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Minutes of the regular meeting of the San Anselmo City Council held
January 24, 1967.

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

Mayor Reichmuth asked City Engineer to make a report on storm damage. City Engineer stated there were representatives here from Continental Mortgage Co. Mr. Corette, Attorney representing this company stated they are just as much concerned with this problem as City, had their engineer out there all day today, they want to work with the City Engineer but feel if they put in equipment everything will come down. Would like to study for next way to prevent further sliding and asked council to give these people 30 days and they will work with city engineer to try to solve this problem. Feel by working together they can come up with a solution, know they have to work fast.

City Engineer stated he proposed to remove debris from front of bench to be sure water was not ponding on surface - only small pieces breaking off from time to time.

Mr. Perry, representing Mortgage Company stated buildings are holding up the mud, no value to cut into same, feels City Engineer would not object to have their men go up there and try to come up with a decision. Councilman Smith stated does'nt seem reasonable to remove any debris, he also feels it is holding back the mud.

Mr. Clark, soil engineer stated they were retained yesterday and looked at site today, found water running out of hill, at least water is getting out, material at bottom of slide is restraining any further movement and he would not like to see any material removed, need a little time (about 2 weeks) to come up with any report, this is a geological problem. Need to study aerial photos.

Mayor asked - have we time, is same likely to give way if we have a heavy rain. Mr. Clark stated water is running off, if water does'nt build up, feels should leave as is for now.

Councilman Capurro asked - would putting cover on hill harm anything.

Ans: would'nt harm same, but would have to cover entire hill - then it would take months to get water out.

City Engineer explained top surface has some additional cracks - Mr. Becker felt if same was covered this would prevent additional water from entering these cracks. Mr. Clark stated they would like to cooperate with all - would not object to putting visqueen on same, don't think it would help but would object to removing any debris.

Mayor suggested getting together as quickly as possible, come up with good solution. Meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning at City Engineers Office.

City Engineer reported on other jobs to be cleaned up. Mayor thanked all city employees for their work during storm.

Mr. Baeck owner of Loma Robles Apts spoke on water which is carrying silt down on road and asked if it possible to put barricades up to keep vehicles from coming up there. Chief of Police will check.

Mr. Kaepfel reported Board of Supervisors passed a resolution declaring Marin County Disaster Area and explained the distinction between damage to private and public facilities.

Mr. Leoncini stated City should go along the lines of joining other cities on flood control. Mr. Best showed movies of Redhill slide area.

Mr. Leoncini stated he would relinquish his time this evening and will ask to be heard at a later date.

Matter of complaint on Nursery School at 24 Myrtle Lane.

Roy Vallarino stated after checking on same finds the only change he can find is the name of school has been changed, from legal viewpoint if they were entitled to a use permit under one name, change of name would not change use. Mrs. Bullock, 300 Laurel Avenue stated they are not against school, traffic has increased, school now has two sessions, its the illegal parking, children running out between cars, etc.

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Mr. Faw stated traffic has increased, mothers have been cautioned, he has talked to the Chief of Police and told him to place tickets on any car that is parked illegally, they don't deny there is a traffic problem, they are willing to meet with petitioners and try to work this out. Councilman Ragan said property owners should assign a delegate to meet with the Board of Directors. Mrs. Berensmeyer stated Nursery School wants to be good neighbors, sorry the complaint came to the council instead of the school, would like to meet with neighbors. Mrs. Bullock will meet with school. Councilman Smith suggests Chief of Police meet with them and make some good traffic suggestions.

Award of Street Sweeper contract, City Engineer reported Fairfax has picked Nixon-Egli and he recommends council award bid to this company also. Councilman Ragan moves accept bid of Nixon-Egli in the amount of \$12,976.00, same with automatic transmission. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1134 "A resolution authorizing execution of lease-purchase agreement and financing of Mobile Street Sweeper. Councilman Ragan moves adoption of same with additional appropriation of \$600.00. Councilman Capurro seconds same. Passed unanimously

Report from City Engineer on tree on Mr. Seiderman's property. Letter read from Mr. Kapranos stating base of tree appears somewhat undermined, suggests space between wall top and tree base itself be built up with such material as block in mortar, etc., and space behind the wall be filled with rubble rock and soil. Cutting back some limbs, guying of cables from the tree itself to a deadman in the bank above in the direction of the house. Mrs. Irwin stated this tree is a nuisance, she was told by the DA that they could cut any branches over her property, and again asks this nuisance be abated. Councilman Ragan feels can solve problem by following Mr. Kapranos suggestions only trim limbs, don't think guy wire is solution, and would like City Engineer to be final judge. Mayor suggests Mr. Seiderman pick tree man who is satisfactory to City Engineer and this work be done immediately.

Mrs. DeWitt, 32 Sir Francis Drake stated creek is used as a garbage dump, same should be policed. Mayor Reichmuth asks this matter be put on agenda for next meeting.

Letter from Ross Valley Kiwanis Club asking Mayor to sign proclamation honoring the 52nd anniversary of Kiwanis International.

Letter from city engineer stating Mrs. O'Bid owner of property 151 Los Angeles Blvd., has indicated her willingness to install curb and gutter in front of her property. Mr. Wing has not as yet contacted City Engineer. Mrs. Dziomba, 265 Los Angeles Blvd., reported on big slide near his property - City Engineer will check same.

Letter from Max Friedman asking council's approval to present occupants being allowed to remain at property located at 1405 San Anselmo Avenue, this property was originally an old church. City Engineer stated he discussed this with Chief of Police and he recommends approval due to size and nature of building it would be an attractive nuisance to juveniles and would result in a police problem. Councilman Smith moves on recommendation of Police Chief this second family be allowed to remain there to avoid having this property being a public nuisance. Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously

Petition read from property owners on Rosemont Avenue who feel they are inadequately protected against fire due to poor water accessibility. Letter from Fire Chief stating he is in favor of upgrading fire hydrants, etc. but at this time feels there are other areas with far less fire protection than this one. There is no money in budget to cover this and Mr. Kaepfel stated this should be considered at budget time. Councilman Capurro moves with Fire Chiefs approval put same on next budget. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

Frank Bottini, President S.A. Firemen's Assoc. presented to Fire Chief new resuscitator donated by the Association in memory of the late Harold Payton. Councilman Ragan moves a vote of thanks to the Association for this donation. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

Two claims for auto damage from Eugene R. Hammons and Mr. Thiele presented. Councilman Ragan moves to deny claims and refer same to Insurance Carrier. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

Memo from City Engineer on parking area "A" same has been completed and acceptance of work in order. Councilman Scott moves approval as recommended. Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously
City Engineer recommends new pickets for bridge near Smith's store. Councilman Smith moves approval. Councilman Ragan seconds same. Passed unanimously

Memo from Engineers Office asking council to adopt resolution declaring retaining wall at 114 Meadowcroft Drive a public nuisance. Councilman Ragan moves approval to minute resolution declaring same a public nuisance. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

Report on Project 53 - stating letter from Mr. Kapranos regarding revision of landscaping plan and recommending 13 trees be removed, one of these is an acacia on San Anselmo Avenue and another an elm in poor condition. City Engineer recommends council's approval to removal of these two trees and 7 other elms which are within the left turn lane at Ross and Barber and if State approve modification (5) trees can be saved. Councilman Capurro moves approval to removing acacia and poor elm. Councilman Smith seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

Ayes Councilmen: Scott, Capurro, Smith, Reichmuth
Abst. Councilman: Ragan

Councilman Capurro moves islands be excluded of all lawns, submit ground cover. Councilman Smith seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

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

On matter of bus shelter City Engineer reported Mr. Kapranos could design same. Councilman Scott stated should consider bus shelters during budget time.

Memo from Planning Director recommending approval by City Council of map depicting the ultimate boundaries of San Anselmo based on latest plans and expectations of City. Councilman Ragan moves approval to map as specified by city engineer. Councilman Smith seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

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

Memo from City Engineer on improvements of Sonoma Avenue, stating plan which he feels we can afford to follow, simply place a temporary penetration surface of the native material, approx. cost \$400.00 in addition an asphalt curb should be placed for drainage purposes, cost approx. \$175.00. Councilman Capurro moves approval of work, cost \$575.00. Councilman Smith seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

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

Mayor asked that the matter of property of Union Oil Co., was to dedicate to City be put on the agenda for next meeting.

City Engineer asked Council to pass a resolution^{#1137} establishing a "No parking at any time" on Sir Francis Drake between Arbor Road and Sonoma Ave. Councilman Ragan moves adoption. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

Ordinance No. 544 "An ordinance repealing article 8, Chapter 3, Title 10 of the San Anselmo Municipal Code (Effecting a prohibition of R-4 type zoning). Councilman Ragan moves to dispense with further reading and adoption. Councilman Scott seconds same. Passed unanimously

Hal Matteucci spoke on signals at Shopping Center, should have flashing light until at least 9 a.m. City Engineer will check should start at 9 or 9:30 a.m. need to give a little time to settle down after opening.

Ordinance No. 546 Electrical Code, first reading
Ordinance No. 545 Compensation for Councilmen, first reading.

Councilman Ragan speaking on Red Hill feels council should go on record to declare Red Hill unsafe for building. Councilman Scott asked Roy Vallarino about "Declaration of Rights", there are vested rights - right of city to control same. Mr. Vallarino said he would discuss same with Mr. Buresh, put same on agenda for next meeting. Councilman Ragan asked if City could post notices - Mayor feels notices should be posed.

Councilman spoke on two story house on Red Hill - ground dangerous, water running asked same be checked. Councilman Ragan asked that Andrew Snyder be present at next meeting regarding his report.

Meeting adjourned 11:20 p.m.

Anita Gannon, City Clerk