

OCTOBER 31, 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, THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D. 1946.

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PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Mayor Mauermann presiding.  
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The Clerk read the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 24 and the Recessed Meeting of October 29, which were approved as read, and of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 29, which were approved and adopted as read, each on motion of Comm. Steffler, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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PETITIONS PRESENTED:

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, for exemption from taxes on property at corner of N. New Braunfels Ave. and Topeka Blvd., referred to Comm. of Taxation.

Mrs. Lula F. Chalk, and others, for a street light on Haynes Ave., referred to Comm. of Fire and Police.

Bear Oil & Distributing Co., for gasoline installation permit at 402 Buena Vista St., referred to Comm. of Fire and Police.

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Mayor Mauermann requested that the Council dispense with the regular order of business and take up first the proposed ordinance "Making a Lease with the Alamo City Baseball Company for the Use of City Property as a Place for Athletic Exhibitions", since there was present a committee of interested businessmen including representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, baseball fans, and others.

Pursuant to motion by Comm. Anderson, duly seconded and carried, the Council dispensed with the regular order of business and proceeded with the discussion of the proposed ordinance. The Clerk read the proposed ordinance.

Comm. Anderson stated that he was not opposed to the construction of a ball park, but "if the City of San Antonio is going to lend its credit to the construction of a ball park, then I want the ball park to be such as will be a credit to the City". He said he had been studying the ordinance and the grounds, and the only contractor who had been consulted on it had told him the ball park as planned could not be built for \$300,000, as provided in the ordinance. He said the indenture had not been discussed, and he understood the bonds would be for 25 years and not callable, adding that he thought they should be callable after five years. He objected to giving the baseball company so large an area as provided in the proposed ordinance and objected to giving them the concessions.

Mayor Mauermann re-read and called the Commissioner's attention to Sections 6, 7 and 17 of the proposed ordinance. He pointed out the Council would pass on the plans and draw up the indenture. He said passage of the ordinance would provide a starting point and show the baseball company that the City was serious in this matter. He said the proposed site was at the present time an unsightly place and an expense to the City, for which the baseball company was willing to pay \$15,700 a year rental for the first five years. He said the contract had to take into account the possibility of unprofitable years for the baseball company, and they would need the concessions to raise the money to pay the rent.

Comm. Callaghan said he thought the City ought to keep the parking concessions.

Others who spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance included Mr. Carter Sommers, Mr. J. K. Beretta, Mr. Porter Loring, Mr. Burton W. Morris, Mr. Louis J. Riklin.

Mayor Mauermann brought out that the baseball company had started by offering the City \$100,000 extra and now had raised that amount by \$60,000 to \$70,000 more.

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Comm. Anderson moved that the ordinance, as introduced, subject to the conditions of Section 17, be adopted. After a second by Comm. Hein, the motion was carried and the ordinance passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Nays, none. The ordinance:

## AN ORDINANCE (4208)

MAKING A LEASE WITH THE ALAMO CITY BASEBALL COMPANY FOR THE USE OF CITY PROPERTY AS A PLACE FOR ATHLETIC EXHIBITIONS.

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Comm. 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. 413

## AN ORDINANCE (4209)

TRANSFERRING \$10,000 FROM VARIOUS FUNDS TO THE 1946 GENERAL FUND.

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APPRO. NO. 414

## AN ORDINANCE (4210)

APPROPRIATING \$50,001.64 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND TO PAY TWO NOTES, Nos. 39 and 40, AND INTEREST.

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APPRO. NO. 415

## AN ORDINANCE (4211)

APPROPRIATING \$533.10 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND TO PAY INTEREST ON 1946 GENERAL FUND NOTES FOR OCTOBER 1946.

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APPRO. NO. 416

## AN ORDINANCE (4212)

APPROPRIATING \$230.30 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., TO PAY TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1946.

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## AN ORDINANCE (4213)

GRANTING PETITION OF BAPTIST TEMPLE FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1946 AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT THERETO, ON WEST 10 FT. OF LOT 14 AND ALL OF LOT 15, NCB 7030, AT 915 HALLIDAY AVENUE.

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Comm. 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. 417

## AN ORDINANCE (4214)

APPROPRIATING \$1,563 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, GARBAGE & SANITATION DEPT., TO PAY JORDAN MOTOR CO. FOR ONE 1946 FORD.

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

APPRO. NO. 418

## AN ORDINANCE (4215)

APPROPRIATING \$100 OUT OF STREET EXCAVATION TRUST ACCOUNT FOR REFUNDS AND REPAIRS.

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APPRO. NO. 419

## AN ORDINANCE (4216)

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT AND APPROPRIATING \$1,800 OUT OF EMERGENCY STREET AND BRIDGE DEPT. OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, FOR BRIDGE REPAIRS, PAYABLE TO J. D. DICKENS.

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APPRO. NO. 420

## AN ORDINANCE (4217)

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT AND APPROPRIATING \$2,342.88 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, STREET & BRIDGE DEPT., FOR ONE CARLOAD OF BRIDGE LUMBER FOR BRIDGE REPAIRS, PAYABLE TO SIMS LUMBER CO.

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

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APPRO. NO. 421

AN ORDINANCE (4218)

APPROPRIATING \$236 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, POLICE DEPT., TO PAY ESPARZA'S PAINT & BODY WORKS FOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS.

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APPRO. NO. 422

AN ORDINANCE (4219)

APPROPRIATING \$13,287.80 OUT OF POLICE & FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND FOR PAYROLLS.

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AN ORDINANCE (4220)

TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF B. H. McCABE.

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AN ORDINANCE (4221)

AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "PROVIDING FOR THE SAFE GUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY BY REGULATING AND PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL WIRING, DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT, PROVIDING THE MANNER AND WAY IN WHICH ELECTRICAL WORK SHALL BE DONE, THE KIND AND CLASS OF MATERIAL TO BE USED IN SUCH WORK, THE INSPECTION OF ELECTRICAL WORK, SCALE OF FEES FOR SUCH INSPECTION, CREATING THE OFFICE OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR, CREATING AN EXAMINING & SUPERVISING BOARD, PROVIDING FOR THE GRANTING OF LICENSES TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND SELL ELECTRIC WIRING, DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT, TO PREVENT INCOMPETENT PERSONS, FIRMS OR CORPORATIONS FROM INSTALLING, MAINTAINING AND SELLING ELECTRIC WIRING, DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT, DEFINING TERMS USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL WIRING, DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT AND PERSONS ENGAGED IN SUCH WORK, FIXING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF, AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF A BOND AND THE COLLECTION OF PENALTIES UNDER SAID BOND FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND REPEALING ALL FORMER ORDINANCES RELATING THERETO AND IN CONFLICT WITH SAID ORDINANCES", PASSED AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 5, 1936, AS AMENDED.

Comm. Anderson explained that this Amendment would raise the permit and inspection fees and add a clause to permit a deposit with the Tax Commissioner of \$100 so applications for electrical permits could be sent by mail. He said he was preparing like ordinances for his other inspection departments in an effort to make them more nearly self-sustaining.

E. M. Marceau, Secretary, Independent Electrical Contractors' Assn., stated his organization favored the amendment if it would bring about an increase in the number of electrical inspectors, transportation for the inspectors and better service from that department.

Comm. Anderson said he wanted the department to operate about two and one-half months under this amendment to see how much more revenue would be brought in, so he would know what could be provided in the final budget for additional inspectors and better transportation provisions.

The ordinance was passed and approved by unanimous roll call vote as recorded above.

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In each case on motion of Comm. Anderson, duly seconded and carried, the Council granted the following petitions for gasoline installation permits at the stated locations:

Texas Co., 2 petitions, at 1001 W. Ashby Pl., and at Stinson Field Aeronautics, Stinson Field.

Magnolia Petroleum Co., at 120 W. Josephine St.

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

APPRO. NO. 423

AN ORDINANCE (4222)

APPROPRIATING \$798.75 IN SETTLEMENT OF TAXES AND COSTS IN SALE OF LOT 8, BK. 4, CB 1035 AND LOT 20, BK. 4, CB 3858 TO HENRY LEE TAYLOR.

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APPRO. NO. 424

AN ORDINANCE (4223)

APPROPRIATING \$19.75 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., TO REIMBURSE CITY CLERK AMOUNTS PAID COUNTY CLERK FOR FILING FEES.

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APPRO. NO. 425

AN ORDINANCE (4224)

APPROPRIATING \$9 OUT OF ADVERTISING FUND FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.

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APPRO. NO. 426

AN ORDINANCE (4225)

APPROPRIATING \$450 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, CONTINGENCIES DEPT., TO PAY JACK AMMANN, PHOTOGRAMMETRIC ENGINEERS, FOR PHOTOMAP OF MITCHELL LAKE AREA.

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APPRO. NO. 427

AN ORDINANCE (4226)

APPROPRIATING \$661.05 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT., TO PAY SCOBAY FIREPROOF STORAGE CO. FOR TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS OF DR. W. V. BRADSHAW, ASST. CITY HEALTH DIRECTOR, FROM LAWRENCEBURG, KY., TO SAN ANTONIO.

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A RESOLUTION (4227)

CALLING FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE AND SURPLUS EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS OF THE SAN ANTONIO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

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AN ORDINANCE (4228)

AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE MAKING A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND R. H. HOLLAND COMPANY".

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Pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the Council ordered City Hall closed Tuesday, November 5, 1946, General Election Day.

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Bids to furnish adding machines for various departments and a pick-up truck for Housing Stinson Field Dept. were opened and publicly read and referred to the Purchasing Agent.

No bids were received in answer to the advertisement for bids for removal of washed out superstructure of the Ralph Street Bridge.

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Pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the meeting was recessed until 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on Monday, November 4, 1946.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the meeting of October 31, the Council reconvened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 11:00 o'clock, A. M., on Monday, November 4, 1946.

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

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## PETITIONS PRESENTED:

## REFERRED TO Comm. of Streets:

Antonio H. Cardenas, and others, asking that a concrete wall be built along Alazan Creek to prevent flood damage.

G. S. McCreless, for approval of subdivision plat of east part of Lot A-26, City Block A-29.

Jos. Horowitz, for approval of vacating and subdivision plats of Tracts A and B, Block 16, Brunswick Park Addn.

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Mayor Mauermann introduced the following resolution, which was passed and approved on motion of Comm. Steffler, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.