

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH, A.D.1923, 4 P.M.

PRESENT: Honorable O. B. Black, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners Pfeiffer, Rieden, Wright. Absent, Lambert.

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

-----MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS-----

Petition of A.O of P. (Colored) for use of San Pedro Springs March 30, 31, was read and referred to Commissioner of Parks, etc.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police: Alfred Casillas, for permit to install gasoline pump and tank 607 Vine Street. Sunset System, for permit to erect box electric sign Smith Motor Sales Co. 519 Ave C. For arc light Pendleton Ave and Powell Streets.

Petition of M. Prados, for correction of assessment was read and referred to Commissioner of Taxation.

An ordinance appropriating \$175.00 to pay Otto Haslbauer for removal of encroachment on Myrtle Street was read and referred to City Attorney.

Charges filed by John B. Banks against F.L. Young were read and a hearing ordered for Friday, March 23, 1923, at 10 A.M.

Application of the Uvalde Company for a building permit for asphalt plant on G.H & S.A.R.R. tracks was taken up, and after examination of several witnesses, action was postponed until Thursday, March 22, 1923.

Petition of Norvell J. Chittim for permit to connect with City sewers; also petition of H. Kraft and P. Hilmer for exchange of property to correct street line on Evergreen Street were read and referred to City Engineer.

Petition of Mrs Jaffe for correction of assessment was reported unfavorably by the Commissioner of Taxation, whic recommendation was adopted by the Commissioners. (The petition was not in the meeting.)

On account of witnesses being in attendance in the District Court the hearing of employees of the Street Department regarding funds of the Rieden for re-election Campaign Fund was postponed until Tuesday, March 27th, 1923.

Commissioner Wright made the following recommendations, which were adopted: Sunset System, for permit to erect bulletin for Morgan Woodward Co. granted.
Do. " " " " " for Richbook Dry Goods Co. granted.

Commissioner Wright introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Black, Pfeiffer, Rieden, Wright.
No. 576 AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating 0.50¢ to refund cost of electrical permit to Mrs J.F. Hurff. BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Fifty cents (0.50¢) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1922 General Fund to pay Mrs J.F. Hurff for electrical permit No. 3453 which she took out and did not use.

Commissioner Rieden introduced the following resolutions which were read and adopted:

RESOLUTION

Accepting the paving on Herff Street between S. Laredo & MK&T Tracks, constructed by the S.W. Bitulithic Company.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the City of San Antonio does hereby accept the paving constructed by the Southwest Bitulithic Company on Herff Street, between S. Laredo and MK&T Tracks, as per their contract with the City dated Sept. 14, 1922, with omission opposite property of A.R. Woodfork, being lot A-7, City Block 920, and in accordance with certificate of the City Engineer, dated March 15, 1923, and filed with the Board of Commissioners on this 19th day of March, 1923.

March 15. 1923

Honorable Mayor & Board of Commissioners,
City of San Antonio, Texas.
Gentlemen:

This is to certify that I have inspected the paving constructed by the Southwest Bitulithic Company on Herff Street, between So. Laredo and the MK&T Tracks, as per their contract dated Sept. 14, 1922, with omission opposite Lot A-7, City Block 920 (50 feet) being the property of A.R. Woodfork, and the same has been accepted by me on this 19th day of March, 1923.

Yours truly,
D.D. Harrigan, City Engineer.

RESOLUTION

Accepting the paving on Woodward Place, between Dwyer Avenue and the San Antonio River, S.W. Bitulithic Co. contractors.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the City of San Antonio does hereby accept the paving constructed by the Southwest Bitulithic Company on Woodward Place, between Dwyer Avenue and the San Antonio River, as per their contract dated July 20, 1922, and in accordance with certificate of the City

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Engineer, dated March 19, 1923, and filed with the Board of Commissioners on this 19th day of March, 1923..

March 1923.

Honorable Mayor & Board of Commissioners,
City of San Antonio, Texas.
Gentlemen:

This is to certify that I have inspected the paving constructed by the Southwest Bitulithic Company on Woodward Place from Dwyer Avenue to the San Antonio River, as per their contract with the City dated July 20, 1922, and the same has been accepted by me on this 19th day of March, 1923.

Yours truly,
D.D. Harrigan, City Engineer.

Commissioner Rieden introduced the following ordinance which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Black, Pfeiffer, Rieden, Wright.

No. 577

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to pay H.E. Gillett for the construction of Concrete curb around Mahncke Park.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) is hereby appropriated from sidewalk & Curbing Fund of 1919 to pay H.E. Gillett for the construction of concrete curbing around Mahncke Park.

No. 578

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating the sum of \$8937.38 to pay semi-monthly pay rolls for February, 1923 of the Engineers Department, Street Commissioners Department and Sewer Construction Department.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred thirty seven and 38/100 (\$8937.38) Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1922 General Fund to pay the semi-monthly pay rolls for February, 1923 of the following depts.

Engineers Dept.	\$5838.00
Street Com. Dept.	2534.38
Sewer Cons. Dept.	565.00

Commissioner Pfeiffer introduced the following ordinances, which were read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Black, Pfeiffer, Rieden, Wright.

No. 579

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$88.00 to pay special pay roll City Assessors Office.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Eighty Eight (\$88.00) Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1922 General Fund, City Hall Dept, to pay special pay roll for City Assessors Office.

No. 580

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$286.58 to pay various merchants bills.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, the sum of \$286.58 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the following funds to pay various merchants bills as per itemized invoices now on file in the office of the City Auditor.

Police Dept (1922 General Fund)	\$244.13
Health " "	14.00
Cemetery Fund	12.75
St. Open & Wid. Fund 1919	8.20
Trench Fund	7.50

No. 581

AN ORDINANCE

Providing for the transfer of certain funds.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars (\$125.00) be transferred from Sinking Fund Improvement District No. 5 to sinking Fund Improvement District No. 3

and that the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.) be transferred from Sinking Fund Improvement ~~Fund~~ District No. 5 to Sinking Fund Improvement District No. 4.

Above transfers are necessary to correct errors made prior to May 31, 1921.

The City Auditor and City Treasurer are hereby authorized to make above transfers.

No. 582

AN ORDINANCE

Providing for the transfer of certain funds.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that,

1. That the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) out of Incinerator Bldg Fund of 1919, be transferred from the City National Bank of San Antonio, Texas to the Commonwealth Bank & Trust Company of San Antonio, Texas.

2. That the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) out of Street Paving & Storm Sewer Fund of 1919, be transferred from the Commonwealth Bank & Trust Company of San Antonio, Texas to the City National Bank of San Antonio, Texas.

This transfer is made for the purpose of using Street Paving & Storm Sewer Funds as a checking account in the General Depository of the City of San Antonio, the City National Bank.

The City Auditor and City Treasurer are hereby authorized to make above transfers,

No. 583

AN ORDINANCE

Providing for the transfer of certain funds.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that,

1. That the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9000) be transferred from the Back Tax Fund to the 1921 General Fund.

2. That the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) be transferred from 1920 General Fund to the 1921 General Fund.

The City Auditor and City Treasurer are hereby authorized to make above transfers.

The Mayor introduced the following ordinances, which were read and adopted: by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Black, Pfeiffer, Rieden, Wright.

No

AN ORDINANCE

Granting permit to B.G. Irish to construct a sanitary sewer in Beacon Hill Terrace.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio,

SECTION 1. That permission is hereby granted B.G IRISH to construct a sanitary sewer system in the BEACON HILL TERRACE ADDITION, beginning at the BLANCO ROAD, and extending to the I&GN RR TRACK, according to plat, line and grade made by the City Engineer hereto attached; the cost of said sewer being estimated about Twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00) to be paid by the said B.G. IRISH. The final actual cost to be filed with the City Engineer within ten days after the completion of the sewer.

SECTION 2. The said sewer to be constructed to the City's line and grade and in accordance with the City's standard specifications for the construction of sewers in all particulars and that all manholes be constructed of brick of acceptable quality, or if built of concrete that they be built with not less than eight inches (8") of thickness of a 1-2-4 mixture, reinforced according to the requirements of the City Engineer, and shall be constructed under the direct supervision of an Inspector who shall give a written approval of each manhole, and to maintain the sewer in the street for a period of one year after the date of the acceptance of the sewer by the City Engineer.

SECTION 3. "Conditioned" that no sewer service connections to this sewer shall be made until it has been completed and properly connected to the City's main, and duly accepted by the City.

SECTION 4. Said sewer, when completed to become the property of the City of San Antonio and part of its public sewer system.

SECTION 5. The City Engineer is hereby directed to collect the sum of Thirty-five (\$35.00) Dollars for each and every connection made with said sewer main or house service going into said main and pay the same over to the said B.G. IRISH or order, not later than the 10th day of each month, following the month in which said connection is made, until the actual cost of said sewer shall have been collected and paid over to aforesaid, when the entire connection fee shall be collected.

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 on the above mentioned condition.

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NO. 584. AN ORDINANCE
Cancelling an ordinance accepting proposal of Southwest Bitulithic Co. to pave Pine St. from Nolan to Grayson St., and authorizing contract and appropriating money therefor.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, an ordinance accepting proposal of Southwest Bitulithic Company for paving Pine St., from Nolan to Grayson St., and authorizing contract and appropriating money therefor in the sum of \$10,000.00 from the 1921 General Fund, Street Commissioner's Dept., which ordinance was passed on May 25th, 1922, be and the same is hereby cancelled, for the reason that after the passage of this ordinance the construction of paving on Pine St. was changed and another ordinance passed, appropriating money from the 1922 General Fund to cover this work.

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NO. 585. AN ORDINANCE
Cancelling an ordinance accepting proposal of Uvalde Rock Asphalt Co. for paving skips on W. French Place, W. Magnolia and W. Russell Place and authorizing contract and appropriating money therefor.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, an ordinance accepting proposal of the Uvalde Rock Asphalt Co. for paving skips on West French Place, West Magnolia Ave. and West Russell Place and authorizing contract and appropriating money therefor in the sum of \$5,000.00 from the 1922 General Fund, Street Commissioner's Dept., which ordinance was passed on September 25th, 1922, be and the same is hereby cancelled, for the reason that this work has been done and paid for under other appropriations.

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NO. 586. AN ORDINANCE
Cancelling an appropriation for the sum of \$2000.00, passed and approved on Dec. 22nd, 1922, to pay McKenzie Construction Co. for grading and macadamizing Brazos St., from I.&G.N. Railroad to Harriman St.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2,000.00 from the 1922 General Fund, Street Commissioner's Department, to pay McKenzie Construction Co. for grading and macadamizing Brazos Street, from the I.&G.N. Railroad to Harriman St., which ordinance was passed and approved on December 22nd, 1922, be and the same is hereby cancelled for the reason that said ordinance was passed in error and nothing is due or will be due the McKenzie Construction Company for this work.

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NO. 587. AN ORDINANCE
Cancelling an ordinance accepting proposal of Uvalde Rock Asphalt Co. for paving of Bryant St., from S. Presa to Garden St. and authorizing contract and appropriating money therefor.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, an ordinance accepting proposal of the Uvalde Rock Asphalt Co. for the paving of Bryant St., from S. Presa to Garden St., and authorizing contract and appropriating money therefor in the sum of \$2,500.00, be and the same is hereby cancelled, for the reason that the contract for the paving of this street has been cancelled and no work will be done thereunder.

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NO. 588. AN ORDINANCE
Cancelling an ordinance appropriating \$1,000.00 to pay for paving incident to widening Trenton Ave.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,000.00 out of the 1922 General Fund, Street Commissioner's Dept., or as much thereof as might be needed to pay the Southwest Bitulithic Co. for paving in front of property owned by Carl Maiwald on Trenton Ave., be and the same is hereby cancelled for the reason that no contract has ever been entered into for this work.

AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Commissioner of Taxation to accept \$48.20 in full payment of taxes due the City of San Antonio by Edwin Routledge on the north 52.08 feet of lots 9 and 10 in New City Block 507, in the City of San Antonio for the years 1896-1900 inclusive and 1904-1906 inclusive.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SANANTONIO:

SECTION ONE: That the Commissioner of Taxation of the City of San Antonio be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to accept the sum of \$48.20 as compromise settlement of taxes due the City of San Antonio by Edwin Routledge on the north 52.08 feet of lots 9 and 10 in New City Block NO. 507, fronting on Yoakum and Dalton Alley, City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, for the years 1896-1900 inclusive and the years 1904-1906 inclusive.

SECTION TWO: The said Commissioner of Taxation is hereby further authorized to issue the proper tax receipts showing payment of said taxes.

Mayor Blacksubmitted the following communication.

March 19th, 1923.

To the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio:

Gentlemen:

The Tax Commissioner having advised the Mayor that the general revenue available for current operating expenses for this fiscal year would be approximately \$2,245,000.00, instead of the \$2,300,000.00 which it was estimated would be available at the time of the making of the temporary budget, therefore it is recommended to this Commission that the temporary budget be reduced from \$2,300,000.00 to come within the funds available for the current operating expenses as above indicated, and that the same be adopted with that change as the permanent budget for this fiscal year.

For your information, during the two years of this administration there has been a great quantity of work of permanent character done, and naturally during these two years, the same has consumed a good portion of the current revenue. You will recall that the disastrous which occurred in this City during the first year of this administration necessitated the expenditure of large sums of money, amounting to many thousands of dollars, and that also an overdraft of approximately \$154,000.00 was paid by this administration which was inherited by it from a previous one. In addition, there has been constructed a fire house, which cost approximately \$46,000.00, fire apparatus has been purchased, and many, many miles of permanent streets have been constructed, in fact, the Mayor is informed, more than in any previous years, together with the construction of one of the finest swimming pools in the south, at San Pedro Park, and the partial construction of one of the most beautiful club houses for the use of the people of the City at Brackenridge Park, which is now under course of construction, and other things of such character which during this fiscal year have been voted by the Commission of this City, of which you are members, and naturally the same has necessitated the use of large sums of money, but in so doing, the City of San Antonio has taken a step forward in progress and in advancement such as it has heretofore never done.

You have been advised heretofore by the Mayor that it was necessary to have approximately \$200,000.00 to be added to the \$2,245,000.00 and that the City of San Antonio could function with ease for the balance of the fiscal year on this sum, and so adjust its various departments and the operation thereof as to come within the amount allowed and provided by law and still, at the same time, have given to the people of this City the big things that have been accomplished and have been done for it, which, in the opinion of the Mayor, marks an era of progress and advancement that is dawning upon the City.

There has been expended by the City of San Antonio for its various departments, and construction work of permanent character, the sum of \$1,940,408.40, and certain sums have been changed to the various departments for work of permanent character that were and are expected to be refunded to those departments so that they may each function during the remainder of this fiscal year. In order that this may be done, and in order that these vital departments of the City of San Antonio may continue to function as they should do, there is recommended to the Council the following two propositions:

First: So adjust your budgets, by the distribution of the necessary sums from one department to the other, as to permit the functioning of all to the close of the fiscal year and come within the \$2,245,000.00. This can be done if all parties are willing to work for the big interests of the City of San Antonio and with the idea of doing the best for San Antonio, but will entail the most rigid economy and the reducing of forces in all departments to an absolute minimum, and the dispensing with the services of many employees who are in a measure necessary to the best functioning thereof.

For your further information, it is stated that an examination of the budgets as temporarily adopted heretofore, shows that there will be required to run and operate all of the departments from now till the end of this fiscal year, the sum of \$429,966.09 and that there is available for such purpose the sum of \$305,501.60, computed upon the approximate estimated income of \$2,245,900.00. Thus it appears that very substantial curtailment would have to be made in all of the five departments to take care of this difference that would be needed, which could be provided for and taken care of in the

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event that the Commission would see fit to accept the proposed loan of \$200,000.00, and it is the recommendation of the Mayor in this connection that the Street Commissioner's department be absolutely closed down, with the exception of one engineer, a stenographer, a permit clerk, a small repair gang, and the necessary watchmen, and no other construction work done except that out of bond money.

Second: It is the opinion of the Mayor, and is recommended therefore, that the City of San Antonio accept the proposed loan of \$200,000.00 additional that has been submitted to this Council by Mr. G.W. Arlitt, and information is given that this is not in the nature of an overdraft, although from time to time many of the Commissioners have intimated and indicated their willingness for an overdraft, but is simply pledging of additional security which is available for such use, and which should have been more diligently collected from year to year, and which now is becoming barred by limitation in large sums and becoming of no value and of no use to the City of San Antonio in any manner or any respect. This loan would be extended over a period of five years and would be paid as these back taxes are collected, and would be without further expense to the City than that of the five per cent interest which the City is now paying upon current funds, and would permit the completion of the streets actually under course of construction and which are dangerous to be left in the condition they are in, and which should be finished, and would also permit the transfer of funds to the park department, to the street cleaning and garbage department, to the tax department, and to pay interest that is becoming due and which must necessarily be paid. For these and other reasons known to the Commissioners, it is recommended that this \$200,000.00 be accepted and the City be permitted to continue to thrive and prosper.

For further information, more in detail, as to how the \$200,000.00 would be distributed, your attention is invited to the recommendation made to the Council by the Mayor heretofore, and on file with the City Clerk, and in which it is pointed out that the said sum will be used to make the transfers to the department of parks and sanitation that have been promised heretofore, and to pay for streets that are actually torn up and which are now in course of construction under contracts given by the City to the various paving companies, which are in bad and dangerous condition and to maintain a small repair gang to fix and repair streets when blocks buckle up and when there occurs a dangerous point in the same that needs and requires immediate attention.

It is recommended that the Commissioners give this matter very serious consideration and their most sincere attention and take action thereon at the earliest date possible.

Very truly yours,

O.B. Black,

Mayor of San Antonio.

The Mayor requested the Commissioners to meet with him Thursday at 10 A.M. to confer on matters relating to the Budget.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED _____

MAYOR

O.C. Smith
CITY CLERK