

## MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

THURSDAY, December 1ST, A.D.1921, 4 P.M.

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

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

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

Communication from the Rotary Club, requesting permit to erect annual Christmas tree on Alamo Plaza was read and granted.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Taxation:

G.S.Lacey, for correction of assessment.  
Mrs M.K.Lane, for correction of assessment.  
J.F.Posert, for correction of assessment.  
Geo. Peterman, for correction of assessment.  
Frank Lightfoot, for refund of plumbing permit.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police:

F.H.Hagner, for permit to erect 3 gasoline pumps and tanks.  
F.H.Hagner, for permit to erect drive-in filling station, and to cut curb, 647 S.Presa St.  
S.G.Lucchese, for permit to erect electric sign at National Theatre.  
Rev. W.F.Sharpe, for permit to erect tent Bowens Island.  
F.Villareal, et al, praying for enforcement of City ordinance controlling sale of meats.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Streets, etc.

Property owners, for extension of High Street.  
H?R.Geyer, protesting against obstruction of Santa Clara Street.

Petition of Market Gardeners requesting that Carnival shows be not allowed to use space rented to them by the City on Hay Plaza, was read and referred to Commissioner of Sanitation, etc.

On motion of Commissioner Pfeiffer, duly seconded and carried, one bid received for binding tax records was rejected, and other bids ordered advertised for. The bid of the Oriental Oil Company for furnishing the City with gasoline and lubricating oil for a period of six months was accepted, upon recommendation of City Purchasing Agent. Bid of Alamo Iron Works to furnish City with suction hose was accepted.

Bids for constructing new fire station on E.Crockett Street, and to install wiring and heating plant, etc. were opened and read and referred to City Engineer for tabulation.

Commissioner Lambert made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

Citizens, requesting that the City grant the use of San Pedro Park for the purpose of establishing a fish hatchery, granted, and the City Attorney requested to draw up an agreement in regard to same.  
Rodriguez Bros, for special building-permit, granted.  
T.E.Barnes, for permit to move a garage, granted.  
Lone Star Adv. Co. for permit to erect iron sign on roof corner of Villita and Presa Streets, granted.

Commissioner Lambert moved that the charges brought against J.T.Banks, Market Master, and C.B.Wahrmund, Asst. Market Master, a hearing of same having previously been held by the Commissioners, be not sustained, which motion was carried by unanimous vote of the Commissioners, and the charges were ordered dismissed.

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

No. 325

## AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating money to pay the Comptroller of public accounts at Austin, Texas, fee on alcoholic permit, to be issued by H.J.Schattenberg for the City Clinic.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) be hereby appropriated to pay the Comptroller of Public Accounts at Austin, Texas, for fee on alcoholic permit issued to H.J.Schattenberg of the City Clinic for compounding stains and reagents in the clinical Laboratory. To be charged to the Clinic Fund.

Petition of Casseb Bldg for permit to hang sign (electric) from third story of building, was granted on recommendation of Commissioner of Fire and Police.

The recommendation of the City Engineer that the bids for paving Dallas Street be rejected was adopted.

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

RESOLUTION

Calling for new bids for the paving of Dallas Street from Jones Avenue to Brooklyn Avenue.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to advertise for bids for the paving of Dallas Street, from Jones Avenue to Brooklyn Avenue, bids to be received until 4 P.M. December 5, 1921.

Certified check of 2½ per cent must accompany each bid. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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

No. 324

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$6.55 to pay Wm. Carr.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$6.55 (the San Antonio School Boards proportion being \$1.87) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1920 General Fund to pay Wm. Carr for taxes collected on automobile in error.

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No. 323

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$359.55 to pay Wm. Sewell for feeding prisoners last half of November.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$359.55 or so much thereof as may be necessary be and is appropriated out of the 1921 General Fund to pay Wm. Sewell for feeding prisoners last half of November as per bill now on file with the City Auditor.

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No. 326

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$305.00 to pay pay roll of G.W. Robinson for special work done under supervision of the Mayor.

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

That the sum of Three Hundred and Five Dollars (\$305.00) be and is hereby appropriated out of the 1921 General Fund to pay pay roll of G.W. Robinson for services rendered the City under direction of the Mayor, from Nov. 1 to Nov. 30, 1921.

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

AN ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the San Antonio Public Service Company of the City of San Antonio has submitted to the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of San Antonio a proposition in words and figures substantially as follows:

San Antonio Public Service Company.  
201-203 N. St. Mary's St.  
San Antonio, Texas.  
November 30, 1921.

Hon. Mayor and City Commissioners,  
City of San Antonio,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sirs:

The Mayor's demand for a six cent fare has been given careful consideration. This Company is not earning a reasonable return upon the money invested in its Traction Department under the present fare of eight cents, with four tickets for thirty cents, as shown by our records, which are open to the City's inspection, Nevertheless without prejudice to the rights of either the City or the Company, the Company is willing to make a trial of a six cent fare with the hopes that traffic can be increased, and operating expenses decreased, so as to make operation under such a fare possible.

The Company proposes to reduce the street car fares to six cents for full fare, and three cents for half fare, with transfers as at present, under the following conditions:

1st. The City is to cause the complete elimination of all jitney service within the City of San Antonio, excepting jitney service between Camp Travis and a point on Avenue "E", near the Post Office, such jitney service to be permitted to operate to and fro, over the following route; Beginning at a point near the Post Office, thence along Avenue "E" to Sixth Street, thence along Sixth Street to Burnett Street, thence along Burnett Street to Austin Street, thence along Austin Street to Van Ness Street,

thence along Van Ness to New Braunfels Avenue, and thence along New Braunfels Avenue to the United States Military reservation.

Provided further, that the jitney service to and from Camp Travis shall be confined entirely to business originating or terminating within the military reservation, and that no passenger shall be taken on or discharged at any point between the military reservation and the designated terminal near the Post Office.

2nd. The City is to permit the construction of double tracks on Pecos Street from Commerce Street to Houston Street, and on Buena Vista Street from San Saba Street to Pecos Street; and the removal of the present tracks on San Saba Street between Buena Vista Street and Commerce Street, and on Commerce Street between Buena Vista Street and Pecos Street, and on Pecos Street between Buena Vista Street and Commerce Street, This change is requested so that the prospect Hill cars can be routed through Pecos Street into Houston Street, and the South Laredo cars through San Saba Street and Dolorosa Street to Main Plaza.

3rd. The Company proposes to reduce gas and electric rates to the 1920 schedule. The rates under this schedule would be as follows;

		GAS	
		Gross	Net.
For the first	10,000 cu ft.	\$1.25 per M.	\$1.12½
" "	next 20,000 Cu. ft.	1.15 " "	1.03½
" "	next 20,000 cu. ft.	1.05 " "	.94½
" "	all over 50,000 cu. ft.	.95 " "	.85½
		ELECTRIC LIGHT	
		Gross	Net.
For the first	25 K.W.	\$0.10 per K.W.Hr.	\$0.09
" "	next 75 K.W.	.08 " " "	0.072.
" "	next 900 K.W.	.07 " " "	.063
" "	next 2000 K.W.	.06 " " "	.054
For all over	3000 K.W.	.05 " " "	.045

4th. The reduction in gas and electric rates will be made on all bills rendered after December 31, 1921.

5th. The reduction in street car fares is to be made when all jitney service other than that to and from Camp Travis is finally discontinued.

Respectfully yours,

(signed) W.B. Tuttle  
W.B. Tuttle,  
1st Vice President.

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WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, to accept said proposition.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio:

SECTION ONE That the proposition made by the San Antonio Public Service Company to the City of San Antonio, as above set forth be and the same is hereby in all things accepted by the City of San Antonio, but is not hereby admitted that said Company is not now earning a reasonable return upon its investment.

SECTION TWO: The San Antonio Public Service Company is hereby given the right to construct a line of double tracks and the necessary poles and overhead appliances for the purpose of operating street cars on Pecos Street from Commerce Street to Houston Street, and on Buena Vista Street from San Saba Street to Pecos Street; and is hereby given the further right to remove the present street car tracks and overhead construction on San Saba Street, between Buena Vista Street, and Commerce Street, and on Commerce Street, between Buena Vista Street and Pecos Street, and on Pecos Street, between Buena Vista Street and Commerce Street.

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

AN ORDINANCE

Repealing an ordinance passed and approved on the 8th day of March, A.D.1915, and recorded in Book "F" pages 516 of the Ordinance Books of the City of San Antonio, which ordinance was for the purpose of regulating local street transportation of persons by street cars, jitneys, motor busses and other vehicles, and also repealing an amendment to said ordinance passed and approved by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio on the 10th day of March, A.D.1917, and recorded in Book "F" pages 171-3 of the Ordinance Books of the City of San Antonio; and also an amendment to said ordinance passed and approved on the 21st day of June A.D.1917, and recorded in Book "F" pages 260-1 of the Ordinance Books of the City of San Antonio, and also an amendment to said ordinances passed and approved on the 15th day of October, 1917, and recorded in Book "F" pages 282-3 of the Ordinance Books of the City of San Antonio; and all other amendments to said ordinance of date March 8th, 1915, and revoking and cancelling all licenses heretofore issued by the City of San Antonio to persons to operate jitneys or motor busses for local street transportation, and making an appropriation of money to pay the holders of such licenses, and prohibiting the use of the streets of the City of San Antonio for the purpose of operating automobile or motor busses engaged in local street transportation for hire, and providing appropriate penalties.

(For full text of this ordinance see Ordinance Book "F", page 606 )

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

AN ORDINANCE

For the purpose of regulating local street transportation of persons by "jitneys", motor busses and other vehicles; and prohibiting the use of "jitneys", motor buses and other vehicles for such transportation on the streets of the City of San Antonio, except as herein provided for, and providing appropriate penalties.

(For full text of this ordinance see Ordinance Book "F", pages 599-605 )

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

ATTEST:

Gene A. Cordell  
CITY CLERK.

APPROVED

Orville Beach  
MAYOR