements,
City Hall Building, City.

Dear Sir;

Replying to your favor of recent date, advising us that the balance remaining in the paving fund is insufficient to complete the paving of streets the City has contracted for, and asking therefore that we consent to the cancellation of certain contracts now existing between the City of San Antonio and ourselves for the paving of Ruiz Street from Laredo to San Jacinto; Labor from Goliad to Carolina and Castro from Laredo to Navidad, we beg ~~you~~ to advise you that, while this will result in a monetary loss to our Company of several thousand dollars, still to relieve the City of any embarrassment, we will consent to the cancellation of the contracts suggested by you, provided that the City will reimburse us for any expense we have been put to regarding bonds and in signing up Ruiz Street and also provided, in the event we are unable to sign up the required fifty one percentage of frontage on the following streets:

Brazos from San Fernando to El Paso.

San Fernando from Los Moras to Brazos, and

Los Moras from Houston to San Fernando,

then and in that event, our contracts for the paving of Castro Street from Laredo to Navidad ~~is~~ is to remain in full force and effect.

Very truly yours,
Western Paving Company,
By R. D. Farmer
V.P.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the proposal of Uvalde Rock Asphalt Company contained in the letter to Mr. C. A. Kearny, dated September 6, 1916, and offering to release the City of San Antonio from any obligation to pave S. Laredo Street from Pecos Street to San Marcos Street, under an award heretofore made to said Uvalde Rock Asphalt Company for the paving of said street, be and is hereby accepted, it being understood that if it is hereafter determined and possible during the term of this administration to pave said street, said Company shall be awarded said work subject to the terms of their proposal heretofore made and accepted.

(Letter of Uvalde Rock Asphalt Company)

San Antonio, Texas. Sept, 6, 1916.

Hon. Clinton G. Brown, Mayor,
City.

Dear Mr. Broen:

Referring to matter of pavement of S. Laredo Street, from Pecos to San Marcos Street, which was awarded us some months ago.

For your information, we are attaching hereto copy of letter from our Notary Public, Mr. Frank Cummins, who attends to the signing up of ~~xxx~~ property owners for us. You will note from his communication that he finds we will have much difficulty in obtaining property owners signatures for the pavement of that street. We submit these facts for your consideration and will await your instructions as to whether you care to proceed further with this matter. If you prefer to go ahead with the matter, we will gladly do the best we can and pave as much of the street as possible; if you prefer not to proceed with it, we hereby relieve the City of whatever obligations it assumed in awarding us the contract.

Awaiting your reply, we are,

Yours very truly,

Uvalde Rock Asphalt Co.

By R.L.White
Vice President and General Manager.

Commissioner Kearny recommended that the petition of citizens to place in good condition North San Marcos Street, Colorado Street and other streets, be granted when funds for the purpose are available. Adopted.

Commissioner Kearny submitted the following recommendations:

That the protest of property owners against street paving charges on San Pedro Avenue be filed.

That the proposal of Edwin Routledge relating to drainage on Austin Street be not accepted at the present time.

That the petition for paving Palmetto Avenue, from Sherman Street to E. Houston Street be granted, but only from Houston Street to Hays Street.

That petition of Citizens, complaining of drainage conditions at Trenton and Euclid Avenues be granted and work ordered done.

That petition of L. A. Elmendorf, Trustee, offering sewer on Barbee Street to the City be not granted at the present time on account of lack of funds. Complaint that city

has connected its line to this sewer and is therefore is making use of it is not contrary to terms on which permit was granted to build this, as also all other private sewers.

That petition of D.D.Harrigan re land for opening street, be not granted at present on account of lack of funds.

The above recommendations were adopted.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION

Approving plans and so forth for proposed work of the San Antonio Belt and Terminal Railway Company.

WHEREAS under the terms of certain ordinances of this City granting franchises to the San Antonio Belt and Terminal Railway Company, said railway company is required to prepare and submit to the City Engineer for his approval the plans and specifications for all work and structures between the San Antonio River and the Eastern City limits, for carrying said railroad over streets or public places or for carrying streets over said railroad; and

WHEREAS the City Engineer reports all such plans and specifications have been duly submitted and approved by him; and ^{also} that the general plan and approval of said proposed railway line from said San Antonio River to said eastern City limits has also been submitted and approved by him; Now Therefore

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

That for the purpose of making said matter a part of the public records, it is hereby ordered that the written report of the City Engineer together with several blue prints and plats thereunto attached be and the same are hereby ordered filed and preserved in the office of the City Clerk; and that this resolution be duly recorded in the minutes of the Commissioners; and that as to all such work and structures shown by such plans and specifications so approved by the City Engineer, such approval of the City Engineer shall stand as heretofore by ordinance provided.

Commissioner Lambert 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. Nays, none.

No. 148 **MB-172** AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$25.00 to pay Emmett T. Jackson for plans and specifications for alterations at City Hall.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Twenty-five Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1916 General Fund to pay Emmett T. Jackson for plans and specifications for alterations of City Hall.

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 read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr; Nays, none.

MB-173

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating Seventy Five Dollars to pay the City's part for Band Concert on Alamo Plaza on October 4th, 1916 (Military Day)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Seventy Five Dollars be, and is hereby appropriated out of the general fund of 1916, to pay the City part of the expense of holding a band concert on Alamo Plaza on Military Day October 4, 1916.

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 read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr. Nays, none.

No. 150

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AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$67.50 to pay August Hays for moving house in Otto Koehker Park under the direction of the Commissioner of Parks and Public Property.

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 presented a petition of the League of Texas Municipalities requesting that the City Health Officer be permitted to attend its annual meeting, which was granted.

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION

Reserving Brackenridge Park Golf Links on October 25, 26, 27, and 28 for championship tournament of City of San Antonio.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, all day on October 25th, after 12:00noon on October 26th and 27th, and all day on October 28th, 1916, the Brackenridge Park Golf Links be reserved for the use of the Championship Tournament of the City of San Antonio, and that the employes of the Golf Course be and are hereby instructed and requested to render all the aid they can to the committees of said Tournament.

Commissioner Lambert recommended that the petition for water mains in Van Ness Street, between Benton and Calhoun Streets, be granted. Adopted.

Commissioner Garland introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION

Of thanks to the Commonwealth Bank and Trust Company.

Whereas, in the closing of the West Texas Bank & Trust Company on April 3, 1916, the deposit of the City of San Antonio with that institution amounted to more than \$517,000.00 and a portion of same was placed in jeopardy on account of the unsettled

condition existing, and it appeared that said deposit, by reason of threatened litigation, would be tied up for an indefinite period of time; and

Whereas:

Upon the organization of the Commonwealth Bank & Trust Company, said bank entered into an agreement with the City of San Antonio, which agreement was both generous and fair to the City of San Antonio, wherein said Commonwealth Bank and Trust Company agreed to pay to the City of San Antonio the entire amount of \$517,000.00 within a period of thirteen months, and executed a bond to the City of San Antonio, signed by its officers and directors individually, to secure such payment; and

Whereas:

The said Commonwealth Bank and Trust Company has, within the short space of four months, paid to the City of San Antonio the entire amount of \$517,000.00 with interest thereon, and by so doing has been of material assistance to the City in the handling of its finances,

Therefore Be It Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the City of San Antonio;

That we, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners, believing that it is due the Commonwealth Bank & Trust Company, hereby express our appreciation for the very prompt, faithful and efficient manner in which said bank has complied with its agreement, and order that a copy of these resolutions be placed on the City Records, and that a copy thereof be signed and delivered to the Commonwealth Bank and Trust Company.

Commissioner Uhr recommended that petition of Fraser Auto Supply Company for permit to install gasoline tank at 124 Jefferson Street be granted. Adopted.

Commissioner Uhr 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. Nays, none.

No. 151 **MB-175** AN ORDINANCE

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

That the sum of Ninety eight and 75/100 (\$98.75) Dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the general fund for fiscal year 1916, to be paid to the firm of West & Gutzeit for the installing of a drinking fountain in the Central Fire and Police Station on Market Street.

Commissioner Uhr 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. Nays, none.

No. 152 **-176** AN ORDINANCE

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

That the sum of Three Hundred and Seventy five (\$375.00) Dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund for fiscal year of 1916, to be paid for the installing the plumbing and putting in of concrete floor at Fire Station #4 on Main Avenue, this work being necessitated by the changing of the street line on Romana Street.

Commissioner Uhr 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. Nays, none.

No. 153

No. 153

MB-177

AN ORDINANCE

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

That the sum of Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the general fund for fiscal year of 1916, to be paid to Mr. W.H. Smith for music of the ball of the San Antonio Police Relief Fund Association which is to be held at Beethoven Hall, on November 23rd, 1916.

Commissioner Uhr 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. Nays, none.

No 154

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AN ORDINANCE

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

That the sum of Eighty-five (\$85.00) Dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund for fiscal year of 1916, to be paid to mounted policeman P. C. Crow as salary for the month of July 1916, which he lost on account of illness.

Commissioner Uhr introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That the resolution of _____ 1916, ordering a 150 Watt lamp placed at the corner of Paso Hondo and N. Palmetto Streets, be and is hereby rescinded.

Be It Further Resolved

That the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to notify the San Antonio Gas and Electric Company to place one 150 Watt lamp at the North-west corner of Nolan and Walnut Streets.

Petition of Jas B. Brooks for permit to install gasoline tank at Houston and Hackberry Street intersection was granted on recommendation of Commissioner Uhr, tank to be located not less than 30 feet from the corner of Hackberry Street.

Commissioner Uhr introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to notify the San Antonio Gas & Electric Company to have the arc lamp that has been removed from the Play Grounds on the corner of Smith and Buena Vista Streets placed at the corner of the Fredericksburg and Blanco Road.

Commissioner Uhr recommended that the petitions of C.J. Peters and L. Leary, for change in Jitney route be granted. Adopted.

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

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED


MAYOR