

NOVEMBER 14, 1946

Yours very truly,

s/ Atlee B. Ayres
 ATLEE B. AYRES
 FOR THE FIRM
 ATLEE B. AND ROBERT M. AYRES

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 cc Mr. Wm. O. DeWitt, Vice-Pres.
 American League Baseball Co.

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 Comm. Anderson stated it seemed a "little premature" to start expenditure before the plans are drawn or anyone has figured the cost. He wanted to know if the ball club intended to go ahead and work on the grounds without cost to the City.

Mayor Mauermann said this was the first he had heard of such a plan. He instructed the Clerk to write and thank Ayres for this progress report and to state the City's proposition is as stated in the ordinance passed October 31, 1946, and if there is to be any change it would properly be done by amendment to this ordinance.

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 Pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the meeting was recessed to Tuesday, November 19th, 1946, at 11:00 o'clock, A.M.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the Meeting of November 14, the Council reconvened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on Tuesday, November 19, 1946.

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

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 The Petition of Los Angeles Heights Assembly of God Church for exemption from taxes on property at 417 Catalina St., was presented and referred to the Comm. of Taxation.

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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. 458 AN ORDINANCE (4271)
 APPROPRIATING \$32,772.78 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND FOR PER DIEM PAYROLLS.

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 APPRO. NO. 459 AN ORDINANCE (4272)
 APPROPRIATING \$674 OUT OF PARK REVENUE BOND 1945 FUND FOR PAYROLL.

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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. Comm. Hein explained that this contract covered collection of garbage at Carson Homes at the rate of \$1.00 per month per family for November and December, after which a new contract would be negotiated, and he recommended it to the Council.

AN ORDINANCE (4273)
 MAKING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR COLLECTION OF GARBAGE & RUBBISH AT CARSON HOMES.

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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. 460 AN ORDINANCE (4274)
 APPROPRIATING \$2,703.50 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPT., TO PAY FOR INDEPENDENT HIRE OF TEAMS AND TRUCKS.

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A RESOLUTION (4275)

CALLING FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 60" STORM SEWER MAIN AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, THROUGH LOT A1, NEW CITY BLOCK 2664.

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In each case on recommendation of Comm. Anderson and pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the Council granted the following petitions for gasoline installation permits:

Jack Neal, Inc., for installation at 1849 Nogalitos St.

The Texas Co., at 1501 N. Colorado St.

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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.

APPRO. NO. 461

AN ORDINANCE (4276)

APPROPRIATING \$432.95 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND TO PAY CITY'S SHARE OF GROUP INSURANCE FOR NOV. 1946 COVERING VARIOUS EMPLOYEES IN THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

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AN ORDINANCE (4277)

AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "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 AND 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"; PASSED AND APPROVED THE 31ST OF OCTOBER, 1946, AND DELETING PARAGRAPHS 55 AND 68 THEREOF.

Before the vote on the above Ordinance amending the Electrical Ordinance, Comm. Anderson stated that he had offered the October 31, 1946, amending ordinance in good faith, but had learned later that a portion of that ordinance attempted to charge the City Public Service Board. He said it was a well known fact that one branch of the government cannot tax another branch of the City government. He said Mr. Kifer of the Public Service Board had talked to him about it and he had told Mr. Kifer that he would be glad to take out that portion of the amending ordinance.

Mayor Mauermann asked if the Public Service attorneys had checked this latest ordinance.

City Attorney Cobbs replied that he had sent a copy to the Public Service attorneys and had talked to Mr. Matthews and told him what was being taken out.

Comm. Steffler asked if anything had been done about the objection to the October 31st ordinance which was raised by the neon men.

Comm. Anderson stated the October 31st ordinance did nothing except raise the inspection fees for the neon men and that he did not think any group should come in and say they are not going to comply with the law.

Mayor Mauermann said he still thought the Council should meet with the neon men to discuss the ordinance, as the Mayor and Commissioners had promised to do.

The vote followed, as recorded above.

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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. 462

AN ORDINANCE (4278)

APPROPRIATING \$1,933.19 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, STINSON FIELD DEPT., TO PAY BIARD-STRUNK CO. INSURANCE PREMIUM INSTALLMENT DUE NOV. 1, 1946.

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AN ORDINANCE (4279)

ELECTING COMMISSIONER STEFFLER MAYOR PRO TEM AD INTERIM.

Mayor Mauermann explained this ordinance was being passed since both he and Comm. Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem, would be out of the city at the same time when they attend the Presidential inauguration in Mexico.

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APPRO. NO. 463

AN ORDINANCE (4280)

MAKING A CONTRACT WITH VICTOR PRASSEL FOR REPAIR OF CONTROL TOWER AT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

The Mayor explained this was an emergency ordinance, it having been discovered within the past week that the tower was in need of serious repairs which had to be made as soon as possible, there being no time to advertise for bids.

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AN ORDINANCE (4281)

ACCEPTING BIDS OF PEDRO S. CASTRO AND GEO. E. BROMBAUGH FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY AT SAN ANTONIO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

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AN ORDINANCE (4282)

DEMISING A TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE SEWER FARM TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

The Mayor explained this land had been leased to the Agriculture Dept. for many years, that during the war the Agriculture Dept. let the Army have part of it, and that this new lease would set aside a part desired by the National Guard. The Clerk read a letter from David H. Foster, Nursery Manager, Soil Conservation Service, in further explanation. The City Engineer stated the ordinance had been checked and found correct as to the field notes. The City Attorney stated that this area could not be leased for a term longer than one year, as it was part of the old sewer farm.

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Pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the Council granted Comm. Hein a leave of absence, at his request, for November 20, 21 and 22.

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City Attorney Cobbs stated the Regular Council Meeting next week would be held on Friday, November 29, under the Council rules, since Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day, is a holiday.

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Comm. Anderson stated that since a new discussion had arisen concerning possible acquisition of the Arsenal site for a school site, he thought the Mayor should again reiterate to the proper authorities in Washington, D. C., the City's opposition to removal of the Arsenal, and so moved. After a second by Comm. Hein, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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The Mayor reported he was working with Gen. Wilkins, Airport Director, on the drawing up of a formal policy for the City airports, to be posted for the information of the public, and also to guide the Council in airport contracts which would be coming up continually. He said he would submit the policy, when formulated, to the Commissioners for checking and suggestions.

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The Mayor said he wanted to again bring up the discussion of the proposed Taxicab Ordinance and had been talking to the City Attorney about it.

Comm. Anderson said he had conferences with two or three of the Taxicab company owners, and had had a conference the previous day with the Yellow Cab Company's attorney. He said he

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was of the definite impression that the City could "soon restore the old rate", with an added revenue of 5% of all revenues received by the Taxicab companies from the airports. In reply to a question from the Mayor, Comm. Anderson said he was considering going back to the old rate of 2%. The Mayor objected, stating Dallas was receiving 4%. Comm. Anderson asked the City Attorney if San Antonio could do the same.

City Attorney Cobbs replied: "We can try".

The Mayor suggested the ordinance be changed to the nature of a franchise.

Comm. Anderson replied that he would request the City Attorney to make whatever adjustments are necessary, "so we can get the money".

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Mayor Mauermann said he wanted to call to the Council's attention a mistake made by the Auditor, which was different from what he understood. He said that several months ago the Council had talked about giving the Tax Commissioner \$15,000 to begin the work of upward revision of assessments. He said he understood from discussions "the other day" that nothing had been done on this by the Tax Commissioner, who, therefore, was not to receive the \$15,000.

Comm. Callaghan said he understood from previous meetings that his budget was to be \$145,000.

The Mayor said he understood it was to be \$130,000 and would, if it was found necessary, change it to that amount "if the Commissioners will back me up".

Comm. Callaghan suggested that \$275,000 allocated to the Airports and Corporation Court, in the Mayor's Department, also be re-allocated to other departments.

The Mayor asked the other Commissioners for their recollections of previous discussions as to what the Tax Commissioner's budget should be.

Comm. Anderson said he would have to refresh his memory. The other Commissioners made no statement.

The Mayor said Comm. Callaghan had, last year, used a \$15,000 surplus from the previous year to buy books and plats and fix up his office.

Comm. Callaghan said he understood from the Auditor, "the other day", that his budget was to be \$215,000, from which \$70,000 was deducted at the November 8th meeting.

The Clerk was then requested to read the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 20th, and did so.

Following further discussion, the Mayor said that he wanted to go on record as stating that the Tax Commissioner ought not to have one penny more (in his budget) than last year, since he had not done anything to get more revenue for the City. He said he wanted to go on record in favor of holding the Tax Commissioner's budget to \$130,000.

Comm. Callaghan moved that the Mayor and Commissioners meet as a Committee of the Whole and re-allocate the \$275,000 allocated to the Mayor. There was no second to the motion.

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Pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the meeting was adjourned Tuesday, November 19, 1946.

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ATTEST: Frank B. B...
City Clerk

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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 11:45 A.M., ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1946.

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PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Mayor Mauermann presiding.
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Following the Recessed Council Meeting held this date, the Mayor and Commissioners convened as a Committee of the Whole, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, at 11:45 o'clock, A.M., to discuss with Mr. George Schutte, Commander, Motor Transport Post No. 1533, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Petition of that post for a site for a VFW Memorial Building on City property located on Martinez St. at the San Antonio River.

Mr. Schutte explained his post was advancing the money for the Building, which would be open to use by all other VFW posts, the other posts being asked to pay a nominal rental until the building has been paid for. He said only a portion of the City property in this location was needed for the building, leaving the remainder for future widening of the River, if found necessary. He said his post was ready to make an offer to buy the property needed for the building from the City.

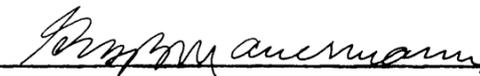
The Mayor stated the City must keep whatever portion of the land the City Engineer recommends as being necessary for possible future widening of the river channel.

Comm. Callaghan suggested the post be allowed to use the land retained by the City for parking purposes until it was actually needed for river widening.

Following further discussion, the Mayor instructed City Engineer Coghill to draw up field notes in keeping with the extension of the west line of Washington St., Mr. Schutte's VFW Post then to make an offer to the City for the portion east of the west line of Washington St.

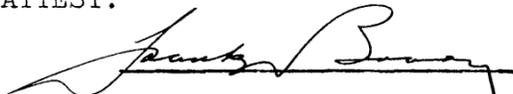
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City Clerk

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