

Minutes of the regular meeting of the San Anselmo City Council held on August 23, 1966.

Present Councilmen: Scott, Capurro, Ragan, Smith, Reichmuth
Mayor Reichmuth, presiding

City Administrator asked council to hear complaint on dog belonging to Mrs. Devany, 27 Rancho Drive. Petition presented by Mr. Croce, 11 Rancho Drive (17 names) whose wife was bitten. Police report also read. Petition requesting council take action to have removed from area.

Councilman Ragan stated our leash law is no longer in effect since county ordinance became effective, is it possible to have a leash law of our own. City Attorney said it's enforcing same, Humane Society is city agent for purpose of handling these dogs. Mr. Croce said dog is vicious, out every night also between 6 and 7 in morning. Mrs. Merrill & Mrs. Moreau confirmed this statement. Mrs. Devany and Mrs. Coleman spoke in favor of dog. City Attorney said after hearing evidence suggests resolution be passed in accordance to wishes of (17) people. dog is vicious and uncontrollable. Councilman Ragan moves Mrs. Devany be directed to remove dog in one week and in the meantime keep under her control at all times. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

City Administrator stated county ordinance states dogs have to be on leash near schools, city hall, downtown area. Councilman Smith feels should follow thru and see what they are going to do on this. Councilman Capurro would recommend Mel Morse attend meeting, some questions would like to ask him. Mayor asked City Administrator to advise Humane Society in morning of this action.

Bruckner Subdivision, end Camino de Herrera

Mr. Bruckner stated planning commission asked streets be paved and fire hydrant be installed, feels demands too much. City Engineer explained subdivision of property which took place in 1963. Mr. Sweeney former owner of property stated this goes back to 1962, don't see why Bruckners should be penalized when we have letters from city officials stating same is legal. City Attorney said when council approved map there was a dotted line- somewhere in course of filing, line was made solid, and suggests Bruckners file new subdivision map, everyone glad to clear this matter up.

Mr. Bruckner said he is willing to compromise if city will meet them half way, but will not go for hydrant. Warren Perry stated Planning Commission went up there and it was their conclusion access was inadequate, felt development of two lots until such time as improved access was adequate. John West stated Mr. Bruckner said city was making excessive requirements, he feels improvements required way below, Bruckner already been granted extensive deductions. Councilman Capurro moves city go along on 1/2 cost of fire hydrant. Motion fails for second. Warren Perry don't think best interest of city to compromise when Bruckner will not put in adequate road and asked council to go up and look at same, he is against granting approval.

Councilman Ragan moves appeal of Planning Commission recommendation be denied. Councilman Smith seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

Ayes Councilmen: Scott, Ragan, Smith, Reichmuth
Noes Councilman: Capurro

Letter from Muriel Alstrom asking approval to request that fire whistle blowing at 12 noon be chosen "Minute for Peace", asked that Fire Department give their moral support to this request. City Attorney said feeling if all fire whistle blowing as a movement fighting for peace, this movement might give other countries opinion we want to quit, and will encourage other side. Councilman Capurro moves to table same for present. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

Dan Deedy and James Gallagher members of Real Estate Board present to speak on signs, stating signs in residential are you have to get permission from owner, size of same 24 x 18. Mayor Reichmuth feels real estate people have done a good job regulating signs. City Attorney said we have no ordinance on books regulating this type of sign, thinks city council is looking for guidance from Board, would like to see council adopt same regulations as real estate. Councilman Ragan moves city council adopt ordinance which would be equal to one of real estate board in residential areas. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

Mr. Kazimar representing Dept. of Housing & Urban Development present to discuss programs for federal financing. Lots of requirements to granting of funds, have to have a workable program such as master plan for recreation etc., no limitation to funds, beautifications program could be used for parks-landscaping, etc. Councilman Scott asked about reimbursement. City would have to put out initial investment. Mr. Kazimar said city designate someone who will contact their office, they could look at some proposals city might have, instruct some of city staff. Mr. Nemshaw also present stated city can get up to 50% on sewer, storm drains, get program together they will give all the information possible. James Reed said council should appoint a group to look into this and stated James McDonald, Harold Watking, Mr. Kaufman and Mr. Goltz are at the disposal of the council. Councilman Scott moves committee be appointed of these four men, City Engineer and Andrew Snyder, purpose of co-ordinating, exploring and advising council on how to take advantage of these projects. Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously

On discussion on future use of Sorich Ranch, Walter Anderson read letter from chairman of Parks/Recreation, already have money for master plan for developing of same. Councilman Scott asked if Marin College have engineering class and could we get someone to survey and asked City Engineer to check - need topographic survey, Maybe should market unusable lots. City Engineer said we have a contour map.

Andrew Snyder reported have proposal from (4) firms other than Kapranos, commission is studying and will take up at next meeting - would council like commission to review proposals. Mayor suggests getting some plan from Park/Recreation Commission then have men suggested by Mr. Reed check. Dr. Ehrhart member of Park & Recreation Commission said can't unless city council make known how far they want to go, how much want developed, have master plan for Memorial Park but not much capital. Andrew Snyder stated know we need a recreation center - Sorich only place we have to develop - until we have a plan that council would approve we don't know what we can do. Councilman Ragan stated would be well not to duplicate - Memorial Park should be #1 priority. Councilman Scott asked if commission had thought of amphi-theatre at Sorich, we have some money and with public effort we can put this over. Dr. Ehrhart asked would council consider selling some of Sorich, then go on with Memorial Park. City Attorney stated the part city does not want would come within slope policy and at this time can't see any subdivider buying property, would have to put in streets, drains, etc. Councilman Capurro moves to go as far as we can with \$1000.00 for Sorich Ranch. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

Andrew Snyder reported on list of items they have worked on, no money for major improvements, Novato trying to stir interest in bond movement again. Councilman Ragan referred to letter from Andrew Snyder and asked about rumors. Andy said don't know where rumors stemmed from, staff members have asked, staff being cut back, not good for morale. Councilman Ragan suggests eliminate completely from report. Council well pleased with work done. On matter of John Fossa, City Administrator stated he can't qualify for retirement or social security. Councilman Scott asked Andy at his convenience would he give report on what programs are self-supporting or what we can't afford. Walter Anderson said commission discussed rumors and gave Andy full vote of confidence.

Chief of Police letter regarding request for two marked parking spaces and a two hour parking limit in the area of 600 Redhill and after investigating reported there is not suitable space for two marked parking stalls at this location, recommends two hour parking limit between 9am and 6pm be approved. Councilman Ragan moves area in front of 600 Redhill be approved for two hour parking limit. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

Councilman Ragan moves to authorize \$700 for plans for portion of parking lot A. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

Councilman Ragan moves to promulgate eligible list for Police Department. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

Councilman Ragan moves approval to the appointment of Larry Stanfield to position of police officer effective September 16, 1966 - Range 60, Step A, \$556.00. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

Resolution No. 1119 Setting date on abandonment of portion of Loma Robles. Councilman Scott moves to set date of September 27th for hearing on same. Councilman Ragan seconds. Passed unanimously

Resolution No. 1120 Giving notice of proposed annexation to City of San Anselmo property of Alini and McArdle. Setting date of September 27 for public hearing on same. Councilman Scott moves adoption. Councilman Capurro seconds. Passed unanimously

Ordinance No. _____ Regulating the height of fences, hedges, screen plantings. Read in full

Ordinance No. _____ Changing the zone from R-3 to R-1, 91 Spring Grove. Read in full.

Request to install free standing sign at the Shoe Fair on Greenfield Ave. City Administrator recommends council deny request. Councilman Ragan moves to deny. Councilman Scott seconds. Motion passed on following vote:
 Ayes Councilmen: Scott, Capurro, Ragan, Reichmuth
 Noes Councilman: Smith

S.A. Public Library letter recommending Virginia Stewart be granted a leave of absence for 6 months and Lucy Palo be acting Head Librarian. Councilman Ragan moves approval. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

Tax Rate: City Administrator stated based on budget adopted the tax-rate will be 2.06 instead of 2.20 but recommends council maintain rate of 2.20 and earmark difference for construction of a new firehouse. Mayor Reichmuth stated he would be in favor of new fire house. Councilman Scott and Smith in favor of 2.06 rate. Councilman Scott moves to accept rate of \$2.06. Councilman Capurro seconds same. Passed on following vote:
 Ayes Councilmen: Scott, Capurro, Ragan, Smith
 Noes Councilman: Reichmuth

Resolution No. 1118 Setting tax rate as follows:

FUND DESCRIPTION	DOLLARS OR FRACTION PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE
General Fund	1.3290
Library Fund	.1605
Parks Fund	.1085
Recreation Fund	.1010
Retirement Fund	.2185
Capital Improvements Fund	.1315
Storm Drains Fund	.0110
TOTAL	2.06

Councilman Scott moves adoption. Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously

City Administrator recommends council endorse in principal "Blackwell Bill". Councilman Capurro moves to endorse in principal. Councilman Ragan seconds. Passed unanimously

City Administrator asked council for letter of commendation to Blumenthal Theatre for improvements they have made. Mayor asked City Administrator to prepare same.

Councilman Ragan brought up matter of hiring Jr. Asst. Engineer and moves Mr. O'Rourke be appointed at \$644. Councilman Smith and Capurro feel should not rush into this. Councilman Reichmuth seconds motion, same failed on following vote:

Ayes Councilmen: Ragan, Reichmuth
 Noes Councilman: Scott, Smith, Capurro

Meeting adjourned 12:20 p.m. until September 13, 1966.

Anita Gannon, City Clerk