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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, JUNE 14th, 1945.

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Present: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson; Mayor Mauermann presiding.

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The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting of June 7, which minutes were approved as read, on motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson.

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The following petitions were presented and referred to the Commissioner of Fire & Police:  
Petition of S. W. Kammer, et al, for street light at west end of Wingate Street;  
Petition of Carle Petroleum Co. for permission to make gasoline installation at 605 Guadalupe Street; and

Petition of Humble Oil & Refining Co. for permission to make gasoline installation at 1008 Fredericksburg Road.

Referred to City Engineer:

Petitions of B. B. Smith for approval of plats vacating and resubdividing N. C. B. 9080, 9081 and 9082.

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Judge O. M. Fitzhugh, spokesman for the Committee of citizens protesting proposed changes in the North Flores Street bus line, addressed the Council and announced that his group is also opposed to changes in the Beacon Hill and San Pedro bus lines. Mr. W. W. Holden, official of the San Antonio Transit Co., explained the reasons why his company wished to make changes in the latter two lines. A general discussion followed.

On motion of Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the Council postponed action on the Transit Company's application for permission to make changes in the San Pedro and Beacon Hill bus lines, pending further investigation.

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

APPRO. NO. 8

AN ORDINANCE (2303)

APPROPRIATING \$97,199.65 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLLS.

APPRO. NO. 9

AN ORDINANCE (2304)

APPROPRIATING \$30.00 TO PAY SOLO-SERVE CO. FOR BEER AND WINE LICENSES ISSUED IN ERROR.

AN ORDINANCE (2305)

AUTHORIZING CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO BORROW \$1,300,000 TO PAY CURRENT EXPENSES OF SAID CITY DURING FISCAL YEAR 1945.

AN ORDINANCE (2306)

AUTHORIZING CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO BORROW \$32,000 TO PAY CURRENT EXPENSES FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES DURING FISCAL YEAR 1945.

APPRO. NO. 10

AN ORDINANCE (2307)

MAKING CONTRACT WITH COMMERCIAL ABSTRACT & TITLE CO. FOR RECORD OF DEEDS FOR DEPT. OF TAXATION AND APPROPRIATING \$1200.

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Commissioner Hein introduced the following ordinance, which was passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 11

AN ORDINANCE (2308)

AUTHORIZING PURCHASING AGENT TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY AS SPECIFIED AND APPROPRIATING \$1,394.36 IN PAYMENT TO RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION.

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

APPRO. NO. 12

AN ORDINANCE (2309)

APPROPRIATING \$310.50 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, STREET MAINTENANCE, TO PAY FOR INDEPENDENT HIRE OF TRUCKS.

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APPRO. NO. 13

AN ORDINANCE (2310)

APPROPRIATING \$25.00 OUT OF STREET EXCAVATION TRUST ACCOUNT FOR REFUND AND REPAIRS.

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A RESOLUTION (2311)

CALLING FOR BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT TO BE USED AT THE SHERMAN STREET PUMPING PLANT.

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On recommendation and motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the Council granted the petition of Magnolia Petroleum Co. for permission to make gasoline installation at service station at the corner of Courtland and McCullough.

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Commissioner Anderson introduced the following ordinance, which was passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 14

AN ORDINANCE (2312)

AUTHORIZING PURCHASING AGENT TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER FOR FIVE POLICE RADIOS FROM HARLEY-DAVIDSON CYCLE CO. AND APPROPRIATING \$710.00 IN PAYMENT FOR SAME.

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

APPRO. NO. 15

AN ORDINANCE (2320)

APPROPRIATING \$76,500 TO PAY WILLOW SPRINGS CORP. FOR PROPERTY FOR A PARK AND RECREATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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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, Anderson.

AN ORDINANCE (2313)

CREATING A CONTRACT WITH JOHN HAGY TO PAY THE COST OF TEST HOLES FOR BRIDGES.

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AN ORDINANCE (2314)

CONFIRMING T. D. COBBS, JR., AS CITY ATTORNEY.

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AN ORDINANCE (2315)

CONFIRMING AUGUSTUS McCLOSKEY AS JUDGE OF THE CORPORATION COURT.

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## AN ORDINANCE (2316)

CONFIRMING E. G. SIEBRECHT AS CITY PURCHASING AGENT.

## AN ORDINANCE (2317)

CONFIRMING WALTER TATSCH AS CITY AUDITOR.

## AN ORDINANCE (2318)

CONFIRMING FRANK W. BRADY AS CITY CLERK AND OLIVE D. HODSON AS ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.

## AN ORDINANCE (2319)

CONFIRMING LEWIS C. ROBBINS AS CITY PHYSICIAN.

APPRO. NO. 16

## AN ORDINANCE (2321)

APPROPRIATING \$25.00 OUT OF 1944 GENERAL FUND PAYABLE TO DR. E. J. ARENDT FOR USE OF X-RAY EQUIPMENT FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1945.

APPRO. NO. 17

## AN ORDINANCE (2322)

APPROPRIATING \$82.50 OUT OF 1944 GENERAL FUND TO PAY DR. J. M. DONALDSON, JR., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

APPRO. NO. 18

## AN ORDINANCE (2323)

APPROPRIATING \$30.00 OUT OF 1944 GENERAL FUND TO PAY DR. HELEN BERNFIELD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

APPRO. NO. 19

## AN ORDINANCE (2324)

APPROPRIATING \$67.50 OUT OF 1944 GENERAL FUND TO PAY DR. B. E. GALLOWAY FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

APPRO. NO. 20

## AN ORDINANCE (2325)

APPROPRIATING \$10.00 OUT OF COMMERCE BUILDING FUND PAYABLE TO PITTSBURGH PLATE GLASS CO. FOR REPLACING BROKEN WINDOW IN HEALTH BLDG. FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1945.

APPRO. NO. 21

## AN ORDINANCE (2326)

APPROPRIATING \$5.45 OUT OF 1944 GENERAL FUND FOR SUPPLEMENTARY ELECTION PAYROLL.

Commissioner Anderson introduced the following Resolution, which, after a second by Commissioner Hein, was passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson.

## A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In the passing of Albert Steves, Jr., the City of San Antonio has lost one of its foremost business men and industrialists, one who for a generation past has been a devoted, energetic and highly successful civic worker; and

WHEREAS, Albert Steves, Jr., throughout his brilliant career in this, his native city, always set a shining example to all his fellow citizens by his unselfish and whole-hearted participation in all affairs keyed to the progress and development of San Antonio, having served with distinction on numerous civic committees and in the forefront of every worthwhile drive and campaign; and

WHEREAS, Albert Steves, Jr., maintained with high honor the traditions of his family -- a family always in the lead in the building of San Antonio -- at various times heading the Community Welfare Council, the Charity Association, Community Chest, Red Cross War Fund Drive, War Chest and Order of the Alamo, and serving faithfully and well on the Planning Board of San Antonio and Bexar County, the Civilian Defense Council, County Parole Board and the Selective Service Board, and heading the Bexar County Advisory Committee for the National Housing Administration; and

WHEREAS, Albert Steves, Jr., was known and loved by all San Antonians for the generous giving of his time and means to meet all needs of the entire com-

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munity, and his death in the midst of these labors leaves a deep sense of loss; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

THAT the Mayor and Commissioners acknowledge the debt of this community to Albert Steves, Jr., as an outstanding civic leader and express to Mrs. Steves and the family the deep sympathy which is felt by all citizens of San Antonio in their bereavement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;

THAT this Resolution be recorded in the Official Minutes of the City Council and a copy forwarded to Mrs. Steves with the sympathy and respect of the Mayor and Commissioners.

PASSED AND APPROVED this fourteenth day of June, A. D. 1945.

s/ Gus B. Mauermann  
MAYOR

ATTEST: Frank W. Brady  
City Clerk

Commissioner Anderson nominated Commissioner Callaghan as Acting Judge of Corporation Court, to preside in the absence of the regular Judge, to which position Commissioner Callaghan was elected by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

Mayor Mauermann made a verbal report to the Council on the success of the "homecoming" celebration held June 13, welcoming home a large group of generals and war heroes, headed by Lieut. Gen. Ira Eaker, who flew to San Antonio from the European War Theater. The Clerk then read a letter of thanks from Maj. Gen. James Gavin, Commanding General of the 82nd Airborne Division, who was among those welcomed.

There followed a general discussion by the Council in which all who helped and participated in the welcoming ceremonies were praised and thanked by the Mayor and Commissioners.

Commissioner Steffler then moved that the Council extend thanks to all who participated in the ceremonies and that letters of appreciation be sent those particularly responsible for the event's success. After a second by Commissioner Anderson, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

Letters of thanks were sent the following:

San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Col. Neill Bailey, Alex Thomas, C. W. Miller, Fire Chief C. A. Hart, Police Chief Aubrey Hopkins, Maj. Gen. John P. Lucas, Brig. Gen. G. H. Beverley, Brig. Gen. M. F. Davis, Maj. Horace Shelton, Maj. A. J. Brown, Carter Sommers, John C. Bridgers, Ted Wilson, Col. J. A. Harris.

Mr. John E. Zeller addressed the Council and offered his services, free of charge, as supervisor of the Willow Springs Golf Course. He said he understood that the City could not operate the concessions at the Golf Course, so he offered to operate them himself and pay the City \$200 a month for this privilege. He suggested that the City Auditor check the books of these concessions at the end of the year and pledged that all profits, above expenses, would be turned over to the City at that time. Zeller stated he would take no salary and accept no profit from these operations.

Mayor Mauermann thanked Mr. Zeller for his proposal and announced the Council would discuss it and take whatever steps are found necessary.

Commissioner Anderson announced that Fire Station No. 21, in Harlandale, would be placed in operation Saturday, June 16, and have its formal public opening Saturday, June 23.

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Bids on the improvement of South Hackberry St., McKinley Ave., South Cherry St. and Rockwood Court were opened and publicly read and referred to the City Engineer.

Bids to furnish an adding machine for the Back Tax Attorney's Dept. were opened and publicly read and referred to the Purchasing Agent.

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On motion of Commissioner Callaghan, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the meeting was recessed to 11:00 o'clock, A. M., Tuesday, June 19, 1945.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the Meeting of June 14, the Council reconvened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 11:00 o'clock, A. M., Tuesday, June 19, 1945.

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

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The Clerk read a letter written to the Mayor and Commissioners by Mr. Fidelio G. Chamberlain, of the engineering firm of Chamberlain and Strain, National Bank of Commerce Bldg. Mr. Chamberlain wrote that he is in favor of the proposed re-routing of the San Pedro and Beacon Hill bus lines over San Pedro Avenue, since that thoroughfare is in better condition to carry this heavy traffic than the streets now being used.

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

APPRO. NO. 22

AN ORDINANCE (2327)

APPROPRIATING \$27,406.08 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR PER DIEM PAYROLLS.

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APPRO. NO. 23

AN ORDINANCE (2328)

APPROPRIATING \$1,749.94 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1945.

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APPRO. NO. 24

AN ORDINANCE (2329)

APPROPRIATING \$912.51 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., TO PAY FOR INDEPENDENT HIRE OF TEAMS AND TRUCKS.

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On motions of Commissioner Steffler to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer, in each case seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the Council approved the plats, submitted by Mr. B. B. Smith, vacating and re-platting N. C. B. 9080, 9081 and 9082.

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On recommendations and motions of Commissioner Anderson, in each case seconded by Commissioner Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the Council granted the following petitions:

Petition of Humble Oil & Refining Co. for permission to make gasoline installation at 1500 West Poplar St., and

Petition of Mrs. Goldie Byrd for permission to operate barbecue stand at 1505 Aviation Blvd.

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

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APPRO. NO. 25

AN ORDINANCE (2330)

APPROPRIATING \$20.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT.,  
FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENDITURES.

Mayor Mauermann then reported on a meeting held in his office Monday, June 18, at which there were present a Committee of citizens, Commissioners Callaghan, Hein and Steffler, and Assistant City Attorney Robertson. The Committee asked the City government to join the County government in calling a special election to increase the tax levy for the County hospital and levy an additional tax for tuberculosis control. They reported the County was agreed to calling the election if the City would share one-half of the election's expense in the City of San Antonio and the other municipalities in Bexar County would pay all the expense in their sections. The County would pay all the expense in the County area.

The Mayor said the Committee reported that the officials of Alamo Heights had agreed to call the election, but that Olmos Park and Terrell Hills have no municipal<sup>tax</sup>/set-up. The Committee was to talk further to officials of Olmos Park and Terrell Hills about sharing the cost of the election either through some municipal set-up or through public subscription.

The Mayor said he had agreed, for himself only, to ask the Council to call the special election on this basis, if all the other municipalities do likewise and share the cost. Commissioner Steffler then announced that he favored the plan. Commissioner Callaghan stated he was opposed to it.

Commissioner Callaghan said he had thoroughly read the legislative act under which the special election was to be called. He said he believed additional money should be provided for the County hospital, but opposed the provision in the act which would turn the County hospital back to the City.

Mayor Mauermann said he did not understand the act as placing the hospital under the City, but he would state publicly that if it was turned back to the City -- with the additional money to be provided by this special election -- he would be glad to operate it.

Assistant City Attorney Robertson then explained that the clause in the act about turning the hospital over to the City had been in the bill as originally enacted in 1927 and "nothing was ever done about it."

Commissioner Callaghan said he understood that the City Charter would not allow use of public funds for this purpose.

Mayor Mauermann replied he believed the intention of the act was to override any such Charter provision.

In reply to a question from Commissioner Anderson about Olmos Park and Terrell Hills not having tax collection agencies, Mayor Mauermann stated he was going to ask the City Attorney for an opinion on whether these areas could be annexed by the City of San Antonio if they have no municipal machinery.

Commissioner Anderson added that if these areas had not set up a government, then they had "just isolated themselves for tax evasion purposes. I think it is high time the City stopped being milked," he continued. Commissioner Anderson said he would introduce an ordinance to annex Olmos Park and Terrell Hills.

Commissioners Callaghan and Steffler announced they would vote for such an ordinance.

Mayor Mauermann said he would have such an ordinance drawn.

The discussion continued on the steps to be taken to join the County in calling the special election for County hospital and tuberculosis control taxes, after which the necessary ordinance was ordered drawn.

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On motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the meeting was recessed to 11:00 o'clock, A. M., Wednesday, June 20, 1945.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the meeting of June 19, the Council reconvened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 11:00 o'clock, A. M., Wednesday, June 20, 1945.

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

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

APPRO. NO. 26

AN ORDINANCE (2331)

REPEALING APPROPRIATION NO. 788, PASSED MAY 17, 1945, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$959.00 AND THE UN-USED PORTION OF APPROPRIATION NO. 843, DATED MAY 31, 1945, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$729.43, 1944 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

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APPRO. NO. 27

AN ORDINANCE (2332)

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING INTER-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFERS OF THE 1944 GENERAL FUND.

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On recommendation and motion of Commissioner Anderson, in each case seconded by Commissioner Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the Council granted the following two petitions:

Petition of Humble Oil and Refining Co. to make gasoline installation at Lighthouse Service Station, 1008 Fredericksburg Road, and

Petition of Carle Petroleum Co. for permission to make gasoline installation at 605 Guadalupe St.

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Commissioner Anderson introduced the following ordinances and moved in each case that, it being the sense of the Council that these ordinances shall be passed and approved, the vote signify that intent and approval and order the necessary steps taken to provide for final passage. In each case, after a second by Commissioner Hein, the vote on roll call was as follows, 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 KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF CLMOS PARK.

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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 KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF TERRELL HILLS.

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At the request of Commissioner Anderson, Mayor Mauermann instructed Assistant City Attorney Robertson to move to cancel the lease of the City fire station in Terrell Hills, now leased to the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.

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Judge Robertson reported on the proposed joint City-County special election which was discussed at the Council Meeting of June 19. He said he had been informed that the County

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would be unable to prepare for the election by July 21 and proposed to call it for July 25.

Commissioner Callaghan said he had just returned from the County Court House and had been told there that the County officials wished to hold this special election in conjunction with the Constitutional Amendment Election which has been set for August 25.

It was agreed that the City would wait until the County sets the date for the election before taking further action.

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Mayor Mauermann reported to the Council that the City's purchase of the Willow Springs Golf Course had been concluded at 10:00 o'clock, A. M., this date.

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On motion of Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the meeting adjourned Wednesday, June 20, 1945.

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APPROVED:

Paul Mauermann  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jack Brady  
City Clerk

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(For full text of all ordinances passed and approved at this Regular Meeting and two Recessed Meetings, see Ordinance Book "M", pages 572 through 586.)