

NOVEMBER 29, 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, NOVEMBER 29, 1945.

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

The Clerk read the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 23, which were approved, as read, on motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

The Mayor announced receipt of the following telegram:

1945 Nov. 29, A.M. 12:15

New York, N.Y.  
The Mayor  
San Antonio, Tex.

Eastern Air Lines, Inc., tomorrow will file with the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington an application for new Southern Trans-Continental Air Route serving approximately sixty cities between San Francisco-Oakland-Los Angeles and San Diego and San Antonio-Houston and New Orleans-Tampa-Miami and San Juan Puerto Rico. I shall appreciate your bringing it to the attention of the editors of your newspapers, the manager of your Chamber of Commerce and your Postmaster. Please wire me their names in order that I may send copies of our application to them as well as to you.

Eddie Rickenbacker, President & General Manager.

Petitions presented:

Central Council, Southside Improvement Leagues, asking reductions in rates for water, insurance, transportation, etc., in newly annexed suburban areas; referred to Committee of the Whole. Mayor Mauermann stated the Council several weeks earlier had announced an unanimous agreement that there would be no "double taxation" in these areas, and that taxes paid to water and sewer districts would be pro-rated in figuring city taxes for these areas.

Referred to Zoning Commission:

Albert Hirschfeld, asking the zoning of parts of Crownhill and Skyway Subdivisions and all of Hirschfeld Subdivision.

Referred to Commissioner of Streets:

Arturo S. Garcia, and others, requesting the paving and improvement of the 1900 block of West Houston Street.

Hall P. Street, asking permission to construct private sewer line from the end of present line in alley between Rigsby and Hammond Avenues.

R. E. Haggard, and wife, asking permission to use sanitary sewerage system by a connection from Lot No. 3, Block 30, Ridgmont Avenue.

Referred to City Engineer:

Bexar Lumber Co., asking approval of plat of resubdivision of certain lots in N. C. B. 3734.

Referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police:

Miss Hazel Hunter, asking permission to build and operate barbecue pit at 1900 N. St. Mary's St.

Jack Neal, Inc., asking permission to make gasoline installation at 227 Aransas Ave.

The petition of C. Hernandez and L. V. Williams for hearing on appeal from decision of Taxicab Inspector was presented. The Clerk stated he had received a telephone call from

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Mr. K. M. Fisher, employer of the two petitioners, stating that this petition would be withdrawn, but had not received written notice to this effect from the petitioners.

Mayor Mauermann said he did not want to deprive these petitioners of any of their rights, and thought the Council should go ahead with a hearing unless the petitioners themselves, and not their employer, withdrew the appeal.

Commissioner Anderson moved that the Council set no date for a hearing on this appeal and defer further action until this matter had been clarified by further information from the petitioners. After a second by Commissioner Callaghan, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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

APPRO. NO. 416

AN ORDINANCE (2844)

APPROPRIATING \$97,581.86 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLLS.

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APPRO. NO. 417

AN ORDINANCE (2845)

APPROPRIATING \$191.37 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1945.

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APPRO. NO. 418

AN ORDINANCE (2846)

APPROPRIATING \$162.50 OUT OF INTER-AMERICAN HEALTH PROJECT NO. AIA2-5309 FOR PAYROLL.

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APPRO. NO. 419

AN ORDINANCE (2847)

APPROPRIATING \$13.50 OUT OF 1944 GENERAL FUND FOR STREET MAINTENANCE PAYROLL.

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

A RESOLUTION (2859)

CALLING FOR BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF DRAINAGE PIPE AND APPURTENANCES ON CUNNINGHAM AVENUE.

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Commissioner Hein announced San Antonio had a very good chance to obtain the annual track and field meet of the A.A.U., in June, if the city would authorize the local delegate to the A.A.U. Convention in Richmond, Va., December 7, 8, 9, to bid for it. He said it would be necessary to guarantee up to a maximum of \$850. He introduced Mr. E.A. Pohl, Texas A.A.U. Commissioner and San Antonio delegate to the convention.

Mr. Pohl explained the procedure for obtaining the A.A.U. meet, the deposit of \$600 to \$850 required to show "good faith" in bidding for it, the 57-year history of the event, and the fact that San Antonio would be the first Southern city to get it. In reply to a question from the Mayor, he stated San Antonio's chances of getting the meet were "80 to 90 per cent." In reply to a question from Commissioner Anderson, he said the City would get its deposit money back and that the Committee in charge of the event would guarantee a net profit of from \$8,000 to \$10,000 on the program alone, plus the profits from admission charges. He said the men putting on the event would all donate their services and all surplus profits would go to the City Recreation Dept. for purchase of playground equipment.

Commissioner Anderson said it would establish a precedent to appropriate City money for this purpose, but it appeared all right if Commissioner Hein wanted to do it. He said he did not see how the rest of the Council was involved.

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Mayor Mauermann explained that the City could obtain none of the profits unless the Council authorized the bid and the guarantee.

Pohl said he thought it would be proper to appropriate the guarantee money out of the City Advertising fund, since the publicity resulting from the meet would be worth at least a half million dollars.

Commissioner Anderson said he thought that if the various City departments are required to go to additional expense in the holding of the meet, that all should share in the profits.

Commissioner Callaghan moved that \$850 be appropriated out of the Advertising fund, but Commissioner Hein said he did not think an appropriation was necessary, at this time.

Commissioner Anderson offered a substitute motion that the Council authorize the Mayor to make the tentative "good Faith" offer of up to \$850 and bid for the meet. After a second by Commissioner Hein, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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

APPRO. NO. 420 AN ORDINANCE (2848)  
APPROPRIATING \$135 OUT OF STREET EXCAVATION TRUST ACCOUNT FOR REFUNDS AND REPAIRS.

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APPRO. NO. 421 AN ORDINANCE (2849)  
APPROPRIATING \$471.35 IN PAYMENT TO COLGLAZIER & HOFF, INC., FOR ADDITIONAL WORK DONE ON PACIFIC AVE.

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APPRO. NO. 422 AN ORDINANCE (2850)  
APPROPRIATING \$429.15 PAYABLE TO KELLY CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR PAVING ON WEST DITMAR AND BASTROP STREETS.

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APPRO. NO. 423 AN ORDINANCE (2851)  
APPROPRIATING \$32.18 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND PAYABLE TO KELLY CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR PAVING AT ALLEY INTERSECTIONS IN THE 1800 AND 1900 BLOCKS OF SOUTH CLIVE ST.

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APPRO. NO. 424 AN ORDINANCE (2852)  
APPROPRIATING \$1,733.82 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND PAYABLE TO KELLY CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON RUIZ ST.

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APPRO. NO. 425 AN ORDINANCE (2853)  
APPROPRIATING \$831.60 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, STREET MAINTENANCE, TO PAY BELFAST SUPPLY CO. FOR ONE CARLOAD OF EMULSIFIED ASPHALT.

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APPRO. NO. 426 AN ORDINANCE (2854)  
APPROPRIATING \$623.70 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, STREET MAINTENANCE, TO PAY COLGLAZIER & HOFF, INC., FOR ONE CAR OA-135 OIL ASPHALT.

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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 and Anderson, the Council approved plats vacating and resubdividing the south part of Lots 18, 26 & 27, Block 1, Somerset Place Addn., First Filing, C.B. 5604, submitted by Alexander Brenner -- as recommended by the City Engineer.

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In each case on motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the Council granted the following petitions:

S. J. Moore, for permission to make gasoline installation at 5050 W. Commerce St.;  
 Midway Service, for permission to make gasoline installation at 5050 W. Commerce St.;  
 Midway Service, for permission to make gasoline installation at 2102 W. Commerce St.;  
 Jack Neal, Inc., for permission to make gasoline installation at 541 Fredericksburg Rd.

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

APPRO. NO. 427

AN ORDINANCE (2855)

REPEALING AN ORDINANCE (BEING COUNCIL APPROPRIATION NO. 414).

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AN ORDINANCE (2856)

MAKING A STREET RENTAL CHARGE AGAINST CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES  
 ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF A COMMON CARRIER, FOR THE USE OF  
 THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

In reply to a question from Commissioner Hein, Mayor Mauermann said he had received no objections to this ordinance, but, in fact, had received several telephone calls favoring it, one of these calls coming from the operator of the Yellow Cab Co.

Commissioner Anderson said the ordinance imposes a "flat rate" on the gross receipts of all companies, putting all on the same basis.

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Commissioner Anderson brought up the matter of extensions of the City Water system, stating that he received many petitions daily from people seeking to build houses, and that the petitions were subsequently turned down by the Health Dept. because there was no water supply where the people sought to build. He suggested a meeting of the Water Board and the Health Dept. on this subject.

Mayor Mauermann suggested that the Council's Water Committee, composed of the Health Officer, Fire Chief and City Engineer take this up.

Commissioner Anderson said he thought it would be necessary only to have the Health Officer meet with the Water Board and determine a specific policy to replace the present "negative policy". He said the Water Committee had not succeeded in previous attempts to get action from the Water Board.

In reply to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Fire Chief Hart said he had requested 335 new fire hydrants but the Water Board had put in only 37, so far.

Mayor Mauermann said he believed the Water Board had complied substantially with all requests of the Water Committee, and added that he did not think the Council would know how to approach the Water Board until a further study had been made. To a suggestion by Commissioner Anderson that the Mayor should be an ex-officio member of the Water Committee, the Mayor replied that he would be willing and had, in fact, worked with the Committee all along.

Commissioner Anderson said that since the war is over, the Water Board should be able to get necessary materials and labor and had sufficient money to make more extensions.

Mayor Mauermann suggested the Committee make a study and then have the Council pass a resolution requesting the Water Board to make whatever extensions are found necessary. He suggested that the Building Inspector also be named to the Water Committee.

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

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APPRO. NO. 428

AN ORDINANCE (2857)

APPROPRIATING \$52 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., TO  
PAY DAN QUILL, POSTMASTER, FOR POSTAL CARDS AND STAMPS.

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APPRO. NO. 429

AN ORDINANCE (2858)

APPROPRIATING \$45.49 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT., TO  
PAY DR. LEWIS C. ROBBINS FOR EXPENSES ON TRIP TO FORT WORTH ON  
OFFICIAL CITY BUSINESS.

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Referring back to the telegram from Eastern Air Lines announced earlier in the meeting, Mayor Mauermann suggested the Council go on record in favor of the application for a Southern Trans-Continental Air Route and wire E.A.L. to that effect, pledging the City's assistance in any way possible.

Commissioner Anderson moved that the Council authorize the Mayor to take this action and wire E.A.L., Senator Connally, Congressman Kilday, and take whatever other steps are found necessary. After a second by Commissioner Callaghan, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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On motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, ~~Mauermann~~, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, Mayor Mauermann not voting, the Council granted the Mayor a ten-day leave of absence, to start Monday, December 3, 1945.

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Bids to furnish fire hose and two fire engine pumpers for the Fire Dept. and one  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton pickup truck for the Rivers & Ditches Dept. were opened and publicly read and referred to the Purchasing Agent.

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On motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the meeting was recessed to 11:00 o'clock, A. M., Tuesday, December 4, 1945.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the Meeting of November 29, the Council re-convened Tuesday, December 4, 1945. There was no quorum present at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., as the City officials were in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. C. K. Quin, wife of former Mayor Quin. A quorum being present at 12:00 o'clock, noon, the Council was called to order by Commissioner P. L. Anderson, presiding as Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Mauermann, who was out of the City on a leave of absence.

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PRESENT: Callaghan, Hein and Anderson; absent: Mauermann and Steffler; Commissioner Anderson presiding.

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

APPRO. NO. 430

AN ORDINANCE (2860)

APPROPRIATING \$24,597.73 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR PER DIEM  
PAYROLLS.

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APPRO. NO. 431

AN ORDINANCE (2861)

APPROPRIATING \$558.50 OUT OF PARK REVENUE BOND-1945 FUND FOR PAYROLL.

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APPRO. NO. 432

AN ORDINANCE (2862)

APPROPRIATING \$11,950.60 OUT OF POLICE & FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND FOR PAYROLLS.

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APPRO. NO. 433

AN ORDINANCE (2863)

APPROPRIATING \$2,224.50 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., TO PAY FOR INDEPENDENT HIRE OF TEAMS AND TRUCKS.

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On motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Callaghan, Hein and Anderson; Nays, Mauermann (absent) and Steffler (absent), the Council granted the petition of Jack Neal, Inc., for permission to make gasoline installation at 227 Aransas Ave.

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

APPRO. NO. 434

AN ORDINANCE (2864)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION WITH MACK-INTERNATIONAL MOTOR TRUCK CORP. TO FURNISH FIRE DEPT. WITH TWO TYPE 85 MACK FIRE ENGINE PUMPERS AND APPROPRIATING \$19,374.60 IN PAYMENT.

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On motion of Commissioner Callaghan, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Callaghan, Hein and Anderson; Nays, Mauermann (absent) and Steffler (absent), the meeting adjourned Tuesday, December 4, 1945.

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APPROVED:

*J. H. Callaghan*  
MAYOR Mayer Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

*Frank Bracy*  
City Clerk

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(For full text of all ordinances passed at this Regular Meeting and Recessed Meeting, see Ordinance Book "N", pages 201 through 209.)

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