

AUGUST 5, 1943

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,  
TEXAS, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE CITY HALL, SAN ANTONIO,  
AT 10:00 A. M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1943.

PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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The Minutes of the meeting of July 29th, 1943 were read by the Clerk, and upon motion by Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan and unanimously carried, they were approved as read.

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A complaint of Maude Pridgeon Butler was presented by the Clerk and referred to Commissioner Hein for action.

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Commissioner Hein introduced the following Ordinances, which were read, approved and passed by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson. Nay, none.

AN ORDINANCE (168)

ACCEPTING THE OFFER OF THE UNIVERSAL BOOK BINDERY, INCORPORATED,  
TO BUY LAND IN NEW CITY BLOCK 449.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p.84 ).

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AN ORDINANCE (169)

AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH H. R. F. HELLAND, ET AL, FOR ENGINEERING  
SERVICES AT THE SAN ANTONIO SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p.84 ).

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APPRO. NO. 105

AN ORDINANCE (170)

APPROPRIATING \$68.50 OUT OF 1943 GENERAL FUND FOR AWNINGS  
REPAIRED AT SEWAGE PLANT.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p.85 ).

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APPRO. NO. 106

AN ORDINANCE (171)

AUTHORIZING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND UNITED STATES FOR  
RODENT CONTROL; AND APPROPRIATING \$1620.00.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p.85 ).

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A RESOLUTION (172)

ACCEPTING GATE AT BRACKENRIDGE PARK ENTRANCE.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p.85 ).

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Commissioner Steffler introduced the following Ordinances, which were read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Hein, Callaghan, Steffler and Anderson. Nay, none.

APPRO. NO. 107

AN ORDINANCE (173)

APPROPRIATING \$16.59 TO REIMBURSE MANUEL O. RUIZ FOR  
DAMAGES TO AUTOMOBILE AT SAN PATRICIO AND SABINAS STREET.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p.86 ).

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AN ORDINANCE (174)

DIRECTING J. D. OPPENHEIMER TO SET BACK BUILDING ON MAIN AVENUE.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p.86 ).

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Commissioner Anderson introduced the following Ordinances, which were read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson. Nay, none.

## AN ORDINANCE (175)

MAKING AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND THE TOWN OF OLMOS PARK, TEXAS, FOR FIRE PROTECTION.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 86).

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APPRO. NO. 108

## AN ORDINANCE (176)

APPROPRIATING \$11,720.50 OUT OF THE POLICEMAN, FIREMENS' AND FIRE ALARM OPERATORS' PENSION FUND, FOR PAYROLLS.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 88).

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APPRO. NO. 109

## AN ORDINANCE (177)

APPROPRIATING \$250.00 TO PAY CHIEF AUBREY HOPKINS EXPENSES INCURRED IN CITY BUSINESS.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 88).

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Mayor Mauermann introduced the following Ordinances, which were read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson. Nay, none.

APPRO. NO. 110

## AN ORDINANCE (178)

APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$32.50 OUT OF THE 1943 GENERAL FUND, ON CIVILIAN DEFENSE PAYROLL.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 89).

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APPRO. NO. 111

## AN ORDINANCE (179)

APPROPRIATING \$144.25 OUT OF 1943 GENERAL FUND TO PAY FOR SUPPLIES, PAUPER BURIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 89)

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## AN ORDINANCE (180)

CANCELLING PORTIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR PURPOSE OF PAYING VICTORY TAX TO COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 89)

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APPRO. NO. 112

## AN ORDINANCE (181)

TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF \$7.00 FROM THE VICTORY TAX ACCOUNT TO THE AIRPORT FUND OF 1941.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 90 )

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APPRO. NO. 113

## AN ORDINANCE (182)

APPROPRIATING \$364.80 IN PAYMENT TO THE CLEGG COMPANY FOR COST OF TOURIST MAPS.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 90).

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On motion by Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and unanimously carried by a vote on roll call, a vote of thanks was extended to Commissioner Hein for purchasing two flags for the Council Chamber.

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The bid of Tom B. Stephens to furnish the City of San Antonio with its requirements of fuel oil was opened, being the only bid received, and on motion by Commissioner, Hein, seconded by Commissioner Steffler, and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, none, the bid was accepted.

Commissioner Hein read an ordinance before the Council which was not passed, but filed with the City Clerk, to be presented for action at the regular Council Meeting of August 12, 1943. The ordinance asked the removal of a \$50.00 license fee charged to truckers. A committee representing the Truckers Association, with Mr. E. T. Garcia and Manuel Imperial as spokesmen, asked adoption of the ordinance and suggested that the parking fee for truckers be changed from 25¢ to 50¢ in lieu of the \$50.00 annual fee.

On motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Steffler and unanimously carried, the meeting was recessed until Saturday, August 7, 1943, at 10:00 A. M.

PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the meeting of the Commissioners held at 10:00 A. M. August 5th, 1943, the meeting reconvened Saturday, August 7th, 1943, at 10:00 A. M., in the Council Chamber in the City Hall.

PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

Mayor Mauermann introduced the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE (183)

ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE EXPENDITURES FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OUT OF THE 1943 GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR 1943.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book L, p. 91)

Mr. Walter W. McAllister was present and spoke as a representative of the Tax Payers Defense League. He expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the Council in granting him the opportunity to examine the budget.

Mr. McAllister criticized the City Attorney's staff and the Back Tax Attorney's Department, stating that too many attorneys and too many clerks were hired in these respective departments and that he believed that \$100,000.00 could be cut from the budget by rigid economy of the various departments. He also questioned the \$210,000.00 to be received from the City Public Service Board.

Mayor Mauermann answered Mr. McAllister and informed him that the first payment on the \$210,000.00 had been received from the City Public Service Board. The Mayor further stated that an amount of money had been set up in the City Attorney's Department to cover expense of any litigation with the GBRA.

With reference to the number of clerks employed in the Back Tax Attorney's Office, Mayor Mauermann's reply was that the City in the coming year will make an effort to collect all back taxes owing and further stated that in July of 1943, \$26,000.00 in back taxes were collected as compared with \$8,000.00 in July of 1942.

Mayor Mauermann informed Mr. McAllister that in 1941 the tax rate of the City of San Antonio was 18¢ higher than the rate for 1942. The reason for this 18¢ reduction in 1942 was due to the sale of the option on the San Antonio Traction Company in the amount of \$301,100.00, which amount was applied to reduce the tax rate 18¢. The 1943 rate will be increased 9¢ over the 1942 rate but will remain 9¢ less than the rate for 1941. The Mayor assured Mr. McAllister that "we are not going to waste the city's money and if the estimates of costs are too high, then the surplus at the end of the year will be larger."

Commissioners Steffler, Hein and Anderson all defended the increase in their budgets by

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saying that they were compelled to pay increased wages in order to keep enough employees to carry on the work of their departments.

Commissioner Anderson also compared the cost of fire and police protection with other cities in Texas by citing that in Houston the per capita cost was \$2.75, in Dallas \$2.60, in Fort Worth \$2.50 and in San Antonio, \$.60.

Following this discussion, the budget was adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson. Nay, none.

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Mayor Mauermann introduced the following Ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson. Nay, none:

AN ORDINANCE (184)

PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF CERTAIN FUNDS DUE THE CITY  
AS THE PURCHASER OF THE ASSETS OF THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMPANY.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 91).

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Commissioner Callaghan introduced the following Ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson. Nay, none.

APPRO. NO. 114

AN ORDINANCE (185)

APPROPRIATING \$12,032.82 OUT OF U. S. GOV'T TAX ACCOUNT TO  
PAY WITHHELD TAXES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1943.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 92).

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Commissioner Hein introduced the following Ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson. Nay, none.

AN ORDINANCE (186)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF STEPHENS FUEL OIL CO. TO FURNISH THE  
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ITS REQUIREMENTS OF FUEL OIL FOR  
THE SEASON OF 1943-1944.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 93).

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A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein, and unanimously carried, to grant a ~~leave~~ of absence to Mayor Mauermann, Commissioner Steffler and City Engineer Coghill to make a trip to Fort Worth on August 9th and 10th, 1943, on city business.

On motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned August 7th, 1943.

APPROVED:

*Paul B. Mauermann*

MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Sam Bennett*  
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City Clerk