

City Hall
San Clemente, California
April 16, 1952

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of San Clemente was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 408 North El Camino Real, San Clemente, California on Wednesday, April 16, 1952 at 8:00 P.M., City Clerk D. L. Evans in the chair.

PRESENT: Councilmen - Read, Blakelock, Carrick Fortune and Hempel
ABSENT: Councilmen - None.

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held April 2, 1952 having previously been presented to the members of the Council were approved as presented, and ON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN HEMPEL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BLAKELOCK the reading of these minutes was dispensed with.

On roll call the following was the stated vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmen - Read, Blakelock, Carrick, Fortune and Hempel
NOES: Councilmen - None
ABSENT: Councilmen - None

The motion was declared carried.

NOMINATION OF H. T. READ FOR MAYOR

The City Clerk stated that this was the time set for the appointment of a Mayor for the ensuing term, and that nominations were in order for same.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMAN HEMPEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BLAKELOCK that Captain Henry T. Read be nominated for Mayor.

The Clerk asked if there were any further nominations and there being none, MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN HEMPEL SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FORTUNE that the nominations be closed.

On roll call the following was the stated vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmen - Read, Blakelock, Carrick, Fortune and Hempel
NOES: Councilmen - None
ABSENT: Councilmen - None

The motion was declared carried,

H. T. READ ELECTED MAYOR

It was MOVED BY COUNCILMAN FORTUNE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BLAKELOCK that the Clerk be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Council for Henry T. Read as Mayor for the ensuing term. City Clerk Evans accordingly cast said vote and declared Henry T. Read elected as Mayor of the City of San Clemente, California for the ensuing term, and invited him to occupy the Mayorial Chair.

APPOINTMENTS OF COUNCILMEN HEMPEL, CARRICK AND FORTUNE AND BLAKELOCK

The Mayor thanked the Councilmen for appointing him Mayor and announced that Councilman Hempel had indicated a desire to resign as Commissioner of Water and Sanitation, and requested that the Commission of Parks and Playgrounds be given to him. Mayor Read thereupon appointed Councilman Hempel Commissioner of Parks and Playgrounds; Oland W. Carrick as Commissioner of Water and Sanitation; General David H. Blakelock as Commissioner of Streets and Lights; and John R. Fortune as Commissioner of Fire and Police

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

ORANGE COUNTY FAIR

LETTER FROM WILLIAM GALLIENNE, Chairman, FEATURE EXHIBIT DIVISION, ORANGE COUNTY FAIR, requesting that money be appropriated for establishing a booth at the Fair from August 13th to 17th. The Mayor referred the letter to the Chamber of Commerce for their recommendation.

WATER SURVEY

LETTER FROM THE SAN CLEMENTE TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION regarding a geophysical survey of the water situation in San Clemente was read, and referred to "new business".

PARKING METERS

LETTER FROM CHIEF OF POLICE ARTHUR L. DANERI regarding installation of 14 parking meters at the West end of Del Mar Avenue, was read. Councilman Blake-lock stated that the investigation had been instigated by Meyer Fisch who had requested controlled parking on that portion of Del Mar Avenue. Councilman Fortune stated that the reason the area had been left unmetered at the time meters were installed elsewhere, was to allow a parking area for the employees of fishing boats and concessions. Mr. Carrick stated it was his understanding that Mr. Callis had leased the lots in the immediate vicinity of the 600 block of Del Mar, and if this were the case, then he would have no objection to parking meters being installed (see Resolution No. 556).

POISONING OF DOGS

LETTER FROM F. M. SCHLEGEL regarding the poisoning of dogs, was read. Mr. Fortune stated that five dogs had been poisoned in the last few days in one neighborhood of the City. The Mayor stated that it might be well for the "San Clemente Sun" to publicize this fact, and referred the matter to the City Attorney for investigation as to the possibility of making it a requirement that, in future all instances of the poisoning of dogs be reported promptly to the Police Department.

ICE BLOCK HOUSE

LETTER FROM R. L. CALLIS regarding the installation of an ice block house in the vicinity of the shore end of the Pier, was read. The Mayor stated that he would like Council approval to investigate the request with Mr. Hempel, with authorization to take action.

UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN BLAKELOCK, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CARRICK AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, such authorization was granted the Mayor, and Commissioner of Parks and Playgrounds Mr. Hempel.

TONY ORTIZ: EX-
TENSION TO PAY
BALANCE DUE ON
TAX LOTS

LETTER FROM TONY ORTIZ asking for a further extension of a week or two in which to pay the balance due on his lots. It was pointed out that Mr. Ortiz had already been granted two extensions and that any further extension granted would be final.

UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN HEMPEL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CARRICK the request by Tony Ortiz for an extension of time in which to pay the balance due on tax lots, was granted.

On roll call the following was the stated vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmen - Read, Blakelock, Carrick, Fortune
and Hempel
NOES: Councilmen - None
ABSENT: Councilmen - None

The motion was declared carried.

ASKING PERMISSION
TO USE CLUB HOUSE

LETTER FROM MARY E. CARRICK, Secretary of the San Clemente Chapter No. 524, Order of Eastern Star, asking permission to use the Community Club House on June 14, 1952 (as their "free night") for their annual Card Party was read.

UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN HEMPEL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BLAKELOCK AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, the request was granted.

CONDITION OF
STREETS

LETTER FROM P. B. PONTIUS regarding condition of streets at the intersection of Puente, Canada and Poniente, was read and referred to the Commissioner of Streets for investigation.

MOWING OF WILD
OATS

LETTER FROM KENNETH F. KOPPEN advising that, without advance notice to him, a tractor and mower had cut down the wild oats on his lots on Aragon Avenue, one of which was an improved lot, and that in the course of this work the mower had also accidentally injured his pet cat which had to be taken to the Vet. and "put to sleep".

The Clerk was directed to advise Mr. Koppen that the mowing of wild oats on his lots was not a City activity and to express the regrets of the Council that the accident had occurred. There followed a lengthy discussion on the merits of mowing and removing wild oats from lots prior to discing. It seemed to be the concensus of opinion that any mowing operation should be under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works in order to allow closer control of this activity. It was suggested by Mr. W. O. Taylor that discing be discarded in favor of mowing. Mr. Parker pointed out, however, that the stubble left after the mowing operation would create a fire hazard.

UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN CARRICK, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FORTUNE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, negotiations toward making a contract with an interested person for removing the wild oats from the land, was authorized.

PERSONAL PROPERTY
TAX - JOHN G.
AMTHOR

LETTER FROM JOHN G. AMTHOR regarding payment of personal property tax for 1951 was read. It was pointed out that Mr. Amthor had not moved his personal property to San Clemente until May 22, 1951 and had paid the Los Angeles tax on his personal property.

UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN BLAKELOCK, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CARRICK AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, a refund to Mr. Amthor of the personal property tax in the amount of \$2.47, was authorized.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

HEATING SYSTEM FOR
POLICE DEPT.

The Clerk reported he had received a proposal for installation of a forced warm air heating system for the Police Department, and suggested that one more proposal be obtained before awarding the bid. Councilman Fortune stated that the matter had been delayed for some weeks and that he was in favor of awarding the bid immediately.

UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN FORTUNE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CARRICK AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, the bid of Dudley Hamilton was ordered opened. Mr. Hamilton proposed to install a Payne Heating Unit with allied attachments for \$485.00 with an alternative bid of \$440 for a Sequoia unit with allied attachments.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMAN CARRICK AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FORTUNE that the bid of Dudley Hamilton proposing to install one 100,000 B.T.U. Payne Forced Warm Air Furnace with allied attachments for \$485.00, be accepted and awarded.

On roll call the following was the stated vote,
to wit:

AYES: Councilmen - Read, Blakelock, Carrick, Fortune
NOES: Councilmen - None
ABSENT: Councilmen - None

The motion was declared carried.

CANCELLATION OF
TAXES ON SCHOOL
DISTRICT LOTS

Communication from Tax Collector Verne D. Bailey requesting authority to cancel current taxes on lots acquired by the San Clemente School District since the last cancellation, was read.

UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN HEMPEL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BLAKELOCK AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED authority was granted the Tax Collector to cancel taxes on the following lots: (This applies to taxes only, and not to the lighting Assessments on this property.)

Lots 12 to 15 inclusive, Lot 17 and Lot 64 in Block 4, Tract 794; and Acquired April 15, 1952 - Lot 59, Block 4, Tract 794.

On roll call the following was the stated vote,
to wit:

AYES: Councilmen - Read, Blakelock, Carrick, Fortune and Hempel

NOES: Councilmen - None

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

The motion was declared carried.

PAYING OF THE BILLS

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMAN HEMPEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FORTUNE that the audited bills as read be paid and that the payroll period of April 1st to April 15th, 1952, be ratified.

On roll call the following was the stated vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmen - Read, Blakelock, Carrick, Fortune and Hempel

NOES: Councilmen - None

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

The motion was declared carried.

Payroll April 1 through April 15, 1952 \$ 6,894.88
Total warrants paid April 15, 1952 14,972.97

NEW BUSINESS

TAXPAYERS' ASSOC-
IATION WATER
SYSTEM SURVEY
RECOMMENDATIONS

The San Clemente Taxpayers' Association's recommendations were considered. Mayor Read stated that everyone is interested in San Clemente's water system and that the general concensus is that we would do well to hire recognized authority to make a survey of our water situation. He continued that the main thing would be to decide who is most qualified to make such a survey, and that at the present time we have learned of four different persons who have been recommended. The Mayor further stated that he had talked the situation over, informally, with Councilman Carrick and that it was his (the Mayor's) personal opinion that they should search still further.

The Mayor asked for Mr. Carrick's thoughts. Mr. Carrick stated that he doubted the justification of the request of some citizens to appoint a Citizens' Water Committee to conduct surveys and investigations, but that if such a committee were formed, he should be the Chairman. The Mayor stated that if the Council saw fit to have a Citizens' Water Committee, they should go ahead and appoint one.

Mr. Hempel remarked that the water problem was two-fold - to determine the amount of available underground water, and the renovation of the distribution system. That for the first problem it was not a Citizens' Committee which was required, but a geologist or geophysicist equipped to give scientific advice: That after his findings were accepted by the City, they should be incorporated in a plan of some nature to renovate our water system and that it is the latter job that a Citizens' Committee should be for.

Mr. Carrick then spoke stating that he objected to any committee being appointed until he, as Water Commissioner, had had an opportunity to present an analysis of the problem as he sees it, and to obtain further information from a competent geologist or geophysicist. Mr. Carrick spoke of the results obtained by the Water Committee of which he, General Blakelock and Mr. Rutledge were members. He stated that, after studying the water report made by Mr. Browning he had gained the impression that Mr. Browning was not the type of man who could properly analyze the City's water problems, and added that he had objected to his being hired for the analysis. Mr. Carrick further stated that Mr. McKnight's reports were unsatisfactory, in his opinion, and that in spite of the cost of these two analyses, the City had been brought no closer to a solution of its water problems.

It was pointed out that information obtained by the U. S. Geological Survey had not been available to the City of San Clemente due to the war emergency, and Mr. Carrick recommended that the Commanding General of Camp Pendleton be contacted for his permission and support in obtaining this valuable information for the City of San Clemente.

Mr. Hempel recommended that the Water Commissioner proceed with an investigation of the City's water situation, contacting various geologists and geophysicists, and make a report to the Council of his findings.

UPON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN HEMPEL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FORTUNE the Mayor was instructed to appoint a Citizens' Committee to study a plan for renovation of the water distribution system.

On roll call the following was the stated vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmen - Read, Blakelock, Carrick, Fortune and Hempel
 NOES: Councilmen - None
 ABSENT: Councilmen - None

The motion was declared carried.

It was stated from the lobby that the City of San Clemente might not have any water rights to their underground supply, and that if the water came from the San Mateo Creek basin the government might claim paramount rights. Mr. McKinney stated that domestic water was not subject to government seizure.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 556

Upon motion of Councilman Hempel, seconded by Councilman Blakelock, RESOLUTION NO. 556 BEING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING PARKING METER ZONES AND NO-PARKING AREAS IN THE 600 BLOCK OF DEL MAR AVENUE, was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by the following stated vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmen - Read, Blakelock, Carrick, Fortune and Hempel
 NOES: Councilmen - None
 ABSENT: Councilmen - None

RESOLUTION 557

Upon motion of Councilman Blakelock, seconded by Councilman Hempel RESOLUTION NO. 557 BEING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE STATE GAS TAX PROJECT STATEMENT AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY ENGINEER, was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by the following stated vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmen - Read, Blakelock, Carrick, Fortune and Hempel
 NOES: Councilmen - None
 ABSENT: Councilmen - None.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 207

Upon motion of Councilman Hempel, seconded by Councilman Blakelock, ORDINANCE NO. 207 BEING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF STANDARD DRIVEWAYS, HAVING been regularly introduced and read by title at the regular meeting of the City Council of said City held April 2, 1952, was read in full by the City Attorney and passed and adopted by the following stated vote, to wit:

AYES: Councilmen - Read, Blakelock, Carrick, Fortune and Hempel
 NOES: Councilmen - None
 ABSENT: Councilmen - None.

MEETING ON
REVIEWING THE
BUDGET

Mayor Read called for an informal meeting of the City Council Tuesday, April 22nd for the purpose of reviewing the budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and invited the public to attend this meeting.

SALE OF
BEACH CLUB


Mayor Read reported that he would contact the Bank of America and request that they put in writing, their terms for the sale of the Beach Club.

WATER LEAKS

Superintendent of Public Works, Parker, reported that there had been 31 water leaks in the last five days.

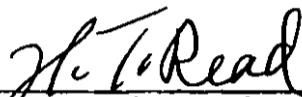
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMAN CARRICK, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN FORTUNE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that the meeting be adjourned.



City Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk
of the City Council

APPROVED: May 7, 1952



Mayor and President of the
City Council

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City Hall
San Clemente, California
May 7, 1952

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of San Clemente was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 408 N. El Camino Real, San Clemente, California on Wednesday, May 7, 1952 at 8:00 P.M., Mayor Henry T. Read in the chair.

PRESENT: Councilmen - Read, Blakelock, Carrick, Fortune and Hempel

ABSENT: Councilmen - None.

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On roll call the following was the stated vote, to wit:

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NOES: Councilmen - None

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

The motion was declared carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

ADDITIONAL
BERTHAGE AT
PIER - SAN
CL. BOAT CLUB

LETTER FROM THE SAN CLEMENTE BOAT CLUB requesting permission to erect an addition to the berthage on the north side of the Pier to accommodate four additional boats.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMAN HEMPEL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CARRICK that the request of the San Clemente Boat Club for permission to erect an addition to the berthage on the north side of the Pier to accommodate four additional boats, be granted.