

City Hall,  
San Clemente, California,  
February 2nd, 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, February 2nd, 1944, at 8.00 O'clock, p.m. Mayor LeRoy M. Strang in the Chair.

On roll-call the following was the stated vote, to-wit:-  
PRESENT: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Sturgis, Carrick, Palmer 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, January 19th, 1944, were read and approved as read.

WRITTEN  
COMMUNICATIONS.

REQUEST FOR LIST  
OF TRAFFIC  
ACCIDENT LAST TWO  
YEARS. RE PROPOSED  
SIGN AT INTER-  
SECTION DEL MAR AVE

Communication from S. V. Cortelyou, District Engineer, Division of Highways, District VII, 808 State Building, Civic Center, 217 West First Street, Los Angeles, stating they will make the requested investigation of traffic at intersection of Highway 101 and Del Mar Avenue; also asking that they be furnished with the traffic accident records for this area covering the last two years; was read and referred to the Chief of Police to obtain necessary information requested.

RE SIGNALS  
REQUESTED TO BE  
INSTALLED AT INTER-  
SECTION DEL MAR  
AVE & HIGHWAY 101.

Communication from Captain H. C. Meehan, California Highway Patrol, 405 S. Main Street, Orange, addressed to Floyd E. Cowger, Chief of Police, advising that the Committee will render all assistance within their power and limitations respecting safety measures that might be taken to curb City's difficulty with fast traffic at intersection of Del Mar and Highway 101; was read and ordered filed.

AGREEMENT TO  
IMPROVE AVENIDA  
DOLORES FROM HIGH-  
WAY 101 TO CAMP  
PENDLETON CAMP  
ENTRANCE BY STATE.  
AFTER COMPLETION  
ROAD TO BE MAIN-  
TAINED BY CITY.

Communication from Mr. S. V. Cortelyou, District Engineer, Division of Highways, District VII, Los Angeles, addressed to William A. Ayer, City Engineer, re proposed Access Road Construction, reference DA-NR-61, for the improvement of Avenida Dolores between State Highway Route 2 and the San Diego County line within the City of San Clemente, to provide suitable connection with Camp Pendleton and enclosing six copies of an Agreement to be executed between the City and the State, setting forth that after completion this Access Road Project will be maintained by the City; was read, and it was

Moved by Councilman Palmer, seconded by Councilman Sturgis, a Resolution that the City Council approve the Agreement presented by the State, dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1944, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign same on behalf of the City.

On roll-call the following was the stated vote, to-wit:-  
AYES : COUNCILMEN: Smith, Sturgis, Carrick, Palmer & Strang,  
NOES : COUNCILMEN: None,  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The Motion was declared carried.

REPORTS OF  
SPECIAL  
COMMITTEES.

Councilman Palmer reported that he went down to the Rubber Company two weeks ago tomorrow and told them the Council were willing to fix up the road provided they stopped the water running down same. He had not been down this week but he understood the water is not stopped yet.

Superintendent of Public Works, James H. Bennett, reported the water was still running.

REPORTS OF  
COMMISSIONERS  
& OFFICIALS.

Report of the Activities of the Social Club for month of January, 1944, submitted by Charles S. Ericksen; was read and ordered filed.

Report of the Activities of the Police Court for month of January, submitted by William H. Stute, City Judge; was read and ordered filed. Report showed fines collected for month to be \$1,355.00.

Report of the Activities of the Police Department for January, 1944, submitted by Floyd E. Cowger, Chief of Police; was read and ordered filed.

Report of the City Treasurer for month of January, 1944, submitted by Verne D. Bailey, City Treasurer; was read and ordered filed.

PAYING BILLS.

Moved by Councilman Sturgis, 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, Carrick, Palmer and Strang,  
NOES : COUNCILMEN: None,  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The Motion was declared carried.

Warrant #			
9849	William Holmes	\$	101.00
9850	James H. Bennett		101.00
9851	Verne D. Bailey		83.20
9852	B. H. Latham		73.90
9853	William H. Stute		63.90
9854	B. Z. McKinney		58.60
9855	Julius H. Decker		20.00
9856	Floyd E. Cowger		96.00
9857	Arthur L. Daneri		87.50
9858	Ernest L. Collingsworth		77.40
9859	Wendell B. Lovell		80.00
9860	Merton W. Hackett		51.60
9861	Marvin Crummer		10.00
9862	Richard A. Parker		93.10
9863	Dewey Hoople		79.90
9864	Frank Carizosa		72.40
9865	John Avalos		76.70
9866	Roy Salyer		74.70
9867	Floyd H. Ray		83.50
9868	James Arthur Bennett		17.50
9869	Clay Murphy		43.31
9870	James Molitor		5.00
9871	Charles S. Ericksen		58.60
9872	Verne D. Bailey-Withholding Tax		111.30
		\$	1,620.11
	Less adjustment Tax Warrant 9819		5.20
TOTAL PAY ROLL LAST HALF JANUARY, 1944.....		\$	1,614.91
9873	Petty Cash Expenditures		15.49
9874	American Bitumuls		29.52
9875	Braun Corporation		29.95
	Carried Forward	\$	1,689.87

PAYING BILLS - continued.	Warrant #	Brought Forward	\$ 1,689.87
	9876	Ray C. Echols	25.83
	9877	General Petroleum Corporation	116.00
	9878	W. J. Patterson	546.22
	9879	Standard Oil Company	43.08
	9880	Sully Miller Contracting Company	92.63
	9881	Roy E. Wells	9.52

TOTAL ALL WARRANTS ISSUED FEVRUARY 2nd, 1944 \$ 2,523.15

#### NEW BUSINESS.

CLERK TO CALL FOR  
GASOLINE BIDS FOR  
1944.

Moved by Councilman Carrick, seconded by Councilman Palmer, that the Clerk advertise for Sealed Bids or Proposals for supplying to City of Gasoline for the year 1944, said bids to be opened Wednesday, February 16th, 1944, at the hour of 8.00 o'clock, p.m. On roll-call the following was the stated vote, to-wit:-  
 AYES : COUNCILMEN: Smith, Sturgis, Carrick, Palmer and Strang,  
 NOES : COUNCILMEN: None,  
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The Motion was declared carried.

TAXI-CAB RATES  
TO BE PUT UP IN  
CABS FOR ALL  
RIDERS TO SEE.

Mayor Strang addressing Mr. H. O. Parks, of the Coast Cab Company, who had been called in to the meeting, said he wanted him to know that quite a few complaints had been received from service men and others of the excessive rates charged by his company, far above what he agreed to charge when he first appeared before the Council for a license to conduct his business of taxicab service.

Mr. Parks replying to Mayor Strang stated that some of the men he had employed have charged a little more than his published rates and he had discharged a couple of his employees for this.

Mayor Strang said the rates should be right in the cab so that passengers could see it. He felt the drivers should be watched as they undoubtedly were making a little on the side - fares were getting just a little bit too high.

Replying to a question of the Mayors, Mr. Parks said he charged seventy five cents to the camp at the city limits. He would have the scale of charges put up in his cabs so that they would be available for all riders to see. All his cars were fully covered by insurance.

RE REQUEST FOR  
RAISE FOR MERTON  
W. HACKETT-FIRE &  
POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Sturgis said he had a request for a raise for one of the employees on the Police department. What he objected to in this particular case however was the fact this request did not come to him through the proper channel.

Councilman Carrick said the reports indicated that Mr. Hackett does a valuable piece of work not only for the Police department but for the Fire department and County as a whole, and said he put in a large number of hours on duty and that his work certainly deserved a salary of \$150.00 per month, so he would make that as a Motion. There was no seconder to the Motion.

Chief Cowger said he had worked for the City five years and during that time tried to be fair to everybody. We had one of the best police departments in Southern California. They all worked together as one department. He believed all the boys working for him were with him and they were satisfied with the way things had been going. He had the interest of the City at heart and did not want the City to get the name it had before. His department had the confidence

of the F.B.I. Last week they phoned down here and asked us to go on a job and the job was taken care of. He knew his department had the respect of all law enforcement agencies in the State and when someone tried to undermine the department he and his officers resented it. Chief Cowger said Hackett is doing a good job but he did think that any reports put out of his office should go through him - not that he objected to these reports going out but they should go through him.

Mayor Strang said at the League meeting the other night one of the members came to him and complimented the San Clemente Police Department and wished they had the same in their City.

Councilman Palmer stated that in talking to an official from Sacramento who had been looking over the records of what our Police department had been doing he told me that we were to be complimented on the work this department was doing down here.

Councilman Sturgis explained that when anyone came to him regarding city business he told them to go before the Council or get in touch with the commissioner of that department. He did not know the wage request was coming up.

At this juncture Mr. Hackett informed the Council he was turning in his badge on the 15th of the present month.

The Council felt however he should reconsider his decision.

After further prolonged discussion the matter was referred to the Police Commissioner for his recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

*William Holmes*

City Clerk and ex-officio  
Clerk of the City Council.

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 16th, 1944.

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