

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

MONDAY, JUNE 17TH, A.D.1918, 4 P.M.

PRESENT: Honorable Sam C. Bell, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners Coy, Heuermann, Wright.
Absent, Lambert.

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

----MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS----

Invitation to Emancipation Day Celebration was read and accepted.

Communication from League of Municipalities was read and ordered filed.

Petition of O.T.Pullen for refund of taxes was read and referred to Commissioner of Taxation.

Petition of Russell Beck for correction of assessment was read and referred to Commissioner of Taxation.

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

C.T.Priest, relating to the paving of Jones Avenue as required by the dedication of Otto Koehler Park.

J.E.Harper for permit to build a private sewer in Jones Avenue.

E.O.Evans, Pres. S.A.School Board approving creation of a plaza at intersection of Romana, Soledad and other streets.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police.
Morris Block, for permit to erect an electric sign.

Magnolia Oil Co., to install gasoline tank, Ave. C and Grand Avenue.

Pierce Oil Corporation, for permit to install gasoline pump at Medina and Monterey Sts.

Commissioner Heuermann introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Heuermann, Wright.
Absent, Lambert.

MC-357 AN ORDINANCE

Declaring the buildings on East Houston Street known as 103 and 105 dangerous to public health and safety and an imminent and continuing public nuisance, and ordering the removal of same.

WHEREAS, the buildings located on Lots 1 and 2 in City Block 403 of the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, and known as Nos. 103 and 105 East Houston Street are in a dilapidated and dangerous condition, the posts or timbers forming the foundation of said buildings being greatly decomposed and in an unsafe and insecure condition, and the dirt and fillings underneath said buildings having been washed out in places to such an extent that great holes have been formed, which collect and hold stagnant water, all of which has caused the north end of said buildings to sink below their original level and other portions of the flooring of said building to sink or sag and to be in imminent danger of caving in; and

WHEREAS, the said buildings are being occupied by persons engaged in business, who invite the public into said buildings in the transaction of said business; THEREFORE,

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

Section 1: That, acting under and by virtue of police power vested in said Commissioners for the preservation of the general welfare, public health and safety, said buildings have been found to be and are now hereby declared to constitute a continuing public nuisance and a constant menace and imminent source of danger to life, health and property in the City of San Antonio and public safety generally; and V.A.Petty, of Bexar County, Texas, and Mrs Emma Sternenberg, widow and sole devisee of G.A.Sternenberg, deceased, Mrs. Emilie Sternenberg, widow of J.A. Sternenberg, deceased, J.E.Sternenberg, and Mrs Pauline Emma Settegest, joined by her husband, C.E.Settegest, son and daughter of J.A.Sternenberg, deceased, and being the widow and all the heirs of J.A.Sternenberg, deceased, all of Houston, Harris County, Texas, owners of said property, and W.J.Lytle and W.F.Box, of Bexar County, Texas, owning or claiming some interest in said property, and C.F.Barbera, tenant of the premises known as 103 E.Houston Street, and Orin and Charles Dromgoole, doing business as Dromgoole Bros., the tenants of the premises known as 105 East Houston Street, be and they are hereby ordered to vacate said buildings and abate said nuisance by tearing down and removing said buildings immediately, and within ten days after service of notice of the passage of this ordinance.

Section 2. In the event the said V.A.Petty and the others named in Section 1 hereof as the owners, tenants and occupants of said premises, respectively, shall fail or refuse to abate said nuisance by the destruction and removal of said buildings within ten days from the service of notice of the passage of this ordinance, then the City Building Inspector is hereby instructed and authorized to have said buildings torn down and removed forthwith, at the expense of the said owners of said property; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to see that a certified copy of this ordinance is served upon the parties named in Section 1 hereof, or their duly authorized agent, immediately, by some person competent to certify to the fact of such service.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 17th day of June. A.D.1918!

Sam C. Bell

Mayor of the City of San Antonio.

ATTEST:

Fred Fries,
City Clerk.

Commissioner Heuermann introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Heuermann and Wright.

No. 20. **MC-358** AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$750.00) Dollars out of the Judgement Fund, to pay settlement of cause No. B-13892, Evalyn P.Sandoz et al.vs. City of San Antonio.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Seven hundred and fifty (\$750.00) Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Judgement Fund to pay agreed judgement in cause B-13892, Evalyn P.Sandoz et al. vs. City of San Antonio, pending in the Forty Fifth District Court, Bexar County, Texas.

Commissioner Heuermann introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Heuermann, Wright.

No. 21 **MC-359** AN ORDINANCE

Making appropriation for the purchase of Lot No. 9, Block 31, New City Block No. 628, in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

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

That the sum of Twenty Five Hundred (\$2500.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1918 General Fund, for the purchase of Lot No. (9) Nine, Block No. Thirty One (31) New City Block Six Hundred and Twenty Eight (628), City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, and that warrant therefor be issued and delivered to the order of E.G.Graves and Harry Cunningham, upon the execution and delivery of a general warranty deed, approved as to form by the City Attorney, conveying said property to the City of San Antonio.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 17th day of June, 1918.

Commissioner Heuermann introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Heuermann, Wright.

- 360 AN ORDINANCE

Requiring the International & Great Northern Railway Company to construct a storm sewer on South Medina Street from West Commerce Street to and thence on Vera Cruz, to Alazan Creek.

WHEREAS, that portion of Medina Street lying between Commerce and Vera Cruz Streets parallels the International and Great Northern Railway Company's right of way, and a portion of said street is traversed by the tracks of said Railway Company; and

WHEREAS, the natural drainage of storm water from said street is interrupted and impeded so that it is impossible to maintain said street in a clean, healthy and sanitary condition; and

WHEREAS, if it were not for the line of railroad tracks on said street and parallel with said street, the same could be kept in a clean, healthy and sanitary condition by surface drainage through the intersecting streets; and

WHEREAS, the existence of said railway tracks on Medina Street and across the intersecting streets between Commerce and Vera Cruz streets, and the manner in which same are constructed and maintained, creates a continuing nuisance, detrimental to the public health, as well as to the welfare and health of the thousands of United States soldiers encamped in and about said City, and complaint as to the condition of said street has been made by the United States Sanitary inspectors and officers; Therefore,

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

That the International and Great Northern Railway Company be and it is hereby requested and directed to construct a storm sewer, together with all necessary and proper intakes, from Commerce Street to Vera Cruz Street and thence on Vera Cruz Street to an outlet in the Alazan Creek, at the intersection of said Vera Cruz Street and Salado Street; all as shown by map or blue print, dated April, 1918, and on file in the City Engineer's office in City Sewer file No. 328, to which reference is here made.

Commissioner Coy recommended that petition of J.C.Mangham for remission of taxes be granted. Adopted.

Commissioner Coy introduced the following ordinance which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Heuermann, Wright.

No. 22 **MC-361** AN ORDINANCE Back Tax
 Transferring the sum of Eight Hundred (\$800.00) Dollars from the ~~General~~
 Fund ~~to~~ to the Judgment Fund.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, there be and there is hereby transferred the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars from Back Tax Fund to Judgment Fund.

Commissioner Coy introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Heuermann, Wright.

No. 23 **- 362** AN ORDINANCE
 Appropriating \$112.00 out of the 1918 General Fund to pay Jules A. Appler for fourteen 1918 City Directories for official use of various departments.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of One Hundred, twelve and no/100 Dollars, (\$112.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby appropriated out of the 1918 General Fund to pay Jules A. Appler for fourteen 1918 city directories for use of various departments per bills on file in office of City Auditor.

Commissioner Coy introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Heuermann, Wright.

No. 24 **- 363** AN ORDINANCE
 Appropriating \$403.32 out of 1918 General Fund to pay the Sunset Wood Co. for 94,000 lbs Alabama Lump Coal for use in heating City Hall during winter of 1918-1919.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Four hundred, three. 32/100 Dollars (\$403.32) or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is, hereby appropriated out of the 1918 General Fund to pay the Sunset Wood Company for 94,900 pounds Alabama Lump Coal @\$8.50 per ton, being winter supply for fuel for heating City Hall.

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Commissioner Coy introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Heuermann, Wright.

No. 25 **- 364** AN ORDINANCE
 Appropriating \$1.70 to pay J.H. Wharton, Jr.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of One and 70/100 (\$1.70) Dollars (the school portion being 45¢) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1917 General Fund to pay J.H. Wharton Jr. for taxes collected on erroneous assessment of automobile.

Commissioner Coy introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Heuermann, Wright.

No. 26 **- 365** AN ORDINANCE
 Appropriating \$5681.77 for pay rolls for the week ending June 15, 1918.

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 June 18, 1918, and that the following sums be and are hereby appropriated out of the several special and general funds for that purpose to-wit:

1918 General Fund \$5750.77

Commissioner Coy introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Heuermann, Wright.

No. 27 *MC-366* AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$1555.25 out of the 1917 General Fund to pay the South Texas Nash Motors Co. for one ton Nash Truck for use of Fire Department.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Fifteen Hundred, fifty five and 25/100 Dollars (\$1555.25) or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is, hereby appropriated out of the 1917 General Fund to pay the South Texas Nash Motors Co. for one ton Nash Truck equipped with solid tires for use of Fire Department, per bid dated March 13, 1918 on file in office of City Purchasing Agent.

Commissioner Wright introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Heuermann, Wright.

No. 28 *-367* AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty five (\$ 285.00) Dollars, out of the 1916 General Fund to pay Will Edwards, for the damages claimed to have been sustained by him on December 31, 1917.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, that, the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty five (\$285.00) Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1918 General Fund for the purpose of paying Will Edwards for the damages claimed to have been sustained by him on the night of December 31, 1917, when certain fire apparatus of the City of San Antonio collided at the corner of South Alamo and Commerce Streets, as shown by the claim hereto attached.

Prior to the payment of this sum, proper acquittance shall be furnished to the City by the claimant.

Commissioner Wright recommended that the following petitions be granted.

W.A.Parker Co. for electric sign 314 W.Commerce St.

W.T.Farley " " " 131 Main Ave.

S.A.Public Service Co. for permit to erect and reset poles.

S.W.Tel & Tel Co. " " " " " " "

Chas Lux, for permit to reset five poles Austin Road. Adopted.

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

APPROVED:

James C. Bell
MAYOR.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
CITY CLERK.