

Torrance, California.
October 4, 1927.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, Oct. 4, 1927, and was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Councilmen were present: Conner, Inman, Raymond, Wolfe and Dennis. Absent: None.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Sept. 20, 1927, were read and approved as read.

The letter from the local chamber of commerce, enclosing a copy of a resolution, concerning the locating of highways at least 350 feet distant from railway rights of way, was ordered filed on motion by Councilman Wolfe, seconded by Councilman Inman and a majority vote.

A letter from the Water Committee, concerning the organization of a Metropolitan Water District, was read by the Clerk. Action on same was deferred until the next meeting on motion by Councilman Wolfe, seconded by Councilman Raymond, and a majority vote.

A letter from Sam Rappaport, claiming an ordinance had been violated by the erection of a fence on certain property, was filed, it appearing that no ordinance had been violated and no action was taken.

The matter of the two petitions (pro and con as to an additional pool hall in the Mexican pueblo) was deemed to be closed as there appeared to be no valid reason why a permit for a second pool hall should be refused.

Mr. Vonderahe stated that the electric sign now located at East road and Main was not paying for itself and thought that there were two other locations available which would be much better--the idea being that these roads were used more at the present time.

A meeting between the directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council was arranged for Monday, Oct. 10, at 7:30.

Trustee Wolfe moved to accept the invitation tendered by Mr. Hyde to attend the Rotary Club feed next Thursday at 12:10 p.m. Councilman Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Engineer Leonard stated that the matter of placing poles in Acacia street by the Edison Co. might not be necessary as other means were being figured out between the Edison Co. and the Santa Fe.

Also that requests had been made to improve the alley between Beech and Acacia: The Engineer estimated the cost of such improvement as \$150.00.

Councilman Inman moved that the petition requesting the rezoning of a block on Arlington Ave. be referred to the Clerk for checking and report at next meeting. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The question of contributing to the support of the base ball club was laid over until the next meeting.

Attorney Briney stated that a meeting of engineers composed of the P. E., the Railroad Commission and the City was scheduled for 10:00 a. m. Oct. 6, 1927, to discuss improvement of crossings; also that it looked as though the automatic signal on Redondo Blvd. would be furnished free of charge to the City.

A recess of five minutes was declared.

Councilman Conner moved that the Chief of the Fire Dept. be hereafter paid, as compensation for his services to the City of Torrance as such Chief, the sum of \$50.00 per month, effective October 1, 1927.

Councilman Inman seconded the motion.

Councilman Raymond said that he did not believe this was the right time to give the Chief a salary; that if one fireman was raised all the others were entitled to a raise; that it was a question if this Council had the right to do it or not; that it should be left to the people at the next election.

Mayor Dennis thought this was a very poor time to give the Chief a salary as many people were out of work; many people that worked here 8, 9, or 10 years had been let out and the others were losing 1, 2 or 3 days a week; and that people did not know where they would get money to pay their taxes; that he had nothing against Chief Hannebrink, but did not believe this was the right time to give him a salary and would not support it.

Councilman Wolfe stated that this matter had been gone over some time ago and he was under the impression that it was settled.

The question was called for and the roll call vote follows:

AYES; Councilmen: Conner, Inman and Wolfe.

NOES; " : Raymond and Dennis.

ABSENT; " : None.

Councilman Conner introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 161
REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 135 AND AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 133
(raising salary of Police Chief)

Councilman Wolfe moved that the salary of the Superintendent of Streets shall, until further order of this Board, be the sum of \$235.00 per month effective as of Oct. 1, 1927.

Councilman Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Councilmen: Conner, Inman and Wolfe.

NOES; " : Raymond and Dennis.

ABSENT; " : None.

Councilman Wolfe moved that the City Engineer be paid \$25.00 per month, until further order of the Board, for upkeep of automobile used in the City's service, beginning July 1, 1927.

Councilman Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Councilmen: Conner, Inman, Raymond, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES; " : None.

ABSENT; " : None.

Councilman Inman moved that the Chief of the Fire Dept. be authorized to employ another Fire Dept. Engineer at a salary of \$175. per month so that there shall be at all times, until further order of this Board, three Fire Dept. Engineers, whose hours of employment, not less than 56 hours each per week, shall be determined by order of the Chief of the Fire Dept.

Councilman Conner seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Councilmen: Conner, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES; " : Raymond.

ABSENT; " : None.

Councilman Inman moved that the action of the Fire Chief in employ-
ing an extra engineer for a portion of the month of September be
ratified.

Councilman Conner seconded the motion which was duly carried by
the following roll call vote:

AYES; Councilmen: Conner, Inman, Raymond, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES; " : None.
ABSENT; " : None.

Councilman Inman moved that the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated
to cover part of the expense of a program for fire prevention week.

Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by
following roll call vote.

AYES; Councilmen: Conner, Inman, Raymond and Wolfe.
NOES; " : Dennis.
ABSENT; " : None.

Councilman Inman moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid.
Councilman Raymond seconded the motion which was duly carried by the
following roll call vote:

AYES; Councilmen: Conner, Inman, Raymond, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES; " : None.
ABSENT; " : None.

At 9:25 p.m. Councilman Inman moved to adjourn. Councilman
Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

John Dennis
Mayor of the City of Torrance