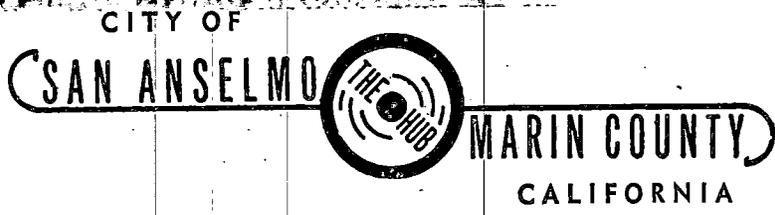


MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SAN ANSELMO CITY COUNCIL HELD MARCH 3rd 1959.

PRESENT COUNCILMEN - Booth, Martinelli, Little, Franchini, Smith  
Mayor Smith, presiding



February 27th 1959

City Council  
San Anselmo  
California

You are hereby notified that a Special Meeting of the San Anselmo City Council will be held Tuesday, March 3rd, 1959, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., pursuant to the call of Mayor Arthur W. Smith.

This meeting will be held for the following purposes only:

1. For the purpose of discussing proposed plans for new Fire Station No. 2, and the addition to Library.
2. To take action on invalid orders of Chief of Police relative to prohibiting members of the Police Department to appear before, and be interrogated by, a Committee of the City Council.
3. To set a date for a special meeting of the whole City Council, there to issue subpoenas commanding appearance before the Council at such meeting for the purpose of inquiring into the operations, administration, practices, efficiency, and morale of the particular Department to which inquiry is directed.

Anita Gannon, City Clerk

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<i>Arthur W. Smith</i> ARTHUR W. SMITH	Feb. 27	12:03 PM
<i>Carmel H. Booth</i> CARMEL H. BOOTH	Feb 27	11:10 AM
<i>Jordan Martinelli, Jr.</i> JORDAN MARTINELLI, JR	Feb. 28, 1959	5 <sup>25</sup> PM
<i>Carleton G. Little</i> CARLETON G. LITTLE	Feb 27	5 <sup>40</sup> P.M.
<i>William Franchini</i> WILLIAM FRANCHINI	Feb 27	3:50 PM

ITEM NO. 3, WAS WITHDRAWN PER INSTRUCTIONS OF MAYOR SMITH

Councilman Booth stated when she signed for special meeting there were three items to be discussed this evening and she received no letter to the effect No. 3 item was being removed and therefore wanted same discussed. Mayor Smith asked City Attorney for his opinion on same. City Attorney stated if for any reason committee does not want same heard see's no reason to discuss it, perfectly OK for committee to withdraw same.

Letter read from Jordan Martinelli, Jr. Chairman of committee stated work not completed, committee has made no charges whatsoever against any person.

Councilman Martinelli moves to remove from agenda item No. 3. Councilman Franchini seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

AYES COUNCILMEN - Martinelli, Little, Franchini, Smith  
NOES COUNCILMAN - Booth

#### PLANS FOR LIBRARY ADDITION

Mr. Malone present to discuss plans for Library addition and presented sketches, explained details to council - total cost of same \$45,400.00.

Mr. Jones member of Library Board stated he has always favored a closed off room, also Library Board is meeting next Monday evening and suggests they give final approval to plans at that time.

Councilman Booth moves approval to tentative plans as presented. Councilman Martinelli seconds same. Passed unanimously

#### PLANS FOR FIRST STATION NO. 2

City Attorney stated Condemnation suit is set for June, Wallace Myers representing Mr. Sapp stated he would like to have 29 feet at back and asked council to give their consideration to request for 29 ft, feels this would save a lot of trouble for Mr. Sapp.

Mr. Malone presented plans and explained same to council.

Fire Chief not satisfied with layout of dormitory should be more room between beds - also sleeping quarters too far away from engine house - would like to see building made 10 feet wider across back.

Councilman Booth moves to put off until Mr. Malone and Fire Chief can get together and go over plans thoroughly and work same out. Councilman Martinelli seconds same. Passed unanimously

MAYOR SMITH stated item No. 2 on agenda would be discussed at this time.

Councilman Little had asked City Attorney to give a ruling on No. 2 and read letter from City Attorney in answer to his request. Chief Wood stated in all matters pertaining to the Department of Police of this city, the closest and strictest observance of the chain of command must be maintained, and no matters of any description whatsoever are to be presented to the city council, or members thereof, except through the Chief's office or with his permission. Councilman Booth stated this committee should be disbanded at once and they should make public apology.

Mayor Smith stated he was very much opposed to this committee, should be full council, matter should have been put in hands of City Manager and heads of departments.

Councilman Little stated have taken testimony under oath, are legal committee, can legally operate as committee, wants to investigate any charges, wants to hear both sides, be fair to anyone charged and man who made charges, and moves certified transcript taken by court reported be given to City Manager Chief of Police and one to Attorney General with request from council to look into same, see if there is any foundation - if there is then it should be brought up and if not everyone should get a clean bill of health. City Attorney stated Attorney General's Office would not be interested in same.

Councilman Franchini said he is a member of committee and has heard nothing but gripes about Police Dept feels some are petty not in favor of bringing out in public - could clear up same without a lot of publicity, don't feel should have an open meeting.

Mr. John O'Connell present stated best way to settle same would be to bring out in open - good for Asst Chief Serio and the man who made charges.

Councilman Franchini asked Chief Wood if he would be willing for committee to talk to men in his department, Chief stated if committee asked thru City Manager his men would be ordered to appear, if anything is worthy of investigating he would want to sit in on same.

Councilman Martinelli stated certain allegations were made, committee were determined to look into same, they have a court reported transcript - committee did not charge anyone person, also he is no longer a member of committee has become convinced same is against Democratic practice, as far as he is concerned matter is closed.

Councilman Little stated motion he made is to read copy of transcript be made and referred to City Manager and Chief of Police. Councilman Martinelli seconds same. Passed unanimously

Mr. O'Connell asked if copy could be made available to him and Asst. Chief Serio.

Councilman Booth moves orders issued by Chief of Police in 1946 still be in full force and effect. Councilman Smith seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

- AYES COUNCILMEN - Booth, Martinelli, Smith
- NOES COUNCILMEN - Little, Franchini

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:00 P.M. until March 10th 1959.

Anita Gannon, City Clerk

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN ANSELMO CITY COUNCIL HELD MARCH 10TH 1959.

PRESENT COUNCILMEN - Booth, Martinelli, Little, Franchini, Smith  
Mayor Smith, presiding

Councilman Booth moves to dispense with reading of minutes of meeting of February 10, 1959 if found to be in order. Councilman Franchini seconds same. Passed unanimously

BIDS were opened for storm damage projects from the following:

- O.C. Jones Crest Contracting Co.
- S & Q Construction Ghilotti Bros.
- Ceccotti & Son John McCosker

bids were turned over to City Engineer to be checked.

PUBLIC HEARING - on changing name of Dale Court to Amberwood Lane per petition - no one present for or against above - City Manager reported approx. cost of changing signs would be \$16.00. Councilman Booth moves approval to changing name, property owners be asked to bear expense, City Clerk to get reason for wanting change. Councilman Franchini seconds same. Passed unanimously. Resolution to be prepared.

RESOLUTION "Claims and demands in the amount of \$32,868.51. Councilman Franchini moves approval to above. Councilman Martinelli seconds same. Passed on following vote:

- AYES COUNCILMEN - Martinelli, Little, Franchini, Smith
- NOES COUNCILMAN - Booth

Councilman Booth moves warrants be numbered and attached to bills. Councilman Smith seconds same. Motion failed on following vote:

- AYES COUNCILMEN - Booth, Smith
- NOES COUNCILMEN - Martinelli, Little, Franchini

FIRST READING ORD 454 "Adopting 1958 Bldg Code"

PLANNING COMMISSION letter regarding zoning violation, suggesting Bldg. Inspection Dept. be reorganized. After discussing above matter, Councilman Booth moves before any plans approved by Planning Commission leave their meeting same be stamped and if not stamped on night approved no building permit be issued, each permission granted be spelt out - copy to be attached to all plans. Councilman Little seconds same. Passed unanimously.

Councilman Booth moves Bldg Inspector be given a vote of thanks. Councilman Martinelli seconds same. Passed unanimously  
City Manager stated neither he instigated nor caused to be written letter by Planning Commission -