

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
 OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
 THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL
 ON THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1954, AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: SCHERLEN, STEVENS, SHEARER, RUSSELL, R. N. WHITE, LESTER, GONZALEZ
 ABSENT: A. C. WHITE, EASLEY

Mayor Pro-tem Shearer presiding.

Invocation by Councilman Scherlen.

On motion of Mrs. Stevens, seconded by Russell, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. R. N. White asked, before the regular order of business was undertaken, that the matter of rezoning Case #350 set for this morning be not taken up. He explained that Mr. Easley and Mr. A. C. White were absent due to illness and his understanding was that Mr. Shearer would declare himself eliminated from voting on this case, due to personal interest in the area involved, therefore since a petition has been filed said to contain the names of ^{owners} over 20% of the property immediately adjacent, an affirmative vote of 3/4 of the council would be necessary to pass the proposed change and that number of votes was not available. He moved that the hearing be recessed for three weeks to April 1, 1954, seconded by Mr. Scherlen, the motion carried and the case was reset to April 1st.

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,022

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF J. K. STARK AND MRS. J. K. STARK AT 736 RITTIMAN ROAD

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 547)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,023

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF CENTRAL LUMBER CO. AT 231 FREEMAN DRIVE

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 547)

March 11, 1954

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,024

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF SAMUEL BENATO AT 3942 SW MILITARY DRIVE

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 548)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,025

ACCEPTING DEED FROM TOM E. TURNER CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO A TRACT AND PARCEL OF LAND OUT OF LOT 16, NEW CITY BLOCK 8736

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 549)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,026

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL AND CREATING A CONTRACT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL NEWS PHOTOS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SPEEDPHOTO TRANSCEIVER AT A PRICE OF \$1900.00; SAID EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN THE OPERATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 549)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,027

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$84.00 OUT OF GENERAL FUND 07-04-03, PAYABLE TO U. K. GARAGE COMPANY, INCORPORATED FOR STORAGE FOR TWO AUTOMOBILES FOR THE CITY

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 550)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,028

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$39.25 TO GABRIEL BENAVIDES AND \$5.80 TO EMILIO CONNETTA IN SETTLEMENT FOR DAMAGES TO THEIR AUTOMOBILES WHILE BEING TOWED BY CITY WRECKER

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 550)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,029

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$250.00 TO GORDON SMITH, ET AL, IN SETTLEMENT OF LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY BASED ON ALLEGED CHANGE IN ELEVATION OF THE 200 BLOCK SAMS STREET CAUSING PROPERTY DAMAGE DUE TO ARTIFICIAL FLOW OF WATER

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 550)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,030

APPROPRIATING \$107.50 OUT OF 1953 GENERAL FUND, ACCOUNT NO. 56-02-01, IN REFUND TO L. M. BICKETT, ATTORNEY, OF CITY'S SHARE OF COST OF STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUIT NO. F-59, 439, WOODMEN OF THE WORLD LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY VS. P. E. DICKISON, ET AL.

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 551)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,031

CHANGING THE NAME OF NOWELL STREET TO FORREST HILL DRIVE AND DESIGNATING THE ALLEY IN NEW CITY BLOCK 608 AS JARMON LANE

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 551)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,032

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE AMERICAN EMPIRE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR A POLICY OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVERING THE EMPLOYEES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 551)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,033

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE AMERICAN EMPIRE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR A POLICY OF GROUP HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COVERING THE EMPLOYEES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 552)

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,034

ACCEPTING A CHECK FROM THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SPECIAL FUND, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$885.95 TO PAY FOR COST OF WIDENING AVENUE "B" BETWEEN 4TH AND 5TH STREETS; AND DEPOSITING CHECK TO SPECIAL STREET IMPROVING AND PAVING FUND

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 552)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,035

APPROPRIATING \$25.00 OUT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO "STREET EXCAVATION TRUST FUND" FOR REFUND TO GEORGE C. ACKERMANN

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 552)

The following letter from the City Clerk was read:

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
City of San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

The following petitions were received by this office and then referred to Mr. Ralph H. Winton, City Manager, for his recommendation or action.

- 3-2-54 Petition of Church of the Christ Way Foundation requesting tax exemption of Lots 14, 15, and 16, NCB 1810.
- 3-3-54 Petition of San Pedro Development Co. requesting annexation of Ridgeview Subdivision.
- 3-8-54 Petition of E. O. Reed regarding Livestock Ordinance requiring a permit to keep chickens in the city limits.
- 3-8-54 Petition of P. E. Johnson, et al, requesting the city to take action regarding a health menace caused by the dumping of garbage and dead dogs and cats on Joe Blank Street.
- 3-9-54 Petition of South Texas Peacock Military Academy requesting tax exemption of Lot 4, New City Block 2032.
- 3-8-54 Petition of W. H. Becker regarding an agreement with the City for the repair of Queen Anne Court east of New Braunfels Avenue.

Yours very truly,

J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

Hearing was now called on Zoning Case #356 to rezone property on Jackson Street between Park Avenue and Laurel Street from "D" Apartment to H Local Retail.

Mr. Park Street, Attorney for Mr. S. I. DuBose, the petitioner, presented the case in detail and introduced Mr. DuBose for questioning.

After much deliberation, Mr. Scherlen suggested that it might be possible for the interested parties to get together and compare their differences and arrive at an agreeable rezoning plan.

Mr. Charles Biery, Attorney for certain property owners who are protesting, said that he had not heard compromise discussed before and could not bind his clients without

consulting them. He presented the council a petition which he claimed represented more than 20% of the property in the area protesting against the change. Since the presentation of the petition made a 3/4 affirmative vote necessary, Mr. Russell, seconded by R. N. White, moved a postponement for three weeks until April 1st. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Lester asked the City Manager to report on the matter recently in the press about raw sewage being used for irrigation at the Sewage Plant. The Manager called on the City Attorney to give the facts as ascertained from the plant Superintendent. Mr. Davis said the superintendent, Mr. Wells, reported no raw sewage was being used illegally or in violation of the injunction heretofore issued.

Mr. Sam Riklin, Chairman of the Slum Clearance Committee, asked the council to set a date for a hearing on the ordinance which is proposed by the Urban Redevelopment Study Commission known as the Minimum Housing Ordinance. Mr. Roy Baines, Chairman of the Commission asked the council to let the hearing be held.

Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Scherlen, moved that a hearing be set for Thursday, April 8th. on the ordinance. The motion was unanimously carried.

On motion of Mr. Lester seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Raymond Q. Russell
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frank Galloghly
City Clerk

ADDENDUM

The Clerk read a request from James H. Lovering for the council to furnish a moderator for a meeting on March 19th at Highlander Cafeteria regarding a new high school. The Mayor will designate someone.

The question of Air Conditioning at San Pedro Playhouse was discussed and authority was granted to move units from the basement of the auditorium to San Pedro to effect the work at a cost of about \$5000.00.

Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Lester, Mr. Scherlen and Mr. Gonzalez agreed to go on a television program with the City Manager on Sunday, March 14th at 10:45 p.m.

The proposed tax rate was discussed and action was delayed until after the regular council meeting.