

MARCH 23, 1944

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS,  
AT 10:00 O'CLOCK, A. M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD, 1944.

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

It being called to the attention of the City Clerk that the Minutes of the meeting of March 16th were incorrect in that a portion of the proceedings were omitted, said Minutes were amended by the addition of the following:

Mrs. B. D. McGimsey, who headed a Committee representing the Girl Scouts of America, appeared before the Council with a request that the City of San Antonio lease to the Girl Scouts of America a certain portion of land located in Franklin Field, Olmos Basin, owned by the City of San Antonio, which property has been used for the past four years by the Girl Scouts. During the discussion by the Mayor and Commissioners and Mrs. McGimsey which followed, the Mayor asked the City Attorney, T. D. Cobbs, his opinion regarding the legality of the proposed lease. Mr. Cobbs stated before the Council that "while it tore his heartstrings" to give an adverse opinion, the entire Olmos Basin is a dry lake bed intended to impound the waters behind the dam in time of heavy rains and prevent "flood waters sixteen feet deep in the business section of San Antonio." It was further stated by Mr. Cobbs that any structures put in the Olmos Basin which would float during high water periods could constitute a hazard to the efficient operation of the Olmos Dam. According to the law, the lake bed known as Olmos Basin is owned by the citizens of San Antonio and cannot be leased to any individual or organization for their exclusive use, thus depriving the general public of its use.

Mrs. Tom Frost, Jr., a member of the Committee, spoke from the audience and asked, "Is it not a fact that the land immediately behind the Olmos Dam in the Olmos Basin is leased for a golf driving range?"

Commissioner Hein answered with the statement that this lease was handled by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Callaghan then stated that it was a fact that the driving range had been leased for approximately ten years and he saw no reason why the City Commissioners could not make an agreement with the Girl Scouts of America. Whereupon, he offered a resolution authorizing Commissioner Hein to execute an agreement for a nominal sum with the Girl Scouts of America for the portion of the land in Olmos Basin which is being used by them, contingent upon a favorable report from City Engineer Thomas Coghill, after a thorough investigation by him. Commissioner Anderson requested Commissioner Callaghan to accept an amendment to the effect that the agreement be held up until the City Engineer had made an investigation and reported to the Mayor and Commissioners as to whether or not the maintenance of the buildings that were on the said property or the repairing of the same would create a flood hazard. Commissioner Callaghan accepted Commissioner Anderson's suggestion. Commissioner Anderson further requested that the City Attorney bring in a written opinion as to the legality of the agreement affecting the use of the land, to be also passed on before any agreement be authorized, which amendment Commissioner Callaghan refused to accept. Then Commissioner Anderson requested that the Mayor re-state the resolution as offered by Commissioner Callaghan, and following the Mayor's re-statement, the resolution was adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, and Hein. Nay, Steffler (Absent) and Anderson.

The following letter was then read by the City Clerk:

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Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners  
City of San Antonio  
Building

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your instructions of last Thursday, March 16, 1944, I have made an investigation of the area in the Olmos Basin which is being used by the Girl Scouts, for the purpose of determining whether or not, in my opinion, the buildings which have been constructed are a flood hazard.

The attached map shows the location of the buildings and the topography of the area. The one building which has been completed is constructed of rock and concrete with a tile roof, 2 shelters have been partially completed, each of which is constructed of concrete and rock, no roof having been placed on them at this time. The completed building is about 28 feet below the level of the dam and both the shelters are about 10 feet below the level of the dam.

In view of the fact that any water which might become impounded in this area would build up gradually, I can see no reason why these buildings should be a hazard since they will not float.

Respectfully,

/s/ Thos. H. Coghill  
City Engineer

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A petition filed by residents of the 1200 block of San Patricio Street asking for a sewer line on that block was presented to the Council and was referred to the Commissioner of Streets for action.

A petition filed by Mr. Charles E. Lee as Attorney for R. D. Robinson Estate asking for approval of a Corrected Plat of Lots 25-31 inclusive, City Block 485 was presented and referred to the Commissioner of Streets for action.

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Commissioner Callaghan introduced the following Ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein and Anderson. Nay, Steffler (Absent)

APPRO. NO. 601

AN ORDINANCE (796)

APPROPRIATING \$164.20 OUT OF 1943 GENERAL FUND - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS - TO PAY TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1944.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 381)

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Commissioner Hein introduced the following Ordinances, which were read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein and Anderson. Nay, Steffler (Absent)

APPRO. NO. 602

AN ORDINANCE (797)

APPROPRIATING \$5,000.00 IN PAYMENT TO H. R. F. HELLAND, F. T. DROUGHT, MATTHEWS & KENAN AND J. W. BERETTA ENGINEERS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH SEWAGE PROJECT TEX 41-401 SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 382).

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AN ORDINANCE (798)

AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND MANIFESTING CONTRACT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC."

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 382)

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Commissioner Anderson introduced the following Ordinances, which were read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein and Anderson. Nay, Steffler (Absent)

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APPRO. NO. 603

AN ORDINANCE (799)

TRANSFERRING \$1,952.31 FROM PARKING METER ACCOUNT TO  
1943 GENERAL FUND - FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PARKING  
METERS.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 382)

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APPRO. NO. 604

AN ORDINANCE (800)

APPROPRIATING \$1.00 OUT OF 1943 GENERAL FUND - SEWER  
MAINTENANCE - PAYABLE TO TEXAS & NEW ORLEANS RR. CO.  
FOR RENTAL OF PROPERTY FOR SEWER LINE CROSSING.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 383)

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APPRO. NO. 605

AN ORDINANCE (801)

APPROPRIATING \$45.85 OUT OF 1943 GENERAL FUND - STREET  
MAINTENANCE - PAYABLE TO RODGERS & STEWART, INC. FOR  
EXTRA WORK IN CONNECTION WITH CONTRACT.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 383)

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APPRO. NO. 606

AN ORDINANCE (802)

ACCEPTING BID OF GEO. E. BROMBAUGH TO CONSTRUCT SANITARY  
SEWER ON ELVIRA AND ROUND STREETS; AND MAKING AN APPRO-  
PRIATION.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 383)

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APPRO. NO. 607

AN ORDINANCE (803)

APPROPRIATING \$3,390.08 OUT OF 1943 GENERAL FUND - STREET  
MAINTENANCE - PAYABLE TO RODGERS & STEWART, INC. FOR NO.  
1 ASPHALT IN PLACE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTRACT.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 384).

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AN ORDINANCE (804)

ACCEPTING DEED OF THURMAN BARRETT, ET AL, FOR ALLEY IN NEW  
CITY BLOCK 6770.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 385)

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Mayor Mauermann introduced the following Ordinances, which were read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein and Anderson. Nay, Steffler (Absent)

APPRO. NO. 608

AN ORDINANCE (805)

APPROPRIATING \$145.80 OUT OF 1943 GENERAL FUND - VARIOUS  
DEPARTMENTS - TO PAY DAN QUILL, POSTMASTER, FOR STAMPS & BOX  
RENTAL.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 385)

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APPRO. NO. 609

AN ORDINANCE (806)

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING INTERDEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFERS  
OF THE 1943 GENERAL FUND.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 385)

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APPRO. NO. 610

AN ORDINANCE (807)

APPROPRIATING \$7.49 OUT OF 1943 GENERAL FUND - HEALTH DEPART-  
MENT - PAYABLE TO DR. LEWIS C. ROBBINS, M. D. TO REIMBURSE  
HIM FOR EXPENSES ON TRIP TO LAREDO, TEXAS, ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 386)

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Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hein, that the petition n

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heretofore filed by the Magnolia Petroleum Company and other property owners and lease holders on Pecan Street between Broadway and Jefferson Streets, requesting that said block be made a two-way street, be not granted, which motion was carried by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein and Anderson. Nay, Steffler (Absnt)

Bids were opened to furnish the City of San Antonio with Traffic Signals, and were referred to the Purchasing Agent for tabulation.

Bids were opened to furnish the City of San Antonio with Sound Projector, and were referred to the Purchasing Agent and Health Officer for tabulation.

The Rodent Control Ordinance was read for the first time, and passed to the second reading,

On motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan, and carried by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein and Anderson; Nay, Steffler (Absent), the meeting was recessed until 11:00 o'clock A. M. on Friday, March 24th, 1944.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the meeting of Thursday, March 23rd, 1944, the Council reconvened at 11:00 o'clock, A. M. on Friday, March 24th, 1944.

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

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Commissioner Hein introduced the following Ordinances, which were read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein and Anderson. Nay, Steffler (Absent)

APPRO. NO. 611

AN ORDINANCE (808)

APPROPRIATING \$2,231.26 IN PAYMENT TO UNITED STATES TREASURY PROCUREMENT DIVISION, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, FOR AUTOMOBILES.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 386)

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APPRO. NO. 612

AN ORDINANCE (809)

APPROPRIATING \$1,115.63 IN PAYMENT TO UNITED STATES TREASURY PROCUREMENT DIVISION, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, FOR AUTOMOBILE.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 386)

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Commissioner Anderson introduced the following Ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein and Anderson. Nay, Steffler (Absent)

APPRO. NO. 613

AN ORDINANCE (810)

APPROPRIATING \$22,000.00 IN PAYMENT TO UNITED STATES TREASURY PROCUREMENT DIVISION, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, FOR AUTOMOBILES.

(For full text of this Ordinance, see Ordinance Book "L", p. 387)

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Mr. John E. Zeller appeared before the Council and suggested that the Mayor and Commissioners, together with the Post War Planning Committee, meet with representatives of the various districts to be annexed by the City of San Antonio, for hearings. Upon motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Hein and Anderson. Nay, Steffler (Absent) and Callaghan, committees representing the various groups to be annexed were asked to call the office of the City Clerk and make an appointment to meet with the Mayor and Commissioners and the Post War Planning Board to discuss the annexation.

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On motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein, and carried by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein and Anderson. Nay, Steffler (Absent), the meeting adjourned March 24th, 1944.

APPROVED: Gust B. Mauermann  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Pam Bennett  
City Clerk

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