

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

THURSDAY, June 21st, A. D. 1923, 4P.M.

PRESENT: Honorable John W. Tobin, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners, Bushick, Steffler, Wright. Absent Lambert.

Minutes of the previous meeting were ordered approved.

---MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS---

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police, For Street Lamp at South Flores Street and Tommins Avenue. S. N. San Saba Street.

Proposals of Commonwealth and Trust Co, Texas State Bank and Trust Co. Alamo National Bank and City National Bank were read and held pending further considerations.

Commissioner Wright made the following recommendations, which were adopted.
M. Elizondo, for permit to install gasoline pump and tank at 701 S Larado St. granted.
Otto Evert to install gasoline pump and tank at 525 N. San Saba Street. granted.
Star Garage Company, to install gasoline pump and tank at 213 St. Marys St. granted.
A. W. Witte, to install gasoline tank and pump at 401 S. Alamo St. granted.
J. H. King for permit to install gasoline pump and tank at 2700 E. Houston St. granted.

Commissioner Wright introduced the following resolution was read and adopted.

RESOLUTION

Approving the agreement entered into by the Mayor and the Commissioner of Sanitation Parks and Public Property, and Ed. Steves and Sons for remodelling the old pavillion at San Pedro Springs Park.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the agreement entered into by and between the Mayor and the Commissioner of Sanitation Parks and Public Property on behalf of the City, and Ed. Steves and Sons, for remodelling the old pavillion in San Pedro Springs Park, by the construction of dressing rooms therein, for the accomadation of the bathers at San Pedro Springs Park, be and is hereby in all things approved.

Commissioner Wright introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit Ayes, Tobin, Bushick, Steffler, Wright.

No. 32

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$ 3405.91 to pay Ed. Steves and Sons.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$3405.91 be and is hereby appropriated out of the 1923 (Contingent) general fund to pay Ed. Steves and Sons for all labor and material required in remodelling the San Pedro Park Pavillion into dressing rooms to be used in connection with the San Pedro Springs Swimming Pool, as per bills on file in the office of the City Auditor.

Commissioner Bushick introduced the following ordinances, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Tobin, Bushick, Steffler, Wright.

No.33

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$115.86 to pay the American Railway Express Co.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$115.86 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Zoo Fund to pay the American Railway Express Company for one Male Sea Lion Shipped C.O.D. by Geo. McGuire of Santa Barbara, Cal., as per itemized invoice duly approved and now on file in the office of the City Auditor.

No.34

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$95.75 to pay semi-monthly payrolls.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$95.75 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of 1923 General Fund, to pay semi-monthly payrolls filed with the Auditors Office, for the following Departments.

Street Maintenance Dept.	\$52.00
Fire & Police Sta. Dept.	43.75
	<u>\$ 95.75</u>

No. 35

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating funds for the Mayor's Contingent Fund, for the fiscal year 1923.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1923 General Fund to provide for the Mayor's Contingent Fund for the fiscal year 1923, to be drawn by him once each month for the sum of not exceeding One Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars, all as provided for in an ordinance passed and approved on the 10th day of June, 1920, creating the Mayor's Contingent Fund.

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No. 36.

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$4580.75 to pay Special Merchants Bills.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$4580.75 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1923 General Fund to pay Special Merchants Bills as per itemized invoices approved and now on file in the office of the City Auditor.

Street Cleaning Department	\$3266.50
Contingencies Department	1289.25
Street Commissioners Dept.	25.00
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	\$ 4580.00

Commissioner Bushick introduced the following resolution which was read and adopted.
RESOLUTION

A resolution directing the City Attorney to advise upon the legality of issuing bonds to liquidate the floating debt of the City.

Whereas, the general expenditures of the City of San Antonio have within the last several years exceeded the general revenues, resulting at this time in a floating general indebtedness of half a million dollars, and.

Whereas, the City has no means of liquidating this indebtedness except from the collections of back taxes due for 1922 and previous years, which have been pledged to this purpose, and

Whereas, the back tax collections have heretofore been available and made up the shortage of tax collections for each current year, thereby being an essential factor in balancing each year's budget, and

Whereas, the present administration is deprived of any help from back taxes in balancing its budget and expenses for the fiscal year 1923, and faces a financial situation more embarrassing than any that has heretofore confronted any administration in the city's history, therefore be it,

Resolved: That the City Attorney be directed to examine the city charter and state law, to ascertain and report, whether or not a bond issue can be submitted and voted to fund the present floating indebtedness of the City of San Antonio in the sum of \$500.00.

Resolved further, that if the City Attorney should find no authority for funding the floating indebtedness with a bond issue, that he furnish an opinion of the legality of issuing and selling certificates of indebtedness, or short term notes, bearing 5 or more per cent interest, with which to take up and extinguish the floating indebtedness, said certificates or short term notes to run for the term of the administration in office.

Commissioner Bushick made the following recommendations, which were read and adopted.
Mrs. F. Esstman for correction of assessment. granted.
Cora Colman for correction of assessment. granted.
Jack W. Neal and Son for refund of taxes. granted.
Jack W. Neal Auto Co. for refund of taxes paid. granted.
E. Sinkin for adjustment of taxes. granted.
Highland Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, for exemption of property. granted.
Terrell Bartlett for refund of taxes. granted.
Salvation Army requesting that certain property be exempted from taxation. granted.

Commissioner Steffler introduced the following resolution which was read and adopted.
RESOLUTION

Calling for bids for sidewalk and curbing around Parks.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the City Clerk, be and is hereby directed to advertise for bids for the construction of Curbing around Crockett Square.

North side of Madison Square,

Approximately 250 lineal feet of sidewalk along River Avenue in front of Mahncke Park, Curbing and Sidewalk along Cincinnati Avenue at the West End Lake.

bids to be received until 4:P.M. Junly 2nd, 1923.

Certified check of _____% must accompany each bid.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Commissioner Steffler introduced the following resolution which was read and adopted.

RESOLUTION

Accepting the paving on Merchants Street (West Gramercy Place.) between Blanco Road and within 100 feet of Capitol Avenue,
Uvalde Rock Asphalt Company, contractors.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioner of the City of San Antonio, that, the City of San Antonio does hereby accept the paving constructed by the Uvalde Rock Asphalt Company on Merchants Street now (West Gramercy Place) between the Blanco Road and within 100 feet of Capitol Avenue. as per contract, and in accordance with certificate of the City Engineer, dated June 21st, 1923. and filed with the Board of Commissioners on this 21st, day of June, 1923.

City Purchasing Agent recommending acceptance of bid of Clifton George Co. for one Ford Touring Car for Taxation Department.

On recommending of Commissioner Steffler the bid of San Antonio Machine and Supply Co. on Scrap Iron was accepted.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST

[Signature]
CITY CLERK

APPROVED

[Signature]
MAYOR.