

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, A.D. 1920, 4 P.M.

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

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

## ---MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS---

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

For concrete bridge over the creek near the junction of S.Flores Street, Pleasanton and Corpus Christi Roads.

Residents of Terrell Hills requesting permit to connect with City sewers.

C.A.Davies, requesting payment for sewers built in Bandera Avenue.

S.A.Development Co. for paving of Belknap Place & McCullough Avenue.

Petition of Mary B.Gaenslen for correction of assessment was read and referred to Commissioner of Taxation.

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

Bob Greeven, for permit to install gasoline tank in Powell St.

Hartman, Bull Tire Co. for permit to install gasoline tank at 426 St. Mary St.

Schuler Co. for permit to erect electric sign at 222 Travis Street.

Complaining of spilling of coal on S.Alamo St. by Carr Wood and Coal Co.

E.B.Langston for permit to install gasoline tank 622 Roosevelt Avenue.

Bid of R.W.Colglazier to sell the City one road oiler was opened and referred to City Purchasing Agent.

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

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to accept a deed of conveyance from Mrs Ethel Smith Drury and Arthur L.Drury.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to accept a deed of conveyance from Mrs Ethel Smith Drury and Arthur L.Drury, to the City of San Antonio for land needed for the widening of Howard Street, south from Kings Highway.

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

## RESOLUTION

Calling for bids for sanitary sewers, Knob Hill District.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to advertise for bids for construction of sanitary sewers in the Knob Hill District, Contract Section No. 65, according to plans and specifications on file in the City Engineers office.

Bids will be received until 4 p.m. on November 15th, 1920.

Bidders check for ten per cent (10%) of amount of bid must accompany the bid.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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

No. 301

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

COUNTY OF BEXAR.

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

## AN ORDINANCE

Accepting proposal of Campbell and Hengst for construction of East End Sanitary Sewer and authorizing contract and appropriating money therefor.

(For full text of this ordinance see Street Improvement Records, Vol 8, page 53)

No. 302

## AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$458.25 to pay for car sewer pipe.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of four hundred, fifty eight and 25/100 dollars (\$458.25), or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby appropriated out of the sanitary sewer fund of 1919 to pay S.A.Sewer Pipe Works for one car of sewer pipe for use on N.Comal Street.

No. 303

## AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$31.70 to pay G.G.Braden account curb constructed on Ruiz Street.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$31.70 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1920 General Fund to pay G.G.Braden for extra excavation in constructing concrete curb on Ruiz Street, C.B.199, 200 and 2182, as per estimate of City Engineer on file in office of City Auditor.

No. 304

## AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating funds to pay Paul Hansen for work done on Hammond and Drexel Avenues.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$1309.44 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Street Maintenance Fund to pay Paul Hansen for the following work:

Grading and graveling Hammond Avenue	\$173.80
Grading and graveling Drexel Avenue	1135.64
	<u>\$ 1309.44</u>

As per estimate of City Engineer on file in office of City Auditor.

No. 305

AN ORDINANCE *MD-904*

Appropriating \$73.40 to pay J.B.Flannery for damages to motorcycle.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$73.40 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1919 General Fund to pay J.B.Flannery for damages to motorcycle caused by a car of the street department driven by a city employee.

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Petition of J.A.Finck for special building permit was granted on recommendation of Commissioner Wright.

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Commissioner Wright made the following recommendations, which were adopted: Schulze Bros Mfg. Co. claim for \$66.00 for material furnished two fire stations built in 1914 was granted on recommendation of Commissioner Wright. The Schuler Co. for permit to erect bill board Lot A1, Block A6 River Ave. granted.

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N AN ORDINANCE *cost - 905*  
 Levying special assessments on account of the improvement of Main Avenue, Camden Street, Romana Street and Reynolds Street, by widening and straightening the same from Dallas Street and Main Avenue, Dallas Street and Camden Street; Romana Street and Reynolds Street; Main Avenue and Reynolds Street, and to provide for the issuance of assessment certificates, and for the appropriation of the part of the cost payable by the City, and for other purposes.

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

THAT WHEREAS, the Commission did heretofore, to-wit, on the 15th day of July, 1920, by ordinance, order the improvement on the special assessment plan of that portion of Main Avenue, Camden Street, Romana Street, and Reynolds Street, in the City of San Antonio, between the intersections of said streets with Dallas Street and Main Avenue; Dallas Street and Camden Street; Romana Street and Reynolds Street; Main Avenue and Reynolds Street, by widening and straightening said streets and ordered that a hearing be given to the owners of property abutting thereon for the purpose of determining the amounts, if any, that should be assessed against said owners and said property to defray their lawful proportion of the cost of such improvement; and

WHEREAS, said improvements and the special assessments to be levied therefor and all proceedings, notices, and instruments in connection therewith are governed by certain rules and regulations described in a certain ordinance of this City known as the Improvement Ordinance, passed and approved on the 8th day of March, 1920, which, together with Chapter 11 of Title 22, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas for 1911, are made a part of this ordinance; and all such proceedings and other matters requisite to the passage of this ordinance have been regularly had and performed and are hereby ratified and confirmed; and

WHEREAS, notice of the said property owners hearing aforesaid was duly given by publishing such notices three times in a newspaper published in this City, to-wit: in the San Antonio Light, on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th day of July, 1920, and additional and cumulative notice of said hearing was also duly given; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was duly opened at the time and place mentioned in said ordinances and notices, to-wit: on the 15th day of July, A.D. 1920, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall of this City, at 4 o'clock p.m. and continued from day to day and time to time until the 15th day of July, 1920, at which time the hearing was closed; and

WHEREAS, in said hearing all persons desiring to contest said proposed assessment, or personal liability, or the regularity of the proceedings with reference to the improvement, or wishing in any manner to be heard concerning the benefit of said improvements to their property, or any other matter with reference thereto, were duly heard and their claims fully considered; and thereupon all errors, mistakes and other matters requiring rectification were fully examined into and considered and corrected, and the Commissioners having also fully heard and examined and considered the evidence concerning frontage and other considerations, including said plat and statement of the City Engineer and the Citizens Committee, and evidence concerning the benefits of said improvements to said property, and being of the opinion that the assessment herein below levied and the personal liabilities hereby declared are just and equitable, and that no such assessment is made herein in any case against any parcel of property of any person in excess of the actual benefit to the owner thereof in the enhanced value of his property by reason of such improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:

SECTION ONE: That the aggregate amount hereinafter shown, being less than three fourths of the cost of said improvements, shall be and the same are hereby levied, charged, apportioned and assessed on the front foot plan against the said abutting property hereinafter described and each parcel thereof, whether one lot or more, and against of the several owners of said property below named in the respective itemized amounts and the total amount including same, set opposite the name or names of each such person or persons and the description of each such parcel or parcels of property.

SECTION TWO: Each such lot or parcel of property so assessed is located in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, abutting on said highway, or portion thereof so improved, and is hereunder described whenever practicable by the New City Block ("N.C.B") number and by lot numbers in each such block; but each such parcel of property, if any, indicated hereunder in any such block by letters "A", "B", "C". etc. in lieu of or in connection with the lot numbers, is the same property indicated by the corresponding letter in the corresponding block as shown on said plat for said improvement now on file in the offices of the City Clerk and City Engineer, which plat is made a part hereof, and each of said lots and parcels of abutting property, and the frontage thereof on said highway as shown hereunder in feet in the column headed "Front Ft." and said letters if any, indicating such parcels, and also all intersecting streets, and hereunder noted and set forth for each side of said highway and for each block in the same order down the following list as same are found, from Dallas and Main Avenue; Dallas Street and Camden Street; Romana Street and Reynolds Street; Main Avenue and Reynolds Street; in said plat and on the ground; and each such description and assessment shall be held to extend back from said line abutting on said highway and to include the entire depth and area of each such respective parcel, lot or lots of abutting property as same may be owned and bounded at this date; and the abbreviations N.S.E. or W. or "No".So". "Ea", and "We". when used before a lot number shall be taken to mean respective; the "Northerly", "Southerly", "Easterly" or "Westerly" parts of the lot or block before the number of which any of said abbreviations may be placed; and the names of said owners, such description of said property and said amounts respectively assessed against them and it, are as follows, to-wit:

Name of Owner	Lot No.	Block No.	Front Ft.	Assessment	Memo.
Jack W. Neal	3	141	135.1	\$1351.00	
Josephine A. Frost	4	141	141.0	1410.00	
Josephine A. Frost	7	181	270.0	2700.00	
Evelyn S. Cole and Hrs W.C. Rote	1	800	100.0	1000.00	
Physicians & Surgeons Hospital	A-5	799	435.8	4358.00	
Womans Club	A-17	796	60.0	600.00	
Central Christian Church	A-14	796	67.0	670.00	
J.L. Siedo	A-16	796	35.0	350.00	
Magnolia Petroleum Co.	A-13	796	123.18	1231.80	
Austin North	1	790	100	1000.00	
Dr. Frank Paschal	A-2	789	55.6	556.00	
W.B. Hamilton	A-1	789	175.9	1759.00	
Sam C. Bell	1	147	100.0	1000.00	

SECTION THREE: That these amounts specified above as unpaid, together with the interest thereon, payable annually at the rate of seven percent (7%) from November 4, 1920, together with the cost of collection of such sums, including reasonable attorneys fees if incurred, are hereby declared and ordained to be good and lawful liens upon the said respective parcels of property and a personal liability of the respective owners thereof, to be paid and collected as provided by the said Improvement Ordinance, and amendments thereof as far as applicable thereto. Such assessments and liens shall be superior to all other liens and claims except State, County, and Municipal taxes.

SECTION FOUR: That ten assignable assessment certificates evidencing said respective unpaid amounts due from said persons above named shall be issued in the name of the City of San Antonio and made payable to the City of San Antonio, which assessment certificates shall be dated the 4th day of November, 1920 and shall be in such form as provided for by the Improvement Ordinance and the amendment thereto, and shall contain an adequate description of said parcel of property assessed, together with the designation of the owner's name and all other prescribed terms, recitals and requisites.

SECTION FIVE: That by reason of the fact that the owners of all property hereinbefore mentioned, save and except only said persons owing said unpaid ~~amounts~~ amounts hereinabove specified, and said property described as belonging to them, have respectively fully paid and satisfied their assessments by reduction in, and deductions from, the respective amounts payable to them by reason of property taken by the City for said improvement and otherwise, all as evidenced by deeds, ordinances and other papers relating to said improvements; Now, Therefore, it is hereby ordered that all deeds to the City of ~~the~~ property and rights acquired for said purpose be and the same are hereby formally accepted and the acceptance thereof and agreement thereto on behalf of the City, together with the considerations and terms thereof, are hereby in all respects ratified and confirmed; and it is further hereby ordered that all other parcels of real property abutting on said improvement, together with the persons owning the same, be and the same are, in accordance with the contracts of the City, contained in the deeds of said persons, and for the full considerations therein expressed and paid, hereby wholly released and discharged from any and all liens and claims arising out of this or any previous proceedings in said matter, subject, however, to all rights of reassessment and correction; and no assessment certificate shall issue against any of said persons or property; those having so paid and the description of the property so released being as follows: to-wit:

Name of owner.	Lot No.	City Block.	Front Ft.	Assessment.	Memo.
Magnolia Petroleum Co.	A-13	786	123.18	\$1231/80	Pd. 1500.00

SECTION SIX: That all matters and proceedings shall be regulated and conducted as provided by law and by said Improvement Ordinance as far as applicable hereto and that full correction of any mistake or irregularity in any of said proceedings, and re-assessment if necessary, shall be made in case the Commissioners may deem the same necessary or proper; the Commissioners reserving the right to exercise all such powers as provided by the street improvement law and said Improvement Ordinance.

SECTION SEVEN: This ordinance, being of urgent importance because of the need of said City to collect and use said amounts due to said City, the same shall take effect from and after its passage.

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Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Lambert, Heuermann, Wright.  
No. 306

AN ORDINANCE *MD-906*  
Appropriating monry to pay for chairs used by the Mexican Band during concert in Brackenridge Park, Sunday, Oct. 31, 1920.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Ten Dollars and Fifty cents (\$10.50) be hereby appropriated out of Zoo Fund to pay for the chairs used by the Mexican National Band during the concert given in Brackenridge Park, Sunday, Oct. 31, 1920.

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An ordinance granting Mackay Telegraph and Cable Company permit to maintain and construct certain telegraph and telephone lines, previously read at meetings of the Commissioners held Oct 7, 1920 and Oct. 18, 1920, was read the third time and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Lambert, Heuermann, Wright.

AN ORDINANCE  
Granting to the Mackay Telegraph and Cable Company the right to construct and maintain certain long distance telegraph and telephone lines within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio.

(For full text of this ordinance see Ordinance Book "F", pages *534*)

Mayor Bell introduced the following resolution, which was read and adpted:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the late Mrs Bettie Thornton Stevens, by her untiring efforts in behalf of all civic enterprises, by her unselfish interest in all war work, by her unailing help for the betterment of San Antonio, both physically and morally, has endeared herself to the people of this City, and especially with those charged with the administration of its public affairs, THEREFORE

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

That the City of San Antonio has suffered a great and irreparable loss in the death of Mrs Bettie Stevens, one of our beloved citizens; that those engaged in all branches of civic improvement and social betterment have lost the help, advice and counsel of an interested, unselfish and patriotic member and fellow worker; that the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio by this resolution extend heartfelt sympathy and condolence to the bereaved husband and children.

Be it further RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting as a tribute to the memory of the deceased, and that a copy thereof be furnished to the members of her family as an expression of our appreciation of the good work of this noble Christian woman who has passed to the great Beyond.

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Hearings were given to the owners of property interested in the construction of curbs on Hammond Avenue, E. Euckid Avenue, Cooper Street, East Houston Street, and Essex Street.

(See Record of Hearings page 117)

Cherry Street, from Burnett Street to Carolina Street, paving.

(See Record of Hearings, page 119)

Ira Avenue, from River Avenue to Alamo Ditch, paving)

(See Record of Hearings, page 121)

Courtland Place, from Main Avenue to McCullough Avenue, paving.)

(See Record of Hearings, page 123)

Camp Street, from S. Florss to Laredo Street, paving.

(See Record of Hearings, page 125)

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

APPROVED Spencer C. Bell  
MAYOR.

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
CITY CLERK.