

City Hall
San Clemente, California
September 6th, 1944

The regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of San Clemente was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 408 No. El Camino Real, San Clemente, California, WEDNESDAY September 6th., 1944 at 8.00 P.M., Mayor LeRoy M. Strang in the Chair.

On roll-call the following was the stated vote to-wit;-
PRESENT: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Sturgis, Preston, Rasmussen and Strang.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

All rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The Minutes of the last regular Meeting held Wednesday, August 16th., 1944 and a regularly adjourned Meeting of Monday August 21st., 1944 were read and approved.

WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS

Communication from Frederick W. Sutterle, Jr., a married man, offering \$2,400.00 for Lots (3to10) inclusive in block 8 of Tract 785 was read. Mr. Sutterle's address is P. O. Box 38, Coolidge, Arizona. A check for \$240.00 was inclosed as a Deposit. After reading same was ordered held over until the next regular meeting of the City Council for further bids, acceptance or rejection.

Communication from W. H. Watkins, a married man, of Twenty Nine Palms, California offering \$300.00 for Lots 50, 51 and 52 in Block 1 of Tract 784, with a \$60.00 Deposit check attached was read. It was ordered held over until the next regular meeting of the City Council for further bids, acceptance or rejection.

Communication read, which was sent to Ray Johnson which contains details regarding the Rental of the City Hall Garage. Terms were outlined as follows.

Lease to be given for a period of one year from September 11th, with an option for renewal. The rent for the first six months to be \$80.00 a Month, and from that time on \$100.00 a Month. A check had been received from Mr. Johnson paying the first and last Month's Rent, same being for \$180.00 as had been agreed.

Communication from William A. Ayer, City Engineer, submitting plans for the development of an additional water supply for the city of San Clemente together with a report showing the present water supply of the City and also its future needs. After reading same was brought up under resolutions - 375

(Copy of this report at end of Council's Numbers on page 1895-1896).

Lin E. Metz who was in the Lobby, presented through Councilman Preston a Bid of \$100.00 a Month for a City Hall Garage Lease. Mayor Strang said that he was sorry that this bid had not been received before, as it would have no doubt been accepted. All agreed that since Ray Johnson had fulfilled his part of the Contract, and receipt for the payment had been given, that in all fairness the City should accept his offer. Councilman Smith with a second by Councilman Sturgis moved that the City lease the Garage to Ray Johnson. On roll-call the following was the stated vote to-wit;-
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Sturgis, Preston, Rasmussen & Strang
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: none.

In the matter of bids for lots; Councilman Preston said he thought it well to consider the buyer as well as the amount bid.

Councilman Rasmussen said he thought that a definite policy had been agreed upon as to the amount asked.

All felt that both these suggestions deserved consideration, but that what was really needed was some sort of a just appraisal as to values on Tax Lots now for sale. It was decided that at two o'clock Monday afternoon September the 11th the Council, and some of the Real Estate Dealers, if they cared to go, should inspect these Lots, and arrive at a fair price for the sale of same.

ORAL
COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. W. H. Baker, who was interested in securing some sort of a Lease on the Beach Club was in the Lobby. He again outlined the offer that he had made in his letter of \$85.00 a Month, alterations to be made at his own expense to cost about \$1,000.00 These to be made in the upper floor only, and at the present time would provide two rooms for himself, and four for commercial use. The pool to be opened to the Public.

After considerable discussion, City Attorney McKinney said that he thought the best course to follow would be to enter into Contract of Employment with Mr. Baker. He said that he would have such a Contract drawn by Monday, and if acceptable to Mr. Baker percentages could be filled in later, with the approval of the parties concerned.

Mrs. Bennett who was in the lobby spoke of the unsanitary conditions at one of the City's auto courts. It was thought desirable that the Health Department check on the Hotels, and Rooming Places in San Clemente. A motion by Councilman Preston, with a second by Councilman Sturgis that the City Clerk be instructed to write the Health Department requesting such inspection was carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Bennett also spoke of careless shooting around their home. Mayor Strang said that he had heard of careless shooting around the Golf Course. Councilman Smith told of a personal experience along the same line. It was thought advisable that Mr. Hackett be advised to put a word of warning in the paper in regard to this.

James Bennett said that a pay phone would be installed at the Social Club. If it worked as expected it would be at a saving to the City. He said further that he had a boy who could work for about a Month more on the Social Club grounds and such work. Nothing definite was known as to the time the new caretaker from the East would report for duty.

REPORTS OF
COMMISSIONERS &
OFFICIALS

Report of the Meetings held at the Social Club, during the Month of August, submitted by Mrs. Edith A. Harvey, Custodian was read and ordered filed.

Report of the activities of the City Court for the Month of August 1944, submitted by William H. Stute, City Judge was read and ordered filed.

Report of the activities of the Police Department for August, submitted by Arthur L. Daneri, Chief of Police was read and ordered filed.

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Councilman Preston, Commissioner of Water, and City Engineer W. A. Ayer, made a report regarding the necessity of an additional supply of water for San Clemente. Maps were drawn, and letters written that would work to the end of presenting the problem to the proper Officers at Camp Pendleton, and later on to Washington if necessary. Councilman Rasmussen said that he would make an appointment for Mayor Strang and Councilman Preston to meet with a General at Camp Pendleton, who, in his opinion was quite a power in matters of this kind.

PAYING BILLS.

Moved by Councilman Rasmussen, seconded by Councilman Smith, that the following bills, as audited, be paid. On roll-call the following was the stated vote, to-wit:-
AYES : COUNCILMEN: Smith, Sturgis, Preston, Rasmussen & Strang
NOES : COUNCILMEN: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

The Motion was declared carried.

Warrant #		Gross Check.	Tax Deduction.	Nett Check
187	William Holmes			108.00
188	James H. Bennett			106.00
189	Verne D. Bailey			88.20
190	Bertram H. Latham			74.90
191	William Henry Stute			71.40
192	B. Z. McKinney			60.90
193	Julius H. Becker			20.00
194	Arthur L. Dameri			101.00
195	Wendell B. Lovell			92.50
196	E. L. Collingsworth			82.40
197	James L. Morgan			82.40
198	George I. Schlotterbeck			61.20
199	Marvin Crummer			46.70
200	Dave Tansey			8.00
201	Richard A. Parker			96.20
202	Dewey N. Hoople			84.90
203	Jose Villalobos			78.60
204	Jose Briseno-			21.00
205	Roy Salyer			79.70
206	Floyd H. Ray			88.50
207	James Arthur Bennett			59.95
208	Houston Thompson			56.20
209	Gregoria Ysias			61.20
210	Keith Roberts			51.70
211	Jose Galvan			90.60
212	Manuel Morales			22.50
213	Edith Ann Harvey			35.70
214	Frank Carizosa			79.90
215	V. D. Bailey			154.00
	TOTAL PAY ROLL LAST 1/2 AUGUST, 1944			\$2062.25
216	Petty Cash Expenditures			49.92
217	Abstract & Title Insurance Company			158.00
218	Abstract & Title Insurance Company			12.50
219	San Clemente-Printing-Publishing-Tam Sheet			161.19
220	Fred M. Ullrich - Serving Affidavits etc			30.50

TOTAL ALL WARRANTS ISSUED SEPTEMBER 6th, 1944 \$ 2474.36

W.H.

NEW BUSINESS

The matter of an appointment of a Building Inspector in the absence of E. R. Bartlett was taken up by the Council. Councilman Preston moved that James H. Bennett be appointed in that capacity. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Rasmussen

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

AYES : COUNCILMEN: Smith, Sturgis, Preston, Rasmussen Strang
 NOES : COUNCILMEN: None
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

Councilman Smith said that sometime during the week following he would get together with Councilman Sturgis, and draw up a working plan for the addition to the Fire House, which is so badly needed.

Councilman Sturgis brought up the matter of the overly zealous activities of Charles Abrahams in exercising authority especially, at the Pier. The Police Commissioner said that he would write the Fish & Game Commission as to details of Mr. Abrahams appointment as Deputy Fish & Game Warden, and see if some curb could not be put upon him when he oversteps his authority.

ORDINANCES:

Moved by Councilman Smith, Seconded by Councilman Preston, that ORDINANCE NO. 134, BEING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE DETERMINING THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION TO CARRY ON THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1944-45, 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 DUE 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 (EX* CLUSIVE OF IMPROVEMENTS) WITHIN SAN CLEMENTE LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE; having been regularly introduced was read in full and passed and adopted by the following vote to-wit:-

AYES : COUNCILMEN: Smith, Sturgis, Preston, Rasmussen & Strang
 NOES : COUNCILMEN: None
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Sturgis and carried, that the Meeting adjourn.

September 20th
 APPROVED ~~OCTOBER 4th~~ 1944

Vernon W. Bailey
 Deputy City Clerk
 City of San Clemente

R. Strang
 Mayor and President of the
 City Council.

WILLIAM A. AYER C.E.
Bank of America Bldg.
San Clemente, Calif.

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
San Clemente, California

Gentlemen:

You have requested a report on the present water supply and possible future water supply for the City of San Clemente.

I herewith submit the following report:

EXISTING WATER SUPPLY

The existing water supply is secured from 2 wells located near the San Diego County Line in the Southerly Portion of the City, these wells have a total capacity of approximately 60 inches of water, during the year 1942 and up to the present date an average of approximately 25 inches or almost $\frac{1}{2}$ of capacity was pumped.

During the month of July 1943, 2,160,000 gallons were pumped or about 43 inches of water, the city has 319 water connections in use at the present time and if this number were to be increased by 30% the entire capacity of the present wells would be used.

POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE WATER DEVELOPEMENT.

Since 1915 test wells have been drilled in various locations both inside and outside of the existing City limits on the property shown as the Goldschmidt Ranch and no water was found except in very small quantities and this was either salt or very brackish, in 1928 Mr. Ole Hanson employed Mr. Roy Browning Engineer for the Irvine Company and afterward Consulting Engineer for the Santa Margarita Ranch to make a report on the possibilities of developing water on the Goldschmidt Ranch, a portion of which is now occupied by the City of San Clemente.

After several months of study, Mr. Browning reported that in his opinion there was small possibility of developing any water on the property, Mr. Hanson not being satisfied with the report engaged Mr. A. J. Beaudette, Geologist to locate possible sites.

Mr. Beaudette after checking Mr. Brownings report decided that the only possible place that water could be found would be in a small cross fault which leads from the Christianito fault toward the Pacific Ocean or in a small canyon which empties into San Mateo Creek approximately 2 miles from the Ocean, due to the fact that water bearing formation was found at the mouth of the canyon it was decided to drill a test well, this well was drilled to a depth of 1000 feet and practically no water formation was found.

A test well was then drilled at the location of one of our present wells and considerable water bearing formation was found and one of the present wells was then developed, several test holes were then drilled within a radius of several hundred feet and very poor formation was found, it was finally decided that the water bearing formation was confined to the narrow fault line where the first well was located and the larger of the 2 wells now in use was developed. In my opinion there is no connection between our present water supply and the water supply of San Mateo Creek for the following reasons:

(1) The water level in the San Mateo Creek gravel beds stands approximately at an elevation of 30 feet above sea level, the water level in our present wells stands at -25 below sea level, these 2 elevations are approximately the same distance from the Ocean.

This would indicate that our water is secured from a lower strata than the gravel beds in San Mateo Creek.

(2) Considerable study of San Mateo Creek was made by Mr. Browning, Mr. Beaudette and myself and at no place along the north bank of the creek was any formation found of water bearing nature and no wells to my knowledge have ever been developed north of the stream bed.

(3) If our water supply came from San Mateo Creek the water in our wells would stand at the same level as the water in the wells in San Mateo Creek.

Taking into consideration the above facts, I am of the opinion that our present supply comes from a small cross fault and our present supply is limited and no further water could be developed near our existing wells, without endangering our present supply.

Our water level in the present wells stands at -25 and when the pumps are operating pulls down to -60, a pull down of 35 feet. The wells similar to ours in San Juan Creek drop from 10 to 15 feet when pumping as compared to our drop of 35 feet. This would tend to prove that our supply is limited.

The history of wells along the coast has been that unless they are located in the gravel beds of the Creeks after being pumped for a considerable length of time, salt water has filtered in and spoiled the wells. This, I believe will happen sooner or later to our present wells due to the fact that we are pumping below sea level. However water percolates through shale very slowly, and we have a shale dike of considerable proportions between our wells and the Ocean.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That every effort be made to secure an additional water supply of at least 100 Miners inches from the several gravel beds of San Mateo Creek. This would insure the City against a possible water shortage when the anticipated future building program is started.

(2) The area included within the City limits is approximately 4000 acres, of this about 2200 acres or 55% can be served by Reservoirs having an elevation of 295 feet, 30% or approximately 1200 acres can be served by Reservoirs having an elevation of 550 feet, and the balance would have to be served by a series of smaller Reservoirs.

I believe that the City should plan to construct two additional Reservoirs for shortage having a capacity of approximately 500,000 gallons each, these should be constructed at the 300 foot elevation.

The construction of 2 Reservoirs having a capacity of approximately 100,000 gallons each at the 550 foot elevation, no storage is needed above 550 at the present time.

The actual location of these Reservoirs be determined after a study of the earth formations and the topographical conditions.

Respectfully Submitted

William A. Ayer