

SEPTEMBER 12, 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, SEPTEMBER 12, 1946.

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

- - -
The Clerk read the minutes of the Meeting of September 12, which were approved, as read, on motion of Comm. Hein, seconded by Comm. Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson.

- - -
PETITIONS PRESENTED:

REFERRED to Comm. of Taxation:

Rivas Street Church of God in Christ, for exemption from taxation on property at 1302 Rivas St.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, for exemption from taxation on property at 640 Mission.

-
REFERRED to Comm. of Streets:

Merle Starnes, for permit to install sewer main in right-of-way of Bandera Hwy. and make charge for connections.

A. B. Cox (by E. J. Wentworth), for approval of plats vacating and resubdividing Tracts 432 and 435, Harlandale Acre Tracts No. 2, NCB 7850 (for recommendation of City Engineer).

Reynolds Andricks, for approval of plats vacating and resubdividing NCB 9106 and 9107, (for recommendation of City Engineer).

-
REFERRED to Comm. of Fire and Police:

Don Wallen, for permit to build barbecue pit at 2703 Fredericksburg Rd.

Humble Oil & Refining Co., for gasoline installation permit at 154 E. Mitchell St.

Magnolia Petroleum Co., for gasoline installation permit at 1605 E. Houston St.

John F. Kneupper, and others, for installation of street light at Walters & Grimes Sts.

-
REFERRED to Committee of the Whole:

Board of Education, Los Angeles Heights Independent School District, for the acquisition from the City of NCB 8339, 8346 and 8347, as a school site.

T. & N. O. RR Co. (S.P. Lines) for relief of drainage condition at Milam and Hackberry.

Ben E. Weber, and others, asking that name of Losoya St., between Commerce & Houston Sts., be changed to Broadway.

- - -
Petition of J. Lewis Grimes, and others, for adjustment of water rate in South San Antonio, was presented and discussed. Mayor Mauermann suggested an ordinance be drawn fixing uniform water rates. On motion of Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the Council ordered an ordinance drawn setting uniform water rates for all areas of the City.

- - -
The Clerk read a letter from Jack F. Ridgeway, attorney representing Dr. W. H. McCoach and A. Prattes, offering to sell to the City for \$3000 a fifty-foot strip of land between Pasadena to McIlvaine Sts. to extend Capitol Ave. and a fifty-foot strip from the end of Santa Anna, Santa Monica and Sacramento Sts. to the railroad tracks for drainage purposes.

Comm. Steffler recommended the proposal be accepted and the necessary ordinance be ordered drawn.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1946

On motion of Comm. Steffler, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the Council accepted the proposal and ordered the ordinance drawn, the City Engineer being instructed to prepare the necessary field notes.

- - -

Mr. C. J. Crampton and Mr. Carter F. Sommers presented to the Council the report of a special committee of the S. A. Chamber of Commerce appointed to assist in the location of a suitable site for a league baseball park. Mr. Crampton, General Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, stated the Chamber's Board of Directors had voted unanimous approval of the report. Mr. Sommers, Chairman of the committee, outlined the report.

Comm. Callaghan moved that the Mayor be empowered to meet with this committee and bring back the complete proposition for Council approval. After a second by Comm. Anderson, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

- - -

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

APPRO. NO. 282 AN ORDINANCE (3987)
 TRANSFERRING \$3,900 FROM BACK TAX GENERAL FUND, \$1,600 FROM 1944
 GENERAL FUND AND \$11,700 FROM 1945 GENERAL FUND TO 1946 GENERAL FUND.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 283 AN ORDINANCE (3988)
 APPROPRIATING \$250,105.95 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND TO PAY TEN
 NOTES, NOS. 22 to 31 inclusive, AND INTEREST.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 284 AN ORDINANCE (3989)
 APPROPRIATING \$101,596.65 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND FOR SEMI-
 MONTHLY PAYROLLS.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 285 AN ORDINANCE (3990)
 APPROPRIATING \$1,762.50 OUT OF COMMERCE BUILDING FUND FOR PAYROLLS.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 286 AN ORDINANCE (3991)
 APPROPRIATING \$637.50 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, ASSESSOR'S DEPT.,
 TO PAY J. T. SIMMONS FOR LIST OF AUTOMOBILE OWNERS FOR YEAR 1946.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 287 AN ORDINANCE (3992)
 APPROPRIATING \$3,031.08 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, PROCEEDS OF NOTES
 ACCOUNT, PAYABLE TO SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR REFUND OF
 AMOUNTS PAID FOR GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

- - -

AN ORDINANCE (3993)

GRANTING PETITION OF CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY
 TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1945 AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT THEREON ON CERTAIN
 PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

- - -

AN ORDINANCE (3994)

GRANTING PETITION OF NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY
 TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1946 AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT THEREON ON LOT 7,
 BLOCK 26, NCB 8483, AT 2102 SACRAMENTO STREET.

- - -

SEPTEMBER 12, 1946

AN ORDINANCE (3995)

GRANTING PETITION OF NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1944 AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT THERETO ON LOT 17, BLOCK 25, NCB 7331, ON GRACE STREET.

AN ORDINANCE (3996)

GRANTING PETITION OF SISTERS OF THE APOSTOLATE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1946 AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT THERETO ON LOTS 5, 6 and 7, BLOCK 1, NCB 1011, AT 222 WEST CEVALLOS STREET.

AN ORDINANCE (3997)

GRANTING PETITION OF TEXAS DISTRICT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MISSOURI, OHIO AND OTHER STATES, FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1944 AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT THERETO ON LOT 27, BLOCK 1, NCB 3406, AT 343 WALTON AVENUE.

APPRO. NO. 288

AN ORDINANCE (3998)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPLIES WITH MAVERICK-CLARKE LITHO CO. TO FURNISH ASSESSOR'S DEPT. WITH 135,000 SHEETS OF CARBON PAPER FOR \$562.50.

APPRO. NO. 289

AN ORDINANCE (3999)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPLIES WITH BLUE & BLUE PRINTERS TO FURNISH ASSESSOR'S DEPT. WITH 100,000 1946 CITY TAX RECEIPTS FOR \$1,390.

APPRO. NO. 290

AN ORDINANCE (4000)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPLIES WITH CARLETON PRINTING CO. TO FURNISH ASSESSOR'S DEPT. WITH 115,000 ASSESSMENT INVENTORY SHEETS FOR \$586.50.

Comm. Callaghan presented the following letter and asked that it be read into the minutes:

"September 11, 1946

"Honorable Alfred Callaghan
Commissioner of Taxation
City Hall

"Dear Sir:

I would like to call ~~to~~ your attention to the fact that there has been no general revision of the tax valuations on our books since 1940.

The growth of certain sections while other sections have not advanced much has thrown the entire set up out of line from an equalization standpoint. Steps should be taken to have adjusted figures ready for use at the beginning of the next assessment period, June 1, 1947.

I do not feel that it is necessary or good business to have this work done by outsiders as has been the practice heretofore but, rather, I feel that it should properly be done by the regular assessing department employees with the additional help which such an enormous undertaking will require. It will take a long time to gather all the data and information required so the time is approaching when it should be started.

I hope to be able to take a vacation as soon as the Board of Equalization finishes its 1946 session. If finances can be arranged the revision of both real and personal property valuations should be started immediately upon my return.

This revision should bring a sizable increase to our total assessment roll and my suggestion would be that some of the increased revenue be allotted to the Tax Department for the purpose of hiring enough capable personnel to keep up a perpetual revision, thus obviating the necessity for these general revisions after a lapse of a few years. It would be cheaper in the long run and would bring in the revenue on enhanced values the year they accrue.

The Tax Department is now operating with a smaller number of employees than it had in 1934, this in spite of the enormous increase in the amount of work caused by increased territory, increased building and enormous increases in subdivisions and sales, increased collections in the regular Collection Department, the Back Tax Department, and the License and Dues Department.

"Yours very truly,

s/ J. Frank Callaghan
Chief Deputy."

SEPTEMBER 12, 1946

Mayor Mauermann suggested that Comm. Callaghan have Mr. Gallagher meet with the Mayor and Commissioners, sitting as a Committee of the Whole, immediately after this Council Meeting in order to discuss the matter concerned in the letter.

- - -

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

APPRO. NO. 291 AN ORDINANCE (4001) REPEALING AN ORDINANCE.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 292 AN ORDINANCE (4002)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF GEO. E. BROMBAUGH TO CONSTRUCT STORM SEWER ON CUNNINGHAM AVENUE; AND APPROPRIATING \$6688.92.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 293 AN ORDINANCE (4003)

APPROPRIATING \$1,100 TO PAY EMMETT B. COCKE FOR PROPERTY IN CLMOS BASIN.

- - -

On recommendation of the City Engineer and on motion of Comm. Steffler, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the Council approved the vacating and subdivision plats of Lots 6 and 7, Block 13, NCB 3612, submitted by Pete T. Hernandez.

- - -

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

APPRO. NO. 294 AN ORDINANCE (4004)

APPROPRIATING \$90 OUT OF STREET EXCAVATION TRUST ACCOUNT FOR REFUNDS AND REPAIRS.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 295 AN ORDINANCE (4005)

APPROPRIATING \$621.06 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, STREET MAINTENANCE DEPT., TO PAY RODGERS & STEWART, INC., FOR PAVING.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 296 AN ORDINANCE (4006)

REPEALING THE UNUSED BALANCE OF AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE.

- - -

AN ORDINANCE (4007)

GRANTING PERMIT TO EMDEE CORP., W. K. EWING CO., INC., A. B. SPENCER, JR. AND MILTON SPENCER, A. B. SPENCER, JR., THOS. S. GARRETT AND TERRELL BARTLETT TO BUILD SEWERS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS AND CONNECT WITH THE CITY SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

- - -

Comm. Steffler introduced on first reading the following annexation ordinance, which was ordered published on motion of Comm. Steffler, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson.

AN ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY, BEING KNOWN AS UNIVERSITY PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT ONE.

- - -

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

SEPTEMBER 12, 1946

APPRO. NO. 297

AN ORDINANCE (4008)

APPROPRIATING \$95 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, REFUNDS DEPT.,
FOR REFUND OF BUILDING PERMIT NO. 8891.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 298

AN ORDINANCE (4009)

APPROPRIATING \$101.50 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, POLICE DEPT.,
PAYABLE TO P. L. ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER OF FIRE & POLICE, FOR
EXPENSES OF VARIOUS MEMBERS OF POLICE DEPT. ON TRIPS ON
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 299

AN ORDINANCE (4010)

APPROPRIATING \$427 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND TO PAY CITY'S SHARE
OF GROUP INSURANCE FOR SEPTEMBER, 1946, COVERING VARIOUS EMPLOYEES
IN FIRE & POLICE DEPTS.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 300

AN ORDINANCE (4011)

TRANSFERRING \$20,000 FROM 1946 GENERAL FUND, PARKING METER ACCOUNT,
TO POLICE & FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 301

AN ORDINANCE (4012)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR
EQUIPMENT WITH UNDERWOOD CORPORATION TO FURNISH POLICE DEPT. WITH
FOUR TYPEWRITERS FOR \$428.64.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 302

AN ORDINANCE (4013)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR
SUPPLIES WITH AMERICAN-LaFRANCE-FOAMITE CORP. TO FURNISH FIRE DEPT.
WITH 3000 FEET OF 1½" FIRE HOSE FOR \$2763.60.

- - -

In each case on recommendation and motion of Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the Council granted the following petitions:

Sinclair Refining Co., for gasoline installation permit at northwest corner of North Zarzamora St. and West Cincinnati Ave.

Magnolia Petroleum Co., for gasoline installation permit at 2722 Nogalitos St.

Joe A. Gil, Jr., for permit to move filling station equipment from corner of Somerset Rd. and Lincoln St. to 5416 Somerset Rd.

Concerning the Petition of Sinclair Refining Co. to erect service station at McCullough Ave. and Melrose Pl., Comm. Anderson presented the report of the Chief Building Inspector that this location is outside the city limits and no permit needed from City of San Antonio.

Concerning the Petition of M. B. Davis, et al, protesting establishment of a bar or beer garden at 628 Montana St., Comm. Anderson presented the report of the Chief Bldg. Inspector that this property is located in a "D" Apartment district, where no business of any kind is permitted.

- - -

On motion of Comm. Steffler, seconded by Comm. Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the Council granted Comm. Anderson a leave of absence for two and one-half days, as requested.

- - -

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

SEPTEMBER 12, 1946

APPRO. NO. 303

AN ORDINANCE (4014)

APPROPRIATING \$109.50 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, PAUPER INTERMENT DEPT., FOR DIGGING OF GRAVES AND BURIAL OF PAUPERS DURING MONTH OF AUGUST, 1946.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 304

AN ORDINANCE (4015)

APPROPRIATING \$7.70 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT. POLIO CAMPAIGN, PAYABLE TO MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM CO. FOR GASOLINE FOR FOGGING MACHINE.

- - -

APPRO. NO. 305

AN ORDINANCE (4016)

APPROPRIATING \$187.50 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED DURING MONTH OF AUGUST, 1946, AT ROBT. B. GREEN HOSPITAL, T. B. CLINIC.

- - -

AN ORDINANCE (4017)

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING MAYOR GUS B. MAUERMANN TO EXECUTE QUIT-CLAIM DEED IN NAME OF CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONVEYING LOT 9, BLOCK 1, C.B. 679, TO MELROSE HOLMGREEN FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$9600.49.

- - -

AN ORDINANCE (4018)

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH THE NATIONAL HOUSING AGENCY, FEDERAL PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE 100 DWELLINGS IN THE HOUSING AREA OF CAMP CUSHING AREA, PURSUANT TO TITLE V AS AMENDED OF THE LANHAM ACT: PROJECT TEX-V-41872.

- - -

Bids to furnish Italian rye grass seed, sand for golf courses, and fuel oil, and bid to purchase 8 used motorcycles were opened and publicly read.

Comm. Hein moved that the bid of Ferd Staffel Co., low bid to furnish Italian rye grass seed, be accepted and the ordinance ordered drawn. After a second by Comm. Steffler, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, and the ordinance drawn, as follows:

APPRO. NO. 306

AN ORDINANCE (4019)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPLIES WITH FERD STAFFEL CO. TO FURNISH THE VARIOUS CITY DEPTS. WITH 6800 LBS. OF RYE GRASS SEED FOR \$710.60.

- - -

Comm. Hein moved that the bid of James Donaldson, Inc., low bid to furnish sand, be accepted and the ordinance ordered drawn. After a second by Comm. Steffler, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, and the ordinance drawn, as follows:

APPRO. NO. 307

AN ORDINANCE (4020)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPLIES WITH JAMES DONALDSON, INC., TO FURNISH THE GOLF COURSE DEPARTMENTS WITH 290 CU. YDS. OF SAND FOR \$652.50.

- - -

Comm. Anderson moved that the bid of Pierce Bros., only bid received to purchase the used motorcycles, be accepted and the ordinance ordered drawn. After a second by Comm. Hein, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, and the ordinance drawn, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE (4021)

MAKING BILL OF SALE TO PIERCE BRCS. INDIAN SALES, FOR MOTORCYCLES.

- - -

On recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and on motion of Comm. Hein, seconded by Comm. Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the bid of Stephens Fuel Oil Co., only bid received to furnish fuel oil, was

SEPTEMBER 12, 1946

accepted for the period to November 15, 1946, period for which the bid price was guaranteed.

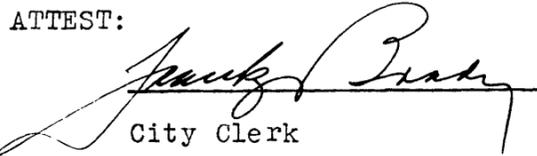
- - -

On motion of Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the meeting adjourned Thursday, September 12, 1946.

APPROVED:


M A Y O R

ATTEST:


City Clerk

* * *

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,
SITTING AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL AT 11:30 A.M. ON THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12, 1946.

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

Immediately following the Regular Council Meeting of this date, the Mayor and Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole. First matter discussed was the proposal for a general revision of tax valuations. City Auditor Tatsch gave a general review of the City's financial picture, estimating a total revenue of \$4,386,000.00 for the current fiscal year. Based on this total, he said, the City would have \$468,000 more available than was budgeted for the last fiscal year.

Mayor Mauermann pointed out that the Corporation Court and two airports were bringing in \$300,000 more revenue this year, but their expenditures would be similarly increased in order to yield the additional revenue. He said the Tax Dept. was bringing in only \$100,000 more than last year.

Comm. Anderson stated the first thing that would have to be done would be to see that the Tax Dept. functioned in order to get more revenue.

Chief Deputy Assessor Frank Gallagher stated preliminary work and the ordering of supplies for the revision of tax valuations could be started immediately, and estimated the re-survey could be carried out with a fund of \$40,000.

The City Auditor, continuing his review of the additional money available, said \$300,000 would have to be added to the budgets of Corporation Court and the two airports, and \$97,000 had already been earmarked by Council action, leaving \$66,000 available.

Mayor Mauermann pointed out that if \$40,000 was allocated to the Tax Dept. for the re-survey, \$26,000 would be left for the rest of the departments.

Comm. Callaghan added that his regular department would need a budget of \$12,000 to \$13,000 more than the \$130,000 tentatively allocated.

The Mayor stated he would go on record in favor of giving \$10,000 to the tax re-survey and adding to it as and when additional funds are available.

Comm. Anderson suggested that Comm. Callaghan prepare an itemized statement of the expenditures required for the re-survey.

Discussion followed on the request of truck drivers in Comm. Hein and Comm. Steffler's departments for a \$1-a-day raise. Comms. Hein and Steffler, in reply to a question from the Mayor, said the truck drivers had said nothing to them about striking. Comm. Anderson said he had understood the business agent of the truck drivers' union to state to the Council that the union would wait to see what the Council could work out.

The Mayor requested the Auditor to prepare figures for a further discussion of the truck drivers' demand to see what could be worked out.

- - -
The Petition of Charles F. Guenther, Sr., asking that the July 18, 1946, Franchise Ordinance permitting a spur track on Salado St. be rescinded, was discussed, and Comm. Anderson said the protest had been entered after the franchise was granted.

City Attorney Cobbs stated the railroad had expended money in performance of the franchise, and, therefore, he believed, had a vested right.

Comm. Anderson moved that the petition of Mr. Guenther be denied. After a second by Comm. Callaghan, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.
- - -

Following discussion, Comm. Anderson moved that the Mayor be authorized to grant a leave of absence, for whatever period of time he deemed necessary, to City Attorney Cobbs for health reasons, and that the Mayor be authorized to appoint Frank R. Williams acting City Attorney for the period of Judge Cobbs' leave of absence. After a second by Comm. Callaghan, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

- - -

By mutual agreement, the meeting was recessed to Monday, September 16, for further discussion of the truck drivers' request for a \$1-a-day pay increase.

* * *

PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the meeting of September 12, the Mayor and Commissioners reconvened as a Committee of the Whole at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on Monday, September 16, 1946.

PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan and Hein; ABSENT: Steffler and Anderson; Mayor Mauermann presiding. The Mayor explained the absence of Comm. Steffler was due to the death of his wife. Present also was a delegation from the Truck Drivers' Union, led by N. C. Alexander, President; Clyde Gherman, Business Agent, and C. B. Carroll, Business Agent of the Operating Engineers' Union.

- - -

Comm. Hein opened the discussion with an announcement that the truck drivers and pickup men in the Garbage Dept. had gone out on strike this morning; that he had offered them a pay increase of 50 cents-a-day, which was rejected by the union on Friday a week ago; that he had asked for this meeting to see if additional funds could be found; that the \$1-a-day raise demanded by the garbage employees would cost over \$47,000, just for the men employed now--with no provision for additional trucks and men needed to extend service to outlying areas. He said all employees under his jurisdiction had asked for more money. Comm. Hein said Comm. Steffler had 24 truck drivers affected by the strike and that he knew "Comm. Steffler will go with us on anything we might do".

Mayor Mauermann asked the union representatives if they had ever discussed the demand for a \$1-a-day pay increase with Comm. Steffler.

Gherman replied he had discussed it at a previous appearance before the City Council.

The Mayor asked if Comm. Steffler had been notified that the drivers were going to strike.

Gherman replied in the negative, stating Steffler's department was closed due to the death of his wife, but added that Steffler's drivers were in sympathy with the Garbage Dept. men.

The Mayor stated he thought the union had been unfair in going on strike in Comm. Steffler's Dept. just at this time of the Commissioner's loss of his wife.

Comm. Hein stated Comm. Anderson was not in attendance at this meeting because he had understood the driver's were not going on strike.

Gherman said he had made no such statement, and, in reply to a question from the Mayor, he added the position of the men was unchanged, that they were asking the full \$1-a-day raise, affecting 127 men in the departments of Comm. Hein and Comm. Steffler.

Comm. Hein stated he figured 178 men were involved.

Further discussion brought out that there was no written and signed contract between the City and the drivers; that Comm. Hein's discussions with the drivers had not explored the possibility of reducing the number of drivers and garbage routes in order to meet the demanded raise; that Comm. Hein had been unable to find funds in any of his other departments to meet the demands of the drivers.

Mayor Mauermann said he might take \$25,000 out of his budget and put it back into the unallocated funds, making a total of \$117,000, but he would not do that unless the Commissioners would agree to do some "spot raising" of assessments on the Board of Equalization.

Comm. Hein agreed to this, but Comm. Callaghan suggested the \$92,000 in unallocated funds, without the Mayor's \$25,000, would be enough to meet the raises demanded of Comm. Hein and Comm. Steffler.

Mayor Mauermann asked: "Don't you think the policemen and firemen are entitled to a raise, too? Don't you think their claim is as just as that of the truck drivers?"

Comm. Callaghan said he thought the Mayor and Commissioners were entitled to more money, too, and that the raising of assessments was up to the Board of Equalization.

Pointing out that "we are the Board of Equalization," the mayor stated he would not make the \$25,000 available unless he was assured some spot raising would be done.

Concluding, the Mayor/ said it appeared the matter of the truck drivers' raise had not been discussed enough by the union and the departments involved; that he did not feel in a position to ask the drivers or the Commissioners to go any further until the absent Commissioners had been consulted and a concrete proposal placed before the Council.

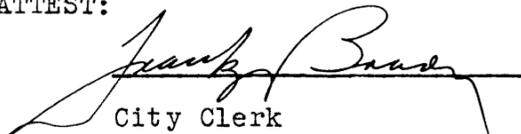
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



M A Y O R

ATTEST:


City Clerk