

AUGUST 9, 1945

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, AUGUST 9, 1945.

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

The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, held on August 1, which minutes were ordered embodied in the regular minutes of the Council on motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson.

The Clerk read the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 2, together with those of the Recessed Meeting of August 3, which minutes were approved as read on motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson.

Mayor Mauermann requested City Auditor Walter Tatsch to report on his conference with Alamo National Bank officials on the subject of city finances.

The Auditor reported that Mr. Walter Napier, President of Alamo National Bank, had agreed to lend the City \$3,923,000, with the understanding that the tax rate would be fixed when the tax assessments have been compiled and then, if necessary -- but only if necessary-- the general fund rate would be fixed at \$1.25.

Commissioner Anderson followed this report with a statement on the City's need to get additional revenue from sources other than real estate taxes. He suggested the Council look into the possibility of raising another \$100,000 to \$200,000 in revenue from several sources which have been mentioned as being used in other cities.

On motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the Council instructed the City Attorney to prepare the proper ordinances to put into effect the contract with the Alamo National Bank to finance the City for the fiscal year 1945.

Petitions presented and referred:

Referred to Commissioner of Taxation:

Faith Temple Church of Christ, asking exemption from taxes of property at 1729 East Houston St., and

Trinity Lutheran Church, asking exemption from taxes of property at 5520 S. Flores St.

Referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police:

Magnolia Petroleum Co., asking permission to make gasoline installation at 1000 West Thompson place;

O. F. Davenport Oil Co., asking permission to make gasoline installation at 1119 West Commerce St., and

Residents, asking removal of shack at 111 Winnipeg St.

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

APPRO. NO. 147

AN ORDINANCE (2490)  
TRANSFERRING \$7,000 FROM 1944 GENERAL FUND TO 1945 GENERAL FUND.

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APPRO. NO. 148 AN ORDINANCE (2491)  
 APPROPRIATING \$25,007.67 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY ONE  
 NOTE, No. 12, AND ACCRUED INTEREST.

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APPRO. NO. 149 AN ORDINANCE (2492)  
 APPROPRIATING \$18,552.71 OUT OF U. S. GOV'T TAX ACCOUNT TO PAY  
 WITHHOLDING TAXES FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1945.

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APPRO. NO. 150 AN ORDINANCE (2493)  
 APPROPRIATING \$62.94 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR PER DIEM  
 STREET MAINTENANCE PAYROLL.

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APPRO. NO. 151 AN ORDINANCE (2494)  
 APPROPRIATING \$56.80 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS.,  
 TO PAY DAN QUILL, POSTMASTER, FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.

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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, Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 152 AN ORDINANCE (2495)

AUTHORIZING PURCHASING AGENT TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER FOR  
 PURCHASE FROM RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORP. OF TWELVE FIELD  
 TELEPHONES AND APPROPRIATING \$150.00.

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On motion of Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll  
 call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the Council concurred  
 in the recommendation of the City Engineer and approved a plat, filed by Douglas Anderson,  
 subdividing Tract 13, Block 4, Lakeview Gardens No. 2, County Block 5532.

City Engineer Coghill explained that he was recommending approval even though some of  
 the stipulations of the Plat Approval Ordinance had not been complied with. He said some  
 lots out of this subdivision had already been sold before it was annexed to the City, the  
 petitioner having no notice that this area was to be annexed.

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Commissioner Anderson introduced the following annexation ordinance for first reading  
 and publication. On motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and  
 carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Hein and Anderson; Nays, Callaghan and  
 Steffler, the Council ordered the ordinance published.

## AN ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN  
 ANTONIO AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY  
 ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY. (NO. 3 - SOUTH).

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

APPRO. NO. 153 AN ORDINANCE (2496)

APPROPRIATING \$145.26 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR EMERGENCY  
 EXPENDITURES IN THE POLICE DEPT.

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APPRO. NO. 154 AN ORDINANCE (2497)

APPROPRIATING \$198.04 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO DEFRAY EXPENSES  
 OF BRUCE WEATHERLY, DETECTIVE, ON ASSIGNMENT TO F.B.I. NATIONAL  
 POLICE ACADEMY AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPRO. NO. 155

AN ORDINANCE (2498)

APPROPRIATING \$2.05 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, POLICE DEPT.,  
PAYABLE TO FRED HUNTRESS, COUNTY CLERK, FOR NOTARY COMMISSION FEE.

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AN ORDINANCE (2499)

AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF FIRE AND POLICE TO DISPOSE  
OF JUNK AT FIRE STATION 14.

Commissioner Anderson explained that he wanted this authority in order to dispose of an accumulation of salvage from fires and parts of worn out equipment which had built up in the past 20 years. He said it had been inspected by various prospective buyers, but no one wanted to bid on the entire lot. He said the total value of all the junk was about \$50.

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

APPRO. NO. 156

AN ORDINANCE (2500)

APPROPRIATING \$160.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY RENT  
FOR CONTROL CENTER AND U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

APPRO. NO. 157

AN ORDINANCE (2501)

APPROPRIATING \$67.50 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY DR.  
B. E. GALLOWAY FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

APPRO. NO. 158

AN ORDINANCE (2502)

APPROPRIATING \$67.50 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY DR.  
J. M. DONALDSON, JR., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

APPRO. NO. 159

AN ORDINANCE (2503)

APPROPRIATING \$75.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY DR.  
HELEN CANNON BERNFIELD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

APPRO. NO. 160

AN ORDINANCE (2504)

APPROPRIATING \$1,757.90 OUT OF COMMERCE BUILDING FUND TO  
PAY CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD FOR ELECTRICITY AND POWER.

APPRO. NO. 161

AN ORDINANCE (2505)

APPROPRIATING \$25.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY DR.  
E. J. ARENDT FOR USE OF X-RAY EQUIPMENT FOR JULY, 1945.

APPRO. NO. 162

AN ORDINANCE (2506)

APPROPRIATING \$20.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT.,  
PAYABLE TO W. T. QUILLIN, CASHIER, FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENDITURES.

APPRO. NO. 163

AN ORDINANCE (2507)

APPROPRIATING \$16.80 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND PAYABLE TO DR.  
LEWIS C. ROBBINS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, FOR EXPENSES  
INCURRED ON TRIP TO AUSTIN, TEXAS.

APPRO. NO. 164

AN ORDINANCE (2508)

APPROPRIATING \$234.00 TO PAY V. S. McCARVER MFG. Co. FOR BENCHES  
IN THE HEALTH DEPT. AND REPEALING PART OF COUNCIL APPRO. NO. 818.

Bids to furnish the City's requirements of the following items were opened and publicly read and referred to the Purchasing Agent: Fuel oil, parking meters, assessment inventory sheets, tax receipts and carbon paper.

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One bid, the only bid submitted, to purchase City property located at the intersection of North St. Mary's St., Kings Court and Woodlawn Ave., was opened and publicly read. Action was deferred to a later meeting of the Council.

On motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the meeting was recessed to 11:00 o'clock, A. M., Wednesday, August 15, 1945.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the meeting of August 9, the Council reconvened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 11:00 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, August 15, 1945.

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

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

APPRO. NO. 165

AN ORDINANCE (2509)

APPROPRIATING \$94,819.88 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLLS.

Mayor Mauermann extended congratulations to Commissioner Anderson and the Police Dept. on the excellent handling of the downtown crowds which celebrated the Japanese Surrender Tuesday night. He said he had found the police very polite and patient, a fact which he noticed was appreciated by the public. He praised highly the success of Commissioner Anderson's long-prepared plans for handling this occasion.

Thanking the Mayor, Commissioner Anderson stated he wished, at this time, to thank the Texas State Guard, headed by Col. J. A. Harris, and the regular Military Police who were very helpful to the city police in watching over the night's celebration.

The Clerk read the following proclamation:

A PROCLAMATION

BY MAYOR GUS B. MAUERMANN

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, Gus B. Mauermann, Mayor of the City of San Antonio, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim that Wednesday, the fifteenth day of August, 1945, shall be observed in San Antonio as a holiday.

By official announcement of the President of the United States, we have learned of the definite and final surrender of the Japanese nation which plunged our country into bloody war by a cowardly sneak attack almost four years ago.

It is most appropriate that San Antonio -- with a full quota of her heroic sons and daughters in the armed forces -- join whole-heartedly in the nationwide rejoicing over this glorious victory of the land, sea and air forces of the United States and its Allies.

In this hour of victory, let us remember and forever cherish in our hearts all those boys and girls, men and women, who had the patriotism, zeal and love of country to sacrifice their lives for our great and just cause, as well as the many who will return to us still bearing the scars of battle.

In a spirit of thankfulness to Divine Providence, I respectfully urge that all citizens set aside some part of this day of rejoicing to offer their thanks in religious services which will be held in all churches throughout the City -- to show our gratitude to the Supreme Being Who has guided our destinies safely through some of the darkest days our civilization has ever known.

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Let us rejoice, as we should, that this terrible war is at an end, but let us also resolve that we, as free citizens of the greatest nation in the world, will try to be worthy of the sacrifices made by our fighting forces, and will strive to do our part to forever banish the horrible nightmare of world conflict from this planet. To this end, let us prayerfully beseech the Divine aid of Our Maker to help our victorious nation lead the way to everlasting peace.

Joyfully, then, and with determination to be worthy of our heroes, dead and living, let us turn with new faith and vigor to the tasks of reconversion -- to rebuilding our nation and our civilization that we may go forward in peace and prosperity to a new freedom for all the world.

GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the City of San Antonio, this the fourteenth day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, 1945.

s/ Gus B. Mauermann, Mayor.

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Commissioner Anderson moved that this Proclamation be made a part of the Minutes of the City Council. After a second by Commissioner Callaghan, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, Hein (absent).

(This Proclamation had been read to the citizens of San Antonio over Radio Station KABC by Mayor Mauermann at 10:15 P.M. Tuesday night, August 14, 1945, following the announcement of the Japanese surrender.)

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On motion of Commissioner Callaghan, seconded by Commissioner Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, Hein (absent), the meeting adjourned Wednesday, August 15, 1945.

APPROVED:

*Gus B. Mauermann*

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ATTEST:

*Frank Brady*  
City Clerk

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(For full text of all ordinances passed at this Regular Meeting and Recessed Meeting, see Ordinance Book "M", pages 669 through 672, and Ordinance Book "N", pages 1 through 4.)

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