

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, AUGUST 23RD, 1915,

AT FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

PRESENT: Honorable Albert Steves, Acting Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners Garland and Kearny. Absent, Brown, and Lambert.

Minutes of the previous meeting were ordered approved.

MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS.

On motion of Commissioner Garland, duly seconded and carried, public hearings of property owners on Market Street, River Avenue, and San Pedro Avenue, were held in accordance with the provisions of the procedure ordinance, and closed on motion of Commissioner Kearny, duly seconded and carried. (For full record see Book of Hearings relating to Street Paving).

The invitation of the General Labor Day Committee to the Mayor and City Commissioners was read and accepted.

The protest of citizens against the erection of a band stand in Alamo Plaza Park, and requesting that Crockett Street be extended through Alamo Plaza, was read and ordered filed.

The protest of citizens against the paving of River Avenue with Bermudez Asphalt was read and ordered filed.

The petition of M.L. Oppenheimer for permit to extend basement under sidewalk was read and referred to the Commissioner of Fire & Police, Steves.

The petition of E. Rick, for permission to operate Merry-go-round, was read and granted. Adopted.

The petition of the Fox Company, for permit to erect electric sign at #205 Alamo Plaza, was read and referred to the Commissioner of Fire & Police, Steves.

The petition of citizens for the paving of Main Avenue, from French Place to Summit Avenue, was read and referred to the Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements, Kearny.

The petition of F. H. Baldwin and Julia W. Anderson and Beebe Construction Company, regarding refund on cost of paving Lot No. 3, City Block No. 2017, was read and referred to the Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements, Kearny.

On motion of Commissioner Garland, all bids for furnishing motorcycles for the Police Department were opened, and referred to the Purchasing Agent.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
 COUNTY OF BEKAR  
 CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

A RESOLUTION.

Ordering a Public Hearing of property owners and others interested in street improvements ordered to be constructed on NAVARRO STREET (from Houston Street to San Antonio River) approving plat and statement of City Engineer, and ordering that special assessments be made and levied, and for other purposes. For full text of this resolution see Record Book No. 4 page, 391.

The following communication was submitted by the City Engineer.

San Antonio, Texas, August 23rd, 1915.

Hon. Clinton G. Brown,  
 Mayor, City of San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This is to certify that the paving of South Presa Street from Pereida Street to G.H. & S.A. crossing has been completed in accordance with the contract entered into with Rushmore & Gowdy (with the exception of Lot 14, Block 723, Angale Moritz August, Wife of Aaron August, owner; Lot 1, Block 726, Martin and Barbary Braden, owner; Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 3036, Anna and Edward Wahrmond, and F.F. Grimsinger, owners) and that same has been accepted by me for account of the City of San Antonio this 23rd day of August, 1915.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) H A N S H E L L A N D  
 CITY ENGINEER.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

A RESOLUTION.

Accepting South Presa Street pavement, constructed by Rushmore & Gowdy, Contractors, and accepted August 23rd, 1915.

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

That the City of San Antonio does hereby accept the pavement of South Presa Street between Pereida Street and G. H. & S. A. Railroad crossing, in accordance with the contract entered into with Rushmore & Gowdy (with the exception of Lot 14, Block 723, Angale Moritz August, wife of Aaron August, owner; Lot 1, Block 726, Martin and Barbary Braden, owner; Lots, 1, 2 and 3, Block 3036, Anna and Edward Wahrmond, and F.F. Grimsinger, owners). The date of acceptance is hereby fixed on August 23rd, 1915, in accordance with certificate of the City Engineer filed with the Mayor and City Commissioners, Meeting of August 23rd, 1915.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll-call, to-wit: Ayes, Steves Garland and Kearny, Nays, None.

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## AN ORDINANCE.

Appropriating \$100.72 to make final payment to the Standard Roofing Company for the paving of Cameron Street.

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

That the sum of One Hundred (\$100.72) Dollars and Seventy-two cents, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Street Paving Fund to make final payment to the Standard Roofing Company for the paving of Cameron Street, from Houston Street to Morales Street.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll-call, to-wit: Ayes, Steves, Garland and Kearny. Nays, None.

MA-156

## AN ORDINANCE.

Appropriating money for the macadamizing of Wilson Street.

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

That the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Street Paving Fund, to pay the City's proportion for the macadamizing of Wilson Street, from North New Braunfels Avenue to the City Limits, in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in a letter from Honorable J. R. Davis, County Judge, dated August 20th, 1915, hereto attached and made a part hereof.

Commissioner Kearny recommended that the petition of A.E. Heilbron, to be relieved from full assessment for street improvements adjacent to triangular lot on Victoria Street be not granted. Adopted.

Commissioner Kearny recommended that the petition of W. Zimmermann, for reduction of assessment account of street paving in front of irregular shape lot on Victoria Street, be not granted. Adopted.

Commissioner Kearny recommended that the petition of Frank Basala, for reduction of assessment account of street paving in front of irregular shape lot on Victoria Street, be not granted. Adopted.

The proposal of the Southern Structural Steel Company to build stairways platform, etc., for new Central Police and Fire Station, - on motion of Commissioner Kearny the building Inspector was instructed to call for bids to be received September 2nd, 1915.

The proposal of the Southern Structural Steel Company to erect a vestibule door in new Police & Fire Station was read and accepted, and the Mayor is authorized to enter into contract therefor.

The City Attorney Gillette submitted the following communication,

August 23rd, 1915.

Honorable Mayor and Commissioners,

San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Reporting on the matter of the form of the jitney bonds I beg to advise that the printed form submitted by the Western Indemnity Company has been examined and compared with the provisions of the ordinance and is approved by me as to form. The bonds submitted are executed by Standord Bryant, attorney in fact. A power of attorney authorizing Mr. Bryant to execute these bonds was required. The first power of attorney submitted was executed by the secretary of the Surety Company and no evidence of the right of the secretary to execute such power was submitted at that time. I thereupon required a power of attorney executed by the president or vice president of the company together with a copy of the by-laws of the company with reference to powers of attorney. The power of attorney and copy of by-laws have been returned duly executed and certified and I transmit the same to you with this report. I also attach to said papers letter dated August 16th signed by E.R. Long, secretary of said company, in which he explains the necessity for the execution of the power of attorney by the vice president of the Company.

There is no longer any reason why a compliance with the ordinance should not be enforced and I would therefore recommend that all persons to whom licenses have heretofore been granted by ordinance be required to make payment at once of the \$25.00 license fee and that each license issued bear date as of the date of the bonds filed.

In this connection I would respectfully call attention to the fact that automobiles are being operated on the streets doing the same character of business as the jitney cars but claiming to be "service cars". The ordinance of the City define service cars as cars which remain at an authorized stand in a public place or remain on private premises until the person operating a car has a call for service requiring the use of the public streets. There is no such thing as service cars which are authorized to pass to and from on the public streets searching or soliciting passengers. All such cars are required to have motor bus licenses, and are being operated in violation of the ordinance.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) GEORGE R. GILLETTE.

City Attorney.

Commissioner Garland introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

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

THAT O.P. McGinnis, the officer in charge of enforcing jitney regulations, be and he hereby directed to issue notice to each person to whom the issuance of a jitney

or motor bus license has been authorized by the Commissioners, and also to each person who has filed any application and bond therefor, requiring all such persons to make compliance at once with the requirements of the motor bus ordinance; to make payment of the required license fee; to prepare their cars with lights and the required signs painted on both sides thereof; to provide approved signs on the front thereof designating route or destination; and to post conspicuously in each such car the license issued for same, all as required by ordinance provided that the number to be painted on the sides of each car shall be the same as the automobile number registered in the county; That the Chief of Police be and he is hereby instructed beginning with Tuesday August 31st, to make special effort to cause the arrest and punishment, as provided by ordinance, of all persons operating any motor bus or automobile engaged in the business of local street transportation unless such vehicle be duly licensed and unless full compliance be made with the requirements of the ordinances of the City; and that the City Clerk furnish to the Chief of Police a copy of this resolution as his instructions in the premises.

Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll-call, to-wit: Ayes, Steves, Garland and Kearny.  
Nays, None.

MA-157

## AN ORDINANCE.

Appropriating \$50.50 to pay labor for moving Fire Alarm Office.

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

That the sum of Fifty (\$50.50) Dollars and fifty cents, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1915 General Fund to pay labor for moving Fire Alarm Office to the New Central Fire & Police Station for the week ending August 21st, 1915.

Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll-call, to-wit: Ayes, Steves, Garland and Kearny.  
Nays, None.

MA-158

## AN ORDINANCE.

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

That there be and there is hereby appropriated out of the 1914 General Fund, the following sum of money for the hereinafter designated purposes: Ten (\$10.37) Dollars and thirty-seven cents, (the school portion being \$3.32) warrant for which is to be made payable to C. D. Newton, on account of erroneous assessment and collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1914, on automobile No. 850, on valuation of \$850.00.

Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll-call, to-wit: Ayes, Steves, Garland and Kearny.  
Nays, None.

MA-159

## AN ORDINANCE.

Authorizing the payment of wages to City Laborers for the week ending August 19th, 1915, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to issue warrants for the payment of wages to City day laborers for the week ending August 19th, 1915, and that the following sums be and are hereby appropriated out of the several special funds for that purpose, to-wit:

General Fund of 1915,	\$2186.55.
Street Paving Fund,	802.64.
Sanitary Sewers Fund,	<u>216.45.</u>
T O T A L, - - - -	\$3205.64.

On motion duly seconded and carried, meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: Chas. G. Brown  
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A T T E S T:

[Signature]  
CITY CLERK

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