

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, A.D.1920, at 9.30 A. M.

PRESENT: Honorable Sam C. Bell, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners Coy, Heuermann, Wright.

Mayor Bell stated the purpose of the meeting to be to consider charges preferred against G.L.Dorsett a member of the Fire Department, by A.J.Goetz, Chief of the Fire Department.

The Mayor directed the Clerk to read the following:

San Antonio, Texas, January 15, 1920.

To the Honorable Mayor and Commissioners  
of the City of San Antonio.

Gentlemen:

As Chief of the Fire Department of the City of San Antonio I recommend the removal and discharge from the service and employment which he holds in the Fire Department of the City of G.L.Dorsett, and support of such recommendation I charge:

That the said G.L.Dorsett is and has been promoting and agitating insubordination and dissatisfaction among the other firemen in said department; that he has inspired resistance by such firemen to the lawfully constituted authority governing said department and has, by his conduct and deportment, injured the efficiency of such Department; that his discharge from the said Department is necessary for the good of the service.

Respectfully,

A.J.Goetz,

Chief of the Fire Department  
of the City of San Antonio.

San Antonio, Texas,

January 15, 1920.

Mr. G. L. Dorsett,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

You will take notice that charges, a copy of which are hereto attached, have been filed by A.J.Goetz, Chief of the Fire Department, and that said charges have been set down by the Mayor and Commissioners for hearing at 9.30 a.m. o'clock on Monday January 19th, 1920.

Respectfully,

Fred Fries,  
City Clerk.

I, J.J.Cusack, Motorcycle Police of the City of San Antonio, certify that at 2.16 P.M. o'clock on the 16 day of January A.D.1920 I delivered a true copy of the above notice, together with copy of charges attached thereto, to G.L.Dorsett in person.

J.J.Cusack.

and defendants motion to quash charges, as follows:

San Antonio, Texas, January 16th, 1920.

To the Honorable Mayor and Commissioners,  
of the City of San Antonio.

Gentlemen:

Comes now G.L.Dorsett, the person named in a letter dated January 15, 1920, addressed to your Honorable Body, signed by A.J.Goetz, Chief of the Fire Department of the City of San Antonio, in which letter it is recommended that said G.L.Dorsett be removed and discharged from the service and employment which he holds in the Fire Department, said letter charging the said G.L.Dorsett as follows:

"That said G.L.Dorsett is and has been prompting and agitating insubordination and dissatisfaction among the other firemen in said Department; and that he has inspired resistance by such firemen to the lawfully constituted authority governing said depart-

ment and has, by his conduct and deportment, injured the efficiency of such department; that his discharge from the said Department is necessary for the good of the service."

The said G.L.Dorsett hereinafter called the defendant, respectfully prays that said charges be quashed and that he be dismissed from this proceeding, for the reason that said letter wholly fails to apprise defendant of any facts concerning anything for which he could lawfully be tried in this proceeding. And defendant would represent that he is wholly unable to prepare any defense, because he is not apprised by said letter of any ground or grounds for discharge. Defendant would represent that from the general language above set out, he is wholly unable to determine what is intended to be charged against him, Defendant would show to your honorable body that there is not a single fact, date or name set out in the above language, that ~~xxx~~ same is the conclusion of the writer, and that a judgment of acquittal based on said language would be without value and would not preclude specific charges being preferred against him in the future, for the same alleged offense.

Wherefore, he prays that said proceedings be quashed.

Arthur W. Wright,  
Attorney for G.L.Dorsett.

If said proceeding be not quashed, then defendant prays that relator, A.J.Goetz, be ordered to file specific charges against him, reasonably apprising him of the ground or grounds for discharge, and that he then be given a reasonable opportunity to prepare his defense.

Arthur W.Wright.  
Attorney for G.L.Dorsett.

Which motion to quash was denied by the Mayor.

After having heard all the evidence offered Commissioner Wright introduced the following ordinance, which was adopted on roll call by the following vote, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Heuermann and Wright. Absent Lambert.

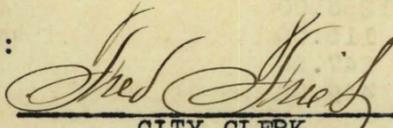
AN ORDINANCE *MD-266*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the charges preferred by A.J.Goetz, Chief of the Fire Department of the City of San Antonio, against G.L.Dorsett a member of said Fire Department, on January 16, 1920, be and the same are hereby sustained and that the said Dorsett be and he is hereby discharged and removed from the office and position that he holds in the Fire Department of said City.

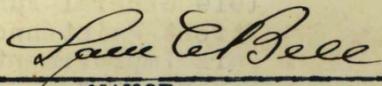
This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

Whereupon, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK.

APPROVED

  
MAYOR