

City Hall,
San Clemente, California,
April 5th, 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, April 5th, 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 March 15th, 1944, were read and approved as read.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Ralph C. Greener, Assistant Vice President, Bank of America, Los Angeles, stating the only permission they had given for farming of any of their lots in San Clemente this season has been confined to Tract 986, and that any other farming on any lots outside of this Tract is without their permission. (Tract 986 is the old Ball Park.) After reading communication was ordered referred to "New Business."

EFFORTS TO GET FOUR LANE HIGHWAY FROM SAN CLEMENTE TO OCEANSIDE.

Communication from Ernest J. Boud, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, San Diego, thanking us for our co-operation in an effort to get the strip of Highway 101 made into four lanes between San Clemente and Oceanside in order to reduce the large number of accidents which have taken place thereon; was read and referred to the Street Commissioners.

Communication from D. E. Andrew, Regional Protection Officer, Regions 7 and 9, Office of the Governor, State of California, stating all regional Civilian Protection Offices will be closed, but that Field Offices will be maintained at Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Francisco with the necessary staff to carry on the functions and responsibilities of the California State War Council; was read and ordered filed.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS CHIEF OF POLICE.

Communication from Jack T. Coombs, Oceanside, applying for position as Chief of Police; was read and referred to the Commissioner of Police.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION ON POLICE FORCE.

Communication from L. T. Lindley, Routel, Box 375, Escondido, applying for position of Chief of Police, or as Police Officer; was read and referred to Commissioner of Police.

PETITION CALLING ATTENTION TO CONDITIONS AT SOCIAL CLUB.

Petition containing 53 signatures directing the attention of the Council to the situation concerning use of the Social Club House by the residents of the City was read and referred to the Commissioner of Parks and Playgrounds to bring up under "New Business" for discussion.

BID OF \$235.00 FOR LOT 32, Bk 15, Capistrano, submitting a bid of \$235.00 for Lot 32, Block 15, TRACT 779 FROM PERICLES STAVRON, accepted, Deed to be in the name of Pericles P. Stavron, a married man. After reading, same was held over till next regular meeting of the City Council for further bids, acceptance or rejection.

BID OF \$260.00 FOR LOT 43-5-779 BY CAPTAIN J.F. HOON, Alameda. Communication from Captain Jackson F. Hoon, Alameda, California, bidding \$260.00 for Lot 43, Block 5, Tract 779. If bid accepted Deed to be made out in the name of Henriette E. Hoon, a married woman, 538 South 3rd Street, Missoula, Montana. After reading, same was ordered held over till next regular meeting of the City Council for further bids, acceptance or rejection.

REQUEST OF LIEUT. D. F. KLEIN, U.S. COAST GUARD (LEGAL DEPARTMENT) TO ERECT A BUILDING TO BE USED AS MESS HALL AND GALLEY ON GROUNDS OF SAN CLEMENTE BEACH CLUB.

Lieutenant D. F. Klein, a member of the Legal department of the United States Coast Guard, was introduced to the Council by B/ Z. McKinney, City Attorney, who said it had been his privilege to have had legal business with the U.S. Coast Guard several months ago and Lieutenant Klein was the legal Officer of the Board at the time, and the City Attorney jokingly remarked that he had been unable to get a decision from the Board yet and he thought any request of the Lieutenants should be held up by the Council till he had heard from the other case.

Lieutenant Klein addressing the Council in reference to the Lease between the City of San Clemente and the United States Government covering the San Clemente Beach Club. The Government also had a lease on the "Casino" from the Bank of America, and the Bank had asked them to terminate their lease. The City's lease however was not written that way.

Lieutenant Klein said they had been using the "Casino" as a mess-hall and they had now to devise other quarters for that purpose. They had an opportunity to pick up a building about 20' by 50' from the Army. It was a barrack type building and they contemplated using it as a mess hall and galley, and would like to place it on the Beach Club property. The lease as written between the City and the U.S. Government provided "The Government shall have the right during the existence of said lease to make alterations, attach fixtures, and erect additions, structures and signs, in or upon the premises hereby leased only if the consent of the lessor is first obtained."

That was his purpose in appearing before the Council tonight to respectfully request permission to erect this building. He submitted to the Council a blue print sketch of the proposed building showing site ~~proposed~~ requested.

City Attorney McKinney said if it was added to the lease that if the property was restored to its original condition when the government was through with the building, he thought we might allow this. He explained to Lieutenant Klein that there ought to be put in the lease itself that the building should be constructed in such a manner that no trees be removed and that at the termination of the lease the Navy is to take the property off and restore the premises to the same condition as they are at this time, including lawn and shrubbery removed and that it be done without notice from the City.

Council Carrick recommended that the building be painted white and also the main building at the same time. The Navy had the money and the material. He thought it all should be painted white in conformity with the rest of the City.

Mayor Strang said the buildings should be painted.

After considerable discussion, it was
 Moved by Councilman Sturgis, seconded by Councilman Palmer,
 that permission be granted to erect a temporary building
 approximately 20' x 50' so as not to move any trees on
 amendment to lease to be presented to and to be approved by the
 City Council; said permission is granted only on condition
 that the Government fulfill the clause in their present lease
 on the present building to repair same, such repair work
 needed and necessary at the present time being, repainting of
 the building, including trim; return all sash to the City
 formerly used around the pool which has been removed from the
 property. Amendment to lease covering permit not to be made
 until such repair work has been completed.
 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.

JAPS LIVING ON PACIFIC COAST.

Charles O. Anderson asked the City Attorney if the Law
 prohibiting Japs living on the Pacific Coast had been repealed,
 as we have one here in San Clemente a month now who works in
 Orange County and lives in San Clemente.

Mayor Strang referred the matter to the Chief of Police
 for referring to the F.B.I. if necessary.

REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS & OFFICIALS.

Report of the Activities of the City Court for month of
 March, 1944, submitted by William H. Stute, City Judge; was
 read and ordered filed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

CHIEF COWGER RETRACTS REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND OFFERS HIS RESIGNATION INSTEAD.

Chief of Police Floyd E. Cowger, addressing the Council
 regarding his Leave of Absence, said he would like to retract
 that and offer his resignation as Chief of Police due to the
 fact that he had sold his house here. He would like to have
 it accepted as soon as possible. He did not want the Council
 to think that he wanted to leave the City without adequate help
 on the police department. He said he had enjoyed working for the
 City and his work, and had enjoyed working with the Council. He
 would appreciate being relieved as Chief of Police as soon as
 the Council made other arrangements.

Mayor Strang asked the Chief how long he could stay on
 as he understood he was going up North. Chief Cowger said he
 wanted to be able to leave San Clemente in approximately sixty
 days as far as he knew now.

Mayor Strang said what he had in mind was they we had quite
 a few tax lots were were filing action on and it seemed the
 City Attorney had been unable to get process servers to work on
 these and we thought we might turn over that work to the Chief so
 that we could get the lots turned back to the city and made ready
 for sale.

City Attorney McKinney said the Chief would be quite
 capable of doing this work and making the necessary affidavits,
 etc. However, it might take as long as 30 days covering one
 lot. Investigations had to be made in many instances and
 parties move from town to town and had to be followed up and if
 the Chief had to leave before all this work was completed all
 his work would be lost. The work should be done by a man who will
 be here longer than 50 days. For owners that cannot be

RESIGNATION OF FLOYD E. COWGER AS CHIEF OF POLICE ACCEPTED EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 1944.

located the Court has to make an Order that Service be made by publication in newspaper and then you have to wait another 30 days before you get a Hearing. Councilman Sturgis said that Officer Daneri had already been appointed Acting Chief from the time Cowger went on vacation before and when Chief Cowger leaves Officer Daneri will go on as Acting Chief until the next Council takes over. This was agreeable to all Council members.

After a slight discussion, it was Moved by Councilman Sturgis, seconded by Councilman Carrick, that we accept Chief of Police Cowger's resignation, to take effect May 1st, 1944, and that he receive two weeks vacation pay.

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.

Councilman Sturgis said he regretted Chief Cowger's leaving. He is one of the best Chiefs on the Coast. From what law enforcement officers say in San Diego to Sacramento he is known for his ability and being on the job all the time., therefore, I think the Council should feel very sorry at losing a man of his ability. He wished him Good Luck in his future venture.

Mayor Strang said that was the thought of the whole Council. He sincerely regret Chief Cowger had to leave. He knew his health had been bad and hoped he would soon get it back ~~again~~ also get into harness again.

Chief Cowger said he would co-operate with the City at all times.

B. Z. McKinney said he had heard from many residents of the City and other police officers about the Chief. He has tried to be a fair and courteous officer. This goes a long way with the reputation that the City gets on the outside. Police work was not pleasant work - stopping a man going too fast - you either make him ~~an~~ an enemy of San Clemente or a friend. If the man is given a little courtesy by officers and talked to a little he has no hard feelings against the City. Several have told him of the courtesy extended by the Chief and police department of San Clemente.

Councilman Palmer said he felt the same way about it. He had heard compliments of the Chief's work from Sacramento. He said he would put all the Councilman's remarks together and say he approved of them.

Councilman Smith said Chief Cowger had done his work well and he did not know of any police force who did any better work than our little force down here under Chief Cowger.

Councilman Carrick said he agreed with what the other Councilman had said about Chief Cowger.

Chief Cowger said the only thing he had to say was he appreciated the fine things you boys have said and I know you have said them in all sincerity. I have had some mighty fine boys to work with and regardless of how good I was or am I will make the same admission that I made a few weeks ago. There is no department that can be successful unless they all work together and all of the boys worked as one machine. We have made a few mistakes. We know we have made them. I have made many friends and made a few, I won't say enemies, just that they don't approve of what I do, that is only natural. I want to say now, regardless of what anybody has said about me, that I hold no hard feelings about anybody in San Clemente. At any time I am in San Clemente I would like to say hello to everybody and be treated as a friend.

Major Strang said I think you will Floyd.

Councilman Sturgis said he had a few words to say to one of our Council members, Mr. Palmer.

PACIFIC FREIGHT LINES NEVER REFUSED TO HAUL DOWN TO RUBBER COY AS STATED BY THEM IN LETTER. He was in Oceanside a week ago today on business and went down to the Pacific Freight Lines to do a little investigating about a letter written by the Rubber Works stating the Pacific Freight Lines refused to haul down to their Plant. Mr. Gregg Losa told me that he had been asked by the Rubber Company to kick about the street down there in hopes they would get to see that through. Their company never went into anything like that because they had to fight on ~~both~~ two sides and he denied everything the Rubber Company said about refusing to go down that street. Streets in other towns were in far worse condition than that one. The Pacific Freight Lines does not refuse to haul down to their plant but if the Rubber Company kept using their name to their effect then they would refuse to haul.

Councilman Palmer said he intended to go up and see the Superintendent but thought he would wait until after the election.

PAYING BILLS.

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Carrick, 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 #	Name	Amount
10,004	William Holmes	\$ 101.00
10,005	James Henry Bennett	101.00
10006	Verne D. Bailey	83.20
10007	Bertram H. Latham	73.90
10008	William H. Stute	63.90
10009	B. Z. McKinney	58.60
10010	Julius H. Becker	20.00
10011	Floyd E. Cowger	96.00
10012	Arthur L. Daneri	87.50
10013	Ernest R. Collingsworth	77.40
10014	Wendell B. Lovell	80.00
10015	Marvin Grummer	46.70
100016	Richard A. Parker	63.10)
L.C.F. 10017	Richard A. Parker	30.00)
L.C.F. 10018	Dewey N. Hoople	79.90
10019	Al Morgan	22.50
10020	Hohn Avalos	82.10
10021	Jose Villalobos	76.70
10022	Joe Dorn	5.00
10023	Roy Salyer	74.70
10024	Floyd H. Ray	83.50
10025	James Arthur Bennett	18.75
10026	James Molitor	10.00
10027	Charles S. Ericksen	58.60
10028	Frank Carizosa	79.90
10029	Verne D. Bailey -Withholding Tax	114.30

TOTAL PAY ROLL LAST HALF MARCH, 1944..... \$ 1,688.25

10030	Petty Cash Expenditures	\$3.03
10031	Abstract & Title Insurance Co	18.00
10032	American Water Works Association	10.00
10033	V. E. Anderson Company	1.80
10034	Theodore C. Bowles Electric Co.	3.94

Carried Forward.....\$ 1,755.02

PAYING BILLS.
continued.

Warrant #	Brought Forward	\$
		1,755.02
10035	Braun Corporation	4.95
10036	Calgon Inc	2.05
10037	Corcoran Paper Cpmpany	27.16
10038	Crane Company	39.48
10039	Paul H. Esslinger, M.D.	5.00
L.C.F. 10040	W. J. Patterson	2.96
10041	W. J. Patterson	9.58
10042	Royal Indemnity Company	25.00
10043	Royal Indemnity Company	468.17
10044	S.C. Volunteer Firemens Association	50.00
10045	San Diego Electric Company	160.81
10046	San Diego Electric Company	41.72
10047	Southern Counties Gas Company	24.78
10048	So. California Telephone Company	8.00
10049	State Compensation Insurance Fund	674.01
10050	Worthington-Gamon Meter Company	4.87
LMF#1 10051	San Diego Electric Company	717.33
TOTAL ALL WARRANTS ISSUED APRIL 5th, 1944.....		\$ 4,020.89

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Petition regarding the Social Club was then gone into and after considerable discussion it was agreed to have put in the paper a notice to the effect that if the proper committee responsible for the Petition comes up and explains to the Council just what they want, we might get some place.

The Social Club was open every day, except Wednesday, from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. The only time it was closed was when the custodian's wife was not at home and he had to go uptown on business. Nights were set apart for the Masons, Eastern Star, Mens Club, and other meetings, in addition to the Womens Club in the afternoons and all these meetings were paid for by the respective organizations. Outside of these times anyone had a right to visit the Club House and make use of same. Mr. Ericksen complained about certain people going into his kitchen and using his personal things.

SPONSORS OF SOCIAL CLUB PETITION ASKED TO COME UP BEFORE COUNCIL AND STATE THEIR WANTS, &C.

Moved by Councilman Carrick, seconded by Councilman Smith, that we renew the same arrangement that we had last year regarding allowing 200 cubic feet of water free for Victory Gardens; persons wanting this service to sign up for same. Service to be from April 26th and ending November 26 as before. On roll-call the following was the stated vote, to-wit:-
AYES : Smith, Sturgis, Carrick, Palmer and Strang,
NOES : None,
ABSENT: None,
 The Motion was declared carried.

ALLOWANCE OF 200 c.f. WATER FREE FOR VICTORY GARDENS SAME AS LAST YEAR.

TWO NEW NETS TO BE PURCHASED FOR TENNIS COURTS.

Councilman Smith brought up the question of the Tennis Courts. He stated we had no nets and that the markers needed repainting. Certain hours should be set apart for children and roller skating not allowed when anyone was playing tennis.

Moved by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Carrick, that we purchase Two New Tennis Nets, also have new handles installed for tightening up nets, and that the markings be repainted.

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.

The Superintendent of Public Works was authorized to have the Social Club floor well waxed with a wax polishing machine and polished, also that the tree on the North side of the Club House be trimmed as it is getting up into the tiles. Also the Superintendent of Public Works to investigate the drop in the floor on the right hand side as you go in to the dining room - in a distance of four feet there is a drop of $\frac{3}{4}$ " -

In addition he would like to see Palm Trees planted along the beach for about 3,000 feet - say one every ten feet.

Moved by Councilman Carrick, seconded by Councilman Smith, that the Council go down some Sunday morning and plant trees.

The rest of the Council apparently did not agree to this.

ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by Councilman Carrick, seconded by Councilman Sturgis, that the meeting adjourn to TUESDAY, April 18th, 1944, as time fixed by Law to Canvass the Election Returns and Count Absent Voters Ballots &c, at 7.30 p.m.

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.

William Johnson

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

APPROVED: APRIL 19th, 1944.

A. M. Tracy
 Mayor and President of the
 City Council.