

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH, A.D.1918, 4 P.M.

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

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

----MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS----

Petition of J.S.Cameron requesting deed from City for land sold for taxes, was read and referred to City Attorney.

Copy of a resolution of the San Antonio Retail Merchants Association relating to 6.30 closing was read and ordered filed.

Petition of R.L.Jarmon for permit to connect with sewer in Wicks Street was read and referred to Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements.

Petition of Sociedad Ygnacio Saragosa for use of San Pedro Springs Park was read and referred to Commissioner of Sanitation, Parks and Public Property.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police:
For arc light at Hackberry and Nebraska Streets.

" " " " E.Trenton Ave. and Ave. A.

Commissioner Heuermann introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Lambert, Heuermann, Lowther.

AN ORDINANCE

Declaring the inability of the City of San Antonio to agree with Gus A.Graebner and J.C.Meredith, and Edwin H.Witte, guardian of the estate of Geo. Witte, a minor, as to the value of a certain strip of land located at the northwest corner of Romana and Soledad Streets, being a portion of lot A-6, City Block 141, on the west side of Soledad Street, in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, and their damages, if any, for the taking of said property for street widening purposes, which said property is necessary for the widening and straightening of said Soledad Street; and directing that condemnation proceedings condemning said property to the use of the City of San Antonio for public purposes be instituted.

WHEREAS, by ordinance entitled "An ordinance relating to the widening of Soledad Street between Houston Street and Romana Street" passed and approved on the 9th day of March, 1917, the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio found and declared the existence of a public necessity for the widening of Soledad Street between Houston and Romana Street to a uniform width of sixty feet, in accordance with a certain map or plat marked Exhibit "A" attached to said ordinance and adopted as a part thereof and filed with the City Clerk on the 26th day of February, 1914 and

WHEREAS, Gus A.Graebner and J.C.Meridith are the owners of lot A-6 in City Block 141, having a frontage of 16.7 feet on Soledad Street, extending in a westerly direction between parallel lines 136.6 feet and thence 45.6 feet between lines to a point fronting ~~five~~ feet on Main Avenue, and

WHEREAS, Edwin H.Witte, guardian of the estate of George Witte, a minor, claims to own a deed of trust lien on said lot; and

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WHEREAS, for the purpose of widening said street in accordance with the afore-said ordinance and plat it is necessary for the city of San Antonio to acquire a certain strip of land out of said lot A-6, City Block 141, fronting on the west side of Soledad Street; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio has been unable to agree with the owners of said property as to what their damages, if any, will be by reason of the taking of the strip of land hereinafter described for said purpose; Now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO;

Section 1. That the widening and straightening of Soledad Street at the point where the property hereinafter described is located is hereby declared to be a public necessity, and that said strip of land hereinafter described, together with other property located between the old and the new established boundary lines of said Soledad Street, as shown upon said plat attached to said ordinance passed and approved March 9, 1917, and filed with the City Clerk on the 26th day of February, 1914, is hereby declared to be necessary for the widening and straightening of said Soledad Street; that for the purpose of so widening and straightening of said Soledad Street to a uniform width of sixty feet between Houston Street and Romana Street it is necessary for the City of San Antonio to appropriate by condemnation proceedings the following described property, to-wit:

Beginning at the old southeast corner of Lot A-6, City Block 141. Thence in a northerly direction with the old east line of Lot A-6, a distance of 16.7 feet to the north line of Lot A-6, which is also the south line of East Romana Street. Thence in a northwesterly direction with the north line of said Lot A-6, a distance of 7.2 feet to the new established west line of Soledad Street. Thence in a southerly direction with said new established west line of Soledad Street to the south line of Lot A-6, City Block 141. Thence in a southeasterly direction with the said south line of Lot A-6, a distance of 7.2 feet to the point of beginning.

Section 2; That the City of San Antonio declines to pay the price set upon said above described strip of land because the same is unreasonable and exorbitant and in excess of the reasonable market value thereof, and said City of San Antonio hereby declares that it has been unable to agree with the said Gus A. Graebner and J.C. Meridith, and Edwin K. Witte, guardian of the estate of George Witte, a minor, who reside in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, and are the owners of said property, as to what their damages, if any, will be by reason of the taking of said property for the purpose hereinbefore named.

Section 3. That the City of San Antonio proceed without delay to to condemn said property in the manner provided by law, and that the City Attorney be and is here now hereby directed to institute the necessary proceedings and to represent the City of San Antonio in the condemnations proceedings now here provided for, and that a plat of the property proposed to be condemned be filed with the City Clerk.

Commissioner Heuermann introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Coy, Lambert, Heuermann and Lowther.

No. 331

AN ORDINANCE

-244 Appropriating \$105.00 to pay Mrs Matilda Barkmeyer.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of One Hundred and Five (\$105.00) Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1917 General Fund to pay Mrs Matilda Barkmeyer for connections made to private sewer owned by her on N. Hackberry Street, between E. Houston and Dawson Streets.

Commissioner Heuermann introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Garland, Lambert, Heuermann and Lowther.

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No. 332 AN ORDINANCE
Appropriating \$640.41 to pay Young and Ramsey for sewer construction in New Braunfels Avenue and E.Houston Street.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Six Hundred and Forty and 41/100 dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the 1917 General Fund to pay Young and Ramsey for sewer construction in New Braunfels Avenue and E.Houston Street, as per their proposal accepted January 7, 1918. Said amount being in addition to appropriation 246 for \$2500.00 previously made.

Commissioner Lowther introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Cey, Lambert, Heuermann, Lowther.

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No. 333 AN ORDINANCE
BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to issue warrants for the payment of wages to certain firemen discharged and that the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated out of the several general and special funds for that purpose, to-wit:

1917 General Fund \$37.45

Commissioner Lowther introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Cey, Lambert, Heuermann, Lowther.

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No.334 AN ORDINANCE
Appropriating \$42.50 for painting fire alarm boxes.
BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the following sums be and are hereby appropriated out of the 1917 General Fund to pay for painting Fire Alarm Boxes:

Frank Hopkins \$15.00
C.Stowe 27.50
\$42.50

Commissioner Lowther introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Bell, Cey, Lambert, Heuermann, Lowther.

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No. 335. AN ORDINANCE
Appropriating \$115.00 to pay Joseph Achilles, fireman, account injuries received.
BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of One Hundred and Fifteen dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the 1917 General Fund, to pay expenses incurred by Joseph Achilles, fireman, by reason of injuries sustained on the evening of December 31, 1917, by a collision of fire apparatus at the intersection of S.Alamo and E.Commerce streets, amounts to be paid being as follows, to-wit:

Mrs Dr. Cover \$25.00
Mrs. Sallie Pardue 50.00
Dr. Clara G.Cook 40.00
\$115.00

Petition of Braden Hdware Co. for permit to install gasoline equipment at 1501 S. San Marcos Street was read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police: and granted on recommendation of City Plumbing Inspector.

Mayor Bell introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

WHEREAS, a game of baseball is to be played at League Park on Saturday afternoon April 13, beginning at 3.30 o'clock between teams from Kelly Field No. 1 and Kelly Field No. 2, the proceeds from which are to be used in promoting athletic meets and contests in said camps, as more fully set out by notice of said games appearing in our local papers under date of April 10th, and

WHEREAS, many offices and places of business are closed on Saturday afternoon, thus giving an opportunity for those employed therein to attend said game without loss of time from their business; and

WHEREAS, we feel that every thing possible should be done to encourage clean, invigorating and healthful athletic contests, and particularly the playing of baseball, in our military camps; and

WHEREAS, we desire to spread upon the records of this meeting an expression of our appreciation of the work being done by the leaders and directors of the various athletic meets and contests arranged from time to time for the benefit of our soldier boys, and our readiness to aid and assist them at any time in any way possible; Now therefore,

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

1st. That this board of Commissioners as a body attend the game of baseball at League Park on Saturday afternoon, April 13th.

2nd. That all others who can possibly do so, particularly these who desire to aid our boys in the playing of baseball and promoting other clean, athletic contests between them be and they are hereby urgently requested to attend said game.

Mayor Bell submitted the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the application of the S.W. Tel & Tel Co, for a public hearing to consider their request for an increase in rates be and the same is hereby granted.

And in accordance with the request of said Company the date of said hearing is set for the 23rd day of April 1918 at 9.30 o'clock a.m, at the Council Chamber in San Antonio, Texas, and the City Clerk is directed to give notice to said Company in accordance with the ordinance of March 28, 1918 of the granting of said hearing and the date thereof.

The petition of Krisch and Krisch for permit to install gasoline equipment was granted.

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

ATTEST:

[Signature]
CITY CLERK.

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Mayor