

City Hall
San Clemente, California
August 16th, 1944

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of San Clemente was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 408 N. El Camino Real, San Clemente, California, WEDNESDAY, August 16th, 1944, at 8.00 o'clock, p.m. Mayor LeRoy M. Strang in the Chair.

PRESENT: On roll-call the following was the stated vote, to-wit:-
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Sturgis, Preston and Strang
COUNCILMEN: Palmer

All rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The Minutes of the last regular meeting held Wednesday August 2nd, 1944 were read and approved as read.

WRITTEN
COMMUNICATION

Communication from the United States Coast Guard terminating lease Tcg-35644 dated 19th August, 1942 on informing the Council the Coast Guard would surrender possession of premises on August 15th, 1944, etc; was read and

Communication from Mr. Ralph Groner, Asst. Vice President of the Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association, in reply to letter written him by City Attorney, regarding the City selling the Beach Club; was read and

Communication from Margaret L. Kelly, Member of Staff of Senator Sheridan Downey regarding our Resolution asking the Senator to use every effort towards getting Highway 101 from Oceanside to San Clemente being made into a four-lane highway; was read and

In regard to the United States Coast Guard request for termination of lease. Superintendent of Public Works James H. Bennett said, that the Beach Club, on which this Lease was held, was left in good order. Councilman Smith stated that, this being the case, he saw no objection to signing the release under date of the 15th of August. Councilman Smith moved that the notice from the United States of the Cancellation of Lease on the Beach Club as of August 15th., 1944 be accepted and the Clerk authorized to sign release requested by them. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Preston.

On roll-call the following was the stated vote^{Te}, to-wit:-
AYES : COUNCILMEN: Smith, Sturgis, Preston and Strang.
NOES : COUNCILMEN: None.
ABSENT : COUNCILMEN: Palmer.

Communication from Councilman Clarence L. Palmer under date of July 23rd., 1944, asking that the City accept his resignation from the City Council was read. He stated that this was a source of regret to him, but his work elsewhere would keep him away for some time. He said the latchstring was always out for any of the members of the Council to visit him at the cabin.

Mayor Strang said he knew that he expressed the sentiment of the Council in saying that they were sorry to lose Councilman Palmer as a member. His resignation having been accepted, the Clerk was asked to write a letter to Mr. Palmer expressing the thanks of the Council for service to the City.

Mr. Palmers resignation to take effect upon appointment of his successor.

ORAL
COMMUNICATIONS.

There were no Oral Communications.

REPORTS OF COMM-
MISSIONERS AND
OFFICIALS

Councilman Preston stated that City Engineer W. A. Ayer had maps of the survey and necessary levels for the proposed new well and reservoir. These were submitted to the Council, and plans formulated to make as much progress as possible in perfecting this project by the next regular Meeting of the City Council.

PAYING BILLS.

Moved by Councilman Sturgis, seconded by Councilman Preston, that the following bills, as audited, be paid.

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

AYES : COUNCILMEN: Smith, Sturgis, Preston and Strang
NOES : COUNCILMEN: None
ABSENT : COUNCILMEN: Palmer

The Motion was declared carried.

Warrant #		Gross.	Tax.m	Check.
145	William Holmes	115.00	9.00	106.00
146	James H. Bennett			106.00
147	Verne D. Bailey			88.20
148	Bertram H. Latham			74.90
149	William Henry Stute			71.40
150	William Henry Stute			71.40
151	B. Z. McKinney			60.90
152	Julius H. Becker			29.00
153	Arthur L. Daneri			101.00
154	Wendell B. Lovell-			92.50
155-	Ernest E. Collingsworth			82.40
156	James L. Morgan			82.40
157	George I. Schlotterbeck			61.20
158	Marvin Crummer			552.50
159	Dave Tansey - Relief			8.00
160	Edith Lovell			1.50
161	Richard A. Parker			96.20
162	Dewey N. Hoople-			884.90
163	Jose Villalobos			73.70
164	Jose Briseno			70.70
165	Roy Salzer			79.70
166	Floyd Harold Ray			88.50
167	Floyd Harold Ray			88.50
168	James Arthur Bennett			51.70
169	Houston Thompson			56.20
170	Gregoria Ysias			63.60
171	Keith Roberts			51.20
172	Edith Ann Harvey			35.70
173	Carl Milner			29.70
174	Frank Carizosa			79.90

Less Tax overdeducted Warrant #122 4.90

175 Verne D. Bailey - Tax Deduction

2,024.70

160.70

2,185.40

Less

4.90

2,180.50

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PAYING BILLS-
continued.

Brought Forward \$ 2,180.50

176	Petty Cash	4.32
177	V. B. Anderson Co. - Cylinder rental	1.84
178	Braun Corporation - Chlorine	51.43
179	Crane Company - Enamel	8.86
180	Geo. Dunton - Police Car Parts	40.98
181	Paul Esslinger, M.D. Sobriety Tests	15.00
182	General Petroleum Corporation - Gas	131.25
183	Orange County Auto Parts-Car & Truck Parts	68.06
184	S. C. Firemens Organization - Allowance	50.00
185	Telephone Co. - August 6th Bills	37.95

\$ 2590.19

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

The bid of Andrew P. Foote, 1223 Califa Street, North Hollywood, of \$225.00 for Lot 8, Block 20 Tract 779, San Clemente, held over from last regular meeting of the City Council for further bids, acceptance or rejection, was considered -

There being no further or higher bids, it was

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman

Sturgis, that the bid be accepted.

Councilman Preston said in view of present conditions he was of the opinion that the bid was too low.

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

AYES	: COUNCILMEN:	<u>Smith, Sturgis, and Strang</u>
NOES	: COUNCILMEN:	<u>Preston</u>
ABSENT	: COUNCILMEN:	<u>Palmer</u>

NEW BUSINESS

Under the head of new business; an appointment was necessary to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Palmer. Councilman Preston named Neil Rasmussen for the office, and upon a second by Councilman Sturgis the choice was made unanimous. Mr. Rasmussen was in the lobby, and signified his willingness to accept, with the added assurance that he would do his utmost to further the best interests of the City.

Councilman Rasmussen having been duly sworn in, Mayor Strang stated that the new member was a long time resident of San Clemente, and held large property interests here, and he was sure that though differences of opinion did and should arise around the Council Table; a friendly co-operation followed for the good of the City in which he knew Councilman Rasmussen would join.

The Mayor appointed Councilman Rasmussen, Commissioner of Streets, Sidewalks and Lights.

B. Z. McKinney, City Attorney said in view of the fact that the newer members of the Council might not know; in the matter of the sale of Tax Lots, it was well to bear in mind, that by special provision the City was able to buy the entire State or County interests at a sum that just barely covered the advertising costs. The State or County practically gave away their rights in hopes of early sales, and a return of the property to the tax rolls.

Councilman Preston said that he had been approached by a party by the name of W. H. Baker regarding a Five Year Lease on the Beach Club with an option to purchase same. Mr. Bennett said that the plan the party had in mind was to practically make a rooming house out of the building. All thought, that from the tone of the letter from the Bank of America regarding the property that a percentage plan was about the only proposition that could be considered at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Smith suggested a pay phone at the Social Club. Mrs. J. H. Bennett, who was in the lobby, said that she thought a phone of that nature could be restricted to local calls only. The Mayor asked that Superintendent Bennett see if this could be done, and also report as to the possibility and cost of a pay station, if the Company would install same.

Councilman Smith stated that the Girl Scouts wanted to build a building of their own on the Social Club property, same to cost about \$3,500.00. Though all agreed with Councilman Preston that this organization was worthy of every encouragement; in view of the type of building they wished to build on this property, and the fact that most of the cost would have to be raised by subscription, it was thought advisable to defer any action at this time. It was suggested that later on a plan might be worked out whereby the City could turn over a lot to them for this purpose.

The Mayor spoke of the fact that the City suffered in the matter of division of certain funds, because of the low figure of population shown on the 1940 Census. Though no definite action was taken it was thought that the taking of a new Census would be desirable, if such arrangements could be made.

After a prolonged discussion regarding the matter of a new Police Car it was moved by Councilman Sturgis with a second by Councilman Preston, -

That the action of the City Purchasing Agent in advertising for Bids for a Ford V 8 Car for the Police Department be ratified and approved.

On roll-call The following was the stated vote to-wit, -

AYES : COUNCILMEN: Smith, Sturgis, Preston, Rasmussen and Strang.

NOES : COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT : COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTIONS.

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCE.

TAX ORDINANCE NO. 134.

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Preston that Ordinance No. 134, BEING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION TO CARRY ON THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1944-1945, AND TO PAY PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST DUE ON OUTSTANDING BONDS OF SAID CITY AND LEVYING A TAX THEREFOR; CREATING A REVOLVING FUND WITH WHICH TO ADJUST CLAIMS MADE AGAINST SAID CITY BY REASON OF DEFAULT IN PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON BONDS OF SAID CITY ISSUED BY VIRTUE OF THE IMPROVEMENT BOND ACT OF 1915; AND LEVYING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TAX UPON ALL OF THE LANDS (EXCLUSIVE OF IMPROVEMENTS) WITHIN SAN CLEMENTE LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE; be read again by title only.

On roll-call the following was the stated vote, to-wit; -

AYES : COUNCILMEN: Smith, Sturgis, Preston, Rasmussen, and Strang.

NOES : COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT : COUNCILMEN: None.

The Motion was declared carried.

City Attorney McKinney then read Ordinance No. 134 by Title only. This constitutes SECOND READING.

ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Councilman Preston, seconded by Councilman Sturgis and carried, that the meeting adjourn to August 21st, 1944 at 8.00 o'clock, p.m.

Vern D. Bailey
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 6th, 1944.

W. W. Strang
Mayor and President of the City Council.