

JANUARY 24, 1946

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, JANUARY 24TH, 1946.

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

The Clerk read the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, together with those of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole held January 19, which minutes were approved, as read, on motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

PETITIONS PRESENTED:

REFERRED to Commissioner of Fire and Police:

Albert Kaak, for permission to make gasoline installation at 126 Fredericksburg Road.

Golden West Lubricating Co., for permission to make gasoline installation at 1023 Buena Vista St.

Jose M. Bejar, for permission to build oven next to bakery building at 113 Westwood Drive.

John Estrada and others, for street light in 400 block of Madrid St.

REFERRED to City Engineer:

Raymond Edwards, on behalf of Steves Brothers, Inc., and Ed Steves & Sons, for approval of subdivision plat of Bel Meade Addition.

L. E. Fite, for approval of subdivision plat of N.C.B. 9155, 9156, 9157 and 9158.

REFERRED to Commissioner of Streets:

J. M. Prado, letter offering to deed to City the north 17.1 feet of Lots 10, 11, and 12, N.C.B. 2429, fronting on Elvira St., to facilitate laying sewer line to his property.

The Clerk presented four letters, addressed to the Mayor and Commissioners, from Mr. A. G. Vickery; Kelly Lodge No. 1131, A.F.&A.M.; Mr. Morris S. Jennings, Superintendent of South San Antonio Schools, and Mr. H. W. Engelhardt, President of Board of Trustees of South San Antonio Independent School District, urging that the City purchase the South San Antonio U.S.C. building.

Mr. C. H. Chowning, representing Carl's Dept. Store, appeared and requested permission to build a metal container for garbage cans against the building between Navarro and St. Mary's Sts. on College St. Mayor Mauermann instructed him to go over his plans with Dr. A.A. Luther, Assistant Garbage Superintendent, who would present the matter to the Committee of the Whole.

Mayor Mauermann asked that the Council take up as its first matter of business the ordinance deeding Exposition Park to the County as a Coliseum site. Mr. Perry Shankle appeared, representing the Coliseum Advisory Board, and stated the County Commissioners had agreed to accept the deed in its present form.

After the Clerk read the provisions of the deed, the Mayor explained the deed had been written as requested by the District Attorney. City Attorney Cobbs said he and the District Attorney were in full accord so far as the legal aspects of the deed are concerned.

Commissioner Anderson asked if the County would have to fulfill all conditions of the deed in order to protect their title to the site, and received an affirmative reply from the City Attorney.

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Commissioner Hein moved that the ordinance be adopted, and after a second by Commissioner Steffler, the ordinance was passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson. The ordinance follows:

AN ORDINANCE (2990)

MAKING A CONVEYANCE TO BEJAR COUNTY FOR PROPERTY FOR AN AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK EXHIBITION BUILDING.

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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. 543

AN ORDINANCE (2991)

TRANSFERRING \$7000 FROM BACK TAX GENERAL FUND AND \$5000 FROM 1944 GENERAL FUND TO 1945 GENERAL FUND.

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APPRO. NO. 544

AN ORDINANCE (2992)

TRANSFERRING \$16,000 FROM 1945 GENERAL FUND, PARKING METER ACCOUNT, TO POLICE & FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND.

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APPRO. NO. 545

AN ORDINANCE (2993)

APPROPRIATING \$25,022.05 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY NOTE NO. 43 AND ACCRUED INTEREST.

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APPRO. NO. 546

AN ORDINANCE (2994)

APPROPRIATING \$18,109.10 OUT OF U.S. GOV'T TAX ACCOUNT TO PAY WITHHOLDING TAXES FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1945.

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APPRO. NO. 547

AN ORDINANCE (2995)

APPROPRIATING \$123 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., PAYABLE TO DAN QUILL, POSTMASTER, FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.

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

APPRO. NO. 548

AN ORDINANCE (2996)

APPROPRIATING \$63.10 TO PAY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FRANK VAUGHAN FOR COURT COSTS.

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In each case on recommendation of the City Engineer, and 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 granted the following petitions:

M. Grothues, for approval of plats vacating Lots 3 and 4, NCB 7231, and subdividing Lots 21 and 22, NCB 7231 -- plats approved.

H. C. Woods, K. F. Wilkinson and W.A. Kelly, tendering deed to land for extension and opening of Alpen Court from Belknap Place to McCullough Ave.

Sears-Roebuck Co., to change name of Frost Alley to Kenmore Lane. Mayor Mauermann stated Postmaster Dan Quill had telephoned him to approve this change and offer his congratulations for the appointment of a City Committee to work out the elimination of duplications and confusion in street names.

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

APPRO. NO. 549

AN ORDINANCE (2997)

APPROPRIATING \$2451.60 TO PAY P. W. LEMON AND SONS LUMBER CO. FOR BRIDGE LUMBER.

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A RESOLUTION (2998)

CALLING FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER
MAIN ON SOUTH WALTERS STREET.

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AN ORDINANCE (2999)

CLOSING COMAL COURT AND MAKING A CONVEYANCE TO THE FEHR
BAKING COMPANY.

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AN ORDINANCE (3004)

ACCEPTING THE DEED OF KITTY M. FORD TO WIDEN GRAHAM AVENUE.

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In each case on recommendation and 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:

Golden West Lubricating Co., for permission to make gasoline installation at 105 Humble St.

Bear Oil Co., for permission to make gasoline installation at Berry Packing Co. by transferring to new location across from 400 Medio St.

Texas Co., for permission to make gasoline installation at 1018 W. Ashby Place.

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Commissioner Anderson introduced the following ordinance, which was passed & approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson. Commissioner Anderson stated this ordinance represented a continuation of the City's efforts to obtain street rentals from various organizations engaged in transportation over the City's streets, a similar tax having been levied already on buses and taxicabs.

AN ORDINANCE (3000)

MAKING A STREET RENTAL CHARGE AGAINST PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE
BUSINESS OF RENTING DRIVERLESS AUTOMOBILES FOR THE USE OF THE
STREETS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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

APPRO. NO. 550

AN ORDINANCE (3001)

APPROPRIATING \$15.35 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, CONTINGENCIES DEPT.,
TO PAY COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR 1945 STATE & COUNTY TAXES ON LAND PUR-
CHASED FROM DONALD NURICK AND BEN NURICK ON HILDEBRAND AVE. AT
FREDERICKSBURG ROAD.

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Mayor Mauermann introduced the following ordinance, which was passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, Callaghan. The Mayor explained this matter had been discussed by the Committee of the Whole and agreed to by all except Commissioner Callaghan. Commissioner Callaghan thereupon stated he was of the opinion the County Commissioners Court having refused exemption for that reason, this property was not exempt from taxation according to law, and was therefore voting "no".

AN ORDINANCE (3002)

CANCELLING CITY TAXES ON 1 TRACT 4, CITY BLOCK A62, 5.3 ACRES,
AND ON 1 TRACT 3, CITY BLOCK 262, 9.7 ACRES.

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Mayor Mauermann moved that the tentative budget be adopted as the permanent budget for the current fiscal year. He explained that this budget had been discussed at length by all members of the Council and a public hearing had been held earlier in the year. He said he had talked to the bank and it was the desire of the bank to have this tentative budget adopted as the permanent budget.

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Commissioner Callaghan asked if this was the same as the tentative budget.

Mayor Mauermann replied: "Yes".

Commissioner Anderson said that the Police and Fire Departments had turned back more than \$50,000 out of their previous year's budget, due to insufficient manpower in these divisions, as so many of the regular men were in the armed services. This year, he added, his department was cut \$50,000, despite the fact his manpower had been at its lowest mark the past year due to the war. At the time he figured his needs for the current fiscal year, he said, he considered that he had done so on a very conservative basis, because of the large numbers of returning servicemen who must be re-employed. He added that he still thought his original budget request was very conservative and now foresaw that he was facing a deficit as a result of the \$50,000 cut. Since the motion was already assured of four "aye" votes, and because he foresaw this deficit, he stated he would therefore vote "no" on the motion.

After a second by Commissioner Hein, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein and Steffler; Nay, Anderson.

Bids to furnish automobiles were opened and publicly read. City Engineer Coghill recommended that the bid of Jordan Motor Co. to furnish two two-door super deluxe Fords be accepted as the low bid. 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 bid was accepted and the ordinance ordered drawn, as follows:

APPRO. NO. 55L

AN ORDINANCE (3003)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EQUIPMENT WITH JORDAN MOTOR CO. TO FURNISH ANNEXATION ENGINEERING DEPT. WITH TWO TWO-DOOR FORD, SUPER DELUXE SEDANS AND APPROPRIATING \$2,239.20 IN PAYMENT.

On motion of Commissioner Callaghan, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the meeting adjourned Thursday, January 24, 1946.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

James P. Brady
City Clerk

Robert Mauermann
MAYOR

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(For full text of all Ordinances passed at this Regular Meeting, see Ordinance Book "N", pages 264 through 272.)

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