

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SAN ANSELMO CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 11th 1959
 PRESENT COUNCILMEN - Booth, Little, Martinelli, Smith
 ABSENT COUNCILMAN - Franchini

Mayor Smith, presiding

Councilman Booth moved the minutes of July 14th and 15th be approved if found to be in order. Councilman Little seconds same. Passed unanimously

Councilman Booth moves minutes of adjourned meeting of July 16th be approved if found to be in order. Councilman Martinelli seconds same. Passed unanimously

Mayor Smith asked for permission to read a prepared statement before the regular business of the meeting was taken up. The state demanded a retraction from Councilman Little and Franchini for derogatory remarks made against Councilman Smith, published in a recent issue of the local newspaper. Mayor went on to explain what he felt should be expected of the mayor of such a city as San Anselmo, stating he had tried to live up to these principles.

Councilman Booth asked for the floor to make a statement with regard to the Council-City Manager form of government in San Anselmo, and then moved that the City Manager Ordinance be repealed at this meeting, as soon as the City Attorney could draw up such an Ordinance. Included in the motion was a recommendation that a Council-City Administrator form of government supplant the Council-Manager, with a salary of \$500.00 for a City Administrator.

Councilman Little suggested that the motion and further discussion be postponed until a full member council was present.

Councilman Booth withdrew her motion to defer to a new motion to determine whether the matter should be handled at this meeting or at some future time. Councilman Booth moved and Councilman Martinelli 2nds that the motion and discussion on repealing the City Manager Ordinance be taken up at this meeting. Motion passed on following vote:

AYES COUNCILMEN - Booth, Martinelli
 NOES COUNCILMAN - Little
 ABSTAINED " Smith

Considerable discussion followed: Mayor Smith asked for a show of hands from the audience of any who did not wish audience-participation in such discussion. There were none. Petitions were presented with the names of 20 taxpayers resident's of San Anselmo for retention of the Council-City Manager form of Government; and with 27 names of taxpayers residents on a petition favoring Council-Administrator form of government. Questions were asked relating to difference between City Manager and Administrator powers. Councilman Booth explained that under Administratorship department heads would be running their individual departments; recommendations and needs of each department to be presented to the City Administrator who in turn would refer to the City Council matters for decisions. Councilman Booth felt that the City Council should have the power to hire, fire promote and demote City Employees.

Questions from the floor covered inquiries into the cost of installing the new double-entry bookkeeping system; the cost of producing the Annual Budget. Mr. Brewer was instructed to have figures ready for presentation at next meeting on August 18th. Mr. Busolo, Director of Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Russell Spatz, president of the San Anselmo Improvement League spoke of their respective organization's approval of the present City Manager Ordinance, Mr. Busolo referring to a letter from the Chamber of Commerce read at the last meeting, and Mr. Spatz stated that 80% of the membership of the Improvement Club favored retaining the City Manager Ordinance. Councilman Little stated that two councilmen who may not be in office next year were trying to decide the future of the City. He feels that the matter of whether or not to continue City Manager form of government should be put to the vote of the people.

Councilman Booth moves to instruct the City Attorney to draw up an Ordinance immediately repealing City Manager Ordinance # _____ and substituting a Council-City Administrator form of government. City Attorney Buresh recommended deleting any mention of salary, and stated an effective date of November 1, 1959. Councilman Martinelli seconds same. Passed on following vote:

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

The Mayor then proceeded to the regular business of the meeting.

RESOLUTION 207 "A Resolution allowing certain claims and demands" Motion of Councilman Martinelli and seconded by Councilman Booth, and passed unanimously that warrants in the amount of \$67,684.05 be approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 457 "An ordinance of the City of San Anselmo repealing Ordinance No. 401 (Fixing the salary of the Office of City Treasurer at \$12.00 per Annum) and fixing the salary of the City Treasurer for the next term of Office at \$600 per annum". Councilman Booth moves to dispense with further reading. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed by the following vote:

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

Councilman Booth moves adoption of above ordinance. Councilman Martinelli seconds same. Passed on the following vote:

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

NORMAN SWALL appeal from City Planning Commission decision disapproving small sub-division #11 of Lot at 82 Oak Knoll Ave., into two parcels. After considerable discussion a motion was made by Councilman Booth to approve the sub-division in accordance with plans submitted; seconded by Councilman Martinelli, carried by the following vote:

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

COUNCILMEN REPORT

Councilman Booth asked about the Ash Avenue Assessment District: The City Engineer reported that a formal hearing on this District was scheduled for 8 P.M. on Aug. 18th 1959.

Requested authorization for payment of \$10.00 to defray expenses on each of two trips for Civil Defense, one to Santa Rose and the other to Sacramento, to inspect and report on medical supplies. Councilman Martinelli moves authorizawion be granted, Councilman Little seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

AYES COUNCILMEN - Martinelli, Little, Smith
ABSTAINING COUNCILMEN - Booth

Referred to speeders on Sir Francis Drake Blvd., particularly after midnight. City Manager asked to bring this to attention of Police Chief.

Presented to city records the following:

- (a) Figures from Calif. State Board of Equalization showing population growth of various counties for period 1950-58
- (b) From same source, figures on Self-Assessed Taxable Transactions and Retail Sales and Use Tax Collections, by counties.
- (c) Copies of Minutes of three meetings of Civil defense Coordinator's Meetings.

COUNCILMAN LITTLE

Spoke on survey on Garbage Franchise. Report to be made at next meeting by City Mgr.

CITY ATTORNEY

ORDINANCE 458 "An ordinance adding Article 8 to Title 3 of the San Anselmo Municipal Code by Adopting a Fire Prevention Code prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to Life and Property from Fire or Explosion, and establishing a Bureau of Fire Prevention and providing Officers therefor and defining their powers and duties."
FIRST READING

During discussion following, Councilman Booth asked for one extra fireman for a temporary period because of the fire hazard from the long, dry spell, and the fact there was a shortage of personnel due to some of the men being called out on Civil Defense duty. Mentioned also was the recent recall from his assigned Fire Prevention Program duties of Fireman William Sousa, due to the need for men in the fire-fighting forces. Motion by Councilman Booth to hire an extra fireman from this date through October; seconded by Councilman Smith, carried by following vote:

AYES COUNCILMEN * Booth, Martinelli, Smith
NOES COUNCILMAN Little

FIRST READING ORD. 456 "An ordinance amending the Municipal Code of the City of San Anselmo by repealing Sections 2-2.01 to 2-2.30 inclusive of Chapter 2, Title 2, of said Code, being the City Manager Code Ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO. 819 " An ordinance appointing City Attorney, and fixing the duties Term of Office, and Compensation."

Under the terms of the Resolution adopted by the City Council at its August 21, 1956 meeting and recorded in the minutes of that date, the term of the City Attorney expires on August 31st 1959. Councilman Booth moves that the resolution, reappointing John G. Buresh the present City Attorney of the City of San Anselmo for a term of four years commencing August 31, 1959, at an annual salary of \$5,700.00 payable in monthly installments of \$475.00 with duties as set forth in Agreement, be approved. Councilman Martinelli seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

AYES COUNCILMEN - Booth, Martinelli, Smith
NOES COUNCILMAN Little

RESOLUTION 813 "Resolution declaring the intention of the Council of the City of San Anselmo to initiate on its own motion Proceedings to Annex certain Uninhabited territory." (This is the resolution permitting annexation of the Sorich Property)
Councilman Booth moves adoption. Councilman Little seconds same. Passed unanimously

CORPORATION YARD PROPERTY

Councilman Booth moved that a reappraisal be made of this property since the last appraisal had been made in 1950, and it might be worth considerably more now.

Councilman Smith seconds same. In the discussion following, City Manager mentioned that these two parcels of land would be needed if the Master Plan was followed and Center Blvd. widened. Suggestions were for possible short-time lease of the property, or razing buildings - a park could be put in. Motion amended to authorize Councilman Martinelli to have another appraisal made of the property by Roy Jones, at no cost to the City, figures to be brought to the next Council meeting.
Passed unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

Ferris Sub-division, Lot 295B, Short Ranch Sub 2, this matter was referred by the Planning Commission for a decision as to whether any road improvements would have to be made before approval given to divide the property into three parcels at Alderney & Oakland Ave. Councilman Booth moves subdivision be allowed subject to recommendation of City Engineer being followed for minimum street improvements. Motion failed for want of second. City Engineer asked for opinion: he stated that th entire street needs improvements, not just one site. Suggested that an Assessment District be formed. A. Mr. Leitzel in the audience agreed to spearhead the move to form the Assessment District. Mrs. Ferris agreed to go along with the District. Report to be made to council at its adjourned meeting of August 18th if possible.

Councilman Martinelli moves that Mrs. Ferris be allowed to go ahead with sub-division plans without making any improvements at this time, provided she agrees to go along with Assessment District plans. Letter of Agreement to be sent to council, any purchasers of any of the three lots would be obliged to assume this obligation. Councilman Booth seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

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

WOODLAND PARK SUBDIVISION #2 - Mr. Cherne subdiver. Attorney Selinger represented Mr. Cherne. The changes in the improvement maps were more than was considered necessary for approval by the City Council; the catch basin has been moved. Councilman Booth moves the Improvement Plans be approved as meeting the City Engineer's recommendations. Councilman Martinelli seconds same. Passed on following vote:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:30 A.M. until August 18th 1959

Anita Gannon, City Clerk