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Sello para una Cuartilla

Havilitado por el Estado de Coahuila y Texas en onse de Setiembre de mil ochocientos treinta y cinco, con arreglo al Artículo 1<sup>o</sup> del Decreto N<sup>o</sup> 9 espedido por el Honorable Congreso del Estado con cuatro de Septr<sup>e</sup> del mismo ano; consta de ciento setenta y siete foxas utiles.

Por mi Interbencion

Jph Maria Sambrano

Flores

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JA-1 En la Ciudad de Bejar a los veinte dias del mes de Setiembre del ano de mil ochocientos treinta y siete; En Virtud de estar establecido el Cuerpo Municipal de dicha Ciudad, conforme a la ley de 5 de Junio del corriente ano que lo manda criar; y compuesto de los vocales segun sus credenciales de los individuos siguientes: Presidente, Juan W. Smith, Regidores Manuel Martinez, Fran<sup>co</sup> X. Bustillos, Gabriel Arreola, Rafael Herrera, Fco. A. Ruiz, Roman Trevino, Pedro Flores y Morales, Fran<sup>co</sup> Granado: Tesorero Eugenio Navarro, Secretario Manuel Perez, y Colector Vicente dela Garza; quienes presentes en sus propias personas, en fee de admitir y desempenar fiel y devidamente sus respectivas atribuciones y destinos unanimamente acrodaron que por el Secretario se registrara a continuacion de esta acta, la Ley ya citada de 5 de Junio, la proclamacion que de conformidad con ella hicieron los Jueces Asociados para la eleccion, el resultado de esta, y credenciales de los Senores Presidente, Regidores Tesorero, Secretario y Colector; lo que para la devida constancia firmo el Secretario.

Manuel Perez, Srio.

El Honorable Congreso dela Republica de Texas ha tenido a bien decretar la Ley siguiente para la incorporacion de la Villa de Nacogdoches y de los demas pueblos por esta ley nombrados.

ART 1<sup>o</sup>. El Senado y la Camara de Representantes reunidas en Congreso han decretado:

Que los Ciudadanos de la Villa de Nacogdoches seran autorizados de formarse en cuerpo politico, bajo el nombre y la denominacion de la Corporacion de la Villa de Nacogdoches; con poderes de procesar y ser procesada; de tener y de disponer de bienes raises y personales dentro de los limites de dicha Corporacion.

2. Sera el dever de dichos ciudadanos elegir un Presidente o Mayor, ocho Regidores Un Tesorero y un Secretario de su mismo cuerpo; elegiran tambien un Colector, el Tesorero y el Colector estaran obligados de dar las fianzas suficientes, y de formar cuentas o relaciones siempre que el presidente por su orden las pida. La Corporacion elegira un Alguacid; y cuando sea necesario para suprimir los tumultos o disturbios, el Presidente podra citar la fuerza del Condado con el fin de restablecer la tranquilidad publica.

3°. La primera eleccion tendra lugar bajo la direccion del Juez Principal del Condado, al cabo de diez dias de notificacion publica; en todos los anos siguientes las elecciones se haran bajo la direccion del Presidente diez dias, a lo menos antes de la espiracion del termino de su empleo, y en caso de la muerte o la resignacion de algun

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capitular o individuo de dicha corporacion, la vacante o los vacantes seran suplidas por nuevas elecciones.

4°. Ninguno sera eligible a un empleo en esta corporacion ni a votar para los individuos de dicho cuerpo, si no es propietario de bienes raizes (real Estate) en dicha Villa, y sino ha adquirido los derechos de Ciudadano conforme a las leyes de esta Republica.

5°. Sera el deber de los Regidores formar las reglas y ordenanzas necesarias de cuando en cuando para el arreglo de la Policia y la conservacion del orden publico dentro de los limites de la Municipalidad; de levantar impuestos para remover y quitar todo aquello que danee al Publico y para conservar la limpieza de las calles; con la facultad de imponer penas y multas; con tal que no se decrete ningun impuesto sin el conocimiento de dos terceras partes, a lo menos de los Regidores presentes, repartiendo los impuestos segun la tasacion de las propiedades, y cuando se convoque una junta por este motivo se ha de mencionar el objeto en la cita, en defecto de pagar dichos impuestos, solamente la propiedad personal podra ser embargada.

6°. Por evitar las casualidades que resultan de los incendios, los ciudadanos estaran obligados de tener listos ganchos, escaleras y cubetas.

7°. Haviendo varios terrenos publicos (lots) ahora inutilis dentro de los limites de dicha Corporacion, los Regidores seran autorizados y habilitados por esta ley en union con la corte del Condado (County Court) para enagenar dichos terrenos, o cualesquiera porcion de ellos que juzguen conveniente, los productos de las ventas seran apropiados a la fabricacion de una casa consistorial (court House) una Carcel, y demas edificios que juzguen de necesidad publica.

8°. Los dichos Regidores tendran el privilegio de establecer escuelas dentro de dicha Municipalidad.

9°. Las reglas y Ordenanzas de dicha Corporacion no podran contrariar a la Constitucion y las leyes de esta Republica.

10°. Las Villas de San Agustin, Texana, Washington, Brazoria, Columbia, Velasco, Richmond, Matagorda, Columbus, en el Condado del Colorado, y Independence en el de Washington, la Ciudad de Houston y la de Bexar, las Villas de Nashville, Saraville, Anahuac, Beachville (?) y Harrisburg seran incorporadas por esta misma ley y cada una de ellas tendra la facultad de Gobernarse con arreglo a los articulos de este decreto para la incorporacion de la Villa de Nacogdoches.

APROBADO Junio 5 de 1837

SAM HOUSTON

B.T. Archer  
Presidente de la Camara de Representantes

Jesse Grimes  
Presidente Interino del Senado

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#### AVISO AL PUBLICO

De conformidad con la ley de 5 de Junio del presente ano de 1837, sancionada por el Congreso de esta Republica, deve ser nombrado un Cuerpo Municipal en esta Ciudad, el cual sera compuesto de los empleos siguientes:

Un Presidente o Mayor  
Ocho Regidores  
Un Tesorero  
Un Colector  
Un Secretario

Por consecuencia, estan llamados y requeridos a concurrir a estas elecciones, todos los que son Ciudadanos y tengan bienes raizes en esta Municipalidad. Estaran aviertas todo el dia

Lunes 18 del corriente mes, desde las nueve del dia hasta las cuatro de la tarde en la sala Municipal de esta Ciudad; siendo nombrados para Excrutadores los Ciudadanos Erasmo Seguin y Refugio de la Garza, y para Secretario Miguel Arciniega; deviendo saver todo el Publico que se procede a esta nueva eleccion para que se verifique en todo el numero de Municipales que determina la ley dela materia.

Bexar 7 de Setiembre de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

Lista nominal de los Ciudadanos que han sido votados por la Asamblea de esta fecha de conformidad con la ley de 5 de Junio del presente ano 1837 para los empleos siguientes:

	<u>PRESIDENTE</u>	<u>VOTOS</u>
J. G. Smith . . . . .		15
Antonio Navarro. . . . .		2
Fran <sup>co</sup> Ant <sup>o</sup> Ruiz . . . . .		1
J. Croco . . . . .		1

REGIDORES

Manuel Martinez. . . . .	17
Francisco Bustillo. . . . .	17
Gabriel Arreola . . . . .	17
Rafagl Herrera . . . . .	17
Fran <sup>co</sup> A. Ruiz . . . . .	16
Ramon Trevino . . . . .	16
Pedro Flores Morales . . . . .	15
Francisco Granados. . . . .	9
Luciano Navarro. . . . .	5
Eugenio Navarro. . . . .	2
Nicolas Flores . . . . .	2
F. Luiz Carvajal . . . . .	2
Pedro Flores Montes . . . . .	2
Bruno Huirra . . . . .	2
J. Antonio Navarro. . . . .	1
Nepomuceno Navarro. . . . .	1
Nicolas Navarro. . . . .	1
Antonio Navarro. . . . .	1
Deciderio Navarro . . . . .	1
Victoriano Navarro. . . . .	1
Pedro Martinez . . . . .	1
Manuel Yturry . . . . .	1
Domingo Bustillo . . . . .	1
Manuel Cadena . . . . .	1
Gabriel Martinez . . . . .	1
Antonio Gonzales . . . . .	1
Juan Jose Flores . . . . .	1

TESORERO

Eugenio Navarro. . . . .	17
Bernardino Ruiz . . . . .	1
Pablo Salinas. . . . .	1

SECRETARIO

Manuel Perez. . . . .	15
Bruno Huirra . . . . .	2
Hermeregildo Ruiz . . . . .	1
Clemente Bustillo . . . . .	1

COLECTOR

Vicepte Garza . . . . .	17
Fran Ruiz . . . . .	1
Nepomuceno Montoya. . . . .	1

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Los Ciudadanos Refugio de la Garza y Erasmo Seguin excrutadores, y Miguel Arciniega, Secretario, nombrados para la Asamblea de esta Municipalidad celebrada el dia de hoy, Certificamos que los Ciudadanos que se expresan en la antecedente lista han sido votados para los empleos que en ella se refiere por el numero total de diez y nueve votante que concurrieron a dicha Asamblea.

Bejar 18 de Septiembre 1837

Miguel Arciniega  
Srio.

Refugio de la Garza  
Escrutados

Erasmo Seguin  
Escrutador

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AVISO AL PUBLICO

En la eleccion Municipal celebrada el dia de ayer en conformidad con la Ley de 5 de Junio del presente ano, dada por el Congreso de esta Republica de Texas, han resultado nombrados con una mayoria respectiva de votos, conforme al computo ehco por los Excrutadores y Secretarios de la misma Asamblea, los Ciudad<sup>s</sup> siguientes:

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- PARA PRESIDENTE . . . . . Juan G. Smith
- PARA REGIDORES . . . . . Manuel Martinez  
Fran<sup>co</sup> Bustillos  
Gabriel Arreola  
Rafael Herrera  
Fran<sup>co</sup> A. Ruiz  
Ramon Trevino  
Pedro Flores Morales  
Fran<sup>co</sup> Granados
- PARA TESORERO . . . . . Eugenio Navarro
- PARA SECRETARIO . . . . . Manuel Perez
- PARA COLECTOR . . . . . Vicente Garza

Bejar 19 de Sepr<sup>e</sup> de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

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A.S. Juan G. Smith

Senor:

En el computo gral, de votos dados en la Asamblea Publica del dia de ayer, ha resultado V. con una mayoria de votos que le constityen nombrado Presidente del Cuerpo Municipal de esta Ciudad.

En tal concepto estara V. Presente el dia de manana a las nueve de ella en la Sala Municipal del condado para los fines consiguientes.

Tenemos el honor de participar a V. este nombramiento y ofrecernos sus Servidores.

Bejar 19 de Septiembre de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

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A.S. Manuel Martinez

Senor:

En el computo gral. de votos dados en la Asamblea Publica del dia de ayer, ha resultado V. con una mayoria de votos que le constituyen nombrado Regidor del Cuerpo Municipal de esta Ciudad.

En tal concepto estar V. presente el dia de manana a las nueve de ella en la Sala Municipal del Condado para los fines consiguientes.

Tenemos el honor de participar a V. este nombramiento y ofrecernos sus Servidores.

Bejar 19 de Septiembre de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

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A.S. Fran<sup>co</sup> Bustillo

Senor:

En el computo gral. de votos dados en la Asamblea Publica del dia de ayer, ha resultado V. con una mayoria de votos que le constituyen nombrado Regidor del Cuerpo Municipal de esta Ciudad.

En tal concepto estar V. presente el dia de manana a las nueve de ella, en la Sala Municipal del Condado para los fines consiguientes.

Tenemos el honor de participar a V. este nombramiento y ofrecernos sus Servidores.

Bejar 19 de Septiembre de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

A.S. Gabriel Arreola

Senor:

En el computo gral. de votos dados en la Asamblea publica del dia de ayer, ha resultado V. con una mayoria, de votos que le constituyen nombrado Regidor del Cuerpo Municipal de esta Ciudad.

En tal concepto estara V. presente el dia de manana a las nueve de ella en la Sala Municipal del Condado para los fines consiguientes.

Tenemos el honor de participar a V. este nombramiento y ofrecernos sus Servidores.

Bejar 19 de Septiembre de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

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A.S. Rafael Herrera

Senor:

En el computo gral. de votos dados en la Asamblea del dia de ayer, ha resultado V. con una mayoria de votos que le constituyen nombrado Regidor del Cuerpo Municipal de esta Ciudad.

En tal concepto estara V. presente el dia de manana a las nueve de ella en la Sala Municipal del Condado, para los fines consiguientes.

Tenemos el honor de participar a V. este nombramiento y ofrecernos sus Servidores.

Bejar 19 de Septiembre de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

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A.S. Fran<sup>co</sup> A. Ruiz

Senor:

En el computo gral de votos dados en la Asamblea Publica del dia de ayer, ha resultado V. con una mayoria de votos que le constituten nombrado Regidor del Cuerpo Municipal de esta Ciudad.

En tal concepto estara V. presente el dia de manana a las nueve

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de ella, en la Sala Municipal del Condado para los fines consiguientes.

Tenemos el honor de participar a V. este nombramiento y ofrecernos sus Servidores.

Bejar 19 de Septiembre de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

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A.S. Ramon Trevino

Senor:

En el computo gral. de votos dados en la Asamblea Publica del dia de ayer, ha resultado V. con una mayoria de votos que le constituyen nombrado Regidor del Cuerpo Municipal de esta Ciudad.

En tal concepto estara V. presente dia de manana a las nueve de ella, en la Sala Municipal de esta Ciudad, para los fines consiguientes.

Tenemos el honor de participial a V. este nombram<sup>to</sup> y ofrecernos sus Servidores.

Bejar 19 de Septiembre de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

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A.S. Pedro Flores & Morales

Senor:

En el computo gral. de votos dados en la Asamblea Publica del dia de ayer, ha resultado V. con una mayoria de votos que le constituyen nombrado Regidor del Cuerpo Municipal de esta Ciudad.

En tal concepto estara V. presente el dia de manana a las nueve de ella, en la Sala Municipal del Condado, para los fines consiguientes.

Tenemos el honor de participar a V. este nombramiento y ofrecernos sus Servidores.

Bejar 19 de Septiembre de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

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A.S. Francisco Granados

Senor:

En el computo gral. de votos dados en la Asamblea Publica del dia de ayer, ha resultado V. con una mayoria de votos que le constituyen nombrado Regidor del Cuerpo Municipal de esta Ciudad.

En tal concepto estara V. presente el dia de manana a las nueve de ella en la Sala Municipal del Condado para los fines consiguientes.

Tenemos el honor de participar a V. este nombramiento y ofrecernos sus Servidores.

Bejar 19 de Septiembre de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

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A.S. Eugenio Navarro

Senor:

En el computo gral. de votos dados en la Asamblea Publica del dia de ayer, ha resultado V. con una mayoria de votos que le constituyen nombrado Tesorero de la Municipalidad de Bexar.

En tal concepto estara V. presente el dia de manana a las nueve de ella, en la Sala Municipal del condado para los fines consiguientes.

Tenemos el honor de participar a V. este nombramiento y ofrecernos sus Servidores.

Bejar 19 de Septiembre de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

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A.S. Manuel Perez

Senor:

En el computo gral. de votos dados en la Asamblea Publica de l dia de ayer, ha resultado V. con una mayoria de votos que le constiutyen nombrado Secretario del Cuerpo Municipal de esta Ciudad.

En tal concepto estara V. presente el dia de manana a las nueve de ella en la Sala Municipapl del Condado para los fines consiguientes.

Tenemos el honor de participar a V. este nombramiento y ofrecernos sus Servidores.

Bejar 19 de Septiembre de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

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A.S. Vicente de la Garza

Senor:

En el computo gral de votos dados en la Asamblea Publica del dia de ayer, ha resultado V. con una mayoria de votos que le constituyen nombrado Colector de los Fondos Publicos de la Municipalidad de Bexar.

En tal Concepto estara V. presente el dia de manana a las nueve de ella, en la Sala Municipal del Condado para los fines consiguientes.

Tenemos el honor de participar a V. este nombramiento y ofrecernos sus Servidores.

Bejar 19 de Septiembre de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

Y registrados los documentos anteriores como se dispuso por el Cuerpo el lebanto la sesion quedado persibidos a reunirse el Sabado 23 del corriente mes.

Manuel Perez. Srio

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith, Pres<sup>t</sup>



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SESION DEL 23 DE SEPTIEMBRE.

Reunidos los vocales del Cuerpo Municipal, Manuel Martinez, Ramon Trevino, Rafael Herrera, Fran<sup>CO</sup> A. Ruiz, Fran<sup>CO</sup> Bustillos, G. Arreola, Francisco Granado y Pedro Morales, se declaro avieta la sesion por el Presidente recomendando al Cuerpo tomara en consideracion la limpieza y aseo de las calles y plazas muy importante para la salubridad publica. El Sor. Ruiz manifesto que para evitar en parte las suciedades que se dejaran por los que indistintamente mataran reses, seria de decaer se sinera a todos o cualesquiera individuo a que mataran sus reses en las Casa de Rastro, avisando de ello al Colector para tener conocimiento de las personas que lo verificaran, cortandose asi en lo posible los continuados robos que se estan experimentando; cuyo parecer aceptaron por suyo cada uno de los capitulares, y en su consecuencia se procedio a la eleccion de dos comisionados que reconozcan las faltas que tenga la Casa De Rastro y su corral y cual podra ser la cantidad que se imbierta en su recomposicion; lo que verificado recayo el nombramiento en los S.S. Regidores Manuel Martinez y Fran<sup>CO</sup> Granado; quienes entindidos de su nombramiento fueron apersibidos devian dar cuenta de su comision en la primera sesion proxima.

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Tambien acordaron los capitulares se nombrara una Comision que se entienda con los S.S. Juezes Asociados afin de que declaren cual de los edificios publicos de esta Ciudad destinan o corresponde a este Cuerpo para selebrar sus Seccion- es, como asi mismo las mesas y sillas que ala oficina pertenezcan; y precedida a la eleccion recayo nombram<sup>to</sup> en el Sor. Regidor Fran<sup>CO</sup> Bustillo, quien devera dar cuenta del resultado al mismo tiempo que la otra Comision; Con lo que se lebanto la Session, deviendo reunirse al Sabado 7 de Octubre.

Manuel Perez  
Srio

Jn<sup>O</sup> S Smith  
Pres<sup>t</sup>

SESSION DEL DIA 7 DE OCTUBRE

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Reunidos los S.S. Regidores, Manuel Martinez, Ramon Trevino, Rafael Herrera, Fran<sup>CO</sup> A. Ruiz, Francisco Bustillo, Gabriel Arreola, Franco Granado y Pedro Morales, se declaro avieta la session. Los S.S. Martinez y Granado verbalmente dieron cuenta de su Comicion, esponiendo havian reconocido el local del Rastro, que este esta en buen estado y que solo le falta el corral, puertas y bentanas; sobre lo que unanimente los capitulares facultaron el Sor. Presid<sup>te</sup> Juan G. Smith,

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para que procurara la edificacion del corral y se le pusiera puerta y bentana a uno de los cuartos, cuyo costo se prividenciara su pago.

El Sor. Bustillo cumpliendo con su comision dio cuenta con un oficio contestacion de los S.S. Juezes Asociados en que manifiestan que la Sala conocida antes por consistorial, es la que en todos tiempos a pertenecido al Cuerpo de Polia (policia)? Municipal; cuya contestacion se mando archivar original, registrandose antes su contenido literal que es como sigue:

Al Regidor Ciud<sup>O</sup> Francisco Bustillo

Senor:

En vista de nuestro oficio de 28 de Septiembre ultimo, preguntandonos de orden del Cuerpo Municipal, cual es la Casa, Sillas y demas muebles que le corresponden, podemos contestaros: Que la Casa antes conocida por Consistoriales en que tenia antes sus secciones el Ilustre Ayuntamiento Greemos que exclusivam<sup>te</sup> es

de la Ciudad y de consiguiente deve ser ocupada y atendida por el Cuerpo de Policia dela misma Ciudad.

Respecto alas sillas y otros muebles, no podemos con serteza deciros cuantos y cuales eran; mas opinamos que el Cuerpo Municipal puede y deve recoger los que existen, donde quiera que se encuentren, pues es fuera de duda que toda propiedad vuelve a su dueno, cuando no ha prescrito su derecho.

Somos de V. Sor. Regidor sus obedientes Servidores.

Bexar 7 de Octubre de 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Juez Asociado

Ignacio Chavez  
Juez Asociado

JA-6. El Senor Trevino presento en proyecto el decreto siguiente:

La manera en que esta Corporacion deve publicar sus ordenes y decretos, sera poniendo sus avisos en las esquinas o parajes mas publicos en esta Ciudad. El Presidente providenciara publicar este decreto.

Bexar 7 de Octubre de 1837. Lo que suficientemente discutido fue unanimamente aprobado por la Corporacion.

JA-7. El Sor. Ruiz presento en proyecto el decreto siguiente:

- 1<sup>o</sup>. Las personas o duenos de Casas dentro de esta Ciudad que hagan vailes, por cada uno pagara la que lo verifique un peso que se enterara en la caja de los fondos de esta Corporacion.
- 2<sup>d</sup>. La persona o musico qui era hacer un Vaile, ocurrira al Tesorero a queen se pagara la Licencia prevenida, con cuyo recivo se presentara al Presidente dela Corporacion el que le dara el Corrispondiente permiso.
- 3<sup>o</sup>. La persona duena de Casa en que se haga un Vaile sin tener la Corrispondiente licencia pagara la multa de diez pesos por cada

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una vez, y el mucico que toque al vaile la de cinco pesos.

- 4<sup>o</sup>. Las mezas de Villar pagaran mensualmente una pencion de cuatro pesos que dev-eran entrar en las arcas dela Municipalidad.
- 5<sup>o</sup>. Este acto se llevara a puro y debido efecto desde el dia 10 de este mes y el Presidente tomara sus providencias para hacerlo publicar y circular.

Bexar 7 de Octubre de 1837. Y despues de una seria discusion unanimamen<sup>te</sup> fue aporbado y mandado observar.

JA-8. El mismo Sor. Ruiz manifesto que se advertia mucnos hombres sin ocupacion y de quienes no faltavan quejas por danos que causavan; y que esta atencion deceava hubiera una determinacion del modo que sigue:

- 1<sup>o</sup>. Todas las personas o individuos que actaulmente se hallen es esta Ciudad y que binieron al pais en clase de Militares con el Gen<sup>l</sup> Santa Anna seran examinados por el Presidente dela Corporacion para saver sus residencias y ocupaciones.
- 2<sup>o</sup>. Los individuos dela clase dicha que antes dela fecha de esta determinacion hayan causado deudas con contrato de pagar con su trabajo podran quedarse en su ocupaciones, obligandose el amo o patron a cuidar de ellos.
- 3<sup>o</sup>. Los que no esten empleados en cosas desentes ni de utilidad se despacharan al Oeste; cuya determinacion fue aprovada por los capitulares, quienes ordenaron al Presidente su ejecucion.

JA-9. El Sor. Martinez presento en proyecto el decreto que sigue:

Siendo muy importante tener fondos para subenir alos gastos de lebantar puentes y otros obras de veneficio publico, se ordena que el Colector proceda inmediatamente a colectar la mitad, dela pencion puesta sobre los solares de esta Ciudad de sesenta y siete pesos, conforme ala ley de Coahuila y Texas de 1<sup>o</sup> de Mayo de 1832 y en conformidad con el Reglamento

mandado observar por el Ayuntamiento anterior. Entendido, que se esta Corporacion tubiere que decretar algun impuesto en general a estos terrenos, devera tenerse lo colectado por este decreto de calidad de abono.

El Presidente providenciara publicar este decreto.

Bejar 7 de Octubre de 1837. Y puesto a discusion unanimamente fue aprobado.

JA-10. El Sor. Bustillo presento en proyecto el decreto siguiente:

- 1°. Los Almacenes o tiendas establecidas hasta hoy en esta Ciudad se pensionan en cuatro reales mensuales y los tendajos de dos reales.
- 2°. El impuesto de que habla el Articulo anterior se cobrara por el Colector en tercios del ano adelantados.
- 3°. Toda tienda nuebamente avierta pagara doce pesos de aper

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tura y seis los tendajos, sin perjuicio dela pension en los terminos arriva impuesta.

- 4°. Este acto tendra su cumplimiento desde el dia primero del proximo mes de Noviembre.

El Presidente hara que se publique y ejecute.

Bexar 7 de Oct<sup>e</sup> de 1837. Lo que suficientem<sup>te</sup> discutido fue aprobado por la Corporacion.

JA-11. Seguidamente se procedio a detallar el sueldo que el Secretario de esta Corporacion, manuel Perez deve disfrutar en recompensa de sus trabajos; y le fueron designados veinte y cinco pesos mensuales por los S.S. Arreola, Granado, Ruiz, Morales, Herrera y Bustillos; y por los S.S. Martinez, y Trevino quince. En cuya consecuencia deve disfrutar de los dichos veinte y cinco pesos mensuales desde el dia en que fue instalada esta Corporacion; y se lebanto la session quedando de reunirse el dia 24 del corriente.

Manuel Perez  
Srio

Jn<sup>o</sup> W Smith  
P.

#### SESSION DEL DIA 24 DE OCTUBRE

Reunidos los SS. Regidores Manuel Martinez, Fran<sup>co</sup> X. Bustillo, Rafael Herrera, Gabriel Arreola, Pedro Flores Morales y Fran<sup>co</sup> Granado, presentes, con falta de los Senores Fran<sup>co</sup> A. Ruiz sin licencia y Ramon Trevino por enfermo, se declaro avierta la session. El Sor. Presidente informo al Cuerpo de haver efectuado la disposicion sobre echar fuera de esta Ciudad a los individuos que sin ocupacion entontraron de los venidos con el Gral. Santa Anna; que sobre la recomposicion del Rastro aunque ha echo lo posible para ello, nada havia conseguido por la ocupacion de alzar sus cosechas en que actaulmente se hallan los labradores y gentes de travajo; y que todos los demas decretos mandados observar por esta Corporacion se les esta dando su cumplimiento como se vera por los recibos que presenta del Tesorero del Ramo de Vailes que hasta el dia 21 son de a diez y seis pesos; y que aunque savia se havian echo dos Vailes mas uno en la Casa de D. Luciano Navarro la noche del 22 y el otro en la de D. Alexo Bustillo la del 23, estas no habian tenido la licencia correspondiente como esta mandado. Sobre lo que unanimamente dispuso el Guerpo se llevara a efecto lo dispuesto en decreto de 7 del corriente mes para tales casos, y que los recibos presentados se archivaran para documentar la cuenta respectiva.

JA-12. El Srio. presento una cuenta importante de seis pesos costo del libro de asientos de Sessions de este cuerpo, cuyo cargo fue admitido y mandado al Presidente dispusiera su pago.

Page 8. El Sor. Bustillo presento en proyecto el decreto siguiente:

Ja-13. Haviendo tenido a bien el Congreso de la Republica incorporar nuestra Ciudad y autorizar a los Regidores de ella para asegurar los terrenos publicos que halla dentro de los limites de dicha Corporacion que aun no se hallan marcados; y deviendo constar de cuatro sitios, hemos tenido a bien decretat lo que sigue:

- 1<sup>o</sup>. Que los limites de esta Corporacion deveran ser delineados y marcados por Agrimensor cientifico, quien devera formar dela correspondiente area un Mapa para gobierno de este cuerpo.
- 2<sup>o</sup>. Tambien se tiraran las medidas necesarias a delinear las calles y plazas incluyendo el Rio de San Antonio y Arroyo de San Pedro que deberan ser parte del expresado mapa o plano.
- 3<sup>o</sup>. Que las medidas de esta Corporacion seran establecidas por la Republica de Texas, cuyas leyes les servira de guia en cualesquiera materia.
- 4<sup>o</sup>. Las medidas expresadas deberan ser con presencia de una Comision compuesta de dos individuos de este Cuerpo.
- 5<sup>o</sup>. El Presidente dela Corporacionse entendera con el Agrimensor para el efecto y hara que este decreto tenga su puntual cumplimiento.

Y puesto a discusion fue aprobado y mandado se le diera su cumplimiento por los seis S. Regidores presentes.

En seguida se procedio a nombrar la comision que segun el anterior decreto deve presenciar las medidas de los limites de esta Ciudad y a pururalidad de votos fueron nombrados los SS. Fran<sup>co</sup> A. Ruiz y Rafael Herrera.

JA-14. El Sor Martinez propuso se pusieran avisos publicos exponiendo en ellos, que toda persona que tubiere que parar o fabricar vivienda dentro de los terminos de esta Ciudad, ocurra al Presid<sup>te</sup> de esta Corporacion a quien instruire del Distrito, Calle y sitio en donde va a hacer su fabrica, cuyo senor en su consecuencia dispondra pase uno o dos individuos del Cuerpo Municipal a presenciar la plantacion dela tal Casa que devera ser en propiedad del individuo que lo verifique, procurando alinearse alas cuadras de Casas para perfeccionar las Calles. En el concepto que la persona que sin el conocimiento ya indicado fabricare o hisiere Casa sufrira una multa de tres pesos, y perdera su trabajo derribando lo ya echo si asi fuere necesario.

Lo que discutido por el Cuerpo fue aprobado y mandado al Presidente se cumpliera lo ordenado en este acuerdo, con lo que se lebanto la sesion.

Manuel Perez  
Sec

John W. Smith  
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SESSION DEL DIA 21 de DICIEMBRE

Reunidos los vocales de la Corporacion Senores Presidente Juan G. Smith, y Regidores Manuel Martinez, Fran<sup>co</sup> Bustillo, Rafael Herrera, Ramon Trevino y Fran<sup>co</sup> Granado presentes, con falta de los SS. Fran<sup>co</sup> Ruiz y Pedro Morales pro ausentes y Gabriel Arreola por enfermo se declaro avierta la Session. El Sor. Presidente dio cuenta con ochenta y dos recivos del Tesorero de Licencias premitidas para Vailes que contienen igual numero de pesos; como asi mismo entrego dos recibos del mismo Tesorero cada uno de diez pesos, eccsigidos de multas a musicos y particular dueno de Casa que concintio se hiciera Vaile sin el correspond<sup>te</sup> permiso, y que havia quedado pendiente o aun no se havia pagado una multa impuesto a Ignacio Castillo por igual falta.

JA-15. A solicitud del Presidente para que se tomara medidas afin de que se compusiesen los puentes dela Asequia que atraviesa la Plaza de esta Ciudad, los SS. Regidores opinaron se solicitare por el Presidente a D. Jose Antonio Navarro para aue como uno de-

los interesados duenos de solares se encargue de reunir a los que los tengan excavando de ellos por medio de la persuacion compongan los puentes y limpiar la Asequia hasta el costado Sur de la Ciudad, por cuya fatigas se les ahorrara paguen la pencion de propios.

JA-16. En seguida la Corporacion dispuso que por el Presidente se entablase demanda contra D. Fernando Rodriguez con el fin de recobrar los quinientos pesos con sus redictos correspondientes que de los fondos de esta Corporacion se le prestaron, cuyo plazo de cuatro anos para su pago es cumplido segun la hipoteca otorgada por el expresado Rodriguez; y que para el seguro de perjuicios se estendiese una obligacion por la misma Corporacion importante de trescientos pesos.

A pedimento del Srío. se mando se le diesen en cuenta de sus pagas cuarenta pesos; con lo que se lebanto la session.

Manuel Perez  
Srío

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In the City of San Antonio in the County of Bexar on this ninth day of March One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-eight, the Corporation of said City was installed and consisted of the following members duly elected on the fifth of said month, as appears by the annexed Certificate of the Chief Justice of said County under whose authority the election was holden

William H. Daingerfield. . . . Mayor  
Antonio Menchaca, . . . . Aldermen  
Manuel Ximenes  
Manuel Iturri  
William E. Howth  
Leandro Arreola  
Juan A. Zambrano . . . . Treasurer  
Antonio Lembrano. . . . Collector,

Who having taken the oath of office as prescribed by law entered upon the discharge of their funciones. Jose Flores, Ambrosio Rodriguez and Rafael Garza, elected Alderman, were not present at the act of Installation.

JA-17.

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The President having announced that the Council was formed and a quorum present, William P. Delmour was unanimously elected Secretary of the Corporation and entered into the requisite bond.

JA-18. Mr. Iturri moved that a Committee be appointed to require from the Treasurer of the Late Municipal Body an account of the sums paid, or owing to the funds of the same and report thereon to the ensuing meeting. Carried and Messrs. Zambrano and Menchaca were appointed said Committee.

JA-19. Mr. Menchaca moved that a Committee be appointed to examine the State of the former City Hall with a view to repairing the same and report thereon to the next session. Carried and Messrs. Arreola and Ximenes were appointed said Committee.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday March 13 ten OC A.M.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Secty

Wm Henry Daingerfield  
Mayor

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En consecuencia de los oficios pasados al Mayor o Presidente, Regidores, Tesorero y Colector de la Ciudad de San Antonio (que fueron elegidos el dia 5

de este) para la reunion de dho cuerpo, tuvieron entrada en su empleo hoy dia de la fecha a las nueve de la manana William H. Daingerfield Mayor, o Presidente, Antonio Menchaca, Manuel Ximenes, Manuel Iturri, William E. Howth, Leandor Arreola, Regidores, Juan A. Zambrano Tesorero, y Antonio Lombroso Colector, que se presentaron, quienes prestaron el juramento de estilo y fueron metidos en su empleo; no habiendo asistido a este acto Jose Flores, Ambrosio Rodriguez y Rafael de la Garza, tambien Regidores nombrados por hallarse ausentes. Y para constancia lo firmaron conmigo en dha Ciudad de San Antonio a las nueve dias del mes de Marzo de Mil Ochocientos treinta y ocho.

Erasmus Seguin J.P.  
Manuel Ximenes  
Antonio Menchaca  
Leandro Arreola

Wm. Henry Daingerfield  
W. E. Howth  
Ambrosio Rodriguez  
Rafael Garza

PRIMERA SESION DE 9 DE MARZO DE 1838

JA-17. El numero competente de los Regidores hallandose presentes, el Presidente declaro abierta la sesion y se nombro con unanimidad de votos, William P. Delmour para Secretario de la Corporacion.

JA-18. El Sor. Iturri propuso que se nombre una Comision p<sup>a</sup> pedir al Tesorero de la Corporacion anterior la cuenta de las cantidades pagadas o que se deben a dho cuerpo, y dar un relacion de lo mismo en la sesion siguiente. Aprobado con unanimidad y se nombraron los Sors. Menchaca y Zambrano para dha Comision.

JA-19. El Sor. Menchaca propuso que se nombre una Comision para examinar en que estado se halla la Sala del Antiguo Ayuntamiento con el objeto de componer la y dar cuenta de lo mismo al Consejo. Aprobado y se nombraron los Sors. Arreola y Ximenes para dha Comision.

Se levanto la sesion, debiendo reunirse el Martes 13 de Marzo a las diez de la manana.

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The Council met pursuant to adjournment, and Messrs. Rodriguez and Garza appeared and took the oath of office, The minutes of the former session being read, the Committee appointed to settle the accounts of the Late Corporation requested further time to bring up their report and named the first Session of the ensuing week for this purpose. Granted.

JA-20. Mr. Zambrano moved that a Committee be appointed to inquire into the amount of real Estate and other property belonging to this Corporation of which it has no account and report on the same. Carried and Messrs. Garza and Rodriguez were appointed said Committee, assisted by Mr. Daingerfield.

The Committee appointed to examine the State of the former City Hall requested time to report thereon. Granted till tomorrow.

JA-21. Mr. Zambrano moved that a Committee be appointed to draught a Code of Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Corporation and Municipal District and that in the meantime the Council should adopt and sanction the Ordinances of the Late Corporation, excepting that requiring a Licence to be taken out for private Balls. Carried and Messrs. Rodriguez and Iturri and Howth were appointed said Comm<sup>te</sup>, assisted by the Secretary.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution the following Ordinance was ordered to be published.

"BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, That untill the adoption of a new System of Police Regulations for the Gov<sup>t</sup> of said City, the Ordinance of the former Corporation shall remain in full force and effect, excepting that re-

quiring a licence for private or subscription Balls."

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Adjourned till tomorrow 10 OC A.M.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Sect.

Wm. Henry Daingerfield  
Mayor

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JA-22. The Council met pursuant to adjournment and the minutes of the former session having been read and approved. Mr. Zambrano moved that the following Ordinance be adopted.

BE IT ORDAINED &c That in accordance with the 7th Art. of the Act of the 14th of December last, Every Retailer of Spiritous Liquors in less quantity than One Gallon shall take out a License for the same paying Five Doll<sup>s</sup> monthly in advance to the Treasurer of the Corporation upon whose Receipt said Licence shall be issued by the Mayor. Any person

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SESSION DEL DIA 13 DE MARZO

Abierta la session se dio lectura a la acta de la ultima, y aprobada esta, los Sores, Rodriguez y Garza se presentaron y prestaron el juramento de estilo. Los Sores. nombrados p<sup>a</sup> arreglar las cuentas de la Corporacion pidieron mas tiempo p<sup>a</sup> cumplir con su encargo y se la estendio hasta la primera sesion de la semana que viene.

La Comision nombrada p<sup>a</sup> examinar el estado actual de la Sala Consistorial tambien pidio tiempo p<sup>a</sup> presentar su relacion y se les dio hasta la sesion sig<sup>te</sup>.

JA-20. El Sor. Zambrano propuso, Que se nombre una Comision q<sup>e</sup> examine cuales son los bienes raices y algunos otros q<sup>e</sup> pertenescan a la Municipalidad y de que no tiene conocimiento esta Corporacion. Aprobado, y los Sores. Garza y Rodriguez fueron nombrados p<sup>a</sup> d<sup>ha</sup> Comision con la ayuda del Presidente.

JA-21. El Sor. Zambrano presento la proposicion sig<sup>te</sup>: Que se nombre una Comision q<sup>e</sup> presente un proyecto del Reglamento economico p<sup>a</sup> esta Corporacion, y q<sup>e</sup> entretanto no sea presentado y admitido por el Consejo se aprueben los Decretos del Ayuntamiento anterior, a esception de el por el pago p<sup>a</sup> Bailes q<sup>e</sup> no sean publicos, y q<sup>e</sup> tengan la fuerza q<sup>e</sup> es debida hasta q<sup>e</sup> se tenga a bien derogarlos, aprobada la proposicion el Consejo nombro p<sup>a</sup> d<sup>ha</sup> comision los Sores. Iturri, Rodriguez y Howth con la ayuda del Secretario.

Conforme a esta resolucion se mando publicar el Decreto sig<sup>te</sup>:

"La Corporacion de esta Ciudad de San Antonio en sesion publica del dia 13 de Marzo de 1838 ha decretado lo sig<sup>nte</sup>: Que entretanto se forme un nuevoCodigo de leyes p<sup>a</sup> el manejo de esta Corporacion y su Municipalidad, queden vigantes los Decretos del Ayuntamiento anterior a esception de el por el pago p<sup>a</sup> Bailes q<sup>e</sup> no sean publicos.

Se levanto la sesion hasta manana a las diez.

SESSION DEL DIA 14 de MARZO

Abierta la sesion se dio lectura a la acta de la anterior y aprobada esta,

JA-22. El Sor Zambrano presento en proyecto el decreto que sigue:

1<sup>o</sup>. Hallandose autorizada esta Corporacion en la parte 7<sup>a</sup> de la ley de 14 de Diciembre del año anterior p<sup>a</sup> poner impuestos a los vendedores de Licores al menudeo a las casas de Villar y otras, decreta q<sup>e</sup> pagara por ahora la persona

q<sup>e</sup> quisiera establecer la venta de Licores en menor cantidad de un Galon, Cinco pesos mensuales.

2<sup>o</sup>. La persona que infringiere este Decreto

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selling liquors in less than the above stated quantity without license shall forfeit for every such infraction of this Ordinance the Sum of Twenty Five Doll<sup>s</sup> to be recovered as the Act directs. Adopted and published.

JA-23. Mr. Zambrano moved the adoption of the following Ordinance.

"BE IT ORDAINED &c, That no person shall be permitted to slaughter Beeves within said City under the penalty of Ten Doll<sup>s</sup> for the first offence and double said sum for every repetition thereof. The places appointed for this purpose shall be, for the present, on the other side of the Creek or Ditch on the West of the Town, and on the East beyond the Ditch of the Alamo."

Adopted and ordered to be published.

JA-24. Mr. Garza moved the adoption of the following Ordinance.

"BE IT ORDAINED &c That in conformity with the laws and regulations of this Corporation, all those persons whose property lies on the Acequia which crosses the City, shall within ten days from the date hereof be obliged to clean out so much of said Acequia as by the former regulation they were bound to do, under the penalty of being fined in such sum as the Council may deem necessary to carry this object into effect.

Adopted and ordered to be published (in spanish only).

JA-25. "BE IT ORDAINED &c, That all persons who occupy Houses or Stores within this City shall be required to remove all kinds of filth or rubbish which may be about the same, as being injurious to the Health of the Town, and also to have the Street before their houses, or Stores swept & sprinkled every Saturday, under the penalty of being fined in the amount if necessary to carry this Ordinance into effect."

Adopted and ordered to be published.

JA-26. Mr. Zambrano moved the adoption of the following Ordinance.

"BE IT ORDAINED &c, That the Collector of this Corporation be authorized to Collect such sums as may be owing to the funds of the same for the Tax on Stores, Shops and Billiard Tables, established by an Ordinance of the 7th of October of the Late Municipal Council, and be it further ordained, that all sums exceeding Five Doll<sup>s</sup> due to the funds of the Corporation, will be received in the Promissary Notes of the Government.

Adopted and ordered to be published. Adjourned till the 19 inst at 3 OC PM.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Secty

W<sup>m</sup> Henry Daingerfield

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incurrira una multa de veinte y cinco pesos por cada infraccion de ello q<sup>e</sup> hara el Colecor exhibir segun la ley previene.

3<sup>o</sup>. La persona q<sup>e</sup> quiere tener Licencia p<sup>a</sup> establecer la venta d<sup>ha</sup> pagara adelantado al Tesorero el impuesto y con el recivo ocurrira al Presidente q<sup>n</sup> le entendera (extendera)? la Licencia.

Aprobado y se mando publicar.

JA-23. El Sor. Zambrano presento en proyecto el decreto Sig :  
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"Se prohíbe el matar reses dentro de la Ciudad bajo la pena de diez pesos de multa por la primera vez, y doble la segunda, pudiendolo hacer por ahora del otro lado del Arroyo de San Pedro al Oeste y al Este del otro lado de la asequia q<sup>e</sup> pasa de este lado



de la Alameda.

Aprobado y se mando publicar.

JA-24. El Sor Garza presento en proyecto los Decretos que siguen:

"En conformidad con las leyes anteriores y arreglo de esta Ciudad, los ciudadanos q<sup>e</sup> tengan propiedades haciendo frente a la Acequia q<sup>e</sup> pasa por la Ciudad, tendran q<sup>e</sup> limpiar dentro del termino de quince dias la parte de ella q<sup>e</sup> a cada uno corresponda, y de no hacerlo asi seran multados en la cantidad q<sup>e</sup> el Consejo juzgue suficiente p<sup>a</sup> llevar a efecto este Decreto."

Aprobado y se mando publicar.

JA-25. "Todo individuo, dueno de Casa y Solares dentro de la Ciudad, esta mandado, dentro del termino de diez dias, a tener con bastante aseo el frente de su casa y solares, y en lo de adelante cada Sabado de la Semana, como asi mismo limpiar de todo cuanto dane a la Salud publica en el centro de sus solares, y en caso de no cumplir con lo prevenido en este Decreto sufrira la multa q<sup>e</sup> fuere necesaria p<sup>a</sup> llenar el objeto q<sup>e</sup> se desea."

Aprobado y se mando publicar.

JA-26. El Sor. Zambrano presento en proyecto el Decreto que sigue:

"Que el Colector se autorise p<sup>a</sup> coleccionar las cantidades q<sup>e</sup> se adeuden a la Corporacion por tiendas, tendajos, aperturas de tiendas y Billares segun lo Decreto la Anterior Corporacion bajo la fha de 7 de Octu<sup>e</sup> del ano pasado, y todo individuo q<sup>e</sup> tenga q<sup>e</sup> hacer pagos a los fondos de esta Corporacion q<sup>e</sup> exceden en valor a Cinco pesos hacerlo con las notas promisorias del Gobierno de Texas."

Aprobado y se mando publicar.

Se levanto la sesion, debiendo reunirse el Lunes 19 del Cor<sup>te</sup> a las tres de la tarde.

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The Council met pursuant to adjournment, and the minutes of the former Session having been read, the President announced that, Small who was elected Constable of the Corporation had accepted said office.

Mr. Zambrano brought up the Report of the Committee appointed to settle the accounts of the Late Corporation, from which it appeared that there was paid into his hands by the Treasurer of the same the sum of \$85.50<sup>cts</sup> out of which there is due for arrears of Salary, to the Secretary of said Body. Received and approved, the accounts remaining in custody of the Treasurer, Mr. Zambrano.

JA-27. Mr. Ximenes on the part of the Committee appointed to examine the situation of the City Hall for the purpose of repairing the same explains the difficulty of making out an estimate of the expenses attending it without a further extension of time, and the Council thereon resolved that said Committee should be authorized to contract for the repairs of said Building, forthwith, and attend to the execution of the Contract.

JA-28. Capt Howth, moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign, in the name of the Corporation, a Bond of Indemnification, in the case of attachment against the property of Fernando Rodriguez for money borrowed from the funds of the Corporation and remaining unpaid. Carried.

JA-29. Proposals were submitted to the Council by Mr. Lindsey for Surveying and laying off the City and its environs, designating the lots &c according to a fixed plan and at a stated price. The said proposals were approved by the

Council, and Mr. Zambrano moved that a Committee be named to contract with Mr. Lindsey for said Survey in the manner and upon the terms proposed. Carried and Messrs Daingerfield and Mechaca were appointed said Committee.

JA-30. Mr. Zambrano moved that Mr. Daingerfield be employed in his capacity of Lawyer to collect and examine such documents and verbal testimony as may serve to establish the Ancient Limits of this Corporation, and which are confirmed to it by the Act of the 14th Dec<sup>r</sup> 1837. Carried.

JA-31. Mr. Zambrano moved that a Committee be appointed to examine two manuscripts Books handed over by the President of the Late Corporation, and to form an Index of whatever important matters they may contain. Carried, and Messrs. Garza and Rodriguez were appointed said Committee.

Council adjourned to Monday April 2nd 10 OC AM.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Secty

v W<sup>m</sup> Henry Daingerfield

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SESION DEL DIA 19 DE MARZO

Abierta la Sesion se dio lectura a la Acta de la anterior y aprobada esta, el Presidente anuncio q<sup>e</sup> el Sor. Small q<sup>e</sup> fue elegido Contestable o Alguacil de la Corporacion habia aceptado el empleo.

El Sro. Zambrano presento la relacion de la Comision nombrada p<sup>a</sup> pedir y arreglar las cuentas atrasadas de la anterior Corporacion, por la cual parecio q<sup>e</sup> le entrego el Tesorero de d<sup>ho</sup> Cuerpo la cantidad de \$85. 4 reales, el sobrante de los fondos cobrados y q<sup>e</sup> se debe todavia al Secretario de d<sup>ha</sup> Corporacion la cantidad de pesos de sueldo. Recivida y aprobada, los Documentos quedandose con el Tesorero actual.

JA-27. El Sor. Ximenes de la parte de la Comision nombrada p<sup>a</sup> examinar el estado actual de la Sala de la Casa Consistorial, espuso verbal<sup>te</sup> lo dificultoso de formar un presupuesto de los gastos p<sup>a</sup> la composicion de d<sup>ho</sup> edificio, y el Consejo resolvió q<sup>e</sup> d<sup>ha</sup> Comision fuere facultada p<sup>a</sup> contratar y llevar a efecto la composutra de d<sup>ha</sup> Casa sin dilacion.

JA-28. El Sor. Howth, propuso q<sup>e</sup> fuere autorizado el Presidente para firmar en el nombre de la Corporacion la obligacion p<sup>a</sup> seguro de perjuicios, importante de Trescientos pesos, como requisito legal p<sup>a</sup> proceder en la demanda contra los bienes de Fernando Rodriguez por dinero q<sup>e</sup> tomo prestado de los fondos de la Corporacion. Aprobado.

JA-29. En seguida, se dio cuenta con una propuesta hecha por el Agerimensor, Mr. Lindsey, p<sup>a</sup> medir alinear y formar una Mapa de la Ciudad y sus solares, segun el modo q<sup>e</sup> se<sup>v</sup>no y por un precio estipulado, El Sor. Zambrano propuso q<sup>e</sup> se nombre una Comision p<sup>a</sup> contratar con d<sup>ho</sup> Agrimensor en los terminos ofrecidos, lo q<sup>e</sup> fue aprobado, y el Presidente y el Sor. Mechaca p<sup>a</sup> d<sup>ha</sup> Comision fueron nombrados.

JA-30. El Sor. Zambrano propuso q<sup>e</sup> el Sor. Daingerfield fuere nombrado como Abogado p<sup>a</sup> examinar los Documentos y recoger el Testimonio q<sup>e</sup> deben servir p<sup>a</sup> establecer cuales fueron los linderos y limites antiguos de esta Corporacion, los que fueron confirmados a ella por la ley de 14 de Diciembre del ano pasado. Aprobado.

JA-31. El mismo Sor. Propuso q<sup>e</sup> se nombre una Comision q<sup>e</sup> examine los dos Volumenes q<sup>e</sup> se han sido entregado por el Presidente ant<sup>r</sup> y forme un Indice de las cosas mas interesantes q<sup>e</sup> en ellos se encuentren. Aprobado y los Sores. Garza y Rodriguez fueron nombrados p<sup>a</sup> d<sup>ha</sup> Comision.

Se levanto la Sesion debiendo reunirse el dia 2 de Abril

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The Council met pursuant to adjournment and the minutes of the last session having

been read and approved. The Mayor informed the Council that in discharge of the duty assigned him by the Corporation he had sought and examined such testimony as might serve to show what were the Ancient Limits of the Town Tract (Egidos), That in the course of the inquiry he had encountered so much discrepancy and difference of opinion that his opinion as a Lawyer was, it would be better for the Corporation to rest their claims to the Commons (Egidos) upon the Law of May 1829 by which said Egidos are defined.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the nature and situation of certain property belonging to the Corporation requested further time to prepare their report. Granted.

Mr. Howth moved the following Resolution.

"RESOLVED that this Corporation found its claim to Town Property on the Law of the State of Coahuila and Texas dated May 30th 1829 and that the Survey of the Town Tract commence from the center of the Public Square and extend two leagues from East to West and One League from North to South.

A discussion ensued upon the adoption of the Resolution and it was finally lost.

Capt Howth moved that the Council adjourn to Monday the 16th inst. by which time it was supposed that the Town Hall would be in a state to permit the Council to hold their sittings therein.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Secty

Wm Henry Daingerfield  
Mayor

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SESION DEL DIA 2 de ABRIL

Leida y aprobada la Acta de la Anterior, el Presidente espuso q<sup>e</sup> en cumplimiento del encargo q<sup>e</sup> le confio la Corporacion habia pedido y examinado los informes q<sup>e</sup> pudieron servir de establecer los limites antiguos de los Egidos de esta Ciudad, q<sup>e</sup> en d<sup>ha</sup> averiguacion habia encontrado tanta discrepancia y contradiccion q<sup>e</sup> segun su parecer como Abogado, seria mas conveniente q<sup>e</sup> la Corporacion se acoge a la Ley de las Ordenanzas de Mayo de 1829, que senalo dhos Egidos.

La Comision nombrada p<sup>a</sup> informarse de las propiedades pertenecientes a la Corporacion y dar cuentas de ellas, espuso q<sup>e</sup> todavia no estuvo lista su relacion y pidio mas tiempo por hacerla. Concedido hasta la proxima sesion.

El Sor. Howth propuso lo sigte:

"Que la Corporacion de esta Ciudad funde su derecho al terreno q<sup>e</sup> corresponde a la Ciudad con sus Egidos, sobre la Ley N<sup>o</sup> 98 del Estado de Coahuila y Texas, fecha 30 de Mayo de 1829 y q<sup>e</sup> se rompen las medidas del centro de la Plaza estendiendose dos leguas del Este al Oeste y una legua del Norte al Sur.

Tomada en consideracion la Resolucion despues de alguna discusion quedo sin ser aprobada.

Se levanto la Sesion debiedose reunir el dia 16 del presente, quedandose entendido q<sup>e</sup> la Casa Consistorial debe estar lista entonces p<sup>a</sup> recibir el Consejo.

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MAY 25th

The Council met this day upon requisition of the Mayor and the Minutes of the last session having been read and approved a desultory conversation ensued upon the necessity of fixing the City Boundary and Captain Howth offered the

following resolution.

RESOLVED that the 47th Art. of the Law of 1829 be translated and that the Mayor order the Survey to be made in accordance with the same.

A debate ensued, and the Resolution being put to the vote and the ayes and noes called for there appeared for the Resolution Capt Howth, and against Messrs. Rodriguez Zambrano, Lombrano and Garza, the motion was therefore lost.

Mr. Zambrano then moved the following:

JA-32. RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to instruct the Surveyor to run the Boundary Line of the Town Tract at the distance of One League in every direction from the City Church as a common center.

The Resolution being put to the vote and the Ayes and Noes called for there appeared in favor of the Motion Messrs. Rodriguez, Zambrano, Lombrano and Garza, and against it Mr. Howth, and the Resolution was consequently adopted.

Mr. Rodriguez on the part of the Committee appointed to examine certain Books belonging to the Archives of the Corporation reported that they contained nothing that merited the attention of the Council.

The same from the Committee to examine into the State of Certain Property belonging to the Corporation reported that the examination was not yet completed but would be so on the next meeting of the Council.

Adjourned to May 28th.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Secty

Wm Henry Daingerfield  
Mayor

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SESION DEL DIA 25 de MAYO

Leida y aprobada la Acta de la Sesion anterior, hubo alguna discusion sobre el modo de senalar los linderos de los Egidos de la Ciudad, y el Capt Howth propuso lo sigte:

"RESUELTO q<sup>e</sup> se tradusca la tercera parte del Articulo 47 de la Ley de 1829, sobre senalar los Egidos de la Ciudad y q<sup>e</sup> el Presidente mande al Agrimensor de medirlos conforme a dha ley.

Despues de ser discutida la Resolution quedo reprobada por votacion nominal, siendo en su favor el Sor Howth, y en su contra los Sores. Rodriguez, Zambrano, Lombrano y Garza.

El Sor. Zambrano propuso la Resolucion sigte:

"Que se faculte al Presidente p<sup>a</sup> q<sup>e</sup> mande al Agrimensor medir los Egidos de la Ciudad rompiendo las medidas de la Iglesia de la misma una legua por cada rumbo.

Puesta a discusion fue aprobada por votacion nominal, siendo en su favor los Sores. Rodriguez, Zambrano, Lombrano, y Garza y en su contra el Sor. Howth.

La Comision nombrada para examinar ciertos libros de los Archivos de esta Corporacion espuso q<sup>e</sup> no tienen nada q<sup>e</sup> merecio la atencion de este cuerpo.

La Comision nombrada p<sup>a</sup> averiguar cuales son las propiedades de esta Corporacion espuso q<sup>e</sup> todavia su relacion no fue completa, y prometio presentarla en la proxima sesion.

Se levanto la Sesion debiendose reunir el Lunes 28 del presente.

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JUNE 12

The Council met this day upon the requisition of the Mayor and the Minutes of the last siting were read and approved.

JA-33. Mr. Zambrano moved that the County Surveyor be requested to attend and state to the Corporation whether or not he is resolved to respect the rights of this Body and its Ordinances, as it appears some of his Deputies have lately made surveys

within the limits claimed by the Corporation in virtue of the Law of Coahuila and Texas of May 1829. Carried.

Mr. Trimble, the County Surveyor appeared and explained that according to his understanding of the aforesaid Law, the Town Tract was limited to Two Leagues, but that in compliance with the desire of the Corporation he would suspend future surveys within the Four Leagues claimed by the City, and retain the field notes of those already made until the action of some competent authority on the subject.

JA-34. Mr. Rodriguez moved the adoption of the foll<sup>g</sup> Ordinance.

"BE IT ORDAINED &c, That in consequence of the want of funds on the part of this Corporation a Tax of One Dollar shall be paid by every Cart which enters this City with Merchandise, and Two Dollars for each Waggon carrying freight and the Product of this Tax shall be appropriated to the Repairs of the Bridges and of the Ford of the Main Road, Carried and ordered to be published.

JA-35. Mr. Zambrano moved the adoption of the following Resolution.

RESOLVED, that in consequence of the disturbed State of this City for several months past, the Corporation has been unable to proceed in the course it had commenced for the proper regulation of the City; for which reason and in order that this Body may devote more attention to the matter, it shall meet in future every Monday at nine o'clock AM, and any member who fails to attend shall be fined in the sum of Five Dollars unless he can allege a proper excuse, or previously notify the Mayor of his inability to appear. Adopted Nem.....Con.

The Mayor named Messrs Menchaca, Rodriguez and Zambrano to examine what portion of the Town Property could be sold at present with most advantage to the Corporation.

Adjourned to Monday 18th inst.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Secty

W<sup>m</sup> Henry Daingerfield

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SESION DEL DIA 12 DE JUNIO

Leida y aprobada la Acta de la Sesion anterior, el Sor Zambrano prppuso lo sigte.

JA-33. Que se haga comparecer al Agrimensor pral. a esta Corporacion a decir si esta en disposicion de respetar la Corporacion de esta Ciudad, como lo mismo sus propiedades y decretos de ella; o no, porque se sabe que se sus Agrimensores habilitados, uno ha tirado medidas dentro de los limites de los Egidos senalados ultimamente por esta Corporacion en virtud del decreto de Coahuila y Texas del ano de 1829.

Aprobada la mocion, el Sor Trimble comparecio y espuso que segun su modo de entender el sentido de la dha. ley de 1829, la Ciudad, con sus Egidos, se compone de dos leguas y no mas; sin embargo, y para obsequiar los deseos de la Corporacion, mandaria que no se tiren mas medidas dentro de los limites senalados por la Corporacion, y que no entregaria las notas del campo de las medidas ya tiradas hasta el punto sea determinado por la autoridad competente.

JA-34. El Sor. Rodriguez presento el proyecto de decreto sigte.

"Estando tan escasa de fondos esta Corporacion, se establecera una pension de un peso por cada Carreta que entre con carga de efectos a fleta, y dos pesos siendo waggin, y lo cobrado sera destinado a la recomposicion de los puentes y del paso del Camino Real."

Aprobado y se lo mando publicar.

JA-35. El Sor Zambrano propuso lo Sigte.

En Virtud de los trastornos que padecio esta Ciudad en los meses pasados la Corporacion no pudo seguir la carrera que llevaba, en la cual iba tomando las providencias muy necesarias para el buen arreglo de ella; con tal motive para que la Corporacion pueda ocuparse con mas atencion de sus trabajos debere tener sesion cada Lunes a las nueve de la Man<sup>a</sup> y el individuo que no compareciere a ella se le aplicara una multa de Cinco pesos, que entregara de plata. Seran dispensados las faltas si fueran con justo motivo, o avisan antes al Presidente. Aprobado sin discusion.

El Presidente nombro una Comision compuesta de los Sores, Menchaca, Rodriguez, y Zambrano para averiguar cual porcion de las propiedades de la Corporacion se pueden vender por ahora con mas beneficios a la Ciudad.

Se levanto la sesion p<sup>a</sup> Lunes 18 del presente.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Srio

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MONDAY JUNE 18th 1838

The Council met and there not being a quorum present adjourned to Thursday the 21st ins.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Secty

JUNE 21st

The Council met pursuant to adjournment and the roll being called there appeared Messrs Daingerfield, Zambrano, Menchaca, Garza, Lombroso, Arreola and Iturri. Mr. M. Ximenes had leave of absence, Messrs Rodriguez and Howth, absent without leave. The minutes being read

The Committee appointed to report as to what portion of the Town Property might be most advantageously disposed of asked further time to prepare said report. Granted.

The Mayor appointed Mr. Garza a member of the said Commission.

An order from the Secretary of the Late Corporation for arrears of salary amounting to \$81.6 reales in favor of John W. Smith was ordered to be accepted by the Mayor in the name of the Corporation.

A representation from D.A. Navarro respecting enterments in grounds belonging to individuals was referred to a Committee.

A petition from A.C. Bailey to rent a Building in the Military Square was referred to the same.

Mr. Zambrano submitted the following Resolution.

JA-37. RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to inquire into the mode of obtaining a living of a number of individuals in this City who are believed to be Vagrants, and if so to prececute them as the law directs. Adopted.

Adjourned to Monday 25th inst.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Secty

Wm Henry Daingerfield

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SESION DEL DIA 21 DE JUNIO DE 1838

Leida y aprobada la Acta de la anterior la Comision nombrada para senalar las propiedades de la Corporacion que se pudieran vender con mas provecho espuso que todavia su relacion no fue lista y pidio hasta Lunes p<sup>a</sup> presentarla. El Presidente nombro el Sor. Garza meimbro de dha comision.

Una representacion de D.A. Navarro sobre entierros en terrenos pertenecientes a particulares se paso a la misma.

Se mando pasar a la misma la peticion de Mr. Bailey p<sup>a</sup> alquilar los edificios antes cuarteles en la Plaza de Armas.

JA-37. El Sor. Zambrano propuso lo sigte:

"Que se autorize el Presidente para que pueda esaminar el modo de vivir de mucha gente en la Ciudad que se cree son Vagos y sin ningun oficios y haga que sufran el rigor de la Ley. Aprobado

JA-38. Se autorizo el Presidente de aceptar en el nombre de la Corporacion una libranza p<sup>a</sup> la cantidad de \$81.6 rls, siendo el alcance del Salario del Secretario de la Corporacion anterior, y librada en favor de Juan W. Smith.

Se levanto la sesion. No asistieron los Sres. Ximenes, Rodriguez y Howth, el primero con licencia y los otros sin ella.

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MONDAY JUNE 25th 1838

The Council met pursuant to adjournment and the roll being called there appeared Messrs Daingerfield, Rodriguez, Rodriguez, Zambrano, Menchaca, Arreola, Garza, Lombrano and Iturri. Mr. Howth absent without leave. The Minutes having been read and approved

Mr. Rodriguez presented the following report from the Committee on Town Property, having been appointed to inquire into certain property belonging to the Corporation the Committee have only found two suertes, or lots, of ground, which belonged to the Late Menchacas situated in the Labor Alta, and one D<sup>c</sup> situate in the Labor de Valero, and known by the name of Las Animas.

JA-39. The Committee have spoken with Col I.N. Seguin who says that he is ready to settle with the Corporation upon the presentaion of the papers and receipts.

San Antonio June 25th 1838.

R. Garza  
Ambrosio Rodriguez

The report was received and the following receipts of Col Seguin handed over to Committee for collection:

No 1 for \$300	dated	Bexar	December 4th 1836
No 2 for \$100	dated	Bexar	December 22 1836
No 3 for \$320	Dated	Bexar	November 21 1836

JA-40. Public notice was ordered to be given respecting the renting of certain buildings in the Military Square, formerly the Barracks.

JA-41. Mr. Zambrano moved the following Resolution.

"RESOLVED that the Collector be allowed to charge five per cent upon all moneys by him collected." Adopted.

Adjourned to Monday July 2.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Secty

Wm Henry Daingerfield

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SESION DEL DIA 25 de JUNIO

Leida y aprobada la Acta de la anterior el Sor Rodriguez de la parte de la Comision nombrada para examinar las propiedades de la Corporacion presento la relacion sigte.

MUY ILUSTRE CORPORACION.

Habiendo sido comisionado p<sup>a</sup> examinar las propiedades de pertenecientes a esta Corporacion, no hemos encontrado otras que dos suertes de tierra de los finado Menchacas, situados en la Labor Alta; otra idem en la Labor de Valero, conocida con el nombre de Las Animas.

JA-39:

Hemos visto al Sor I.N. Seguin, y dice que tan luego como sus obligaciones, o recibos, le sean presentados, pagara a esta Corporacion.

San Antonio Junio 25 de 1838.

R. Garza  
Ambrosio Rodriguez

Aprobada la relacion, se mando entregar a la Comision los recibos dados por el Sor Seguin, los que son como sigue:

No 1 por \$300 con fecha de 4 de Diciembre de 1836  
No 2 por \$100 con fecha de 22 de Diciembre de 1836  
No 3 por \$320 con fecha de 21 de Noviembre de 1836

JA-40. Se mando publicar un Aviso al Publico sobre el alquilar de las Casas antes cuarteles en la Plaza de Armas.

JA-41. El Sor Zambrano propuso lo sigte:

Que se asigne al Colector el cinco porciento de todo lo que colecte. Aprobado.

Se lebanto la sesion, no asistieron los Sores. Iturri y Howth.

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MONDAY JULY 2 1838

In consequence of many members of the Council and the Citizens generally, being engaged in making preparations to repel the aggressions of the Indians there was no meeting of the Corporation this day.

JULY 16th

The Council met this day, present the Mayor, Messrs Rodriguez, Menchaca, Lombrano, and Arreola and there not being a quorum adjourned to Thursday the 19th inst. and the absent members being adjudged liable to the fine imposed by the Resolution of the 12th ult.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Secty

JULY 19th

The Council met pursuant to adjournment present the Mayor, Messrs Rodriguez, Zambrano, Iturri, Lombrano, Garza and Menchaca.

The Committee on Town Property reported that the Balance due by Col John N Seguin was \$571.4 rls he having given up various receipts for the sum of \$148.4 rls, which two sums make the total of \$720.00, for which the Committee held his receipts.

JA-42. Mr. Zambrano moved that Col Seguin's note for the sum of \$571.4 rls payable in twelve days from the date and in Texas Paper be received in full payment of the Balance due the Corporation by him. Carried.

JA-43. Mr. Zambrano moved that a Committee be appointed to see that the Boundary Line of the City be run out as soon as possible according to their understanding with the Surveyor. Carried.

The Mayor appointed Messrs Rodriguez and Garza said Comm<sup>e</sup>. Adjourned.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Secty

Wm Henry Daingerfield

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LUNES 2 DE JULIO DE 1838

Estando ocupados varios individuos de esta Corporacion, con los demas Ciudadanos en hacer preparativos p<sup>a</sup> resistir las agresiones de los Indios, hoy no hubo Sesion.

LUNES 16 DE JULIO DE 1838

Por no estar presente el numero competente de los miembros, no hubo sesion, los individuos ausentes sujetandose a la multa impuesta por la Resolucion del dia 12 del mes



pasado.

El Presidente nombro el Jueves 19 p<sup>a</sup> la reunion del Consejo.

SESION DEL DIA 19 DE JULIO 1838

Leida y aprobada la Acta de la anterior la Comision sobre propiedades pertenecientes a la Corporacion presento la Relacion sgte:

"Hemos recibido del Sor D. Juan N. Seguin en ajuste de cuentas su pagare de quinientos setenta y un pesos cuatro reales, y varios recibos que se montan a ciento cuarenta ocho pesos cuatro reales, cuyas sumas juntas hacen el montante de setecientos veinte pesos, cuyos recibos recibimos.

Rafael Garza  
Ambrosio Rodriguez

JA-42. El Sor Zambrano propuso que el pagare del Col Seguin para la cantidad de \$571.4 rls, pagadero en doce dias de su fecha y en el Papel de Texas, sea recibido en pago del alcance que el dho Sor. debe a la Corporacion. Aprobado.

JA-43. El mismo Sor Zambrano propuso que se nombre una Comision que presencie las medidas de la Ciudad lo mas pronto posible segun lo acuerden con el Agrimensor. Aprobado.

El Presidente nombro los Sres. Rodriguez y Garza p<sup>a</sup> dha Comision.

Se levanto la Sesion. No asistieron los Sres. Ximenes, Arreola y Howth.

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MONDAY JULY 30th 1838

The Council met present the Mayor, Messrs Rodriguez, Menchaca, Zambrano, Arreola, Iturri and Garza.

The Committee appointed to superintend the running of the Boundary Line of the Egidios of the City reported that they had performed their task and presented a Plat of the work.

JA-44. The Committee appointed to lay off a certain portion of lots for public sale presented a Plan of the same for the information of the Corporation; which Plan being approved was ordered to be publicly exhibited.

JA-45. Mr. Rodriguez offered the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that all surveys which any Surveyor may have made or may make within the limits of the Corporation shall be null and of no effect, of which Public Notice shall be given in the Houston Newspaper the NATIONAL BANNER until countermanded. Adopted.

JA-46. Mr. Menchaca offered the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that a Courier be despatched to the Commissioners General on Thursday or Friday of the present week for the purpose of representing and making known to the said Commissioners Gral. that the Surveyors in the County of Bexar respect neither the property of individuals, nor that of the Corporation, having made and continuing to make surveys upon both. Adopted.

JA-47. Mr. Zambrano proposed the following Resolution:

"That all persons brought into the County by any Mexican Officer and who have no visible means of living, if found either within this City or its precincts shall be obliged to depart as speedily as possible for the Republic of Mexico. Carried.

JA -48. Mr. Menchaca moved that the Corporation subscribe for the Newspaper called the NATIONAL BANNER. Agreed to.

JA-49. Mr. Garza moved that the monthly salary of the Secretary of Twenty five dollars should be payable in Silver. Carried.

JA-50. The Mayor now informed the Council that various motives, which he stated in writing, compelled him to offer his resignation, which being accepted by the Corporation, the following address was

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SESION DEL DIA DE JULIO 30 de 1838

Leida y aprobada la Acta de la anterior la Comisión nombrada para hacer medir los Gidos de esta Ciudad espuso que lo habia verificado y presento un Planocito del Trabajo.

JA-44. La Comisión encargada de la medida de los Solares para vender al publico presento el Plan de los dichos solares para el conocimiento de la Corporación. se viene.

Aprobado el Plan, se le mando exponer a la vista del Publico. se le constata el fin que se

JA-45. Que se anulen todas las medidas que algun agrimensor haya tirado, o tire, dentro de los limites de la Corporacion, poniendo aviso al Publico, y mandando publicar a Houston en la BANDERA NACIONAL hasta avisar al editor. Quedo aprobada.

JA-46. El Sor Menchaca ofrecio la Resolucion sigte:

"Que se mande un Correo al Comisionado gral el Jueves, o el Viernes de esta semana, cuyo objeto sera representar, o hacer saber a dho Comisionado gral que los Agrimensores en el Condado de Bexar no respetan las propiedades particulares, asi de vecinos de esta Ciudad, como de la Corporacion, pues sobre ellas se han tirado medidas y se estan tirando. Quedo aprobada.

JA-47. El Sor. Zambrano propuso lo sigte:

"Que todo individuo que se encuentre sin ocupacion en la Ciudad, o sus limites, de los que introdujo a Texas algun Jefe Mexicano, se haga salir de ella lo mas pronto posible p<sup>a</sup> la Republica de Mexico. Aprobado sin discusion.

JA-48. El Sor. Menchaca propuso que la Corporacion se suscriba p<sup>a</sup> el periodico de la BANDERA NACIONAL. Aprobado.

JA-49. El Sor Garza ofrecio la resolucion sigte:

"Que el sueldo del Secretario de Veinte cinco pesos mensuales sean pagados en plata. Quedo aprobado.

JA-50. El Sor Presidente espuso que por varios motivos tuvo que renunciar su empleo, y la Corporacion al admitir la renuncia le presento lo sigte:

SOR PRESIDENTE DE LA CORPORACION

Sor:

En vista de la Renuncia que V. ha presentado a la

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presented him, signed by all the members present.

Sir:

In accepting your resignation it is with the greatest regret that we find that a Gentlemen so distinguished for his talents and his kindly feelings towards our City should cease to accompany us in the labors which we commenced together and had hoped to conclude in company. Permit us therefore to offer you our best thanks for your correct discharge of your duties during the period of your presiding over us.

Your obedient Servants

J.A. Zambrano  
R. Garza  
A. Menchaca  
L. Arreola  
A. Rodriguez  
M. Iturri Castillo

JA-51. The Council appointed Messrs Menchaca and Arreola with the Secretary a Committee to inform the Chief Justice of the resignation of the Mayor and also of that of Mr. Howth. Adjourned.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Secty

MONDAY AUGUST 27, 1838

The Council met present Messrs Menchaca, Rodriguez, Zambrano, Lombrano, Iturri, Garza and Arreola.

JA-52. Mr. Garza nominated Mr. Menchaca for Mayor pro-tem in consequence of the resignation of W.H. Daingerfield.

Mr. Zambrano nominated Mr. Rodriguez for the same office. The votes being taken, Mr. Menchaca was elected.

JA-53. On motion of Mr. Zambrano it was ordered that the Mayor pro-tem in concert with the two Aldermen, Messrs Iturri and Rodriguez, should notify the Citizens that an Election for Mayor and for two Aldermen in place of Messrs. Howth and Flores, resigned, would be held at the Court House on Thursday, September 4th, nine O'clock, A.M. Adjourned.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
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Corporacion, en que anuncia debe separarse de ella por los motivos que espresa, tenemos bastante sentimiento de q<sup>e</sup> una persona como V. por sus luces y Buenos sentimientos hacia a esta Ciudad, no nos acompañe mas tiempo en los trabajos que habiamos comenzado y que pensabamos concluir. En tal virtud damos a V. las mas espresivas gracias por el buen manejo que ha tenido en el tiempo de su administracion.

Juan A. Zambrano  
Rafael Garza  
Antonio Menchaca  
Leandro Arreola  
Ambrosio Rodriguez  
Manuel Iturri Castillo

JA-51. En seguida la Corporacion nombro los Sores Menchaca y Arreola con el Secretario una Comision para avisar al Juez prl. del Condado de la renuncia del Sor Presidente y tambien de la del Sor. Howth p<sup>a</sup> los fines consiguientes.

Se levanto la Sesion. No asistieron los Sores Lombrano y Ximenes.

SESION DEL DIA 27 DE AGOSTO 1838

JA-52. Leida y aprobada la Acta de la Sesion anterior, el Sor. Garza nombro el Sor Menchaca p<sup>a</sup> servir de Presidente interino de la Corporacion por la renuncia del Sor Daingerfield.

El Sor. Zambrano nombro al Sor Rodriguez p<sup>a</sup> el mismo destino, y tomada la votacion el Sor Menchaca salio electo.

JA-53. A mocion del Sor. Zambrano se mando que el Presidente in<sup>o</sup> con los Sores Regidores Ambrosio Rodriguez y Man<sup>l</sup> Iturri Castillo notifiquen a los Ciudadanos que el Martes 4 de Setiembre se debe tener eleccion de Presidente y dos Regidores en lugar de los Sores Flores y Howth.

Se levanto la sesion.

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MONDAY OCTOBER 8th 1838

JA-54. The Council met upon requisition of the President Pro tem to consider of the property of adopting measures to secure the City against any sudden assault from the marauding parties of Mexicans now in the neighborhood of San Antonio, Present Messrs Menchaca, Iturri, Arreola, Zambrano, Ximenes and Lombrano.

The President briefly explained the motives of calling together the Corporation

and Mr. Zambrano moved the following resolutions.

1. A general list shall be made out of all individuals able to bear arms, as also of the horses and mules which each may possess, in order, should circumstances require that they should be in readiness to repel any attempt which might be made by the marauders to rob this City.

2. Any contravention of this Ordinance will subject the offender to a fine not less than five nor exceeding ten dollars, to be recovered by summary process.

The above Resolutions were carried unanimously and ordered to be published.

Adjourned.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
Secty

THURSDAY OCT 11 1838

The Corporation met present Messrs Menchaca, Iturri, Arreola, Zambrano, Lombroso and Garza.

The Mayor explained that the object of the meeting was to agree with a Committee named by a General Meeting of the Citizens, on the measures to be adopted in the existing crisis.

JA-55. Col John N. Seguin as chairman of said Committee presented certain resolutions recommending the necessary steps for the defence of the City, which being submitted to the Corporation and unanimously adopted were ordered to be published.

JA-56. Mr. Zambrano moved that all persons keeping taverns should be obliged to hand to Mayor daily a list of all persons remaining in thier houses. Carried. Adjourned.

Will<sup>m</sup> P Delmour  
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JA-54. En virtud del llamamiento del Presidente int<sup>o</sup> la Corporacion se junto con el fin de consultar sobre tomar providencias de asegurar esta Ciudad contra cualquier asalto que puedan intentar las partidas del enemigo que estan robando en las inmediaciones de esta.

El Presidente expico brevemente el motivo de esta reunion, y el Sor Zambrano propuso las resoluciones sigtes:

1. Que manana se precedera a hacer un alistameinto gral de los individuos capaces de tomar armas y tambien de las bestias q<sup>e</sup> cada uno tenga para si las circunstancias lo demanden, estar listos a la defensa contra alguna partida de ladrones que intente robar esta Ciudad.

2. Todo individuo que contavenga este decreto se le exigira una multa que no baje de cinco, ni pase de diez, que se cobrara del modo mas sumario.

Puestas a discusion las resoluciones quedaron aprobadas con unanimidad y se les mando publicar por Ordenanza.

Se levanto la sesion.

SESION DEL DIA 11 DE OCT<sup>bre</sup> 1838

La Corporacion se junto hoy con el fin de consultar con una Comision nombrada por una junta popular de los ciudadanos, sobre las medidas que se debe adoptar p<sup>a</sup> la definsa de la Ciudad.

JA-55. El Sor Col Juan N. Seguin, como presidente de dha Comision presento algunas resoluciones con este objeto; las cuales, puestas a discusion, fueron adoptadas por la Corporacion y se las mando publicar.

JA-56. El Sor. Zambrano hizo mocion que los duenos de fondas estaran obligados de entregar diariamente al Presidente de la Corporacion una lista de todo individuo q<sup>e</sup>

aloje en sus casas. Aprobado.

Se levanto la Sesion.

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JA-57.

In the City of San Antonio in the County of Bexar on this Eighth day of January One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-nine, the Corporation of said City was installed and consisted of the Following members duly elected on the seventh day of this month as appears by the annexed Certificate of the President Pro tem and associate Judges of this County under whose authority the election was holden: Jose Caciano, John W. Smith, Vicente Garza, Manuel Perez, Francisco Ant<sup>o</sup> Ruiz, George M. Dolson, Aldermen. Lancelot Smithers Treasurer and William Small, Collector who having taken the oath of Office as prescribed by Law entered upon the discharge of their functions. Samuel Maverick Mayor (absent), Domingo Bustillos and Luciano Navarro who were elected Aldermen were not present at the Act of Installation, whereupon the members proceeded to the election of a President Pro-tem when John W. Smith was unanimously elected.

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JA-58. Mr. Ruiz moved that a Committee be appointed to require from the President Pro tem of the Late Municipal Body all the papers and Documents, as also an account of the existences belonging to this body.

Carried and Messrs Vicente Garza and Jose Caciano were appointed said Committee.

JA-59. Mr. Garza moved that a Committee be appointed to require from the Treasurer of the Late body an account of the Egress and Ingress of the Public Funds of this City. Carried and Messrs Dolson and Ruiz were appointed said Committee.

JA-60. Mr. Ruiz moved that a Committee be appointed to require of the Late Collector the accounts of sums paid to him and delivered to the Treasurer. Carried and Messrs Perez and Garza were appointed said Committee.

The Council adjourned to Friday January 11th Ten OC A.M.

Rafael Garza  
Secty

John W Smith  
Prest. Pro-tem

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JA-57. En consecuencia de los oficios pasados al Mayor o Presidente, Regidores Tesorero, y Colector de la Corporacion de San Antonio (que fueron electos el dia 7 de este) para la reunion de dicho Cuerpo, tuvieron entrada en su empleo hoy dia de la fecha a las diez de la mañana, Jose Caciano, Juan G. Smith, Vicente Garza, Manuel Perez, Fran<sup>co</sup> A. Ruiz, George M. Dolson, Regidores. Lancelot Smithers Tesorero y Guillermo Small Collector, quienes haviedose presentado tomaron el Juramento de Estilo y fueron puestos en su empleo no habiendo asistido a este acto, Samuel A. Maverick Presidente por hallarse fuera del Lugar, Domingo Bustillos y Luciano Navarro que tambien fueron electos Regidores no asistieron y para dar constancia lo firmaron conmigo y los dos Jueces Asociados a los ocho dias del mes de Enero de Mil ocho cientos treinta y nueve.

Sobre lo cual reunidos todos los miembros procedieron a la eleccion de un Presidente interino y resulto Don Juan G. Smith electo por unanimidad de votos.

Antonio Menchaca  
Presd<sup>te</sup> Into

## PRIMERA SESION DEL DIA 8 DE ENERO DE 1839

JA-58. El Sr. Ruiz propuso se nombre una Comision para pedir del Presidente dela Corporacion anterior los Documentos y Papeles pertenecientes a este Cuerpo como tambien un informe de las existencias aprobado con unanimidad y se nombraron los SS. Vicente Garza y Jose Caciano para dha Comision.

JA-59. El Sr. Garza propuso se nombrase otra Comision para pedir las cuentas de los Egresos e Ingresos de los fondos Publicos de esta Ciudad al Tesorero anterior cuya Comision recayo y fue aprobada sobre los SS. Dolson y Ruiz.

JA-60. El Sr. Ruiz propuso se nombrase Comision para pedir al Colector anterior las cuentas de las cantidades que halla cobrado y entregado al Tesorero aprobada y nombrado al efecto a los SS. Perez y Garza.

Se levanto la Sesion, deviendo reunirse el Viernes 11 de Enero 1839 a las diez de la mañana.

R. Garza  
Sec

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FRIDAY JANUARY 11th 1839

The Council met pursuant to adjournment and the roll being called there appeared Messrs John W. Smith, Dolson, Ruiz, Garza and Perez, Mr. Jose Caciano absent on account of sickness. The minutes of the Former Session being read.

Mr. Garza on the part of the Committee appointed to receive the papers & Documents belonging to this Body from the late President delivered a quantity of papers without an inventory of the contents.

The Committee appointed to receive from the Late Treasurer the accounts of the Public Funds said, that they had spoken to the said Treasurer and his reply was that he would let the Committee know when he had finished of regulating his accounts, which untill now remains in such state.

The Committee appointed to regulate the accounts with the late Collector presented an account of Two Hundred and Twenty-six Dollars, being the only amount he received for the Corporation by its future dispositions.

The President Pro Tem presented to the Board six receipts from the acting Treasurer being an equal sum of dollars entered in to the Treasury for Ball Licences.

JA-61. On motion of Mr. Perez, Resolved that steps be taken immediately to repair the House in which the Corporation holds their sessions so that the Archives of said Body may be secure. Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed for the purpose of carrying in to effect the following Resolution & that said Committee be empowered to draw on the Corporation Fund to the amount of Sixty Dollars for the purpose of carrying into execution said repairs provided however that said money shall be drawn from money not otherwise appropriated. Carried and Messrs J.W. Smith & Jose Caciano were appointed said Committee.

Adjourned to Friday 18th inst. The President Pro Tem having livery to call the Council to an extraordinary session if so required.

Rafael Garza  
Secty

John W. Smith  
Pres. Pro Tem

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SESION DEL DIA VIERNES 11 DE ENERO DE 1839

Abierta la sesion estando Presentes el Presidente Interino Juan G. Smith, Regidores Dolson, Ruiz, Garza y Perez, sin asistencia de Jose Caciano por enfermo, se dio lectura a la Acta de la Ultima y aprobada esta: El Senor Garza sin la asociacion del Sr. Jose Caciano Comision nombrada para recibir del Presidente anterior la entrega de los asuntos

que devia hacer pertenecientes a este cuerpo, entrego un porcion de papeles sin Inventario de lo que contienen.

Los SS. Dolson y Ruiz, comision nombrada para recibir del Tesorero las cuentas de los Fondos Publicos, manifiestan haverle hablado al Tesorero anterior y su contestacion se redujo a que les avisaria luego que concluyera de arreglar las cuentas lo que hasta ahora ha quedado en tal estado.

Los SS. Garza y Perez en desempeno de su comision presentaron una cuenta documentada del Colector anterior importante de doscientos veinte y seis pesos todo lo que fue recibido pa la Corporacion por sus futuras disposiciones.

El Presidente interino puso de manifiesto al Cuerpo seis recibos del Tesorero actual de igual cantidad de pesos entrados en Tesoreria p<sup>a</sup> Licencias para Vailes.

JA-61. El Senor D<sup>n</sup> Manuel Perez propuso que es mui necesario se tomase las medidas convenientes para concluir la recomposicion de la Casa en que el Consejo deve tener sus Sesiones y la misma que devera servir de seguro deposito del Archivo o Papeles que le pertenecen por tanto pedia se ordenase y nombrase una Comision para que se entienda con los operarios que devan hacer los trabajos que requieren la compostura y limpieza de la Expresada Casa para cuya comision proponia a los SS. Juan G. Smith y Jose Caciono con facultad de disponer para este negocio hasta la cantidad de sesenta pesos de los fondos publicos que no estan apropiados de cuya opinion fueron todos los demas Capitulares.

Se levanto la sesion teniendo libertad el Presidente Interino de llamar al Cuerpo a Sesion extraordinaria si asi fuere necesario antes del tiempo venidero en que deven tener la ordinaria.

R. Garza  
Sec

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JANUARY 18th 1839

The Council met pursuant to adjournment and the Minutes of the last session having been read and approved

JA-62. The President Pro Tem presented the Council two petitions from individuals for the Secretary's Office, Dolson and Caciono were appointed Commissioners to receive the votes of the election said Commissioners returned. Rafael Garza with a majority of votes, who being called was duly sworn and took his seat with permission to give his Bond afterwards.

The President laid before the Body ten receipts from the Treasurer for Balls made since the last session being an equal sum of dollars entered in to the Treasury.

JA-63. Mr. Ruiz proposed the following Resolution.

"That a Committee be appointed to Regulate the Accounts with the Late Treasurer and Collector, said Committee will give an account in writing making the observations which might be convenient, carried and Mess Ruiz & Perez were appointed said Committee with privilege to use the papers belonging to this affair.

Mr. Ruiz offered the following Ordinance defining the duties of the Treasurer.

Be it ordained and it is hereby decreed by the Aldermen in Council of the City of Bexar as follows to witt:

Be it ordained that the Treasurer of said City be and he is hereby required to keep a Book in which he shall make an entry of all monies that shall be paid in to the Treasurer of the City,

Be it further ordained that the Treasurer shall keep every separte appropria-

tion in an entry made in the said Book and shall also make distinct entries and disbursements of said appropriations.

Be it further ordained that the Treasurer shall at any time when required to so do present to the Council of the City aforesaid a Statement of the Funds of said Corporation or any particular appropriation,

Be it further ordained that the Treasurer shall not pay over no monies of the Corporation nor any particular appropriation without a draft drawn by the Mayor of said City Council on the Treasurer for the same expressing therein the particular Fund or Appropriation from which the same shall be paid.

Be it further ordained that the President shall keep an account of all monies that he by draft may draw upon the Treasurer for, as well as general as particular funds.

Be it further ordained that the Treasurer shall not be required to keep an account of monies paid for Licenses on Fandangos in the Book required by the 1st section of this Decree but he shall keep a separate Book in which said monies shall be entered and when the amount of any particular appropriation shall appear on the same it shall then be transferred to the Book mentioned in the First Article of this Decree and entered as a Credit upon said Book-entry. Remains for discussion until next session.

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SESION DEL DIA 18 DE 1839

Reunida la Corporacion con los individuos Juan G. Smith Presidente, Dolson, Francisco Antonio Ruiz, Vicente Garza, Jose Caciono, y Manuel Perez Regidores se declaro abierta la Sesion, leida y aprovada la Acta anterior, El Presidente presento dos peticiones de individuos que solicitan el empleo para Secretario de este Cuerpo, y se nombro a Dolson y Caciono para Comisionados y recibir los votos de la election, cuya comision dio cuenta que Rafael Garza tuvo mayor numero de votos y siendo llamado el electo se le tomo juramento en devida forma segun la Ley y ocupo su destino con permiso de dar su fianza despues. Aprobado.

El Presidente puso de manifiesto al Cuerpo diez recibos del Tesorero por Bailes hechos desde la ultima sesion, siendo igual cantidad de pesos entrados en Tesoreria.

El Senor Ruiz propuso lo siguiente:

Que se nombre una Comision para el arreglo de cuentas con el Tesorero y Collector del ano pasado la que fue admitida teniendo que dar cuenta por escrito haciendo en ella las observaciones que convengan, cuya comision recayo en los S.S. Ruiz y Perez con permiso de usar los papeles relativos al asunto. Aprobado.

El Senor Ruiz, presento en proyecto el decreto siguiente:

"Arreglando el oficio del Tesorero"

Sera ordenado y por este esta decretado por los Regidores de la Ciudad de San Antonio de Bezar lo siguiente:

- 1<sup>o</sup>. Sera ordenado que el Tesorero de la Corporacion esta por este requerido tener un libro de asientos en que dara entrada y salida de todas las cantidades que le sean entregadas pertenecientes a dicha Corporacion.
- 2<sup>o</sup>. Sera ordenado que el Tesorero de entrada por separado en dicho libro a todas las apropiaciones y salidas de Fondos designados a obras particulares.
- 3<sup>o</sup>. Sera ordenado que el Tesorero en cualesquiera tiempo que sea requerido por el Presidente de la Corporacion dara cuenta de los alcances que resulten a los fondos Publicos o de alguno de los ramos de que se compone, en particular.
- 4<sup>o</sup>. Sera ordenado que el Tesorero de esta Corporacion no puede pagar ninguna cantidad sin tener la libranza del presidente para lo mismo, expresando la apropiacion de que ha de salir ya sea apropiacion general o particular.
- 5<sup>o</sup>. Sera ordenado que el Presidente deve llevar una cuenta de todas las libranzas



contra el Tesorero tanto de los fondos generales como particulares.

- 6°. Sera ordenado que el Tesorero de la Corporacion a mas del Libro que esta ordenado en la primera sesion de este decreto deve tener otro en que se asienten los Vailes que pagan sus derechos, y al fin de cada mes les dara entrada en el libro de cuentas general quedo p<sup>a</sup> ser decidido en la proxima sesion.

Rafael Garza  
Secty

Jn<sup>o</sup> W Smith  
Prest. Pro tem

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FRIDAY JANU 25th 1839

The Council met and there not being a quorum present adjourned to Friday 1st February.

Rafael Garza  
Secty (rubric)

FEBRUARY 1st

JA-64. The Council met pursuant to adjournment and the roll being called there appeared Mess John W. Smith, Dolson, Ruiz, Garza and Perez, Mr. Cacicano absent on account of sickness. The Minutes being read. The Act presented at last session regulating the Duties of Treasurer &c was read and approved.

The President laid before the Body twenty five receipts from the Treasurer being an equal sum of Dollars entered in to the Treasury.

The Committee appointed to Regulate the Accounts with the Late Treasurer and Collector presented them and delivered them to the Secty untill the arrival of the Treasurer

JA-65. Mr. Dolson moved that a Committee be appointed to attend the Cleaning of the Ditch which runs throug town according to the Ordinance of a Decree of the last Corporation dated March 14th 1838, Carried and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Garza and Dolson were appointed said Committee who will have to present a list of those who accomplish this Decree. Aproved and ordered to be published.

JA-66. Mr. Perez offered the following decree:

It is hereby decreed by this Corporation that the Alley betwixt Nixon and Vidal should be opened and have the width according to the anterior regulations and also to others which this town had since its foundation so as to permit the inhabitants to water. Aproved and ordered to be published.

Council adjourned untill next term.

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SESION DEL DIA 25 DE ENERO 1839

Reunido el cuerpo Municipal y no habiendo el numero competente de Regidores se levanto la sesion devriendose reunir el dia 1° de Febrero.

1° DE FEBRERO 1839

JA-64. Leida y aprovada la acta, se dio lectura al Decreto Arreglando los Deveres del Tesorero presentado en la Sesion anterior el que fue aprobado.

La Comision nombrada p<sup>a</sup> arreglar las cuentas del Tesorero anterior las presentaron y pusieron en manos del Secretario hasta la llegada del dicho Tesorero. El Presidente manifesto 25 recivos del Tesorero por Bailes hechos.

JA-65. El Senor Dolson propuso que se nombre una comision para tender a la limpieza de la Acequia Madre que pasa por esta Ciudad segun lo ordena el Decreto de la Corporacion anterior con fecha de 14 de Marzo del ano pasado cuya Comision recayo en

los S.S. Vicente Garza y George M. Dolson quienes tendran que presentar una lista de los que cumplieron este decreto. Aprobado y se mando publicar.

JA-66. El Senor Perez presento en proyecto el Decreto que sigue:

Por este esta decretado que el Callejon que queda en medio de los S<sup>os</sup>. Vidal y Nixon se habra y se le de el ancho conforme a las anteriores regulaciones y asi mismo a todos los demas que esta Ciudad tuvo desde su fundacion para facilitar el paso a los havitantes a la agua. Aprobado y se mando publicar.

Con lo que se levanto la sesion hasta el proximo termino.

Rafael Garza  
Secty (rubric)

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MARCH 1st 1839

The Council met present the President Pro Tem Mess<sup>rs</sup> G.M. Dolson, Jose Caciono, V. Garza, Man<sup>l</sup> Perez and Fran<sup>co</sup> Ruiz, the Minutes having been read and approved.

The President elected presented himself took the requisite oath and proceeded, acting as such.

Mr. J.W. Smith who acted as President Pro Tem laid before the body forty two receipts from the Treasurer for Balls made being an equal sum of Dollars entered in to the Treasury.

The Committee appointed to attend the repairing of the Corporation House presented an account of forty five dollars and eighty seven cents for materials and work done to said house.

The President Pro Tem presented a receipt of two hundred dollars paid to Wm Lindsey, Surveyor on his account for surveys made to the former Corporation received from Fran<sup>co</sup> Ruiz for account of Fernando Rodrig<sup>z</sup>.

Also a draft in favor of the Secretary Year 1838 One Hundred Dollars.

Also a draft in favor of Actual Secretary Twenty five Dollars.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

The undersigned respectfully submits the following proposition to your Hon. Body for consideration, and should it meet with your approbation he will endeavor to discharge the duties of his station to the utmost of his ability.

He proposes commencing a Public School on the first of March ensuing and agrees to teach all that may enter therein the English Language, together with Penmanship & Arithmetic provided the number shall not exceed thirty for the sum or at the rate of Eight Hundred Dollars per annum payable quarterly or monthly as your Hon. Body may think proper.

His system of instruction heretofore pursued by him has met he believes with general approbation but it is susceptible of much improvement which he is willing to effect provided sufficient inducements are given him. In order that your Hon. Body may be convinced that his proposition is entitled to your attention, he further proposes that you appoint three Gentlemen to examine fully into the merits of his system and report thereon at your next regular meeting.

With due consideration, he remains

San Antonio Feb<sup>y</sup> 14th 1839.

I. H. Winchell

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SESION DEL DIA 1<sup>o</sup> DE MARZO 1839

Reunida la Corporacion presentes el Presidente Interino Don Juan G. Smith, Regidores Goerge M. Dolson, Jose Caciono, Vicente Garza, Manuel Perez y Fran<sup>co</sup> Ruiz, se dio lectura a la Acta de la ultima y aprovada esta. El Presidente electo haviendose presentado tomo

el juramento de Estillo y prosiguió actuando como tal.

El Sr. Juan G. Smith q<sup>e</sup> funcionó como Presidente puso de manifiesto al Cuerpo cuarenta y dos recibos del Tesorero por Bailes hechos siendo igual cantidad de Pesos entrados en Tesorería.

La Comisión nombrada para q<sup>e</sup> se entendiese con la compostura de la Sala de la Corporación presentó una cuenta de cuarenta y cinco pesos siete reales por materiales y trabajo hecho a dicha sala.

El Presidente Interino presentó un recibo de doscientos pesos pagados al Agrimensor, W<sup>m</sup> Lindsey sobre su cuenta por medidas hechas a la Corporación anterior recibidos de Don Fran<sup>co</sup> A. Ruiz p<sup>r</sup> cuenta de Don Fernando Rodríguez. Idem una livranza en favor del Secretario del año 1838 de cantidad de cien pesos. Id. otra en favor del Secretario actual de veinte y cinco pesos.

AL HONORABLE PRESIDENTE Y S.S. REGIDORES DE LA CIUDAD DE SAN ANTONIO

El que suscribe respetuosamente ofrece la proposición siguiente al Honorable Cuerpo para su consideración y si fuere aprobada se esforzará a desempeñar los deberes de su puesto a lo más de su habilidad.

Propone empezar una Escuela Pública el día primero de Marzo entrante y se obliga enseñar a todos los q<sup>e</sup> entraren a ella la Idioma Inglesa juntamente con la Escritura y la Arithmetica con tal q<sup>e</sup> el número no exceda de treinta por la suma o a razón de ochocientos pesos anuales pagaderos por cuartos o mensuales según su Hon. Cuerpo lo juzgue conveniente. Su sistema de enseñanza o instrucción antes de ahora cre q<sup>e</sup> ha encontrado con el apruebo general pero es capaz de más adelantos los q<sup>e</sup> quiere efectuar con tal que suficientes esperanzas se le den y para q<sup>e</sup> así mismo su Hon. Cuerpo quede convencido q<sup>e</sup> su proposición merece su atención propone a demás q<sup>e</sup> V.S. nombren a tres Cavalleros para q<sup>e</sup> examinen llenamente los méritos de su sistema y hagan su reporte en la próxima sesión.

Con devida consideración soy de V.S.

San Antonio 14 de Febrero 1837

I. H. Winchell

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AVISO AL PUBLICO

JA-67. El día 6 y primer Lunes de Enero próximo habrá una elección en la Casa de la Corporación para el nombramiento de un Mayor o Presidente, Ocho Regidores, Un Tesorero y Un Colector de la Corporación de San Antonio para el siguiente año, la elección se abrirá a las nueve de la mañana y se cerrará a las cuatro de la tarde.

San Antonio 28 de Diciembre 1837.

R. Garza, Secretario

S.A. Maverick, Presidente

Lista nominal de los ciudadanos q<sup>e</sup> han sido votados por la Asamblea de esta fecha de conformidad al Aviso Público del día 6 de Enero del año 1839, para los empleos siguientes:

<u>PRESIDENTE</u>	<u>VOTOS</u>
J.W. Smith . . . . .	66
J. A. Navarro. . . . .	1
Fran <sup>co</sup> A. Ruiz . . . . .	1
<u>REGIDORES</u>	<u>VOTOS</u>
C. Van Ness . . . . .	65
M. Arciniega . . . . .	63
George Blow . . . . .	64
Manuel Perez . . . . .	
D. A. Taylor . . . . .	23
F. A. Ruiz . . . . .	64
J. McMullen . . . . .	61
A. Rodriguez . . . . .	63
J. A. Navarro . . . . .	48

J. W. Smith . . . . .	1
Alejo Bustillos . . . . .	1
W. B. Jaques . . . . .	1
J. Simpson . . . . .	1
R. Davis . . . . .	1
J. R. Cunningham . . . . .	1
L. Navarro . . . . .	2
D. Bustillo . . . . .	1
J. A. Zambrano . . . . .	1

<u>TESORERO</u>	<u>VOTOS</u>
Joseph McClellan . . . . .	64
J. Montes . . . . .	1

<u>COLECTOR</u>	<u>VOTOS</u>
J. C. Morgan . . . . .	66
Sam <sup>l</sup> Williams . . . . .	1

Certificamos que por resultado de la Eleccion tenida hoy dia 6 de  
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Enero de 1840, han sido electas las personas siguientes, a saver.

<u>REGIDORES</u>	<u>TESORERO</u>	<u>John W. Smith</u> President
Cornelius Van Ness	Joseph McClellan	
George Blow		
Miguel Arciniega	<u>COLECTOR</u>	<u>Samuel A. Maverick</u> (seal) Mayor or President
Manuel Perez	Josephus C. Morgan	
Fran <sup>co</sup> A. Ruiz		Fran <sup>co</sup> A. Ruiz (seal)
John McMullen		Manuel Perez (seal)
Jose A. Navarro <sup>z</sup>		<u>D. A. Taylor</u> (seal) Secty
Ambrosio Rodrig <sup>z</sup>		

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JANUARY 8th 1840

The Council in and for the City of San Antonio elected for the Year 1840 met in  
 Session in the City Hall present:

- J. W. Smith, Mayor
- J. A. Navarro
- George Blow
- Miguel Arciniega
- John McMullen
- Ambrosio Rodriguez
- Manuel Perez
- Fran<sup>co</sup> A. Ruiz

C. Van Ness, Alderman elect absent member in Congress for the County there being a  
 quorum proceeded.

When Mr. Blow represented to the Board that the County Court was then in sess-  
 ion and a part of this Body having business to attend to, moved an adjournment untill  
 the 10th at ten O'clock A.M. Carried the Board adjourned agreeable to motion.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

JAN<sup>y</sup> 10th 1840

Agreeable to the adjournment of the last session of the Council in and for the  
 City of San Antonio met in the City Hall, present Smith Mayor, Navarro, McMullen, Perez  
 Ruiz, Blow, and Rodriguez Aldermen, Arciniega not in attendance, when the Body was call-  
 ed to order.

JA-68. Mr. Blow moved that a Committee be appointed to make an inventory of all  
 the Documents delivered by the former Corporation, Mess Blow, McMullen & Arciniega  
 were appointed said Committee who at the same time will give their opinion upon af-  
 fairs of consideration and prompt resolution.

Mr. Smith Mayor laid before the Body two receipts from the Treasurer being an  
 equal sum of dollars entered to the Treasury for Balls made.

JA-69. RESOLVED by this Corporation that the Treasurer shall give a Bond of Two Thousand Dollars and the Collector one of Fifteen Hundred Dollars.

On motion of Mr. Blow and seconded by the Council Mess McMullen & Perez were appointed to receive from the Late Treasurer the accounts of the Public Funds of the City.

JA-70. The Council disposed that the President of same Body should call and get together all the proprietors of the Labor below Town and Citizens living near the main Ditch leading through the City to clean out said Ditch.

Adjournment untill 17th 1840.

Jn<sup>o</sup> W Smith  
Mayor

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ENERO 8 DE 1840

Reunido el Consejo de la Ciudad de San Antonio electo para el ano de 1840, en la Sala de la Ciudad presentes

Juan G. Smith, Presidente  
Jose A. Navarro  
George Blow  
Miguel Arciniega  
Juan McMullen  
Ambrosio Rodriguez  
Manuel Perez  
Fran<sup>co</sup> Ant<sup>o</sup> Ruiz

©. Van Ness Regidor electo miembro del Congreso por el Condado, habiendo numero suficiente se procedio.

El Sr. Blow represento al Consejo que la Corte del Condado estaba en Session y que una parte de este Cuerpo teniendo negocios q<sup>e</sup> atender en ella hizo mocion q<sup>e</sup> se levantase el Consejo hasta el dia 10 a las diez de la mañana, la que fue adoptada.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jn<sup>o</sup> W Smith  
Mayor

SESION DEL 10 de ENERO 1840

Reunida la Corporacion presente Smith Presidente, Navarro, McMullen, Perez, Ruiz, Blow y Rodriguez, Regidores, Arciniega ausente y llamado el Cuerpo a orden,

JA-68. El Sr. Blow propuso que se nombre una Comision para que inventariar todos los documentos entregados por la Corporacion anterior y por mayoria de votos fueron electos al efectos los Sr. Blow, McMullen y Arciniega para que al mismo tiempo declaren su opinion sobre los asuntos de consideration y de pronta resolucion.

El Sr. Presidente puso de manifiesto a la Corporacion dos recibos del Tesorero por igual cantidad de pesos producidos para Vailes hechos.

JA-69. Por Resolucion de la Corporacion devera exijirseles al Tesorero fianza de dos mil pesos y al Colector la de un Mil quinientos.

A mocion del Sr. Blow y secundada por el Consejo se nombraron a los SS. McMullen y Perez para que recivan del Tesorero anterior las cuentas del Caudal Publico de la Ciudad.

JA-70. Fue dispuesto por el Consejo que el Presidente del mismo cuerpo, se entienda con los duenos de tierra en la Labor de Abajo y vecinos que viven cerca de la Azequia que pasa por la Ciudad para que proceda a la limpia de Azequia.

Se levanto hasta el 17 1840.

R. Garza  
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Jn<sup>o</sup> W Smith  
Mayor

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The Council met pursuant to adjournment present J.W. Smith Mayor, Navarro, McMullen, Blow, Rodriguez, Perez, Aldermen, Mess. Arciniega, Ruiz not in attendance the minutes being read.

The Mayor laid before the body nine Receipts from the Treasurer being an equal sum of dollars, collected for Ball's.

The Mayor informed the Council that he had called on the Proprietors of the Labor Below Town, and all being ready to clean out the Main Ditch he gave every one his corresponding part.

JA-71. The Mayor offered the following Ordinance for the Better Regulation of the Water devoted to the Irrigation of the City of San Antonio & its vicinity.

Sec. 1st. The Mayor and Common Council in and for the City of San Antonio do hereby order and decree that the Main Ditch leading from San Peter Spring through the City be and the same is hereby required to be re-opened to its original depth and made        feet wide throughout its extent.

Sec. 2<sup>d</sup>. It is further ordered and decreed that the Mayor of this City be and he is hereby authorized to call upon all owners of Labors below the Town whose duty it is under a previous obligation, proportionable to clean out and keep in repair said Ditch and make out a list upon whom this obligation rests, to define the respective work which each shall perform regulating the work in proportion to its entire length from the North or upper side of Manuel Cadenas lot to its source, so specify in said lists the names of those who are willing as also those unwilling to perform their appropriate part of the work.

Sec. 3<sup>d</sup>. It is further ordered and decreed That as the Main Ditch as aforesaid not having been cleaned out for many years and require much labour, Therefore, for this present year the owners of lots &c, along said Ditch are required to open out and clear their front agreeably to this Ordinance including half the width of the Street where the same adjoins the lot of any particular individual, beginning at the upper side of Manuel Cadenas lot down to the first waist gate below town, and to attend to the part required by this Section the Corporation will appoint a Commissioner whose duty shall be to examine and require each Individual to do his or her part and report those who shall fail or refuse to clean out that part which to him or to her corresponds, shall forfeit and pay for each Vara so neglected or refused Fifty Cents which shall be collected by the Mayor in a summary manner with costs.

Sec. 4<sup>d</sup>. It is further ordered and decreed that in case any person or persons liable to the obligations alluded to in Sec 2<sup>d</sup>, refuse or neglect to perform their portion of the work defined as aforesaid the same shall be opened and perfected by the Corporation in a manner hereinafter to be provided for and an account of the expences for the same shall be preserved and the amount

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Reunida la Corporacion se declaro abierta la Sesion presentes Juan G. Smith Presidente, Regidores, Navarro, McMullen, Blow, Rodriguez, y Perez, los SS. Arciniega y Ruiz ausentes, Leida y aprovada la Acta de la Anterior

El Presidente puso de manifiesto nueve cedula recivos del Tesorero de igual

cantidad de pesos colectados por Vailes.

El Presidente manifesto al Cuerpo haver reunido a los vecinos de la Labor de Abajo, quienes hallandose prontos a limpiar la Azequia, se halla ya, cada uno con la parte q<sup>e</sup> le ha correspondido hacer.

JA-71. El Presidente presento la siguiente Ordenanza para Reglamentar Mejor la Agua destinada para el Riego de la Ciudad de San Antonio y sus Varrios.

Sec. 1<sup>a</sup>. El Presidente y Corporacion de la Ciudad de San Antonio ordenan y decretan que la Azequia Madre que viene del Oho de Agua de San Pedro y pasa por esta Ciudad se vuelva a abrir hasta su original profundidad y que se haga de        piez de ancho por toda su estacion.

Sec. 2<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta a mas que el Presidente de esta Ciudad sea facultado y por este se faculta para llamar a todos los duenas de Labores Abajo de esta Ciudad cuya obligacion ha sido anteriormente limpiar la Azequia y tener sin embarazos el corriente de la agua, y que haga una lista de los individuos que tengan esta obligacion, que senale el trabajo que a cada uno de corresponde, arreglando la obra en proporcion a toda la extension de dicha Azequia desde el lado de arriba del Solar de Manuel Cadena hasta donde comienza, y que ponga con explicacion las personas que se conformas con este reglamento y las que nieguen a ello.

Sec. 3<sup>a</sup>. Sera ordenado y decretado que como la Azequia Madre ya dicha no ha sido limpiada varios anos pasados y requiriendo mucho trabajo para abrirla, por el presente ano los duenos de solares &<sup>a</sup> en la orilla de la Azequia estan requeridos de abrir y limpiar sus frentes conforme lo ordena el Artículo 1<sup>o</sup> de este Decreto, y los fronterizos o colindantes a los Callejones donde hay puentes estan obligados tanto el de arriba como el de abajo a limpiar cada uno la mitad desde el lado de arriba del Solar de Manuel Cadena hasta el desagüe que se halla al sur de la Plaza Principal; y para llevar a cumplimiento todo lo expresado en esta Seccion la Corporacion nombrara un Comisionado q<sup>e</sup> atienda a esto particularmente quien dara cuenta de cualquier falta que ocurra. Y cada persona o personas que se niegue a limpiar la parte que le corresponda pagara la multa de cuatro reales por cada Vara que seran colectados por el Presidente de un modo breve con sus costos.

Sec. 4<sup>a</sup>. Tambien se ordena y decreta que en caso que alguna persona o personas que tenga la obligacion referida en la session segunda se niegue o deje de hacer la parte que le corresponda, la Corporacion abrira y perfeccionara la dicha parte en el modo y de la manera que despues se designara; y se presentara una relacion exsacta de las expensas de lo mismo cuyo importe se cargara a los individuos delincuentes en proporcion al trabajo que a cada uno corresponda, y las personas que reusen el pago despues de diez dias de ser requeridas perderan todo el derecho o accion a la agua por el

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shall be proportionable assessed between those persons thus neglecting or refusing to perform their appropriate part and should the aforesaid persons neglecting or refusing &c upon the application of the proper officer fail to pay the amount thus

assessed after ten days notice his or her water privilage for the space of Twelve Months shall there upon become forfeited to the use of the Corporation.

Sec. 5th. It is further ordered and decreed That if any person or persons, without proper authority shall place any obstruction in the Ditch aforesaid whereby the free passage of the Water is impeded or retarded shall on conviction thereof before the Mayor of the Corporation, be fined for the first offence \$5.00 & costs, and every person continuing to transgress a second time and every time thereafter shall pay a fine of \$20.00 & costs, and in case of inability to pay the fine shall be sentenced to work on the Public Works of the City as many days as may cover the judgment & costs at 50 cents p<sup>r</sup> day, one half of the fine thus adjudged shall accrue to the benefit of the Corporation the other half to the informer who shall prosecute to conviction.

Sec. 6th. It is further ordered and decreed That any person or persons who has a right to the water and wish to open a branch from the Main Ditch can at any time do so, on application to the Corporation and obligating himself or themselves to clean out said branch, and make or repair all bridges at the crossing of streets through which the same may pass, to the satisfaction of the Corporation, and paying the Tax assessed for said priviledge.

Sec. 7th. It is further ordered and decreed That all those persons who may wish to take water from the Main Ditch to water their land shall on or before the last day of February next or by the time the Corporation may designate on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> March next, have their gate frames completed with such abutments as will be permanent.

Sec. 8th. It is futher ordered and decreed That any person or persons who shall after the last day of February next or so soon thereafter as the water shall be divided stop or take the water from said ditch when it is not due to him or her to the prejudice of any other rightfull claimant shall upon conviction thereof before the Mayor of the Corporation in a summary manner for the first offence be adjudged to pay to the rightfull owner the value of the water thus unlawfully detained to be assesses by the Mayor and be fined in the sum of \$25.00, with costs and for every further offence shall pay the damages estimated as aforesaid and be fined in the sum of \$50.00 with costs and in default of payment of the fine shall be imprisoned and sentenced to work on the Public Works of the City half of the fine thus adjudges shall accrue to the Corporation and the other half to the informer who shall prosecute to conviction.

Sec. 9th. It is futher ordered and decreed that certain passes across the ditch below and south of the Sugar Mill shall be defined and bridged, and

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termino de un ano y la dich a agua quedara a beneficio de la Corporacion.

Sec. 5<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta a mas que cualesquier persona o personas que sin tener derecho legal ponga embarazo sobre la Azequia ya dicha impidiendo asi el libre pasage de la agua, sera sobre conviccion ante el Presidente de esta Corporacion, multado por la primera ofensa en cinco pesos, y por la segunda y cada vez despues sera multado en la suma de veinte pesos y costos e en falta o inability de pagar la multa sera destinado a obras publicas de la Ciudad a tanto numero de dias cuantos



sean necesarios a cubrir la multa y costos a cuatro reales diarios la mitad de las multas se aplicara a la Corporacion y la otra mitad quedara a beneficio del denunciante que de pruebas de la falta.

Sec 6<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta tambien que cualesquier persona o personas con derecho a la agua deeen abrir algunos de los ramos de Azequia jral, puede en cualesquier tiempo hacerlo bajo de pedimento a la Cornoracion, o obligandose a limpiar bien y hacer todos los puentes que haya en las calles por donde el interesado pasare su agua y esto a satisfaccion de la Corporacion y pagara la cantidad tasada por dicho privilegio.

Sec 7<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta a mas que las personas que deeen tomar agua de la Azequia Madre para regar se obliguen antes o para el dia ultimo de Febrero Venidero o en el tiempo que senalara esta Corporacion que no pasara del 15 de Marzo tener sus compuertas y ademes hechos de un modo permanente.

Sec 8<sup>a</sup>. Se ha ordenado y decretado ademas q<sup>e</sup> cualesquier persona o personas que desde dicho dia ult. de Febrero o desde q<sup>e</sup> la agua este puesta en dula tape o tome la agua en tiempo que no le pertenezca y en perjuicio del dueno legal, sera juzgado ante el Presidente de un modo breve, y sobre conviccion, sera ordenado a pagar al dueno legal de la agua el valor del dano cometido y multado por el Presidente en la suma de veinte y cinco pesos con costos, y por cada ofensa despues pagara el valor de todos los danos y multa de \$50.00, y costos, y en defecto de pagar las multas y costos sera destinada a la Carcel y trabajo Publico hasta ser pagadas; cuyas multas se partiran por mitad la una a la Corporacion y la otra al denunciante que pruebe su denuncia.

Sec 9<sup>a</sup>. Se ha ordenado y decretado q<sup>e</sup> ciertos pasos q<sup>e</sup> en la Azequia abajo o sur del Molino de Cana seran definidos establecidos puentes, y todas las personas estan prohibida de pasar Huayines, Carretas, o de cualquiera otra manera que pueda danar dicha Azequia donde hay puentes establecidos por la ley. Y cualesquier persona o personas q<sup>e</sup> viole lo prohibido por esta Seccion el o ellos bajo de conviccion ante el Presidente de esta Corporacion sera o seran multados en una suma q<sup>e</sup> no baje de cinco pesos ni pase de diez con costos por cada falta asi cometida.

Sec 10. Se ha ordenado y decretado q<sup>e</sup> en su debido tiempo, la agua de la Azequia de esta Ciudad sera dividida o puesta en dula dentro de las Labores de Abajo y los solares de esta Ciudad y q<sup>e</sup> cada parte interesada sera notificada de dha division y los dias o horas q<sup>e</sup> cada uno tiene derecho a tomar la agua.

Sec 11. Y se ha ordenado y decretado q<sup>e</sup> losmas pronto posible los propietarios de la

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all persons are hereby prohibited from crossing the same with Waggon, carts or in any other manner calculated to obstruct said ditch save at the points or bridges thus defined by law and should any person or persons violate the provisions of this Section, he or they shall upon conviction thereof before the Mayor of the Corporation be fined in a sum not less than five nor more than Ten Dollars with costs for each

and every offence.

- Sec 10. It is further ordered and decreed That in due time the water of said ditch shall be apportioned between the Labores below Town and the town itself, and each party interested shall be duly notified of the said apportionment and the days and hours upon which they shall be entitled to water.
- Sec 11. It is further ordered and decreed That as soon as practicable the proprietors of the Labor Below Town shall be call<sup>d</sup> together and elect a Commissioner whose duty it shall be to apportion the water &c, between the proprietors of the Labores, and there shall also be elected from among the persons entitled to water in the City a Commissioner whose duty shall be to apportion the water between those entitled thereto and each Commissioner shall continue to discharge their duties as aforesaid untill the close of this Year 1840.
- Sec. 12. It is further ordered and decreed That the Bridges at the crossing of the Streets over the said Ditch in the City shall be immediately repaired and as it is a part of the obligation of owners of the Labors below town the same is included in the work required to be done on the ditch except the timber for the repairing of said Bridges shall be procured by and at the expense of the Corporation.
- Sec 13. It is further ordered & decreed That the Main Ditch of the Alamo shall be included in the provisions of this Ordinance saving and excepting that from the proprietors of Labores entitled to water privileges from that ditch there shall annually be elected a Commissioner whose duty it shall be to apportion the water privileges, and exercise the general superintendence of the same during the year, and for the further and proper attainment of this object Manuel Ximenes is hereby constituted Commissioner Pro-tem whose duty it shall be to call together the proprietors at as early a season as possible, for the purpose of electing their annual Commissioner and to do and perform all acts contemplated in this Ordinance untill the election of said Commissioner is held.
- Sec 14. It is further ordered and decreed That all fines and forfeitures arising under this Ordinance shall accrue to the Corporation and be paid in to the City Treasury and subject to appropriations as other Funds of the Corporation.
- Sec 15. It is further ordered and decreed that the Mayor of the Corporation shall take the necessary measures to carry in to effect this

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Labor de abajo sean llamados para que hagan la eleccion de un Comisionado quien de vera entenderse con el relamento de la agua &c y le notificara a cada Proprietario el dia, dias o horas q<sup>e</sup> a cada uno corresponda, y tambien se tendra una reunion de todos los duenos de solares de propios de arriba y de abajo para nombrar un Comisionado quien tendra cuidado de dar a saver q<sup>e</sup> dias son los señalados para tomar la agua de propios, cuyos Comisionados desempenaran sus deberes durante el presente ano.

- Sec 12. Se ha ordenado y decretado que los puentes q<sup>e</sup> se hallan en las diferentes calles sobre la Azequia de esta Ciudad se compongan inmediatamente a quienes se les auxiliara con la Madera necesaria q<sup>e</sup> sera expensada por la Corporacion.

Sec 13. Se ha ordenado & decretado que la Azequia Madre del Alamo esta reglamentada bajo las provisiones de esta Ordenanza guardandola y aceptandola los propietarios de dicha labor con derecho a la agua de dicha Azequia. Que annualmente entre ellos y por ellos sera electo un Comisionado con el dever de proporcionar los derechos a la agua y en general superintender el mismo durante el ano. Y para llevar este objeto a su cumplimiento esta por este constituido Comisionado Interino Manuel Ximenes quien esta en el dever de reunir a todos los propietarios con el fin de q<sup>e</sup> nombren un Comisionado para el present e ano quien hara todo lo comprehensivo a esta Ordenanza.

Sec 14. Se ha ordenado y decretado q<sup>e</sup> todas las multas exigidas por esta ordenanza seran pagados en la Tesoreria de esta Ciudad y sujetas y apropiadas a la Ciudad como otros fondos.

Sec 15. Esta ordenado y decretado q<sup>e</sup> el Presidente de esta Corporacion esta facultado y requerido de llevar esta Ordenanza a su devido efecto en manera que la Azequia pueda tener en corriente la agua para el tiempo prevenido en la seccion 7<sup>a</sup> de esta Ordenanza la q<sup>e</sup> fue leida, corregida y aprovada y se mando publicar.

Se levanto la sesion hasta manana a las tres de la tarde.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jno. W. Smith  
Mayor

Ordinance so that by the time specified in the 7th Section the Ditches may be supplied with water which was read & approved and ordered to be published.

Council adjourned untill tomorrow at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jno. W. Smith  
Mayor

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JAN<sup>Y</sup> 18th 1840

JA-72. The Council met pursuant to adjournment the minutes being read and approved. The Mayor requested that the appointment of a Commissioner as ordered in the Sec. 3<sup>d</sup> of the Water Regulations should be taken into consideration. The Corporation elected Ambrosio Rodriguez said Commissioner.

JA-73. At the request of the Mayor the Council disposed that meanwhile the Corporation lacked a Secretary. Mr. Perez should be paid in proportion to the Clerks Salary for the publishing the Acts of this Corporation.

JA-74. It is defined by this Corporation That the regular meetings shall be held on every Thursday of each week instead of Mondays heretofore accostumed.

JA-75. Mess. Navarro, Blow & Perez associated with the President were appointed to examine all Decrees published in the former years, and to give their opinion upon those that shall be observed and on those that shall be revoked and to report at the next session.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jn<sup>O</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

JAN<sup>Y</sup> 30th 1840

The Council met and the roll being called there appeared Mess J.W. Smith Mayor, Navarro, Blow, Rodrig<sup>Z</sup>, McMullen & Peres Aldermen, not in attendance Ruiz & Arciniega, there being a quorum present proceeded.

The Mayor laid before the Council three receipts from the Treasurer collected for Ball's which were deposited in the Secretary's Office.

JA-75.<sup>1</sup> The Mayor also informed the Council that he had made a Contract with a certain individual for One Hundred Palos sticks of tolerable size & thickness for the repairing of bridges.           Aproved

R. Garza  
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Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

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SESION DEL DIA 18 DE ENERO 1840

Reunida la Corporacion la Acta de la anterior fue leida y aprovada.

JA-72. El Presidente manifesto que recomendava se tomase en consideracion el nombramiento del Comisionado que se ordena en la Sec 3<sup>a</sup> del Reglamento de la Agua, y fue electo por la misma Corporacion el Sr. A. Rodriguez.

JA-73. A pedimento del Presidente se dispuso por el cuerpo que entretanto falte el Secretario; con proporcion al sueldo se pague al Sr. Perez para que publique los Actos de esta Corporacion.

JA-74. Se senala para que esta Corporacion se reuna a sesiones ordinarias el dia Jueves de cada semana en lugar del Lunes que antes se acostumbraba.

JA-75. Se nombraron a los SS. Blow, Navarro y Perez asociados con el Presidente para que examinen los Decretos Publicados en los anos anteriores y den su opinion sobre los que devan observarse y los q<sup>e</sup> devan erogarse dando cuenta de todo en la procsima sesion.

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

Reunida la Corporacion dia 30 de 1840. Presentes Juan G. Smith Presidente, Regidores los SS. Navarro, Blow, Rodriguez, McMullen y Perez, ausentes Sr. Ruiz y Arciniega pro enfermos. Abierta la sesion, el Presidente manifesto tres cedulas de recivo de igual cantidad de pesos colectados por fandangos los que se mandaron depositar en Sria.

JA-75.<sup>1</sup> El Presidente dio cuenta haver celebrado contrato con un particular para que traiga cien palos de regular grueso y largo para la recomposicion de los puentes. Lo que fue aprobado.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

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FEBRUARY 13th 1840

The Council met present J.W. Smith Mayor, Navarro, McMullen, Arciniega, Blow, Rodriguez & Perez, Aldermen, Ruiz not in attendance.

Mr. Van Ness appeared took the requisite oath & entered into the duties of his office.

The Mayor laid before the body eight receipts being an equal sum of Dollars entered in to the Treasury collected for Ball's which were deposited in the office.

The Committee appointed to make an inventory of the Papers received from the Late Corporation, presented them to the Board, which was admitted.

Mess McMullen and Perez presented a receipt from the Acting Treasurer of what was received from the Mayor of the Corporation of 39 who acted as Treasurer which is as follows towit:

Received 16th Jan<sup>y</sup> 1839, of S.A. Maverick the sum of Sixty-eight Dollars and ninety five cents that being the amount in his hands due the Corporation

according to the books of the Treasurer as kept by L. Smith and of late by said Maverick.

I have also received the Blotter showing Fandango Licences & the Day Book of accounts I have also received Wm P. Delmours rec<sup>t</sup>. for Twenty Dollars, Receipt of Wm B. Jaques administrator of Delmour for \$30 and some orders of Rafael Garza for the amount of \$145.00 (\$25.00 having been p<sup>d</sup> by Smith to sd. Garza and F.A. Ruiz's account (paid) for four dollars.

Joseph McClelland, Treas.

JA-76. The salary of the Secretary was taken into consideration to whom it is detailed Twenty Dollars per month. Rafael Garza's petition was admitted for this office with the above mentioned salary. Who will before entering the duties of his office shall execute the requisite of the law.

JA-77. The Council took in to consideration the debt owed by Cor<sup>l</sup> J.N. Seguin to the Corporation, Mess Van Ness and Blow offered themselves gratuitously as Lawyers to collect from the individual the sum owed by him, and in case he should not pay the same they will sue him before (or in) the District Court so as to recover the payment consequently the papers declaring the debt to the amount of Seven Hundred and Twenty Dollars were delivered to them.

JA-78. Mr. Blow moved that a Committee be appointed to raise (or make) Ordinances for the Cleaning and Sweeping of the Streets and Squares and to give their opinion upon the subject. Mess Van Ness and Arciniega were appointed said Committee.

Adjourned until the 15th inst.

Approved.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

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SESION DEL DIA 13 DE FEBRERO 1840

Reunida la Corporacion presentes el Presidente J. G. Smith y Regidores Navarro, McMullen, Arciniega, Blow, Rodriguez y Perez, Ausente Ruiz.

El Sor Van Ness se presento a desempenar su oficio de Regidor a quien se tomo el juramento prevenido y entro en los deberes de su empleo.

El Presidente manifesto ocho recibos de igual numero de pesos entrados en Tesoreria por Vailes los que se mandaron depositar en Sria.

La Comision nombrada para hacer imventario de los papeles recibidos de la Corporacion anterior lo presento al Cuerpo el cual fue admitido.

Los SS. McMellen y Perez presentaron un recivo del Tesorero actual de lo recibido del Presidente de la Corporacion de 39 que hacia de Tesorero que es como sigue a saver:

Recivi, Enero 16 de 1840, de SA. A. Maverick la cantidad de sesenta y ocho pesos y noventa y cinco centavos siendo la cantidad en sus manos devida a la Corporacion segun los libros del Tesorero, tenido por L. Smith y ultimamente por dicho Maverick.

Tambien he recibido el Borrador que manifiesta las Licencias de Fandangos y el libro diario de cuentas. Tambien he recibido un recivo de W<sup>m</sup> P Delmour de veinte pesos, Recivo de W.B. Jaques administrador de Delmour de \$30, y varios ordenes de Rafael Garza por la suma de \$145. (haviendo pagado \$25. Smith a dho Garza) y una cuenta de F. A. Ruiz (pagada) de cuatro pesos.

Joseph McClellan,  
Tesorero.

JA-76. Se tomo en consideracion el sueldo del Secretario al q<sup>e</sup> se le detallan veinte pesos mensuales. La peticionde Rafael Garza fue admitida y aprobada para

este destino con el sueldo que aqui queda dicho, quien antes de entrar en los deberes de su destino de vera cumplir con los requisitos de la ley.

JA-77. Tomando el cuerpo en consideracion la deuda con q<sup>e</sup> se halla el Coronel Seguin con la Corporacion los S<sup>os</sup>. Van Ness y Blow ofreciendose gratuitamente encargarse con sus oficios de abogados a cobrar al individuo la cantidad que deve y de no pagarla lo demandaran ante la Corte de Distrito para que se verifique el pago e en su consecuencia se les entregaron los Documentos que declaran la dicha deuda importante de setecientos veinte pesos.

JA-78. El Sro. Blow propuso se nombre una Comision para que lebanen Ordenanzas que arreglen el aseo y limpieza de las Calles y Plazas y fueron nombrados los S<sup>os</sup>. Van Ness y Arciniega quienes daran su opinion sobre tales asuntos. Lo que fue aprobado.

Se levanto la sesion hasta el 15 del presente.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

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FEB<sup>y</sup> 15th 1840

The Council met pursuant to adjournment present J.W. Smith Mayor, Miguel Arciniega J. McMullen, Manuel Perez, Cornelius Van Ness, Geo. Blow, Aldermen, not in attendance Navarro, Ruiz and Rodriguez the minutes being read and approved Rafael Garza, Secty admitted by this Corporation appeared & took the oath of office & proceeded acting as such.

JA-79. The Committee appointed to raise ordinances for the Regulation of Cleaning and sweeping of the Streets and Squares presented the following ordinance.

Sec 1st. Be it ordained and it is hereby decreed That any person occupying a House either as proprietor or House Holder within the Limits of this City on the Wednesday's and Saturday's of each and every week before 10 O'clock A.M. of said Day's shall sweep all the rubbish and filth from in front of their respective houses and enclosures into the middle of the Street and should the enclosure of any premises front on more than one street the occupant shall in the same manner sweep and clean on all said streets.

Sec 2d. Be it futher ordained and decreed That all persons occupying houses or premises upon either of the Public Squares shall sweep and clean in front of their premises to the distance of ten yards.

Sec 3d. It is futher ordained and decreed, That the owners of all vacant and unoccupied premises shall clean the streets adjoining such premises in the same manner that occupants are herein required to do.

Sec 4th. That it shall be the duty of the Constable to see that the 1st, 2nd and 3d Sections of this Ordinance are complied with; and any person failing to comply with the same shall be fined two reals (25 cents) for every failure, for the use of the Constable. And failing to pay the fine on the application of the Constable, he the Constable shall give information thereof to the Mayor who shall proceed in a summary manner to collect double the amount of the fine, one half for the use of the Corporation and the other half for the Constable.

Sec 5th. That it shall be the duty of the Mayor to hire by contract a sufficient number of Carts to remove the rubbish that may be collected in the streets under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Sec 6th. It is futher ordained and decreed That any person who shall place anything in any street or square that shall be either a nuisance or an obstruction, shall be notified by the constable to remove the same, and

should he fail to do so within two days after said notification he shall be fined One Dollar for each day the same shall remain in said Street or Square the fine to be recovered in a summary manner before the Mayor upon information by the Constable; 25 percent of the fine to go to the Constable; and the balance to the Corporation.

Sec. 7th. It is further ordained & decreed That any hog be found running at large within the limits of the City, it shall be the duty of the Constable to seize and confine it and should the owner appear and claim it within

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SESION DEL DIA 15 de FEBRERO 1840

Reunida la Corporacion presentes Juan W. Smith Presidente y Regidores, Arciniega, McMullen, Perez, Van Ness y Blow, ausentes Ruiz, Navarro, y Rodriguez. Rafael Garza, Srío admitido por esta Corporacion se presento y tomado el juramento de estilo quedo apto a desempenar su destino leida y aprobada la acta de la anterior. JA-79. La Comision nombrada para levantar Ordenanzas que arreglen el Aceo y limpieza de las calles y Plazas presentaron la Ordenanza que sigue:

- Sec 1<sup>a</sup>. Se ha ordenado y por este esta decretado, Que cualesquier persona que ocupe una Casa ya sea como dueno y amo de ella dentro los limites de esta Ciudad barrera y limpiara todos los Miercoles y Sabados de cada semana antes de las diez de la manana toda la broza e inmundicia de enfrente de sus respectivas casas y cercados hacia el medio de la calle y si algun cercado hiciere frente a mas de una Calle el ocupante barrera y limpiara en la misma manera en todas dhas calles.
- Sec 2<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta a demas que todas las personas que tengan Casas o propiedades en cualesquiera de las dos plazas publicas barreran y limpiaran en frente de ellas a distancia de diez yardas.
- Sec 3<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta Que los duenos de propiedades vacias y desocupadas barreran las calles que junto a tales propiedades del mismo modo q<sup>e</sup> los que los ocupan por este estan requeridos de hacerlo.
- Sec 4<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta a demas que dever ser el dever del Condestable ver q<sup>e</sup> la 1<sup>a</sup>, 2<sup>a</sup> y 3<sup>a</sup> Secciones de esta Ordenanza sean cumplidas; y cualesquier persona q<sup>e</sup> falte a cumplir con las mismas se multara en el valor de dos reales por cada falta para beneficio del Condestable, y la persona q<sup>e</sup> se niegue a pagar la multa cuando sea requerida por el Condestable el, el Condestable informara de ello al Presidente, quien procedera de un modo breve a colectar doble suma de la multa la mitad para beneficio de la Corporacion y la otra mitad para el Condestable.
- Sec 5<sup>a</sup>. Que sera el dever del Presidente alquillar por contrata un numero suficiente de Carretas para q<sup>e</sup> quieten la broza q<sup>e</sup> se junte en las calles bajo las provisiones de esta Ordenanza.
- Sec 6<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta ademas, que cualesquier persona que ponga en cualesquier Calle o Plaza cualesquer cosa danosa o q<sup>e</sup> cause algun impedimento sera notificada por el Condestable a quitar la misma y la persona q<sup>e</sup> faltare a asi hacerlo dos dias despues de dicha notificacion sera multada en el valor de un peso por cada q<sup>e</sup> aquello alli se quede en dicha calleo plaza la multa se cobrara de un modo breve ante el Presidente de la Corporacion sobre aviso o informe del

Condestable; el 25 por ciento de la multa sera p<sup>a</sup> el Condestable y el resto para la Corporacion.

Sec 7<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta a mas que si algun Cerdo se encontrase suelto dentro de los limites de esta Ciudad sera el dever del Condestable agarrarle y encerrarlo, si el dueno se presenta y lo reclama dentro de 24 horas sera per-

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24 hours, he shall be allowed to take it by paying a fine of three Dollars to the Corporation and three dollars more to be divided equally between the Constable and informer and should the owner not claim it within 24 hours the Constable shall sell it at Public-Cry the proceeds to go one half to the Constable and the balance to the informer.

Sec 8. It is further ordained and decreed That all persons who have cows that remain in the City during night if there be but one cow shall keep her within some enclosure or tied while in the City & if there be more than one, they shall be confined in an enclosure and for every violation of this section the Constable shall collect for his own use a fine of two reals. This section will not take effect untill ten days after the publication.

Sweeping and cleaning shall commence on Saturday 22d instant and the balance of this Ordinance shall take effect from the publication.

Approved and ordered to be published.

Approved.

JA-80. The Mayor informed the Council that a Constable should be elected for this Corporation. Josephus G. Morgan was unanimously elected who will be notified and give the requisite Bond.

Adjourned untill next term.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

FEBY 20<sup>th</sup> 1840

The Council met pursuant to adjournment present J.W. Smith Mayor, Jose a Navarro, J. McMullen, Manuel Perez, Ambrocio Rodriguez and Cornelius Van Ness, Aldermen, not in attendance Blow, Riuz, and Arciniega there being a quorum proceeded the minutes being read and aproved.

The Mayor laid before the Body six receipts from the Treasurer being an equal sum of follars entered into the Treasury for Fandango Licences.

The Mayor presented to the Board the following petition.

TO THE MAYOR AND CORPORATION OF THIS CITY

Gentlemen:

I deem it proper to lay before your honorable Body the many causes that induced me to act as I have done, and undertake to put up a fence repair the roof of those premises &.&.

1st. When I came to San Antonio, I requested of the (then) Corporation permission to work in the place where I now occupy, and their reply was, that the Corporation had no quorum and nothing could be said nor done by them.

2nd. I understood from persons well informed, (they appeared so to me) that it was doubtful wether the premises belonged to the Corporation or to the Public in a short time after, those premises was inhablited by a hoard of Runagates from the Rio Grand some of whom broke into my place and stole a



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mitido tomarlo pagando a la Corporacion tres pesos y tres pesos mas los q<sup>e</sup> se dividiran por iguales partes entre el Condestable y informante y si el dueno no lo reclamare dentro las 24 horas el Condestable lo vendera a grito publico el producto ira la mitad para el Condestable y el resto al informante.

Sec 8<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta a mas que todas las personas q<sup>e</sup> tuvieron o tengan vacas q<sup>e</sup> se quedan durante la noche in la Ciudad si no hubiere mas de una vaca la tendran amarrada o encerrada en algun cercado o corral mientras este dentro de la Ciudad y si hubiere mas de una Vaca las tendran encerradas en algun cercado y todas personas q<sup>e</sup> viole esta seccion pagara al Condestable la multa de dos reales p<sup>a</sup> su beneficio esta seccion no se llevara a efecto hasta despues de 10 dias de su publicacion, Barrer y limpiar empezara el Savado dia 22 del presente y el resto de esta Ordenanza se llevara efecto desde su publicacion.

Aprobado y se mando publicar.

Aprobado.

JA-80. El Presidente anuncio q<sup>e</sup> un Condestable para esta Corporacion devia elegirse el Senor J.C. Morgan fue por mayoria de votos electo para este empleo quien despues de ser notificado devera dar su fianza requerida por la ley.

Se levanto la sesion hasta el proximo termino.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

SESION DEL DIA 20 DE FEBRERO 1840

Reunida la Corporacion presentes J.W. Smith Presidente, Regidores, Navarro, McMullen, Perez, Rodriguez y Cornelio Van Ness, ausentes Blow, Ruiz, y Arciniega habiendo un numero competente de Regidores declaro abierta la sesion, leida y aprobada la Acta de la anterior

El Presidente puso de manifiesto al Cuerpo seis recibos del Tesorero por Bailes hechos siendo igual numero de pesos enterados en la Tesoreria.

El Presidente presento al Consejo la peticion siguiente dirigida:

AL MAYOR Y CORPORACION DE SAN ANTONIO

Senores:

Jusgo conveniente esponer ante su Hon<sup>e</sup> Cuerpo las muchas o varios causas que me indujeron actuar como he hecho y emprender a poner una cerca, componer los techos de esas propiedades &<sup>a</sup> &<sup>a</sup>.

1<sup>o</sup>. Cuando llegue a San Antonio suplique a la Corporacion (de aquel tiempo) se me diera permiso el trabajar en el lugar que ahora ocupo su respuesta fue que la Corporacion no tenia Coro y q<sup>e</sup> nada podian decir o hacer.

2<sup>o</sup>. Entendi de algunas personas bien impuesta (asi me parecieron ami) q<sup>e</sup> se dudaba si las propiedades pertenecian a la Corporacion o a la Republica poco tiempo despues aquellas propiedades fueron habitadas por una horda de renegados del Rio Grande alguien o algunos de los cuales

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pair of pistles and double gun, I could guess very close who the persons were, who committed the theft, I cautioned them to keep at a Civil Distance for the future; their next proceeding, was, to fire at me in the night when in my bed, according to the old saying An inch is as good as a Mile, I then applied to

Mr. Maverick, and told him that they should be turned out of that place, that, that band of Rio Grande Runagates were the persons, that was robbing and committing depredations in town, after thatt they stole my sign Board whilst I was sick, that was taken down to one of the Missions and some thing made of it.

Therefore as there was no Corporation or no authority I myself undertook to clear them out, and succeeded since then, there was no whooping nor hollowing at night, no robberies committed I began to form a Corporation within my self by making a fence in front of said premises, to secure my life and property and be prepared for the attack of Hogs, Dogs, Cows and Thieves but now there is an incorporated Corporation that promises to secure life and property consequently I hope there is no need for my preparatory proceedings against the above mentioned nuisance but I will be on the lookout for the latter.

3d. I considered what I was doing towards the premises would be an improvement and would be looked upon as such, by the Corporation or the Republic of Texas when either would claim it.

4th. And finally I wished to make myself permanent in some healthy part of Texas, and there make myself at home, or in other words make myself a home, for it is not an easy matter to be moving from place to place the quantity of tools and machinery that I have got.

Mr. Patterson is gone to New Orleans, he promised to bring me a large pair of bellows, as I intended to do Smith Work in General Waggon, Carts & &.

Now, Gentlemen with all due respect I wish to hear from you as soon as possible and state what incouragement you would be please to give to/necessary to countermand a person of my capacity and ability, so that I may have time if it be some arrangements I have made that will be expensive.

Yours always obidient to Justice.

San Antonio Thursday February 1840

James Goodman

Remained on the table untill there is a fill meeting of the Council.

JA-81. Mr. Van Ness offered the following Ordinance,

"Be it ordained, That the Mayor be authorised to have the public Squares swept and cleaned on or before Saturday the 22<sup>d</sup> inst. and to draw on the Treasurer for the money to pay for the same & also to draw for the amount that may be required to pay the Cartmen for removing the rubbish from its streets upon that day." Approved.

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entraron y rompieron la Casa de mi morada y se robaron un par de pistolas y un Fusil de dos tiros. Puedo mui cerca adivinar quienes las personas fueron que cometieron el robo, les amoneste q<sup>e</sup> se quedaren a cierta distancia Civil para lo futuro, su proximo procedimiento fue el tirarme un tiro de noche en mi cama, segun el dicho antiguo una pulgada es tan buena como una milla, Entonces recurri al Sr. Maverick, y le dije q<sup>e</sup> devian ser echados fuera de aquel lugar, Que aquella banda de Renegados del Rio Grande eran las personas q<sup>e</sup> estaban robando y cometiendo depredaciones en la Ciudad, despues de eso se robaron my tabla de muestra mientras yo estuve enfermo, la q<sup>e</sup> fue llevada a una de las Misiones y alguna cosa hicieron de ella.

Asi mismo como no havia Corporacion o ninguna autoridad yo mismo emprendi el echarles fuera, y lo conseguí desde entones q<sup>e</sup> no hay griteria por las noches ni robos cometidos, Comenze a formar una Corporacion en mi mismo haciendo una Cerca en frente de dichas propiedades, para asegurar mi vida y propiedad y estar preparado para el ataque de Fuercos, Perros, Vacas y Ladrones pero ahora q<sup>e</sup> hay una Corporacion incor-

porada q<sup>e</sup> promete asegurar la vida y propiedades, consecuentemente espero q<sup>e</sup> no sea necesario mis preparaciones contra la arriba mencionada perjuicio pero estare en expectativa por lo ultimo.

3d. Considere q<sup>e</sup> lo que estaba haciendo a las propiedades se veria como mejora por la Corporacion o la Republica de Texas cuando cualesquiera lo reclamare.

4. Y finalmente deser hacerme permanente en alguna parte saludable de Texas y alli hacerme en Casa o en otras palabras hacerme una Casa porque no es una Cosa mui facil remover de paraje a paraje la cantidad de heramientas y maquinaria q<sup>e</sup> yo tengo.

El Senor Paterson se fue a Nueva Orleans, y me prometio traer un par de fuelles grande por q<sup>e</sup> intento hacer todo trabajo de herreria en general Huagines, Carretas &.&.

Ahora Senores con todo el respecto debido deseo saver de VS tan luego como sea posible y digan VS el animo q<sup>e</sup> se dignen dar a una persona de mi habilidad y capacidad para q<sup>e</sup> yo pueda tener tiempo, si necesario fuere a contramandar algunas colocaciones q<sup>e</sup> he hecho q<sup>e</sup> seran costosas.

Soy siempre obediente a la Justicia

San Antonio Jueves y Febrero 1840

Santiago Goodman

Quedo sobre la mesa hasta q<sup>e</sup> haya plena sesion.

JA-81. El Senor Van Ness ofrecio la Ordenanza Sig<sup>t</sup>e.

"Se ordena Que el Presidente se autorize para q<sup>e</sup> mande barrer y limpiar las Plazas Publicas antes o el dia Savado 22 del presente y q<sup>e</sup> jire sobre el Tesorero por el dinero para q<sup>e</sup> pague por ello, y tambien p<sup>a</sup> q<sup>e</sup> jire por la cantidad q<sup>e</sup> se necesite para pagar los Carreteros q<sup>e</sup> tiren o quiten las bazuras de las Calles en aquel dia. Aprobada.

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JA-82. Mr. Navarro moved that a Committee be appointed to raise an Ordinance against the Dogs of the City, as also one preventing or stopping of Guns at all times without any necessity, Mess Blow, Van Ness and Rodriguez were appointed said Committee. Approved.

Adjourned untill next term.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jn W. Smith  
Mayor

FEB<sup>y</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1840

The Council met, no quorum present. Adjourned.

MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> 1840

The Council met present J.W. Smith Mayor, Arciniega, Blow, Rodriguez, McMullen y Navarro, Aldermen, Perez, Ruiz y Van Ness not in attendance, the Minutes being read and approved, James Goodman's petition continued.

The Mayor laid before the Body six receipts from the Treasurer collected for Ball's an equal sum of dollars entered in the Treasury.

The Mayor also presented an account of Fifteen Dollars, paid to the Cartmen & Workmen who cleaned the Squares & helped to carry off the rubbish from the streets. Approved.

JA-83. The Corporation of San Antonio ordered & decreed, That from and after this date the rubbish collected in the streets will only be carried away every

Saturday of each week, instead of Wednesday's and Saturday's heretofore accustomed.

Mr. Blow part of the Committee appointed to Raise an Ordinance against the dogs of the City &<sup>a</sup> informed the Council that he was not ready, the Mayor granted him to present them on Saturday when this Council is to meet.

JA-84. Mr. Navarro proposed that an additional sec. should be published in the Police Ordinance so that the Citizens may understand that within thirty day's counted, shall each and every one clean and ORDER to carry off from their lots or enclosures all the rubbish these being not embraced by the Sec's 1st and 2d. of said Ordinance, which are carried off at the expense of the Corporacion. Aproved.

Adjourned untill next Saturday.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

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JA-82. El S<sup>r</sup> Navarro propuso q<sup>e</sup> se nombre una Comisionq<sup>e</sup> levante Ordenanza contra los perros de la Ciudad como tambien una q<sup>e</sup> evite el tiroteo de Armas de Fuego en todos tiempos sin necesidad alguna cuya Comision recayo en los SS. Blow, Van Ness y Rodrig<sup>z</sup>. Aprovada.

Se levanto la sesion hasta el proximo termino.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

SESION DEL DIA 27 DE FEBRERO 1840

Reunida la Corporacion y no habiendo numero competente se levanto.

SESION DEL DIA 5 DE MARZO 1840

Reunida la Corporacion presentes J.G. Smith Presidente, Arciniega, Blow, Rodrig<sup>z</sup> McMullen y Navarro regidores, ausentes Ruiz, y Van Ness, Leida y aprovada la Acta de la anterior la peticion de Santiago Goodman continuo.

El Prsidente manifesto al cuerpo seis recibos del Tesorero colectados por Bailes siendo ygal numero de pesos enterados en Tesoreria.

El mismo Senor presento una cuenta de Quince Pesos pagados a los Carreteros y Trabajadores q<sup>e</sup> limpiaron y ayudaron a tirar las bazuras de las calles. Aprovada.

JA-83. La Corporacion de San Antonio nuevam<sup>te</sup> ordena y decreta

"Que la fecha de adelante todas las bazuras q<sup>e</sup> se colecten en las calles se tiraran solamente todos los Savados de cada semana en lugar o vez de los Miercoles y Savados antes de ahora acostumbrado.

El Sor. Blow parte de la Comision nombrada para levantar Ordenanza contra los Perros de esta Ciudad &<sup>a</sup> informo al Cuerpo q<sup>e</sup> no se hallaba listo, El Presidente le concedio p<sup>a</sup> q<sup>e</sup> las presente hasta el dia Savado cuando devera reunirse este Cuerpo.

JA-84. El S<sup>r</sup> Navarro propuso se publique un Art<sup>o</sup> adicional a la Ordenanza de Policia afin de q<sup>e</sup> los CC. queden entendidos de que dentro del termino de 30 dias contados deve cada uno limpiar y mandar sacar de dentro de sus corrales o solares las bazuras, por no ser de las que comprended los Art<sup>s</sup> 1<sup>o</sup> y 2<sup>o</sup> de la dicha Ordenanza las cuales son tiradas a expensas de esta Corporacion. Aprovada.

Se levanto hasta el Savado y dia 7.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

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MARCH 7th 1840

The Council met agreeable to adjournment and there being no quorum present adjourned.

R. Garza  
Secty

26<sup>th</sup>

The Council met present J.W. Smith Mayor, Ambrocio Rodriguez, John McMullen, G. Van Ness, Miguel Arciniega, Fran<sup>co</sup> A. Ruiz, George Blow, and Jose Antonio Navarro, Aldermen, the Minutes of the former sesion being read and approved.

The Mayor laid before the Council ten receipts collected for Ball's made since last session equal sum of dollars entered the Treasury.

The Mayor also informed the Board that he had bought thirty Palos poles or logs for to build a Bridge on the Ditch above town.

JA-85. The Mayor informs the Council that he has put the water in Dula since last Sunday the 22d inst. with the reservation of the 5th which belongs to the City which begins on Thursday the 26th inst. a little before sun set, at an edection held by the proprietors of the Labors below town. Fran<sup>co</sup> Ximenes was elected Commissioner for the present year.

Mr. Rodriguez presented to the Council an account of Two Hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty cents in favor of the Secretary of the Corporation of 1839 which was placed in the hands of the Mayor to examine and report the amount due on it.

Sr Navarro moved that the Colector be notified so as he may give his Bond agreeable to law.

JA-86. Mr. Navarro moved that a Committee be appointed to define the duties of the Colector, Mess J.W. Smith Mayor associated with Mr. Van Ness were appointed said Committee.

Adjourned untill next term.

R. Garza  
Sec

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

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SESION DEL DIA 7 DE MARZO 1840

Reunida la Corporacion y por no haver el numero compentente se levanto.

R. Garza  
Sec

SESION DEL DIA 26 1840

Reunida la Corporacion presentes Juan G. Smith Presidente, Ambrosio Rodriguez Juan McMullen, Cornelius Van Ness, Miguel Arciniega, Fran<sup>co</sup> A. Ruiz, George Blow y Jose Antonio Navarro, Regidores, Leida y aprovada la sesion anterior

El Presidente manifesto al Guerpo diez recibos colectados por Bailes hechos desde la ultima sesion igual n<sup>o</sup> de pesos enterados en Tesoreria.

JA-85. El mismo Senor informo al Guerpo, haver puesto la agua de la Azequia q<sup>e</sup> pasa por la Ciudad en Dula desde el Domingo dia 22 del presente con el reservo del quinto que pertenece a la Ciudad el cual comienza el Jueves dia veinte y seis del mismo un poco antes de meterse el Sol, En una eleccion tenida o hecha por los propietarios de las Labores de abajo de la Ciudad, Don Francisco Ximenes resulto electo comisionado para el presente ano.

El Mayor informo al Guerpo q<sup>e</sup> havia comprado treinta palos para hacer un puente

arriba de la Ciudad.

Sor Rodriguez presento al Cuerpo una cuenta de doscientos ochenta y dos pesos cuatro reales (de plata) en favor del Secretario de la Corporacion de 1839, la que se puso en manos del Presidente p<sup>a</sup> que la examinara y reportare la suma q<sup>e</sup> se le deva sobre ella.

El Sr. Navarro propuso q<sup>e</sup> se de aviso al Colector para que de o pueda dar su fianza arreglada a la ley.

JA-86. El mismo Sr. propuso que se nombre una Comision para que arregle los deveres del Colector cuya Comision recayo sobre el Presidente asociado con el Sr. Van Ness.

Se levanto hasta el proximo termino.

R. Garza  
Secty

Jno W. Smith  
Mayor

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APRIL 2<sup>d</sup> 1840

The Council met agreeable to adjournment the minutes of the last sitting were read and approved.

The Mayor laid before the Body six receipts collected for Ball's made since last session.

The Mayor who was appointed at the last session to examine the account of the Secretary of last year, reports on the same due One Hundred and Twelve Dollars and fifty cents which was approved.

The Mayor presented to the Council a petition from J.W. Robinson which is as follows:  
TO THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

Your petitioner would respectfully represent unto your Hon Body That he is the owner of the Old Mill above and adjoining your City and that he is anxious to repair and put in operation the same for his own use and for the use of the other Citizens of your City and County. But to fully & permanently accomplish this purpose, he prays that your Hon. Body will permit authorise and allow your petitioner permanently & forever to have and enjoy the right to so deepen and widen the ditch or ditches, saca o sacas or by whatever name they may be know, by, by means of which the water has here tofore been conveyed to your petitioners Mill & also your petitioner prays the priviledge as aforesaid of raising the Dam across the River San Antonio so as to through a sufficient quantity of water for the purpose as aforesaid in addition to the water necessary for the purpose of irrigation & your petitioner prays such other y further privileges as your Hon Body may think proper to grant him for the purposes aforesaid & as in duty bound he will ever pray.

March 19th 1840

James W. Robinson

JA-87. The Mayor presented to the Board, the Bond of the Collector with the following securities to wit: S. Williams P. Fohe and F. Gray. Approved.

JA-88. The Mayor also informed the Council that Mr. Valdez desires to buy some of the Stone lying at the Wall's of the Alamo, the Corporation resolved to sell him all the stone he may want at Fifty cents per cartload. Approved.

JA-89. The Committee appointed to raise Ordinance against the Dog's of the City presented the following towit:

Sec 1<sup>st</sup> Be it ordained & decreed, That any person owning or keeping Dogs within within the Limits of the Corporation of San Antonio shall pay the following tax.

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SESION DEL DIA 2 DE AVRIL 1840

Reunida la Corporacion presentada Juan G. Smith Mayor y Regidores G. Blow, A. Rodriguez, M. Perez, C. Van Ness y Fran<sup>co</sup> Ruiz, Leida y aprobada la Acta de la anterior, El presidente manifesto al Cuerpo seis recibos del Tesorero por Bailes hechos desde la ultima sesion.

El Presidente quien fue nombrado en la ultima sesion para examinar la cuenta del Secretario del Ano pasado, manifiesta debersele la cantidad de ciento doce pesos y cuatro reales de plata. Aprobada

El mismo Senor presento al Cuerpo una petition de James W. Robinson la que es como sigue:

AL HON MAYOR Y REGIDORES DE LA CIUDAD DE SAN ANTONIO

El suplicante respetuosamente representa a su Hon. Cuerpo, Que el es el dueno del Molino Viejo que esta alla arriba y junto a la Ciudad y que esta ansioso de componer y poner el mismo en operacion para su propio uso y para el uso de los demas Ciudadanos de la Ciudad y Condado. Pero para cumplir plenamente y permanentemente este, Ruega el que su Hon. Cuerpo le permita autorise y dexa al que suplica permanentemente y para siempre tener o poseer y gozar el derecho para asi enhondar y enanchar la Azequia o Azequias, saca o sacas o por cualesquier nombre que sean conocidos por medio de lo cual antes de ahora la agua ha sido conducida al Molino del suplicante y tambien el que suplica pide o ruega el ya dho privilegio de levantar la Presa del o por el Rio San Antonio para poder echar una cantidad suficiente de Agua para el ya dho en aumento a la agua necesaria para el riego y el suplicante ruega o pide cuantos otros y mas privilegios que su Hon. Cuerpo juzgue conveniente concederle para los ya dhos. Y por dever siempre rogar.

Marzo 19 1840

James W. Robinson

JA-87. El Presidente presento al Cuerpo la fianza del Colector con los Fiadores sig<sup>tes</sup>: Samuel Williams, Pedro Fohr & F. Grey. Aprobada.

JA-88. El mismo Senor manifesto al Cuerpo q<sup>e</sup> el Cura Valdez desea comprar una poca de Piedra de la que hay en la Muralla del Alamo la Corporacion de San Antonio acorde q<sup>e</sup> se le vendiera la que necesitare a cuatro reales carreta. Aprobada

JA-89. La Comision nombrada para levantar Ordenanza contra los Perros de la Ciudad presento la sig<sup>te</sup>: La Corporacion de San Antonio ha decretado

Sec 1<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta, Que cualesquier persona duena de Perros dentro de los Limites de la Corporacion de San Antonio pagaran la sig<sup>te</sup>: Taxe

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For every male dog - -Fifty Cents.  
For every Female dog or Bitch - -Two Dollars.

Sec 2<sup>d</sup>. It is further ordered and decreed That persons keeping dogs as aforesaid shall obtain from the Mayor a Licence for the same on payment of the above tax and that the name of the person the number of dogs and the amount thus received shall be registered in a Book kept for that purpose.

Sec 3<sup>d</sup>. It is further ordained and decreed, That after the 8th day of April a Copy of this Register shall be furnished the Constable whose duty it shall then be to kill all dogs or Bitches which

have not been thus licensed for which he shall be entitled to receive twenty five cents for each dog and fifty cents for every bitch thus killed; to be furnished out of the Fund collected on the Licenses & on affidavit made before the Mayor of the number killed under this Ordinance.

Sec 4th. It is further ordained & decreed That the Constable shall be authorise to employ the necessary assistants for the performance of this duty who shall be entitled to the compensation provided in this Ordinance.

Sec 5th. It is further ordained & decreed That every dog or Bitch thus licensed and registered shall wear a collar with his appropriate number as appears upon the register affixed thereon on failure of which they shall be regarded as unlicensed dogs and killed, and all persons thus affixing a collar in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined in the sum of Two Dollars to be collected as all other fines incurred under the Ordinances of this Corporation. Approved and order to be published.

Adjourned untill next term.

R. Garza  
Clerk

Jno. W. Smith  
Mayor

APRIL 9th 1840

The Council met agreeable to adjournment there being present J.W. Smith Mayor, C. Van Ness, Perez & Rodríguez, there not being a quorum adjourned.

R. Garza  
Clerk

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Por cada Perro cincuenta centavos.  
Por cada Hembra o Perra dos pesos.

Sec 2. Ademas se ordena y decreta que todas las personas q<sup>e</sup> tengan Perros como se ha dicho obtendran p<sup>a</sup> ellos una licencia del Presidente pagando la arriba mencionada tax y que el nombre de la persona el numero de Perros y la suma asi recibida se registrara en un Libro hecho p<sup>a</sup> el fin o proposito.

Sec 3<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta ademas Que despues del dia 8 de Avril una Copia de este registro se le entregue al Condestable quien devera entonces matar todos los Perros o Perras que no hallan sido licenciadas por lo que recibira veinte y cinco centavos por cada Perro y cincuenta sueldos por cada perra q<sup>e</sup> matare lo que se verificara de los fondos colectados por Licencias y sobre declaracion jurada hecha ante el Mayor del numero q<sup>e</sup> se mataron bajo esta Ordenanza.

Sec 4<sup>a</sup>. Ademas se ordena y decreta Que el Condestable se autorize p<sup>a</sup> q<sup>e</sup> emplee los ayudantes necesarios p<sup>a</sup> llevar a efecto este dever quienes recibiran la recompensa q<sup>e</sup> provee esta Ordenanza.

Sec 5<sup>a</sup>. Ademas se ordena y decreta Que todo Perro o Perra asi licenciada y registrada portera un cuello con su correspondiente numero segun aparece en el Registro los q<sup>e</sup> asi no lo tuviesen o portaren se concideraran como no Licenciados y se mataran y todas las personas q<sup>e</sup> pusieren algun cuello en violacion de las provisiones de esta Ordenanza se multaran en la suma de dos pesos los que se colectaran como todas las demas multas incurridas bajo las Ordenanzas de esta Corporacion. Aprovada y se mando publicar.

Se levanto la sesion hasta el proximo termino.

R. Garza  
Sec.



AVRIL 9 de 1840

Reunida la Corporacion presentes Juan G. Smith, Mayor, Cornelius Van Ness, Perez y Rodrig<sup>z</sup>, pero no habiendo el numero competente se levanto, hasta el proximo termino.

R. Garza  
Sec

PAGE 49 Left: APRIL 23<sup>th</sup> 1840

The Council met present J.W. Smith Mayor, Van Ness, McMullen, Ruiz, Navarro, & Rodriguez Aldermen, the Minutes being read & approved.

The Mayor laid before the Body ten receipts from the Treasurer collected for Ball's made since last session.

The Colector vervally informed the Council of the resignation of his office which was admitted.

The Corporation appointed the Clerk of same as Colector, who will give the requisite Bond.

JA-90. Mr. Navarro offered the following decree:

"Be it ordained & decreed That all belonging to this Corporation which are not occupied as Public Offices, and by disposition and consent of this Body will hereafter be leased, the Mayor will inform the Council at their next meeting of said property which may be occupied without the knowledge of this Corporation and the rent that the occupants of the aforesaid property offers, for the knowledge & disposition of said Corporation. Approved.

JA-91. The Mayor offered the following Ordinance.

"AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A MARKET OF BEEF &c."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED.

Section 1st. Be it ordained and decreed that for the establishment of a Market House in this City the Westernmost of Lower stone House commonly known as the Principal Cuartel shall be set apart and kept as a public Market House for the use of the City.

Section 2nd. Be it ordained and decreed that all slaughtering of Beeves shall be done on the West Side of St. Peters Creek or on the East Side of the Alamo Ditch and the Beef taken from thence to the Market House for sale.

Section 3a. Be it ordained and decreed that all persons killing Beeves within the Limits of the Corporation shall exhibit the hide with the Brand Ear Marks or any other marks at the Market House from 6 Am until 8 A.M.

Section 4th. Be it ordained and decreed that no person under any pretence whatever shall be allowed to sell any mutton, pork, veal, or beef or any part thereof as it is slaughtered within the limits of the City except at the Market House established in this Ordinance.

Section 5th. Be it ordained and decreed that for each Beef Slaughtered and offered for sale at the Market House the owner or person selling the same, shall pay to the Commissioner for each Beef-Twenty five cents, for each Mutton or Goat-Six cents, & for each Hog-Twelve cents as a tax to be applied as hereinafter directed.

Section 6. Be it ordained and decreed that the Commissioner of this Corporation shall visit the Market House every day about 8 oclock A.M. and in a Book to be by him kept for that express purpose shall make an entry of the person or persons who shall be found selling in the Market House together with the Brand and other Marks of the Hide, all of which shall be open to the examination of any citizen at any time.

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AVRIL 23 1840

Reunida la Corporacion presentes J.G. Smith Presidente, Van Ness, McMullen, Navarro y Rodrig<sup>Z</sup> Regidores Leida y aprovada la Acta de la Anterior

El Bresidente manifesto al Cuerpo diez recibos del Tesorero colectados por Bayles hechos desde la ultima sesion.

El Colector de la Corporacion presento o hizo su renuncia de su empleo, la q<sup>e</sup> fue admitida.

La Corporacion nombro al Secretario de la misma Colector de ella, quien dara su fianza requerida.

JA-90. El Senor Navarro propuso el decreto sig<sup>te</sup>:

"Se ordena y decreta que todas las fincas rusticas y urbanas pertenecientes a esta Corporacion y que no esten empleadas como oficinas publicas y por disposicion y consentimiento de este cuerpo se arrendaran en lo de adelante. El Presidente informara a este cuerpo en la proxima sesion de tales propiedades q<sup>e</sup> esten ocupadas sin el conovimiento de esta Corporacion y la renta q<sup>e</sup> ofrecen los ocupantes de dnos propiedades p<sup>a</sup> el conociemiento y disposicion de esta Corporacion. Aprovada.

JA-91. El Presidente presento en proyecto la sig<sup>te</sup> Ordenanza.

"ORDENANZA Q<sup>E</sup> PROVEE UN MERCADO DE CARNE &c."

SE ORDENA POR EL MAYOR Y REGIDORES DE LA CIUDAD DE SAN ANTONIO EN CONCEJO REUNIDO

Sec 1<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta que para el establecimiento de un Mercade en esta Ciudad la Casa comunmente comocida como Guardia Principal se separa y se tiene como un Mercado Publico para el uso de esta Ciudad.

Sec 2<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta, Que toda Matanza de Reses, devera hacerse sobre el lado occidental del Arroyo San Pedro o sobre el lado oriental de la Azequia del Alamo y de alli se llevara la carne al Mercado para venderse.

Sec 3<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta que todas personas, q<sup>e</sup> mataren Reses dentro los limites de la Corporacion presentaran el Cuero con el Fierro y senal o cualesquiera otras marcas q<sup>e</sup> tuviere en el Mercado desde las seis hasta las ocho de la manana.

Sec 4<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta ademas, que ninguna persona bajo ningun pretesto sea cual fuere podra vender ninguna rez, ternero, cerdo o carnero, o cualesquier parte de ello, depues de muerto dentro los limites except en la casa de Mercado Estableida en esta Ordenanza.

Sec 5<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta, que por cada Rez q<sup>e</sup> se mate y le ponga a Vender en el Mercado el dueno o persona q<sup>e</sup> la vende pagara al Comisionado el derecho sig<sup>te</sup>: Por cada rez-dos reales, Por cada Carnero o cabra-medio real y por cada Cerdo -Un real como tax q<sup>e</sup> se aplicara del modo q<sup>e</sup> se dira despues.

Sec 6<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta que el comisionado de esta Corporacion visitara el Mercado todos los dias a las 9 de la manana y en un libro q<sup>e</sup> debera tener para cuyo fin alli anotara la persona o personas q<sup>e</sup> se encuentren vendiendo en el Mercado juntamente con el fierro o otras senales o marcas

del cuero lo que se pondra al examen de cualesquier ciudadano en cualquier tiempo.

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- Sec 7th. Be it ordained and decreed that any person who shall slaughter any beef within the limits as defined in the Second Section of this Ordinance shall on conviction be fined in the sum of Ten Dollars and and be it farther ordained that any person who shall slaughter a Beef and not exhibit the hide in the manner and form as required in the third section of this Ordinance shall be on conviction fined in the sum of Ten Dollars and be made to account for the same or prosecuted as the Law directs. And be it further ordained that any person who shall be either owner or seller who shall refuse to pay to this Commissioner the amount stipulated in the fifth Section of this Ordinance the Commissioners shall immediately give information to the Mayor who shall forthwith proceed to collect the Tax as aforesaid and fine the delinquent in the sum of Five Dollars, all the fines included in this section shall be recovered with costs.
- Sec 8th. Be it ordained and decreed that the Commissioner for his services in collecting the Tax as aforesaid and making an entry of the individual selling and the owner with the marks & brands of Hide shall be entitled to one third of the Tax levied in the 5th Section of this Ordinance and the other two thirds shall be applied to purchasing such furniture as may be necessary at the Market House or paid into the City Treasury and the said Commissioner shall make a written report of the number of Beeves slaughtered, the amount and in what expended with the accompanying receipts at the first meeting of the Board of Aldermen in each and every month.
- Sec 9th. Be it ordained and decreed That the Market House and furniture as aforesaid shall be kept clean by those who may use the same, each one in the day on concluding sales shall sweep and wash so as to leave the House in order for the ensuing day under penalty of One Dollar for neglect to be collected with costs and it shall be the duty of the Commissioner each day on visiting the Market House to see that this Section has been complied with and to report delinquents.
- Sec 10th. Be it ordained and decreed that any person wishing to slaughter a Beef for his other own private use and consuming, can do so, and take the same to his or her residence, provided he or she exhibit the Hide, Brand and marks at the Market House or to the Commissioner so that he can make the corresponding entry of the same.
- Sec 11. Be it ordained and decreed that all fines and forfeitures under this Ordinance shall be paid into the Treasury of the Corporation and applied as other Public Moneys.
- Sec 12. Be it ordained and decreed that the Clerk of this Corporation will discharge the duties of Commissioner as required by this Ordinance until otherwise provided for.
- Approved and ordered to be published.

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

The Mayor offered the following Ordinance.

JA-92.

"AN ORDINANCE DEFINING THE DUTIES OF THE COLLECTOR"

Sec 1. Be it ordained and decreed, That the Collector shall collect all taxes levied by the Corporation and that a Copy of each Ordinance shall be past to the Collector for his government and he shall keep an account of the moneys paid to him and the kind of money whether Gold, Silver, or promissory notes and shall receipt to each individual accordingly

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Sec 7<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta Que cualesquier persona q<sup>e</sup> matare una rez dentro de los limites como se defina en la segund seccion de esta Ordenanca sobre su conviccion se multara en la suma de diez pesos, ademas se ordena q<sup>e</sup> cualesquiera persona que matare alguna rez y no presentare el cuero en la manera y forma requirida en la 3<sup>a</sup> Seccion de esta Ordenanza sobre su conviccion se multara en la suma de diez pesos y sera responsable por ello o perseguido como la ley la dirige y ademas se ordena y decreta q<sup>e</sup> cualesquier persona que venda o ofresca a vender cualquier clase de carne despues del tiempo prescripto por esta Ordenanza en otra parte que no fuere en el mercado como se ha dho antes sobre su conviccion se multara en la suma de diez pesos, y admas se ordena q<sup>e</sup> cualesquier persona ya sea como dueno o vendedor q<sup>e</sup> rehusare pagar al Comisionado la suma estipulada en la 5<sup>a</sup> Sec. de esta Ordenanza, el Comisionado inmediatamente informara de ello al Mayor quien al instante procedera a colectar la tax dha y multara al delincuente en la suma de cinco pesos todas las multas impuestas en esta Sec. se covraran con sus costos.

Sec 8<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta Que el Comisionado por sus servicios de colectar la dha tax y por hacer la entrada del individuo q<sup>e</sup> vende y el dueno con las marcas y fierros del cuero, recibira una tercera parte de al tax impuesta en la 5<sup>a</sup> Secc. de esta Ordenance y las otras dos terceras partes se aplicaran a la compra de los servicios que se necesiten en la Casa del Mercado o pagados en la Tesoreria de la Ciudad y el dho Comisionado hara un reporte por escrito del numero de rezes que hallan Matado (muerto), la suma y en que se ha espendido con sus recibos correspondientes en la primer sesion de Regidores en todos y cada mes.

Sec 9<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta, Que la Casa del Mercado y los servicios de ella deven tenerse o conservarse limpios por aquellas personas que los usaren, Cada persona en el dia concluyendo su venta barrera y lavara para que este la Casa en orden para el dia siguiente so pena de Un peso de multa por cada olvido lo que se colectara con sus costos y sera el dever del Comisionado cada dia que visite el Mercado ver q<sup>e</sup> esta Sec. sea complida y reporte los delinquentes.

Sec 10. Se ordena y decreta que toda persona que qu iere matar alguna rez de las espresadas en esta Ordenanza p<sup>a</sup> el propio consumo o use de su casa podra hacerlo vajo las prevenciones de esta dha ordenanze en cuyo caso se podra llevar la carne de la rez muerta a su casa.

Sec 11. Se ordena y decreta, Que todas las multas y perdidas bajo esta Ordenanza seran pagadas a la Tesoreria y se aplicaran como otras monedas publicas.

Sec 12. Se ordena y decreta Que el Secretario de esta Corporacion desempenara los deveres de Comisionado como lo requiere esta Ordenanza hasta q<sup>e</sup> lo determine de otro modo.

Aprovado y se publicara.

JA-92. El presidente presento la siguiente Ordenanza.

"ARREGLANDO LOS DEVERES DEL COLECTOR"

Sec 1<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta, que el Colector colecte todas las taxes impuestas por esta Corporacion, y q<sup>e</sup> se le pase una copia de cada Ordenanza al Colector para su gobierno y tendra q<sup>e</sup> llevar cuenta del dinero q<sup>e</sup> se le pague y la especie de moneda si es Oro, Plata o Notas Promisorias y dara a cada individuo sus correspondiente recivo

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Sec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Be it ordained and decreed that the Collector shall pay into the City Treasury all moneys by him collected and take a receipt for the same in the first week in each month and render a statement thereof to the Corporation making the distinction in the kind of Money and of whom received.

Sec 3<sup>rd</sup>. Be it ordained and decreed that the Collector shall receive as compensation for all moneys by him collected and not otherwise provided for, five percent, which he may retain at any time on paying moneys into the Treasury, taking care that the fees be paid equally from the kind of moneys received. Approved.

JA-92.<sup>1</sup> On motion of Mr. Rodriguez, it was

RESOLVED, That the Mayor be hereby authorised to have all the Public Places of the City including the Churchyard swept and cleaned at the expense of the Corporation and to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of such expenses that may be incurred.

Approved.

JA-92.<sup>2</sup> On motion of Mr. Navarro, it was

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be hereby authorised to appoint some day or days in any week or weeks he may think proper to have killed all unlicensed dogs and that he be empowered to employ two or three men and a cart on such day or days appointed to kill said dogs and to carry their carcasses out of the City, the expenses of which he will pay or cause to be paid out of the Dog Fund.

Approved.

R. Garza  
Clerk

Jno. W. Smith  
Mayor

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Sec 2<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta, que el colector pague a la Tesoreria de la Ciudad todos los dineros por el colectados y tomara un recivo de ello la primera semana de cada mes y rendera una cuenta a la corporacion haciendo la distincion de la especie de moneda y de quen recibida.

Sec 3<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta, Que el Colector recibira por todas las monedas que colecte el cinco por ciento el que retendra o conservara en cualquier tiempo que pague dinero a la Tesoreria teniendo cuidado que los derechos se paguen igualmente en la especie de moneda, recibida.

Aprovada.

JA-92.<sup>1</sup> A mocion del Sor. Rodriguez se

RESOLVIO, que el Presidente se autorise para que mande limpiar todos los parajes publicos, incluyendo el Cimiterio y tambien esta autorizado para que jire contra el

Tesorero de la Corporacion por la suma necesaria para pagar por ello. Aprobado.

JA-92.<sup>2</sup> A mocion del Sor. Navarro se,

RESOLVIO, Que el Presidente de la Corporacion se autorise para que senale un dia de la semana para matar los Perros que no tengan su licancia, y que emplee dos o tres hombres con una Carreta para el dia senalado para sacar los perros (muertos) fuera de la Ciudad lo que pagara del Fondo de Perros. Aprobado

R. Garza  
Sec

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JULY 2 1840

Council met present J.W. Smith Mayor, Arciniega, Blow, Rodrig<sup>Z</sup>, McMullen & Perez Aldermen.

The Mayor laid before the Body fifty receipts of equal sum of Dollars entered in the Treasury for Ball Licenses & ordered to be registered.

JA-93. On motion of Mr. Smith the Council entered in to an election for a Constable when C.W. Egrey was unanimously elected.

R. Garza  
Clerk

Jno. W. Smith

AUGUST 27th 1840

The Council met there being present J.W. Smith Mayor, Arciniega, McMullen, Navarro Rodrig<sup>Z</sup>, Blow, Ruiz, & Perez Aldermen.

The Mayor laid before the Body thirty One receipts equal sum of dollars entered in the Treasury for Ball licenses.

JA-94. On motion an election was held for a Colector when Fran<sup>co</sup> X. Bustillos was duly elected.

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JULIO DE 2 1840

Reunida la Corporacion presentes Presidente John W. Smith y Regidores Arciniega, Blow, Rodriguez, McMullen y Perez.

El Presidente presento cincuenta recibos de igual cantidad de pesos enterados en Tesoreria por Licencia de Vailes, los que se mandaron archivar.

JA-93. A proposicion del Presidente se procedio al nombramiento de un Condestable y por unanimidad de votos fue electo para esta oficio C.W. Egrey.

R. Garza  
Srio

Jno. W. Smith  
Mayor

AGOSTO 27 DE 1840

Reunida la Corporacion presentes el Presente John W. Smith y Regidores Arciniega, McMullen, Navarro, Rodriguez, Blow, Ruiz y Perez.

El Presidente manifesto treinta y un recibos de igual cantidad de pesos enterados en Tesoreria por Licencia de Bailes.

JA-94: Se procedio al nombramiento de un Colector y por unanimidad de votos fue electo D<sup>n</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup> X. Bustillo.

JA -94.<sup>1</sup> Por esta Corporacion se cometic encargo a los SS. Arciniega y McMullen para que ocurriendo al Coronel Seguin se informen de el, el estado en que se halle el prestamo de quinientos pesos que esta Corporacion le presto al Cor. Neil para sueldo de la Tropa de Texas.

JA-95. Se faculta al Mayor de esta Corporacion para que ponga en practica la ley de Vagos y que estos sean aplicados al Trabajo de la recomposicion de la Carcel, pudiendoles asistir con uno y medio reales a cada uno. Los destinados seran gobernados en los trabajos por un Mayordomo que al efecto contratara el Mayor con la oferta de quince pesos mensuales o menos si fuera posible.

JA-96. El Mayor dio cuenta con un cargo de setenta y seis pesos que esta Corporacion adeuda a

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PAGE 53: D. Ramon Muzquis por las vigas puestas en la azotea de la Casa en que hace sus sesiones esta Corporacion la que fue aprobada y mandada pagarse en dos pagares contra el Tesorero.

Jno. W. Smith  
Mayor

OCTUBRE 29 DE 1840

Reunida la Corporacion presentes los Senores Smith Mayor, Van Ness, Blow, Arciniega, McMullen, y Perez Regidores; y declarada abierta la sesion presento el Mayor veinte y cuatro recibos de igual numero de pesos entrados en Tesoreria, por licencia para Bailes. Tambien presento una cuenta delo vendido por el Rastro hasta el dia 2 de Sept<sup>e</sup> de este ano, dela que deducida los gastos y comision por su colectacion, resulta en favor de los fondos diez y nueve pesos, cuarenta y dos centavos, lo mismo que aparece ser recibido por el Tesorero.

JA-97. Se tomo en consideracion el estado de ruina en que se halla la favrica del Rastro Viejo, sobre lo cual se dispuso quedare al cargo del Mayor de esta Corporacion para que al mejor precio sean vendidos los adoves y madera de que esta construida.

JA-98. Igualmente se tomo en consideracion el tiempo en que devera estancarse las aguas delas Azequias dela lavores y se dispuso se verificare el dia 1<sup>o</sup> fr Enero 1841, que se limpiase en dicho mes, de modo que las aguas vuelvan a estar en corriente el dia 1<sup>o</sup> de Febrero.

La comision nombrada para recaudar del Coronel Seguin los Documentos que acrediten el prestamo de quinientos pesos que segun aparece de acta el Ayuntamiento presto al Coronel Neil, ha presentado solamente un recivo de dho Neil importante de doscientos pesos unico documento que el Coronel Seguin le entrego.

R. Garza  
Srío

Jno. W. Smith  
Mayor

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Reunida la Corporacion presentes los SS. Smith Mayor, Van Ness, Arciniega, Blow, Perez y McMullen Regidores.

El Mayor dio cuenta con renuncia que hizo de su encargo el Tesorero de esta Corporacion; y en consecuencia se dispuso por este cuerpo que interinamente se pongan los Fondos existentes, libros y demas documentos que corresponden a aquel encargo en poder del Sor. D. Miguel Arciniega.

JA-99. Para la seguridad de nuestra Ciudad y Condado es muy necesario el favricar una Casa para Carcel, y para reunir los Fondos suficientes para tal objeto el Mayor y Regidores dela Ciudad de San Antonio decreta lo que sigue:

Sec 1<sup>a</sup>. Los Terrenos baldios que haya en los limites de esta Ciudad seran puestos en benta y su producto exclusivamente apartado e invertido

en la Favricacion de unaCarcel.

- Sec 2<sup>a</sup>. Los terrenos dichos se ofrezeran en benta publica por orden del Mayor, despues de ser medidos o delineados como este Consejo dirija; dando tres semanas de aviso en una de las Gazetas de la Ciudades de Austin y Houston, cuando menos treinta dias antes del dia de la Venta.
- Sec 3<sup>a</sup>. El menor precio de los solares de 2500 Varas cuadradas, situados al Este dela Azequia Principal del Alamo, desde el Arroyo de San Pedro sera de diez pesos, y los solares quebrados en la misma proporcion, pagables en plazos, el primero en mano, el segundo en tres meses, y el tercero en seis meses, bajo la pena de perder lo que se halla pagado si se faltare a alguno de los pagos. El comprador recibira certificado condicional hasta la entrega. del Titulo que se le dara cuando haya cumplido el ult<sup>o</sup> pago.
- Sec 4<sup>a</sup>. El Mayor luego que el comprador le presenta recivo del Tesorero del total pago de sus compras, estendera en nombre de esta Corporacion el correspondiente Titulo al comprador o a sus subseores.
- Sec 5<sup>a</sup>. Las dos suertes situadas arriba de esta Ciudad que pertenecen a esta Corp- oracion y conovidas por la suerte dellos Menchacas se ofrezeran en benta, enteras, y el menos precio de ellas sera cien pesos y todos los demas solares situados a dentro de la Azequia Madre del Alamo y del Arroyo de San Pedro seran ofrecidos en benta publica y el menor precio de ellos sera Pesos por cada vara de frente, cuyas bentas seran hechas,

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PAGE 55: con las mismas condiciones puestas en la 3<sup>a</sup> Seccion de esta Ordenanza.

Sec 6<sup>a</sup>. Se alguno de los solares dichos no fueren bendidos a los precios prefigados en publica su basta, podran ser bendidos por el Mayor pagando al Tesorero el valor correspondiente, y el comprador tendra derecho a un Certificado por el mismo, sugeto alas ventajas y penas prevenidas en la 3<sup>a</sup> Seccion de esta Ordenanza.

Sec 7<sup>a</sup>. Los precios puestos en esta Ordenanza son en buena moneda.

R. Garza  
Srio

Jno. W. Smith  
Mayor

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In the City of San Antonio of Bejar on the ninth day of the Month of January One thousand eight hundred and forty one; by Virtue of a notice of the Mayor of the Corp- oration of the Last year a meeting was held in the Mayors office of this City, the follow- ing Gentlemen being present when said Gentlemen being duly installed, Juan N. Seguin, Mayor, Aldermen Manuel Perez, Jose M<sup>a</sup> Flores, Marcos A. Veramendi, Pedro Flores, Francisco Gilbeau, John R. Black, Ant<sup>o</sup> Menchaca and Diego A. Taylor, who having taken the oath of office as prescribed by law entered, upon the discharge of their functions, which same oath was taken by the Treasurer and Collector for the faithful performance of their duties in fulfilment of which they all signed their names in presence of the Mayor of the past year.

JANUARY THE 9th 1841. SEGUIN -Mayor

A quorum present the Mayor called to order and they proceeded to business.

Messrs Menchaca, Veramendi, and Perez tendered their resignations which were accepted.

JA-100. On motion of Mr. Guilbeau the Aldermen proceeded to hold an election to fill the vacancies occasioned by resignation and on counting the votes it resulted in favour of



Messrs Cosiano, Francisco Bustillo and Augustin Barrera.

On motion of Mr. Flores (Pedro) notice was given to said Gentlemen of their election so that they might enter on the performance of their duties after taking the necessary oath provided they accepted. Approved.

JA-101. On motion of Mr. Flores (Jose Maria) Mr. Maverick as Treasurer and Mr. Delgado as Collector were required to give Bond & Security for the faithful performance of their duties, the first in 2000 dols. and the second in 100 dols.

Approved.

JA-102. On motion of Dr. Taylor the Mayor was authorized to appoint a Secretary protem, with the same salary of the Secretary of last year.

On motion of Mr. Gilbieu the Board were required to meet on Thursday of every week.

The Board adjourned till next Thursday.

Juan N. Seguin  
Prest

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En la Ciudad de San Antonio de Bexar, a los nueve dias del mes de Enero del ano de Mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno; en virtud del aviso del Presidente de la Corporacion anterior, se reunieron en la sala Capitular a las nueve de la mañana los Ciudadanos siguientes: Juan N. Seguin, Presidente y los Regidores Manuel Perea, Jose M<sup>a</sup> Flores, Marcos A. Veramendi, Pedro Flores, Fran<sup>co</sup> Guilbeau, John R. Black, Antonio Menchaca y Diego a. Taylor a quienes presentes y en divida forma, se les tomo juramento de conformidad con la ley por el cual el Presidente y Regidores, asi como el Tesorero y Colector que han de componer la Corporacion en el Presente ano de 1841, ofrecieron desempeñar sus empleos fiel y legalmente, y lo firmaron para constancia en presencia del Presidente saliente.

SESION DEL DIA 9 DE ENERO PRESIDENCIA DE SENOR SEGUIN.

Reunida la Corporacion y habiendo mayoria suficiente, el Presidente declaro abierta la sesion.

Los Senores Menchaca, Veramendi y Perez, hicieron renuncia de sus empleos por razones que espusieron, la que habiendo sido admitida y suficiente discutida fue aprobada.

JA-100. A mocion del Sr. Guilbeau, la Corporacion procedio a la eleccion de los miembros suficientes para llenar las vacantes, y resultaron nombrados los Senores D<sup>n</sup> Jose Casiano, D. Fran<sup>co</sup> Bustillo y D. Augustin Barrera.

El Senor Flores (D<sup>n</sup> Pedro) hizo mocion para que el Presidente avise a los Senores nuevamente nombrados, quienes, si admiten su nombramiento entren al desempeño de su dever, previo el juramento de estilo. Aprobada.

JA-101. El Senor Flores (Dn Jose M<sup>a</sup>) propuso, que al Tesorero D<sup>n</sup> Samuel A. Maverik y al Colector Dn. Martin Delgado, se le exigiesen al 1<sup>o</sup> dos mil pesos de fianza, y al 2<sup>o</sup> mil pesos. Aprobada.

JA-102. A mocion del Sor Taylor, el cuerpo dispuso que, interin se proveyese el oficio de Secretario, el Presidente puede emplear uno, con el Salario senalado por la anterior Corporacion.

JA-102.<sup>1</sup> El Senor Guilbeau propuso que el Cuerpo se reuna para sus deliveraciones los Jueves de cada semana. Aprobado.

Se levanta la sesion hasta el Jueves proximo.

Juan N. Seguin, Presidente

The proceedings of the last meeting being read and approved, The Committee appointed to notify Messrs. Jaques and Rivas of their election as Aldermen reported that the 1st would not except & the last to be engaged in the Grand Jury.

Mr. Guilbeau notified the Body that Mr. Addicks would not admit the appointment of Secretary being engaged as County Clerk.

JA-103. In consideration of the result of Mr. Guilbeaus failure with Mr. Addicks on mocion of Mr. Barrera, Dr. Alsberry was appointed Secretary and the Mayor requested to notify him of his Appointement.

JA-104. The Mayor manifested to the Body the great utility that would result from adding the lots on the East Side of the Main Ditch in the upper Fobourg(?) to "Ramados propios" so that they might be irrigated alternately with the balance of the City and pay into the Treasury the quota according to custom.

The Mayor appointed Mr. Bustillo to regulate and attend to this matter.

The Mayor appointed Messrs. Barrera & Garza, D. Jose Man<sup>l</sup>, in case that the latter admitted to make out a general list of the "Ramos Propios".

The Body adjourned till the next term.

H.A. Alsbury  
Secretary

SESSION OF THE 18th MARCH 1841

The proceedings of the last meeting being read was approved.

JA-106. The Mayor made present to the Body the necessity of appointing a Collector. Mr. Bustillo was unanimously appointed with the allowance of Five percent on all moneys collected by him.

JA-107. Mr. Guilbeau laid before the Board the necessity to levy a tax sufficient to raise Fund for the support of the Expenses of this Board, for example, the Payment of the Secretarys Salary, the repairing of the Court House, Cleaning of the Streets & other important public improvements and on motion of Mr. Flores it was resolved that from the first day of January of the present year the Tax levied by the Corporation of 1837 in Session 13th October shall be collected by this Board.

The Mayor made known to the Board that by a decree of the General Congress of the Government, no moneys could be collected

PAGE 58: SESION DEL DIA JUEVES 11 DEL MES DE MARZO 1841. PRESIDENCIA DEL SOR SEGUIN.

Leida y aprova la acta del anterior fue aprobada. La Comision para anunciar a los Senores Jaques, y Calletano Rivas informo que el 1<sup>o</sup> no quiso admitir su nombramiento y que el 2<sup>o</sup> no sele hizo saber su nombramiento jusgandolo ocupado como miembro del Gran Jurado en la Corte Del Distrito.

El Senor Guilbeau manifesto al Cuerpo que el Senor Addicks, no admitio el nombramiento de Secretario en razon a hallarse muy ocupado con la Secretaria del Condado.

JA-103. En razon a que el nombram<sup>to</sup> de Srio. de que habla la parte anterior fue solamente un encargo que sele hizo al Sor. Guilbeau para que constulata con la persona, a mocion del Sor. Barrera se nombro para Secretario del Cuerpo al Sr. Alsberry, y se encargo el Presidente de participar al Sr. Alsberty su nombramiento.

JA-104. El Presidente manifesto al Cuerpo la Grande utilidad que resultaba a la Ciudad si se admitian en el ramo de propios los solares que existen sin riego al lado oriental de la Azequia, en el Barrio del Norte, y admitida a discucion fue aprobada

y mandado que se rieguen alternativamente con los demás solares de la Ciudad pagando a esta la cuota que hasta aqui ha sido de costumbre.

El Presidente encargo al Senor Bustillo para que arreglase este negocio.

El Presidente nombro a los Senores Barrera y Garza (D. Jose Mah<sup>l</sup>) si acaso este ultimo admite su nombramiento para que levanten una noticia General del Ramo de Propios.

Se lebento la sesion hasta el proximo termino. No asistio el Sor Black por hallarse ausente de la Ciudad.

H. A. Alsbury  
Secretary

Juan N. Seguin  
Presidente

SESION DEL DIA 18 DE MARZO PRESIDENCIA DEL SENOR SEGUIN

Leida y aprovada el acta anterior fue aprovada.

JA-106. El Senor Presidente hizo presente al Cuerpo la importancia o necesidad que hai de que se nombre un Colector para el Cuerpo, en razon de que no hay un empleado de esta Clase para que se encargue de Colectar los impuestos de la Corporacion, lo que tomado en consideracion fue nombrado por unanimidad al Senor Bustillo con la dotacion de cinco pesos por cada ciento, delo que colecte.

JA-107. El Senor Guilbeau manifesto la necesidad que tiene el Cuerpo de adoptar medidas o impuestos para crear un Fondo capaz de suportar los gastos dela Corporacion como por egemplo; La paga del Secretario de Ayuntamiento la recomposicion de las Casas Consistoriales, el pago dela limpieza de calles o otros objetos de Publica utilidad que son de suma importancia; Fue admitida a discusion la propuesta del Senor Guilbeau y para llevarla efecto el Senor Flores propuso que la Corporacion cobraso desde el dia 1<sup>o</sup> de En<sup>o</sup> del corriente ano lo impuesto por la corporacion del ano de 1837, en Sesion de 13 de Octubre. Fue aprovado.

El Presidente hizo saber al cuerpo que por un Decreto del Congreso les cor-

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in payment of Taxes of Corporate Bodies but that collected by the Republic in consequence of which Mr. Guilbeau proposed that the Collector be notified to collect the equivalent of the Taxes levied in Tejas Money.

JA-109. The Mayor appointed Mr. Bustillo to collect the sum of Eight Dollars per month rent, from the person or persons who occupy the Barracks on the Military Square from the 1st day of January of the present year and one dollar per month for each room in the Market House, pension which this Board has levied at the present meeting, not collecting anything for the House the last year.

Approved

H. A. Alsbury  
Secretary

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poraciones no deven cobrar otro dinero por pago de sus impuestos Municipales que aquel que la Republica recibe en pago de los suyos; a cuya obgecion el Sor. Guilbeau propuso que sele advirtiere al Colector que al tiempo de cobrar los impuestos deman- dase plata y en su defecto su equibalanta en moneda de Tejas. Aprovado.

JA-109. El Presidente nombro al Sor Bustillo para que se encargase de cobrar la renta de ocho pesos cada mes que la corporacion impuso en la misma Sesion, a la persona o personas que ocupan la Casa que en antes servia de Cuartel a la Compania De Bejar, lo mismo que un peso por cada mes a cada cuarto que existen en el Local del Rastro, no admitiendo ninguna Plata en pago de renta de Enero de este ano a los que ocupen la Casa del Cuartel en razon que se le pasan del baldes los mes que anteriormente a estado ocupando.                      Aprobado.

H. A. Alsbury  
Secretary

Juan N. Seguin  
Presidente

PAGE 60 Left:                      SESSION OF THE 25th APRIL 1841

Having read and approved the Acts of the last meeting, The Mayor laid before the Board a petition from W.C. Hussey praying exclusive privileges relative to the Market House which was read & Laid on the Table till the next meeting.

JA-110. The Mayor requested that an Election should be held to fill the vacancies, & Messrs. Callaghan & Tucker were duly elected and Mr. Flores (Dn Jose M<sup>a</sup>) having resigned Mr. Urrutia was elected to fill his place all of whom accepted & took the oath according to custom.

JA-111. The Ordinance published by the Mayor on the 3rd of the present month for the prohibition of the discharge of Fire Arms & Cock Fighting within the limits of the City was approved by the Board of Aldermen.

The Committee appointed to demand of the Treasurer of the Last year the Books & Papers belonging to the Treasury presented a Ledger, a day Book and 49 Receipts & Orders.

JA-112. RESOLVED by the Mayor & Aldermen that James Goodman pay to this Corporation the sum of Twenty Five Dollars per month from the first day of January of the present year until such time as he proves that he is authorised by the Government to hold possession of the House he now occupies.

H. A. Alsbury  
Secretary

PAGE 60:                      SESSION DEL DIA 26 DE ABRIL                      PRESIDENTE EL SENOR SEGUIN

Leida y aproveda la acta anterior, El Sor Presidente hizo presente una comunicacion de W.C. Hussey sobre arrentar el Rastro o Mercado, se tomo en concidderacion y quedo pendiente hasta la proxima session.

JA-110. El Sor Presidente manifesto la necesidad de nombrar personas para llenar las vacantes del Cuerpo se propusieron en nombram<sup>to</sup> a los Senores Callaghan, Tucker, y por haver renunciado Dn. Jose Maria Flores por razon de recidir en su rancho propusieron al Sor. Urrutia, quienes aceptaron el nombramiento y entraron en el desempeno de sus deveres previo el juramento de estilo.

JA-111. Se aprobo la disposicion del Presidente, sobre la prohibicion de pelea de Gallos y tiros de Armas de Fuego dentro los limits prescritos por un aviso publico que fue publicado el dia 3 del presente.

La Comision nombrada para reclamar del Tesorero del ano pasado los Libroz y Documentos pertenecientes ala Tesoreria, presento un Libro maestro de Cargo y dasta (?) (Diario), un cuaderno manual y un bulto de cuarenta y nueve boletos.

JA-112. RESUEETA por los Regidores y mayor de la Corporacion que mientras no pruebe James Goodman que el Gobierno le ha dado en venta la Casa que ocupa pagara a la Corporacion veinte y cinco pesos por renta cada mes desde el 1<sup>o</sup> de Enero del Corriente ano.

H.A. Alsbury  
Secretary

Juan N. Seguin  
Presidente

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JA-113. The Mayor Seguin & Aldermen, Black, Guilbeau, Urrutia, Barrera, Flores, Bustillo and Callaghan, being present and taking into consideration the urgent necessity of Raising a Fund for the support of this Body together with other important matters of Public Utility have decreed the following Municipal Ordinances.

Art. 1st. All stores of Dry Goods shall pay for a License to retail, a Tax of Twenty-five Dollars, annually.

Art. 2nd. All grog shops or licor stores shall pay for an annual license for retailing a Tax of Twenty-five Dollars.

Art. 3rd. Each Billiard table shall pay for an annual licence a Tax of Fifty Dollars.

Art. 4th. All other property shall be taxed that is liable to a Government Tax, by this Corporation the full amount of tax which the 13th. Section of a law passed the 4th of February of the present imposes on said property, as soon as this Body appoints an Assessor to assess said Tax.

Art. 5th. Each Tendejo shall pay a Tax of Twelve Dollars & 4 bits for an annual license for retailing.

Art. 6th. All Taverns and Public Boarding Houses shall pay an annual Tax of Twenty-five dollars.

Art. 7th. The Tax levied heretofore on Fandangoes & on the Market House shall be collected as formerly.

Art. 8th. All other taxes (except the Corporation property) that have been levied heretofore and not mentioned in this Act are hereby repealed.

Art. 9th. This decree shall take effect on the 1st day of next month (? of May.

H.A. Alsbury  
Secretary

PAGE 61: SESSION EXTRAORDINARIA DEL DIA 28 DE ABRIL

JA-113. El Mayor Seguin y Regidores presentes Black, Gilbeau, Urrutia, Barrera, Flores, Bustillo y Callghan, teniendo presente la urgencia en que se encuentra la Corporacion para pagar los gastos ordinarias de ella y otros objetos en comun utilidad ha tenido bien decretar la siguiente Ordenanza Municipal.

Art<sup>o</sup> 1<sup>o</sup>. Las tiendas de Ropas or Mercancias secas pagaran a la Corporacion pa. licencias para vender la cantidad de Veinte y cinco pesos.

2<sup>o</sup>. Las tiendas de Licor pagaran tambien la pension de veinte y cinco pesos anualpa. licencia pa. menudear.

3<sup>o</sup>. Las mezas de Villar pagaran por Licencia anual la suma de cincuenta pesos.

4<sup>o</sup>. Las demas propiedades de la Ciudad que sean sugetas a pagar a la Republica las taxas que esta les senale, satisfaran a la Corporacion las que le corresponden conforme lo dispone la Seccion 13<sup>a</sup> dela ley de 4 de Febrero del corriente ano, cuando la misma Corporacion nombre un Asesor para que recaude dichas pensiones.

5<sup>o</sup>. Los Tendajos pagaran una pension de Doce Pesos y cuatro reales por Licencia para bender.

6<sup>o</sup>. Los mezones o posadas publicas pagaran Veinte y cinco pesos de pension anual.

7<sup>o</sup>. La pension de Bailes Publicas, y el derecho de Carnes quedan en su

vigor y fuerza.

8°. Las demas pensiones (excepto las propiedades de la Corporacion) que se han establecido anterior a esta Ordenanza y no se mencionan aqui, quedan por esta nulas y de ningun valor.

9°. Esta Ordenanza comenzara su efecto el dia 1° de Mayo proximo venidero.

H. A. Alsbury  
Secretary

APPROVED

Juan N. Seguin  
Presidente

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Present the Mayor and a Majority of the Aldermen Mr. Lockmar who was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Tucker took the oath and his seat.

The petition of the Butcher W. Hussey that was laid over the last meeting was read, rejected.

JA-114. On motion of Mr. Urrutia, W.W. Alsbury was elected Constable with a salary of 15 dollars per month & prerequisites of office.

JA-115. Resolved by this Board of Aldermen that the Mayor of this City, in their opinion is fully authorised and empowered by the Act incorporating said City to execute and carry into effect all laws passed by this Body and they hereby vest him with full Executive Powers to that effect.

JA-116. On motion of Mr. Callaghan Mr. Trueheart was appointed Assessor to Assess the Taxes levied by the 4th Article of the Decree of this Body on the 28th last month.

JA-117. The Mayor appointed a Committee composed of Messrs Black, Callaghan, Gilbeau, and Bustillo to form laws for the by-laws as Government of this Body.

The Treasurer Mr. S. A. Maverick came forward and received the Books belonging to this Treasury.

On motion of Mr. Callaghan the Board adjourned till next Thursday.

H. A. Alsbury  
Secretary

Approved

JA-118. Mr. W. W. Alsbury elected Constable for this Body came forward and took the oath of office according to law and signed his name this 7th day of May 1841.

H. A. Alsbury  
Secretary

JA-119. In consequence of the resignation of W. W. Alsbury from the office of Constable, Mr. James Dunn was appointed with the same Salary & under the same conditions this 22d day of May 1841.

H. A. Alsbury  
Secretary

PAGE 62: SESSION DEL DIA 6 DE MAYO DE 1841

Reunido el Mayor y una mayoria de Regidores se declaro abierta la session, Mr. Lockmar fue electo pa. llenar la vacante del Sor. Tucker admiti, presento y tomo el juramento de estilo.

La Solicitud del Matanzero W. C. Hussey sobre arrendar la Marcada que quedo pendiente de la session pasada fue leida y desechada.

JA-114. A mocion del Sor Urrutia se nombraron a W. W. Alsbury, Condestable con Salarios de quince pesos mensuales de

JA-115. Resuelta por esta Cuerpo que son de opinion que el Mayor tiene por la ley incorporando esta Ciudad todo los facultades requisitos para executar el cobro de las pensiones impuestas por dicho cuerpo y por lo mismo le facultan pa. executar dicho cobro.

JA-116. A mocion del Sor Callaghan fue nombrado el Sor. Trueheart Assessor pa. asesar las propiedades pensionadas por el Articulo 4<sup>o</sup> de la Ordenanza publicada el dia 28 del pasado.

JA-117. El presidente nombro una Commission compuesta del Sor<sup>s</sup> Callaghan, Black, Gilbeau y Bustillo para formar un reglamento pa. el Gobierno Interior de esta Cuerpo.

Presento el Sor. Tesorero S. A. Maverick y recivio los Libros de la Tesoreria.

A mocion del Sor. Callaghan se levanto la session hasta el Jueves proximo.

H. A. Alsbury  
Secretary

Aprobada

Juan N. Seguin  
Presidente

JA-118. En consecuencia del nombramiento hecho por la Corporacion en la persona de D<sup>n</sup> Guillermo W. Alsbury para Condestable de la Corporacion en el presente ano de 1841, con salario de 15 p<sup>s</sup> al mes y sus derechos, se presento este dia de hoy 7 de Mayo prexto el juram<sup>to</sup> de estilo y entro en las funciones de su deber y lo firmo conmigo para constanciar.

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor  
Wm. W. Alsbury

JA-119. En virtud a haver renunciado el officio de Condestable dela Corporacion Mr. Wm. W. Alsbury, se nombro al Senor James Dunn para desempenar el destino con el mismo salario y bajo las mismas condiciones y lo firmo conmigo para constancia en Bexar a 22 de Mayo de 1841.

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor  
James Dunn

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JA-120. Present the Mayor & a majority of the Aldermen W. Black offered his resignation which was accepted. The Mayor proposed to allow the Assessor five percent for assessing the town property which was adopted.

JA-121. Having received information that the President of this Republic is expected to visit this City, Be it resolved by this Body that he be received with a salute of Twenty-one Guns and that the Citizens be requested to sweep the Streets in front of all their houses and that the Mayor be authorised to draw on the Treasury for the amount necessary to defray the expenses of said salute.

JA-122. On motion of Mr. Flores a Committee was appointed to examine into the limits and other Public Lands or Lots belonging to this City so as to establish said limits and Messrs, Gilbeau, Urrutia & Flores were appointed said Committee.

JA-123. Resolved that the Collector be authorised to receive from those individuals who cannot procure Texas Money to pay their taxes its Equivalent in Silver and receipt accordingly.

The meeting adjourned until next Thursday.

Approved

H. A. Alsbury  
Secretary

John N. Seguin  
Mayor

PAGE 63: SESSION DEL DIA 13 de MAYO DE 1841

Reunido el Mayor y una Mayoria de Regidores se declaro abierta la Session.

JA-120. Se presento el Sor. Black su renuncia q<sup>e</sup> fue admitido.

Propuso el Mayor q<sup>e</sup> se senale el cicno por ciento al Assessor de las Tasaciones de la Ciudad. que fue adoptada.

JA-121. Habiendo noticias dela llegada del Sor. Presidente de esta Republica a visitar esta Ciudad la Corporacion se Resuelve q<sup>e</sup> al tiempo de su llegada a esta

Ciudad sera saludada con una Salva de Artillerias de 21 tiras al mismo tiempo seran invitados los Ciudadanos por el Condestable a barrer los frentes de sus Casas (Las Calles) Boluntariamente y se le mandara al Condestable q<sup>e</sup> recoga las basuras y las tire fuera de la Ciudad.

JA-122. A mocion del Sor. Flores se nombro una Comision pa. examinar los Ejidos y demas Terenos de la Ciudad, que hasta haora no han sido examinados, y fue nombrados los Sors. Gilbeau, Urrutia, y Flores.

JA-123. Reslved that the Collector be authorised to receive from those individuals who cannot procure Tezas Money to pay their taxes, its Equivalent in Silver & receipt, accordingly.

Se levanto la session hasta el Jueves proximo, Fue aprobado el acto anterior.

H. A. Alsbury  
Secretary

Juan N. Seguin  
Mayor

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JULY 2d 1841

JA-124. Mr. Seguin the Mayor of the Corporation having to leave the City for Mexico, called an Extraordinary meeting for the purpose of electing a Mayor Pro tem, when Francisco Guilbeau was unanimously elected by the Aldermen Present:

Juan A. Urrutia  
Agustin Barrera  
Anton Lakmer  
Fran<sup>co</sup> X. Bustillos  
Pedro Flores

JULY 28th 1841

The Council met present Guilbeau, Mayor, Urrutia, Barrera, Lockmar, Bustillos & Flores, Aldermen. The Minutes of the former being read, approved the Board proceeded to Bussiness.

JA-125. On motion of Mr. Urrutia, Crisanto Casanova was elected Condestable of this Corporation. Mr. Dunn having offered his resignation & accepted who was duly sworn & was to give his Bond afterwards.

JA-126. The Mayor offered the following Decree;

"Be it ordained and decreed, That for every (or each) Beef slaughtered within the Limits of the Corporation and offered for sale at the Market House the owner or seller of the same shall pay to the Commissioner of this Corporation a Tax of a Dollar in Silver instead of Twenty-five cents heretofore accustomed which was taken into consideration and after being well discussed was approved and ordered to be publish taking effect eight days after its publication. Published 6th day of August, 1841.

JA-127. Mr. Flores offered the following Ordinance.

"Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio.

Sec 1st. It is hereby decreed, That each Cart which will introduce any sort of Merchandise within the limits of this Town ( or take out any goods) will pay One Dollar each one the Waggon, Twelve reals.

Sec 2. The Carts which will bring or introduces Stones will pay each one of them six and a quarter cents for each load.

Sec 3. The Horses & Mules loaded will pay at their entry in Town fifty cents each per load & they will also pay going out of town if loaded.

Sec. 4. The Mayor of this Corporation will see that this Ordinance is carried in to effect from today.



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SESSION DEL DIA 2 DE JULIO 1841

JA-124. In Consecuencia de su Salida, El Sr D<sup>n</sup> J<sup>n</sup> N<sup>no</sup> Seguin, Mayor convoco una junta extraordinaria pa. nombrar un Mayor interin<sup>o</sup> y nosotros rejidores hemos nombrado al Sr. D<sup>n</sup> F<sup>co</sup> Guilbeau, y pa. q. conste firmamos.

Juan A. Urrutia  
Agustin Barrera  
Anton Lakmer  
Fran<sup>co</sup> X. Bustillo  
Pedro Flores

SESSION DEL DIA 29 DE JULIO 1841

Reunida la Corporacion presentes el Sr. Guilbeau Presidente, Juan Ant<sup>o</sup> Urrutia Agustin Barrera, Antonio Lockmar, Fran<sup>co</sup> X. Bustillos y Pedro Flores Regidores y leida y aproada la Acta de la anterior de declaro abierta la sesion.

JA-125. A mocion del Sr. Urrutia el C<sup>no</sup> Crisanto Casanova se nombro Condestable de esta Corporacion en reemplazo de Mr. Dunn que renuncio su empleo a queen le tomo el juramento de estilo y quedo a dar su fianza. Aprovado.

JA-126. El Presidente presento en proyecto el Decreto que sigue:

"Se ordena y decreta, Que por cada vez que se mate dentro los limites de la Ciudad y se ofrezca a vender en el Mercado el dueno o persona que la vende pagara al Comisionado de esta Corporacion como Tax un peso de Plata en lugar de dos reales como antes se acostumbraba, lo que se tomo en consideracion y despues de haverse discutido fue aprobado y se mando publicar llevandose a efecto ocho dias despues de su publicacion.

Publicado Agosto 6 1841.

JA-127. El Sr. Flores ofrecio el decreto que sigue:

" El Presidente y Regidros de la Ciudad de San Antonio decretan:

- 1<sup>o</sup>. Toda Carreta que conduzca efectos de la Calidad que fuesen, y sean introducidos dentro los limites de esta Ciudad (o llevados fuera de ella) pagara un peso cada una, y los Wuagines doce reales.
- 2<sup>o</sup>. Las carretas que introduscan piedra pagara cada una de ellas medio real por cada viaje.
- 3<sup>o</sup>. Las mulas o Bestias de carga pagaran en su entrada cuatro reales cada una y lo mismo pagaran a su salida si lo verificasen con carga.
- 4<sup>o</sup>. El Presidente de esta Corporacion, cuidara se cumpla con lo ordenado en este Decreto desde el dia de hoy.

Aprovado y se publico.

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JA-128. On motion of Mr. Guilbeau it was Resolved That Rafael Garza will act as Secretary of this Corporation with the wages of Twenty-five Dollars in Silver per month, who was duly sworn and took the seat of office. Approved

AUGUST THE 5th 1841

The Council met present Guilbeau Mayor, Protem, Urrutia, Barrera, Flores, Bustillos, Lockmar, Alderman, when L. Smithers appeared through an invitation made by the Corporation, who accepted the office as Aldermen, who being duly sworn, then proceeded to bussiness.

JA-129. Mr. Barrera offered the following decree:

"Be it ordained and decreed, by the Mayor and Aldermen of this Corporation in Council Assembled, That the Mayor be, and is hereby authorised to employ one or more

Lawyers, should they be needed to defend the Corporation in any difficulty what some ever she might be involved and also be authorised to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of the costs, Which was approved.

JA-130. Mr. Flores offered the following Ordinance

"The Corporation of San Ant<sup>o</sup> has decreed, That all persons owning Cultivated Labors and Lots within the limits of the City shall have their fences in fine order, said fences shall be five feet hight of solid fence.

Sec 2. It is further decreed, That any person who shall not have their lots in the order required by the former Section of this Ordinance, and shall receive damages from any sort of animals, Cattle, Horses or Hogs and shall wound or Kill any of this, shall pay the slaughtered animal and also be fined from one to six dollars agreeable to the judgement of the Mayor of this Corporation wh ch will be collected in Silver.

Approved and ordered to be published.

F. Guilbeau  
Mayor, Interin

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JA-128. A mocion del Presidente el C<sup>no</sup> Rafael Garza fue admitido como Secretario de esta Corporacion con el sueldo de Veinte y cinco pesos de Plata mensual, quien se le tomo el juramento de estilo y prosiguió desempeñado su empleo. Aprobado.

R. Garza  
Clerk

F. Guilbeau  
Mayor pa Interin

SESION DEL DIA 5 DE AGOSTO 1841

Reunida la Corporacion presentes Guilbeau Presidente Interino, Regidores Juan Ant<sup>o</sup> Urrutia, Barrera, Bustillos, Flores, y Lockmar, cuando el Senor L. Smithers por invitacion de la Corporacion se presento y admitio el empleo de Regidor a quien se le tomo el juramento de estilo y se declaro abierta la Sesion, leida y aprobada la anterior, el Sr. Barrera ofrecio el Decreto que sigue:

JA-129. Se ordena y decreta, por el Mayor y Regidores de la Corporacion de San Antonio en Consejo Reunido, Que el Presidente se autorise y por este esta autorizado a emplear uno o mas Abogados si fuereen necesario para que defiendan a la Corporacion en toda clase de dificultad en que se encuentre y al mismo tiempo esta autorizado para jirar contra el Tesorero por el importe de los costos que se originaran. Lo que se aprovo.

JA-130. El Sr. Flores presento en proyecto el Decreto siguiente:

Sec 1<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta por el Mayor y Regidores en consejo Reunido, Que toda persona duena de Labores, y Solares, Sembrados, Dentro los limites de la Ciudad tendran sus cercas en buen estado y estas seran de cinco pies de alto siendo de Cerca Solida.

Sec 2<sup>da</sup> Ademas se ordena, Que la persona que no tubiere sus solares en el estado requerido por la Seccion anterior de esta Ordenanza y recibiere dano alguno de cualesquier clase de animales ya sea Vacunar o Cavallar, Cerdos etc, y hiriere o matare alguno de estos pagara el animal muerto, y a mas se multara desde Uno hasta Seis Pesos segun lo juzgue conveniete el Mayor de la Corporacion los que se colectaran de un modo breve en plata.

Aprovado y se mando publicar.

R. Garza  
Srio

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AUGUST 19th 1841

The Council met present F. Guilbeau Mayor, A. Barrera, F. Bustillos, L. Smithers, J. Ant<sup>o</sup> Urrutia & Ant<sup>o</sup> Lockmar, Aldermen, the Minutes being read and approved, The Mayor laid before the body twenty six receipts from the Treasurer being an equal sum of dollars entered in to the Treasury for Ball's made.

JA-131. The Mayor laid before the Body five Drafts against the Market Commissioner amounting to Seventeen Dollars and fifty cents as also an order against the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Dunn Constable of this Corporation for fifteen Dollars as also a Draft of Ten Dollars against the Treasurer in favor of the Clerk.

Approved.

The Mayor offered for various motived (or reasons) which he exposed (or manifested) before the Hon. Body, his resignation which was approved.

JA-132. The Corporation taking into consideration the Mayor's resignation, they proceeded to an election when L. Smithers was unanimously elected, Mayor. Pro Tem. Mr. Trueheart was elected also a member of this Corporation who being duly sworn took his seat.

JA-133. Mr. Urrutia offered the following Decree

Sec 1st. Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor & Aldermen of the Corporation of San Antonio in Council Assembled, That the Market Commissioner be authorised to purchase two pair of Stilliots for the use of the Market House.

Sec 2d. Be it further ordained and decreed That any person who shall slaughter any Beef and offer it for sale at the Market House shall sell the meat at three pound for twelve and a half cents the person selling said Beef will sell the bones agreeable to his convenience and any person failing to comply with this Ordinance shall be fined in the sum of Five Dollars which will be collected in a summary manner in Silver.

Approved and ordered to be published.

JA-134. The Corporation has decreed that the Market Commissioner shall be entitled to receive for his services twelve and a half per cent (instead of eight per cent heretofore allowed) & collector ten percent instead of five. Approved.

R. Garza  
Sec'y

L. Smithers  
President, Prot.

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SESSION DEL DIA 19 DE AGOSTO DE 1841

Reunida la Corporacion presentes Fran<sup>co</sup> Guilbeau Mayor, Agustin Barrera, Fran<sup>co</sup> Bustillos, L. Smithers, J. A. Urrutia, Antonio Lockmar, Regidores, Leida y aprovada la Acta de la anterior se declaro abierta la session.

JA-131. El Presidente manifesto al Cuerpo 26 recivos del Tesorero siendo igual cantidad de pesos entrados en Tesoreria Colectados por Bayles hechos.

Aprovada.

El mismo senor presento cinco librancites contra el Comisionado del Mercado de la Corporacion montante de 17.4, lo mismo que una orden contra el Tesorero in favor del Sor. Dunn, Condestable anterior de esta Corporacion, del balor de 15 p<sup>s</sup> como tambien una orden del Secretario de dies pesos. Arovado.

El Presidente manifesto al Cuerpo que varios motivos que espuso deseaba se admitiese su renunciacion la que fue admitida.

JA-132. El Sr. Juan A. Urrutia ofrecio la resolucion siguiente:

"Que el Sor. L. Smithers tomando el Cuerpo en consideracion la resignacion del

Sor. Guilbeau se procedio a una eleccion cuando L. Smithers fue electo Presidente Interino. El Sor. Trueheart fue admitido miembro de esta Corporacion, quien se le tomo el juramento de estilo.

JA-133. El Sr. Urrutia ofrecio el Decreto siguiente:

Seccion 1<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta por el Mayor y Regidores de la Corporacion de San Antonio en consejo reunido, Que el Comisionado del Mercado sea autorizado para comprar dos pares de Balansas para el uso de la Casa del Mercado.

Seccion 2<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta ademas Que toda o cualquiera persona que ofresca a vender Carne en el mercado de esta Ciudad, tendra que dar tres libras de Carne Pura por un real, quedando libre a vender el hueso segun convenga a dha persona, y el que violase esta Ordenanza pagara por cada falta la multa de cinco pesos, los que se colectaran en Plata.

Lo que se aprovo y mando publicarse.

JA-134. La corporacion ha decretado, Que el Comisionado del Mercado recibira por sus Servicios dose y medio por ciento, en lugar del ocho por ciento que antes recibio, y el Colector el diez, por ciento envez del cinco. Aprovada.

R. Garza  
Scro

L. Smither  
Presid. Prot.

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AUGUST 26th 1841

The Council met agreeable to adjournment and the roll being called there appeared Mess. L. Smithers Mayor Pro tem, J. A. Urrutia, Trueheart, Barrera, Bustillos & Lockmar Aldermen the Minutes being read and approved.

JA-135. The Mayor informed the Council, That a Mr. Edw<sup>d</sup> Hernandez offered himself to hawl out of town the rubbish that may be collected in the Streets at twelve reals per day (of those appointed) it was Resolved that should the Cartman now employed by this Corporation will offer to do it for the same he will have the preference on the contrary it shall be given to said Hernandez. Aproved.

JA-136. The Corporation and Aldermen of San Antonio: Resolved that the 2nd Section of an Ordinance approved on the 29th Day of July, be and it is hereby repealed.

Approved.

R. Garza  
Srio

L. Smither  
Pres<sup>o</sup> Prot.

SEPTEMBER THE 7th 1841

The Council met present, John N. Seguin Mayor, Mess. Trueheart, Smithers, Barrera, Urrutia, Bustillo, and Callaghan.

JA-137. The Mayor & Aldermen in Council Assembled, has decreed, That the Constable be authorised to take up & lodge in Jail any Vagrant, or drunken men given information of the same to the Mayor who shall in a summary manner make the corresponding explanation & shall either discharge or convict them.

JA-138. The Mayor appointed Mess. Trueheart & Barrera a Committee to raise a notice of all Vagrants or men whose employment is unknown in the 1st District of this City, Mess Callaghan, Lockmar & Urrutia will make or raise another such a list in the 2d & 3d Districts, Mess. Bustillos & Smithers in the 4th District y el Sr. P. Flores in the 5th District said notices shall be presented at the first meeting of this Council.

The Mayor informed the Council That it was absolutely necessary to take into consideration the State of Ruin which the Bridges of the River are found in and consequently he begged that on the next Thursday they would present a project to raise a tax on such

information taken on the subject.      Approved.

R. Garza  
Srio

John N. Seguin  
Mayor

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AGOSTO 26 DE 1841

Reunida la Corporacion presentes el Sr. L. Smithers Presd<sup>te</sup> Int<sup>o</sup> y Regidores J. A. Urrutia, Trueheart, Barrera, Bustillos y Lockmar, Leida y aprobada la Acta de la Anterior se declaro la Sesion abierta.

JA-135. El Mayor manifesto al Cuerpo que el Sr Eduardo Hernandez se ofrece a tirar las bazuras que se colecten en las calles fuera de la Ciudad a doce reales por dia de los señalados p<sup>r</sup> lo que se dispuso que si el Carretero ahora empleado por esta Corporacion se ofreciera a hacerlo por lo mismo se le dara la preferencia de lo contrario se le dara a dho Hernandez.      Aprobado.

JA-136. El Mayor y Regidores de San Ant<sup>o</sup> han acordado que la Seccion 2<sup>a</sup> de la Ordenanza Municipal aprobada el dia 29 de Julio por este esta abolida.      Aprobado.

R. Garza  
Srio

Juan N. Seguin  
Presid<sup>te</sup>

SESION DEL DIA 7 DE SETIEMBRE 1841

Reunida la Corporacion presentes J. N. Seguin Presidente, y los SS. Trueheart, Smithers, Barrera, Urrutia, Bustillo y Callaghan.

JA-137. El Mayor y Regidores en consejo reunido han acordado, que se autorise y por este esta autorizado el Condestable para que a cualesquiera hombres vagos y ebrios escandalosos, los agarre y ponga en la Carcel dando cuenta al Presidente quien de una manera breve hara averiguacion correspondiente aplicandoles lo que en tal caso les resulta.      Apro

JA-138. El Presidente comisiono a los S.S. Trueheart y Barrera p<sup>a</sup> que lebanen una Noticia de los hombres vagos o que no se les canozca oficio conocido de que subsistir en el 1<sup>er</sup> Distrito de esta Ciudad, los S.S. Callaghan, Lockmar, y Urrutia haran o levantan otra lista de igual naturaleza en los Distritos 2<sup>o</sup> y 3<sup>o</sup> los S. S. Bustillo y Smithers en el 4<sup>o</sup> Distrito y el Senor Pedro Flores en el 5<sup>o</sup> Distrito cuyas noticias las presentaran en la primera reunion del consejo.

El Presidente hizo presnete al Consejo, que era de toda necesidad tomar en consideracion el estado de ruinas, en que se hallan los puentes, del Rio y en cuya consecuencia les suplicara sentasen el Jueves proximo proyecto para levantar un impuesto que segun los informes que tomen sea necesaria para tal objeto.

Aprobado.

R. Garza  
Srio

John N. Seguin  
Mayor

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SEPTEMBER THE 9th 1841

The Council met agreeable to adjournment there being present Mess. J.N. Seguin Mayor, J. A. Urrutia, A. Barrera, L. Smithers, B. Callaghan, F. Bustillos & Antonio Lockmar Aldermen, the Minutes being read and approved

The Committees appointed to make the lists of Vagrants manifested to the Council of their not having had sufficient time to present them the Mayor granted them untill next meeting so to do.

JA-139. Mr. Smithers offered the following decree.

Sec 1st. Be it ordained and it is hereby decreed by the Mayor & Aldermen of

the City of San Antonio, That in all cases where any person coming to this City shall present himself or herself, to the Mayor of this City immediately after his arrival and for a failure to comply with this Ordinance shall be fined at the discretion of the Mayor.

Sec 2nd. Be it further decreed that this Ordinance shall not extend to the Inhabitants of this Republic.

Sec 3rd. Be it further ordained, That any citizen harboring any person of suspicious character in his or her house in this City on conviction before the Mayor of this City shall pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars nor less than twenty-five at the discretion of the Mayor to be collected by the Constable on an execution issued from the Mayor of this City.

Approved and ordered to be published.

JA-140. The Mayor appointed Mess. Smithers, Callaghan, & Bustillos associated with himself to hold a Committee of conference with the Masons of this City, to make a estimate of the cost of a permanent Bridge (across the river) for the use of the City in the most suitable street.

JA-141. The Council authorized the Mayor to have repaired the Buildings belonging to the Corporation on account of the Public Funds of the City. Approved.

JA-142. The Mayor appointed a Committee of Mess. Barrera & Urrutia to examine an account presented by the Clerk of former Corporation & report accordingly. Approved.

R. Garza  
Clerk

John N. Seguin  
Mayor

PAGE 68: SESION DEL DIA 9 DE SETIEMBRE 1841

Reunida la Corporacion presentes el Sr. Presidente D<sup>n</sup> Juan N Seguin, Regidores J.A. Urrutia, A. Barrera, L. Smithers, B. Callaghan, F. Bustillos y Antonio Lockmar, Leida y aprobada la Acta de la Sesion anterior se declaro abierta la Sesion.

Las Comisiones nombradas para hacer las listas de los Vagos manifestaron el Cuerpo no haber tenido el tiempo suficiente pa. presentarlas el Presidente les concedio hasta la proxima sesion pa. qe. las presentasen.

JA-139. El Sr. L. Smithers presento en proyecto el decreto siguiente:

Sec 1<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta por el Mayor y Regidores de la Corporacion de San Antonio en consejo reunido, Que todos las personas que lleguen a esta Ciudad, se presentaran inmediatamente despues de su llegada al Presidente de la Corporacion y la persona que faltare asi hacerlo o a cumplir con lo prevenido en esta Ordenanza sera multado a discrecion del mismo Presidente.

Sec 2<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta ademas que esta Ordenanza no comprendera a los habitantes de la Republica.

Sec 3<sup>a</sup>. Ademas se ordena y decreta, Que cualesquier Ciudadano que abrigare a cualesquier individuo de caracter sospechosa en su casa en esta Ciudad sobre su conviccion ante el Presidente de la Corporacion pagara la multa que no exceda cien ni baje de veinte y cinco pesos los que se colectaran por el Condestable bajo execucion dada por el mismo Mayor.

Aprovado y se mando publicar.

JA-140. El Presidente nombro a los SS. Smithers, Callaghan, y Bustillos pa. que asociados con el mismo tuvieren una conferencia con los Albaniles de esta Ciudad, leban ten un presupuesto del costo de un Puente permanente para el Rio de esta Ciudad en el transito de la Calle que mas convenga.

JA-141. El Consejo autorizo al Presidente pa. qe. por cuenta de los Fondos de la

Ciudad proceda a la recomposicion de las Casas del mismo consejo y sus Carceles.

Aprovado.

JA-142. El Presidente nombro a los SS. Barrera y Urrutia comision pa. examinar una cuenta presentado por el Secretario de la Corporacion anterior y reporten en la proxima sesion. Aprovado.

R. Garza  
Srio

Juan N. Seguin  
Presidente

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OCTOBER 8th 1841

The Council met agreeable to adjournment present, Jno. N. Seguin Mayor, Barrera, Bustillos, Callaghan, Lockmar, Urrutia & Pedro Flores, Aldermen, The Minutes of the former being read & approved.

Mr. Callaghan presented to the Council L. Smithers resignation which was admitted.

Mr. Barrera a part of the Committee appointed to present the Vagrants list presented the following to-wit:

Doroteo Hernandez, Fran<sup>co</sup> Gonzales, Ignacio Prada, Jesus Zepeda, Jose N. Navarro, Jose M<sup>a</sup> de la Garza, Tomas Aduna, Jose Gomez, Jeronimo (que le dicen el infante), Eduardo Flores, Francisco Sharro, Tomas Lane, Manuel Ximenes y Fernando Curbier.

El Presidente manifesto al Cuerpo haver tenido conferencia con el Albanil respecto al puente y por disposicion del Consejo se dispuso que este negocio quedara pendiente hasta la Seccion venidera. Approved.

La Comision nombrada pa. examinar la cuenta del Srio de la Corporacion anterior presento una cuenta de ciento quince pesos pagada por el Tesorero de la Corporacion y deducidos estos de doscientos diez pssos en plata q<sup>e</sup> reclama el dho Secretario resulta dever sele noventa y cinco pesos cuya cuenta quedo en manos del Presidente p<sup>a</sup> mayor examinacion.

El Sr. Callaghan presento en proyecto the following resolution.

"Be it ordained and decreed, That all persons found drunk and disturbing the Public Peace shall be put in confinement and fined at the discretion of Mayor and Aldermen without respect to person

JA-143. Mr. Callaghan requests the Corporation of San Antonio to find out what property belongs to the Corporation and sell said property for the purpose of raising money to repair or improve the Public Square and other necessary public works for the benefit of the Public in consequence of this request, the Mayor appointed a Committee of Mess. Bustillos, Flores, Callaghan & Urrutia to examine & find out said property belonging to said Corporation having to report at the next meeting. Approved.

JA-144. Mr. Flores offered the following Decree

Sec 1st. Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of Bexar That all persons slaughtering Beeves within the limits of the City & offer them for sale at the Market House shall pay four reals per head to the Commissioner of this Corporation.

Sec 2d. Be it futher ordained That any person selling Beef at said Market House shall be compelled to give five pounds of meat & bone for a real and any person failing to give the same shall be delt accordingly to the Municipal Ordinance providing for a Market-House.

Sec 3rd. This ordinance repeals the 1st Sec. of an Ordinance approved on the

29th day of July taxing a Dollar per head for each Beef killed & offered for sale at the Market House as also the 2<sup>d</sup> Section approved on the 19th.

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SESION DEL DIA 8 DE OCTUBRE 1841

Reunida la Corporacion presentes el S<sup>r</sup> Presidente Don Juan N. Peguin y Regidores los SS. Barrera, Bustillos, Callaghan, Lockmar y Urrutia y Pedro Flores, Leida y aprovada la acta, el S<sup>r</sup> Callaghan presento al Cuerpo la renuncia del Sr Smithers como Regidor de esta Corporacion la que fue admitida.

El S<sup>r</sup> Barrera parte de la Comision nombrada para presentar las listas de Vagos presento la siguiente a saver:

Doroteo Hernandez, Fran<sup>co</sup> Gonzales, Ignacio Prada, Jesus Zepeda, Jose M<sup>a</sup> Navarro, Jose Maria de la Garza, Tomas Aduna, Jose Gomez, Geronimo (que le dicen el infante) Eduardo Flores, Francisco Sharro, Tomas Lane, Manuel Ximenes y Fernando Curbier.

\* The Mayor informed the Council that he had spoken to the Mason about the Bridge but by disposition of this Body it was ordered that this should be left for the next meeting. Aprobada.

\* The Committee appointed to examine the account presented by the Clerk of the last Corporation presented an account of One Hundred and Fifteen Dollars paid by the Treasurer which deducted of Two Hundred & ten dollars in Silver claimed by said Clerk leaves an ammount of ninety-five dollars in his favor. Said account was placed in the hands of the Mayor for further examination. Approved.

El Sr. Callaghan presento en proyecto la resolucion siguiente:

"Se ordena y decreta por esta Corporacion que toda las personas que se encuentren embriagadas y disturbando la tranquilidad publica se pongan en arresto y se multen segun lo jusguen o a discrecion del Mayor y Regidores, sin distincion de persona.

JA-143. El mismo Senor encarga y pide de esta Corporacion que examiney haga por saver de las propiedades pertenecientes a dicha Corporacion y venda estas propiedades con el fin de levantar dinero para amejorar la plaza publica y demas trabajos publicos q<sup>e</sup> son muy necesarios a consecuencia de este pedimento el P<sup>r</sup>esidente nombro una Comision compuesto de los SS. Bustillos, Flores, Callaghan, Urrutia para q<sup>e</sup> asi mismo examinen las propiedades q<sup>e</sup> pertenecsn a esta Corporacion teniendo que dar cuenta de ello en la proxima sesion. Aprobada.

JA-144. El Senor Flores ofrecio el Decreto que sigue:

La Corporacion de San Antonio ordena y decreta, que toda persona que matare rezes dentro los limites de la Ciudad y las ofresca a vender en el Mercado pagara cuatro reales por cabeza al Comisionado de esta Corporacion.

Sec 2<sup>a</sup>. Ademas se decreta que todo individuo que venda carne en dha Casa de Mercado tendra que dar cinco libras al real de carne y hueso y la persona que faltare a asi hacerlo sera juzgado con arreglo a la Ordenanza Municipal que provee por dicho Mercado.

Sec 3<sup>a</sup>. Por este quedan derogadas las Sec 1<sup>a</sup> del dia 29 de Julio que impone un Peso por cabeza de las rezes q<sup>e</sup> se vendan en el Mercado como tambien se deroga la Seccion 2<sup>a</sup> del dia 19 de Agosto que compele al Vendedor de Carne dar tres libras al

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day of August compelling the seller of Beef to give three pounds for a real this will



be carried into effect from its publication.

Approved and published on the 9th day Oct 1841.

The Mayor presented to the Council a communication sent from the Secretary of Vigilance of the City of Victoria, which was read and the Council disposed to contest it favorable.

JA-145. On motion of Mr. Urrutia, The Council resolved that the Collector be authorised to exact through a legal form untill collected or recieved all Municipal Taxes from such persons refusing to pay the same. Approved

JA-146. Mr. Lockmar tendered before the Hon. Body his resignation which was accepted. In consequence of this vacancies The Mayor charged the Aldermen particularity to fill such vacancies with any person willing to serve as Aldermen.

Adjourned untill next term.

Approved.

R. Garza  
Clerk

John N. Seguin  
Mayor

OCTOBER 14th 1841

The Council met agreeable to adjournment present Jno. N. Seguin Mayor, Bryan Callaghan, James Trueheart, Juan A. Urrutia & Agustin Barrera & Fran<sup>CO</sup> Bustillos the Minutes being read & approved

The Mayor presented to the Council a list of the Vagrants who have been (employed) or put to work with various Citizens & also of those who manifested to have an honest way of living to-wit: Manuel Ximenes employed three months by Man<sup>l</sup> Montalvo. Thomas Aduna employed six months by M<sup>r</sup> Mancha, Antonio Sanchez a Soldier in Cap. Hay's Company. Jose M<sup>a</sup> dela Garza employed at Antonio Navarro's. Jesus Zepeda employed in Agriculture. Fran<sup>CO</sup> Sharro works at Mr. Davis. Fernando Curbier has property and is building a house. Doroteo Hernandez can not be found. Jose Gomez left for the Ranches. Jno. Lane left for Goliad. Agustin Garza out of town.

The Committee appointed to examine the Town Property asked for futher time the Mayor granted them untill next meeting.

JA-147. The Mayor informed the Council that on the night of the inst. he was informed of a quarrel betwixt two persons and that one of them was nearly killed by cuts or mortal wounds that in consequence of said information he ordered the Constable to assist to the riot & to arrest the infractors of the same that the Constable discharging his duty as an officer brought on the preceeding morning, a man by the name of Quino as principal causer of the riot whom by the information received by the Constable on the same morning it appeared ( or resulted had given some mortal wounds to Man<sup>l</sup> Billegas and not finding the

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real esto se llevara a efecto desde su publicacion.

Aprovado y se publico el dia 9 Oct 1841.

El Presidente manifesto al cuerpo una comunicacion dirigida a esta Corporacion por el Sr. G. Everette, Secretario de Vigilancia de la Ciudad de Victoria la q<sup>e</sup> se leyo y el cuerpo dispuso le contestare favorable.

JA-145. A mocion del Sr. Urrutia La Corporacion resolvio se autorizare al Colector para q<sup>e</sup> exijiese por las vias legales hasta conseguir el cobro a las per-

sonas que se nieguen a pagar los impuestos Municipales. Aprobada

JA-146. El Sr Antonio Lockmar presento al Hon. Cuerpo su renuncia la que fue admitida. A consecuencia de estar dos vacantes el Presidente encargo a los SS. Regidores procurasen reemplazarlas con algunas personas que quisiesen desempeñar el empleo voluntariamente.

Se levanto hasta el proximo termino.

Aprobada.

R. Garza  
Srio

SESION DEL DIA 14 DE OCTUBRE 1841

Reunida la Corporacion presentes D<sup>n</sup> Juan N. Seguin presidente y Regidores B. Callaghan, Santiago Trueheart, Juan A. Urrutia, Agustin Barrera y Fran<sup>co</sup> Bustillos, Leida y aprobada la acta de la sesion anterior se procedio a los negocios.

El Presidente presento al Cuerpo una noticia de los Vagos a quienes se han puesto a trabajar en poder de individuos particulares. y de los que han manifestado tener ocupacion honesta aque les proporciona modo de vivir a saver: Manuel Ximenes se acomodo por tres meses con Man<sup>l</sup> Montalvo. Tomas Aduna se acomodo por seis meses con M<sup>a</sup> Mancha. Antonio Sanchez enganchado en la Compania del Cap<sup>n</sup> Hays, Jose M<sup>a</sup> dela Garza trabajando con Don Antonio Navarro. Jesus Zepeda ocupando en negocios de Agricultura y de su f<sup>ma</sup>. Fran<sup>co</sup> Sharro acomodado con el Sr Davis. Fernando Curbier tiene propiedad y se ocupa de hacer una Casa. Doroteo Hernandez no se sabe quien es. Jose Gomez salio p<sup>a</sup> los Ranchos. Juan Lane se fue pa. Goliad. Agustin Garza no se hallava presente. La comision nombrada pa. examinar las propiedades de la Corporacion pidieron mas tiempo. El presidente les concedio hasta la proxima sesion. Aprobado

JA-147. El Presidente manifesto al Consejo que como a las diez de la noche del dia 9 del corriente se le dio aviso de que dos hombres havian renido y que uno de ellos quedava casi muerto a punaladas y a consecuencia de tal aviso, mando al Condestable asistiere al desorden y arrestase a los infractores de el, que el Condestable cumpliendo con su dever le havia presentado la manana del dia siguiente un hombre llamado Quino como principal causante del desorden, quien por los informes que recivio aquella misma manana, resulto que Quino havia dado unas punaladas o heridas mortales a M<sup>l</sup> Billegas, que no encontrando justos los descargos de Quino lo puso hasta hoy en

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discharges made by Quino sufficiently just I ordered him to jail untill today to present him before the Council as I do it in conformity with the determination made by this Council.

The Council agreeable to the Mayor's information has determination that the prisoner remain in Jail untill the wounded be out of danger according to a Doctor's Judgement, after which through a Bond which he will have to give to be and appear before the Hon. the District Court of this County of Bexar, at the next meeting he will be set at liberty.

JA-148. The Body has agreed that the Woman now in Jail shall be released and placed at a House for correction so she may be able to live by her labor.

Mr. Callaghan offered the following Ordinance

Sec 1st. Be it ordained and decreed, That all owners of houses and lots within the improved part of the City shall be required to make Paved Foot-ways of Stone or brick of two and a half Varas width before all said houses and lots fronting on the Public Streets and keep the same in good repair.

Sec 2<sup>d</sup>. That it shall then be their duty to do so within one month after Public Notice is given or be subject to have it done by the Corporation and the

costs made recoverable according to law.

And after being well discussed it was resolved That it should lay on the table untill next term.

Mr. Callaghan laid before the Body a Plan to raise a Bridge across the River in the Commerce Street which runs to the Alamo. The Council resolved that the Plan should lay on the table untill tomorrow ten O'clock when another for the same purpose shall be ready ordered to be made by the Mayor so as to consider on both of them and then determine on the best suitable for said purposes. Approved.

Adjourned untill to morrow at ten oclock.

R. Garza  
Clerk

John N. Seguin  
Mayor

The Council met agreeable to adjournment the roll being called there appeared Mess Jno. N. Seguin Mayor, B. Callaghan, James Trueheart, A. Barrera, F. Bustillos & J. A. Urrutia the minutes being read and approved

The Council took into consideration the affair of the Bridge as on account of not finding R.F. Higginbotham one of the principal Contractors of the same it was resolved that the Council meet at three O'clock this afternoon. Adjourned.

R. Garza  
Clerk

John N. Seguin  
Mayor

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el calabozo para presentarlo, como lo hace, al Consejo de conformidad con lo que sobre este particular tiene el mismo Consejo determinado.

El Consejo en vista de lo que el Presidente manifesto en el parrafo anterior determino que el delincuente permanezca en el Calabozo hasta que el herido salga de riesgo a Juicio del Doctor, despues de lo cual, mediante fianzas que ortorgara para comparecer ante la Honorable Corte del Distrito en la proxima session, se pondra en libertad.

JA-148. El Cuerpo ha tenido a bien acordar que la Mujer que se halla en el Calabozo se ponga en una Casa de Coreccion pa. que subisita de su trabajo.

El Sr. Callaghan presento a proyecto la Ordenanza siguiente

Sec 1<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta, Que todas las personas duenas de Casas y solares dentro de la parte mas amejorada de la Ciudad sean por este requeridas a hacer Banquetas de Piedra de dos y medio Varas de ancho enfrente de sus respectivas Casas y solares que hagan frente en las Calles Publicas y de conservarlas en buen estado.

Sec 2<sup>a</sup>. Ademas se decreta Que sera el dever de estas personas de hacerlas dentro de un mes despues de publicada este aviso y la persona que faltare a hacer lo prevenido en esta Ordenanza lo hara por ella la Corporacion cobrandole los gastos y costs (hechos) que se originaren con arreglo a la ley,

Despues de haberse discutido este asunto se dispuso quedara pendiente hasta el proximo termino.

El mismo senior presento un Plano para levantar un puente que facilite el paso del Rio por la Calle del Comercio que comensa a el Alamo cuyo plano resolvió el Consejo quedase pendiente hasta manana a las diez en cuyo tiempo estara concluida

otro que el Presidente con tal objeto mando levantar para que reflexionando sobre los dos, el Consejo decidiese sobre el que mejor le combiene al interes del Publico. Aprobada.

Se levanto la session devriendose reunirse manana a las diez.

R. Garza  
Srio

Juan N. Seguin  
Presidente

Reunida la Corporacion de conformidad con su levantamiento estando presente el Sr. Don Juan N. Seguin Presidente y Regidores Callaghan, Urrutia, Bustillos, Trueheart y Barrera, Leida y aprobada la Acta de la anterior se declaro abierta la session.

Y habiendo tomado el Consejo en consideration el asunto del puente y por no haver encontrado al S<sup>r</sup> H.F. Higginbottom uno de los Contratistas se dispuso quedase sobre la mesa hasta las tres de la tarde cuando volvera a reunirse el Cuerpo. Aprobada.

R. Garza  
Srio

Juna N. Seguin  
Presidente

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The Council met agreeable to adjournment J. M. Seguin Mayor there being a quorum present proceeded to bussiness.

JA-149. And after well examined both of the Plans presented to Raise the Bridge it was resolved that the Plan presented by Roderick F. Higginbotham should be adopted.

Adjourned untill tomorrow ten o'clock.

R. Garza  
Srio

Juan N. Seguin  
Mayor

The Council met agreeable to adjournment present John N. Seguin Mayor and Aldermen F. Bustillos, B. Callaghan, James S. Trueheart, J.A. Urrutia & A. Barrera. The minutes of the former being read and approved

JA-150. The Council took into consideration the affair of the Bridge now pending before the body and after being or hacing approved the Plan presented by Roderick F. Higginbotham agreeable to the former act being the most suitable, the Council authorised or empowered the Mayor to contract with the said R.F. Higginbotham the building of the Bridge aforesaid the costs with the Town Property.

JA-151. The Council resolved that the Prisoner now in Jail be left at the entire disposition of the Mayor of this Corporation. Adjourned.

R. Garza  
Clerk

John N. Seguin  
Mayor

OCTOBER 28th 1841

The Council met present J.A. Seguin Mayor & Aldermen A. Barrera, B. Callaghan, F. Bustillos, J.S. Trueheart & J.A. Urrutia the minutes being read and approved

The Mayor informed the Council that the affair betwixt James Goodman and this Corporation had been decided in favor of said Corporation but the deffendant appealed to the District Court.

JA-152. Mr. Callaghan offered the following Ordinance

"The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio taking into consideration the deplorable situation of her citizens and wishing to avoid their evils natural effect

of repeated taxes to cover the compromise entered into with the Builder of a good & permanent Bridge to afford the passage of her citizens & travelers has determined to decree in today's session the following:

1st. Be it ordained & decreed That the Mayor be authorised to collect all monies due to the Branch of Propios up to the present year by the different owners of lots who irrigate or have irrigated with the 5th of the water appertaining to the Saca of the Labors below town granted for the benefit of the Town since the foundation of said Saca.

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Reunida la Corporacion con arreglo a la Acta anterior, Presidencia del S<sup>r</sup> Seguin y habiendo el numero competente se declaro abierta la sesion.

JA-149. Y despues de bien examinados los Planos presentados en proyecto p<sup>a</sup> levantar el Puente se adopto el Plan presentado por el Sr. R.F. Higginbotham con lo que se levanto la sesion hasta manana a las diez.

R. Garza  
Srio

Juan N. Seguin  
Presid<sup>te</sup>

OCTUBRE 16 1841

Reunida la Corporacion con arreglo a la Acta anterior presentes Juan N. Seguin Presidente y Regidores F. Bustillos, B. Callaghan, James S. Trueheart, Juan Antonio Urrutia y Agustin Barrera y habiendo mayoria suficiente se procedio a negocios.

JA-150. Tomado en consideracion el negocio del Puente hasta aqui pendiente y despues de haver aprobado el Plano que presento el Sr. Roderick F. Higginbotham segun consta de la sesion anterior por haverle parecido el mas conviniente, el Cuerno faculto al Presidente suficientemente para que contratase con el citado Sor Roderick F. Higginbotham la construccion del puente mencionado, garantizando sus costos con las propiedades de la Ciudad.

JA-151. El Consejo dispuso que el S<sup>r</sup> Quino que ahora se halla en el Calabozo quede a la entera disposicion del Presidente de esta Corporacion.

Con lo que se levanto la sesion hasta el proximo termino.

R. Garza  
Srio

Juan N. Seguin  
Presidente

SESION DEL DIA 28 DE ABRIL 1841

Reunida la Corporacion presentes Juan N. Seguin Presidente y Regidores Agustin Barrera, Bryan Callaghan, F. Bustillos, James S. Trueheart y Juan Antonio Urrutia Leida y aprovada la acta se abrio la sesion.

El Presidente vervalmente informo al Consejo que el negocio pendiente entre la Corporacion y Santiago Goodman havia sido dado o decidido a favor de la Corporacion pero el demandado apelo a la Corte Distrito.

JA-152. El Senor Callaghan presento la Sig<sup>te</sup> Ordenanza

"El Mayor y Regidores de la Ciudad de San Antonio, teniendo en consideracion el estado deplorable en que se encuentran los vecinos, y queriendo evitar que se aumentan sus males, efecto natural de impuestos repetidos; para cubrir los compromisos q<sup>e</sup> ha contraido con el empresario de la construccion de un Puente bueno y que proporcione la comodidad de los vecinos y transeuntes, de la Ciudad ha determinado decretar en

Sesion del dia de hoy lo siguiente:

1<sup>o</sup>. Se ordena y decreta q<sup>e</sup> por esta esta facultado el Presidente de la Corporacion p<sup>a</sup> que haga efectivo el cobro, de lo que hasta el presente ano adeudan al ramo de Propios los duenos de los diferentes solares que riegan o han regado con el 5<sup>o</sup> de la agua de la Saca de la Labor de Abajo concedido a beneficio de la Ciudad desde al fundacion de dha saca.

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2<sup>d</sup>. Be it further ordered & decreed That the Mayor will also exact the payment of two reales per annum for each & every dula (or day of water) of those comprehended in the different sacas of the San Antonio River by virtue of an act passed by the Legislature of Coahuila & Texas N<sup>o</sup> 198, dated 1st May 1832, the vote being taken it stood thus, Mess. Callaghan, Urrutia & Barrera were in favor Mess. Trueheart & Bustillos were against it consequently the Ordinance was adopted.

Mr. Booker MD. presented the following account:

The Corporation of Bexar D<sup>r</sup> for Medical services rendered Manuel Billegas from the 8th to 24th of October, inclusive 16 days @ \$5.00 per day - - \$80.00

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2<sup>d</sup>. Ademas se decreta que del mismo modo exiga el pago de dos reales anuales por cada dula de agua a cada uno de los que comprenden las difirentes sacas que tiene el Rio De San Antonio, consecuente a lo dispuesto por el Decreto de la Legislatura de Coahuila y Texas N<sup>o</sup> 198 de 1<sup>o</sup> de Mayo de 1832, lo que puesto a discusion por votacion nominal fue aprobado por los SS. Callaghan, Urrutia y Barrera y repobado ( o en la contra) los SS. Bustillos y Trueheart de consig<sup>te</sup> la Ordenanza quedo aprovada.

El Doctor Booker presento la sig<sup>te</sup> cuenta

La Corporacion de San Antonio deve por servicios medicales hechos a Manuel Billegas desde el dia 8 hasta el 20 de Octubre siendo 16 dias a razon de 5 pesos por dia son ochenta pesos lo que quedo pendiente hasta la sesion venidera.

Agustin Barrera Regidor de la Hon Corporacion al mismo cuerpo propuso se tome en consideracion la absoluta ignorancia de que se hallan los Ciudadanos naturales de esta Ciudad, de las leyes Generales de la Republica por no hallarse coleccion de ellas en Espanol; y que en consecuencia se disponga si asi fuese del agrado del Cuerpo, hacer y remitir una peticion respetuosa ya sea al Honorable Congreso o al Gobierno de la Republica recordandole lo ya dispuesto por las Leyes sobre el asunto y los graves errores q<sup>e</sup> se cometen por no hallarse alcance de las leyes lo que no conocen la Lengua Inglesa en que estan escritas.

El Presidente manifesto al cuerpo que por reclamo hecho por varios vecinos del Barrio de la Villita sobre q<sup>e</sup> se les diese el paso o uso Franco de la Calle Publica situada entre D<sup>n</sup> Guadalupe Ruiz y D<sup>z</sup> Concepcion de Casas (El Presidente) dispuso que el Regidor Don Agustin Barrera atendiese a tan justos reclamos, sirviendose para tal caso del Agrimensor q<sup>e</sup> tiene contrato la Ciudad; y haviendo resultado de las medidas que tiro el dho Agrimensor delineando la calle publica q<sup>e</sup> han reclamado resulto que la mayor parte de dha Calle la tienen en sus solares d<sup>n</sup> Guadalupe Ruiz y D<sup>a</sup> Concepcion de

Casas y considerando este asunto el Presidente de grave importancia lo puso a consideracion del Cuerpo quien despues de varias prudentes reflexiones, determino quedase pendiente hasta la proxima sesion.

Se levanto hasta el proximo termino.

R. Garza  
Srio

Juan N. Seguin  
Presidente

SESION DEL DIA 15 DE NOV<sup>bre</sup> PRESIDENCIA DE SENOR SEGUIN

Leida y aprovada la Acta anterior; el Presidente dio cuenta con la renuncia del Secretario D<sup>n</sup> Rafael Garza la que despues de haver sido admitida el Cuerpo nombro para el desempeno de aquel

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PAGE 74: destino, a D<sup>n</sup> Jose Antonio Menchaca quien lo solicito con oportunidad. JA-154. Tambien dio cuenta el mismo Senor con dos peticiones de los Vecinos Francisco Esparsa e Isavel Seguin solicitando del Cuerpo, en virtud de haver extraviado sus escrituras de posesion en las rebolesiones que ha sufrido el Paiz de los solares en que actualmente viven un Documento con que en todo tiempo puedan justificar su derecho a tal propiedad, y en vista de tales peticiones, el Cuerpo resolvió que los solicitantes presenten a la Corporacion dos testigos que acrediten al la verdad lo que esponen en sus peticiones despues de lo cual, el Presidente a nombre del Consejo les estendera las Escrituras necesarias para el objeto que las partes indican; y que esta determinacion la mando publicar el Presidente para que abrace a todas las demas personas que se encuentren en igual caso. **Aprovado.**

SESION DEL DIA 18 DE NOVIEMBRE PRESIDENCIA DEL SENOR SEGUIN

Leida y aprovada la Acta anterior se procedio a los negocios de costumbre.

El Secretario nuevamente nombrado se presento y otorgo juramento de la forma que sigue:

Yo Jose Antonio Menchaca solemnemente juro que cumplire y desempenare las obligaciones que como Secretario de la Corporacion de la Ciudad de San Antonio (para que he sido nombrado por la misma Corporacion) me impone la ley segun mi leal saver y entender.

Asi me ayude Dios.

JA-155. El Senor Urrutia presento en proyecto la resolucion siguiente:

"Se faculta al Presidente del Consejo para que en cualquier dia de la semana pueda recibir los testimonios que los interesados le presenten provando el derecho que tengan sobre cuyos solares solicitan escrituras. **Aprovado.**

JA-156. A mocion del Senor Callaghan el Consejo dispuso que el Presidente consultase con un Abogado de providad de los que viven en esta Ciudad si el Cuerpo tiene facultad para cobrar en plata sus impuestos Municipales.

JA-157. El Senor Trueheart propuso:

"Que el Presidente anuncie al Publico de la manera acostumbrada que D<sup>a</sup> Isabel Seguin solicito escritura de posesion para un solar que tiene de muchos anos ha sin interrupcion por herencia de sus finados padres para que, si en el termino de quince dias no se presentara alguna oposicion legal, se estiendan la escritura que solicita. **Aprovado.**

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PAGE 75: El Presidente tomo juramento de estilo a los Senores Don Jose Maria el dela Garza y D. Guadalupe del Toro y D<sup>n</sup> Melchor Leal quienes declararon a virtud del juramento que otorgaron, Que Francisco Esparza e Isabel Seguin poseen los solares en que viven los cuales solicitan escrituras, por muchos anos, sin interrupcion, lo mismo sus antepasados de quienes los tuvieron por herencia.

JA-158.

AVISO ALIPUBLICO

El primero Lunes dia tres del Mes de Enero se celebrara la Asamblea Electoral Municipal para el nombramiento de un Presidente, Ocho Regidores, Un Tesorero y Un Colector, que compondran la Corporacion de la Ciudad de San Antonio la asamblea se verificara en la Sala de Sesiones de la Corporacion y estara abierta desde las nueve de la mañana hasta las cuatro de la tarde. Todo de conformidad con la ley de la materia.

Ciudad de San Antonio Diciembre 25 de 1841.

Jose Antonio Menchaca  
(rubric) Seco.

SESION EXTRAORDINARIA DEL DIA 15 DE DICIEMBRE PRESIDENCIA DE SR. SEGUIN

Leida y aprovada la acta anterior El Presidente hizo saber al Cuerpo que el no haver pagado la primera obligacion al Empresario del Puente del Alamo, motivo la presente sesion extraordinaria para que la Corporacion se ocupase: de proveer los medios suficientes pa. cubrir dicha obligacion.

JA-159. El Cuerpo resolvió que se hiciese efectivo el cobro de lo que se le debe a la Corporacion por los senso de propios y dulas de agua y el producto se destine a cubrir dicho pago.

JA-160. El Senor Callaghan hizo presente; que en su opinion, el impuesto sobre las Bestias cargadas que entren a esta Ciudad es demasiado excesivo, y que pedia que el Cuerpo tomase en consideracion este negocio de importancia para lo cual propuso que en lugar de cuatro reales en que estan pensionadas dichas bestias, se redugen a dos reales cada una lo que despues de bien discutido fue aprovado por unanimidad y se mando publicar.

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PAGE 76: El Presidente nombro al Senor Barrera para que en su ausencia se encargase de la recomposicion de la Sala de Sesiones y Carcel de esta Ciudad.

El mismo Senor informo al Cuerpo que de conformidad con el Decreto Municipal, se le estendieron titulos de posesion a las personas siguientes:

D<sup>Z</sup> Consolacion Leal de Garza, D<sup>a</sup> Ignacia Leal de Urrutia, D<sup>a</sup> Maria Josefa Seguin, D. Juan Rodriguez, y D<sup>Z</sup> Catarina Zepeda.

Como consta del Registro que existen en este mismo libro.

Se levanto la sesion, no asistio el Senor Flores.

SESION EXTRAORDINARIA DEL DIA 28 DE DICIEMBRE PRESIDENCIA DE SENOR SEGUIN

Leida y aprovada la acta anterior se procedio a los negocios de costumbre.

JA-161. Los Comisionados para el cobro de senso de Dulas y propios, de esta Ciudad hisieron presente que la mayor parte de los obligados al pago de dicho senso, se resisten hacerlo por los seis anos que se les cobra, por lo que el Cuerpo resolvió que se les excijere por lo que corresponde a los anos de 1840 y 41.

JA-162. El obligado de la Construccion del Puente del Barrio del Alamo solicito del Cuerpo, Que en virtud a no haverle pagado hasta haora, el primer pago al que esta obligado el Cuerpo por lo que se ha visto escaso de recursos para pagar los operarios que desde



el dia en que se le hiciese el primer pago se le conseidese seis semanas de termino para la conclusion de dicho puente. Despues de admitida y suficientemente discutida fue aprobada por unanimidad.

SESION EXTRAORDINARIA DEL DIA 1<sup>o</sup> DE FEBRERO PRESIDENCIA DEL SENOR SEGUIN

JA-163. Leida y aprobada la Acta anterior de dio cuenta con el dictamen de la Comision para resivir del puente construida sobre el Rio de esta Ciudad donde corre la Calle de Comercio al Varrrio del Alamo, cuyo dictamen se reduce a manifestar al Cuerpo que el puente no esta, segun el Plano y contrato, hechos sobre la materia, en estado de recibirce. El Cuerpo aprovo el dictamen de la cmision referida.

El Senor McMullen propuso que se nombrase una Comision compuesta del Senor propuso que se nombrasen una Comision compuesta del Senor Presidente y los Senores Callaghan y Maverick quienes con el obligado de la construccion del puente conviniesen en lo mas prudente paradejar el puente en estado de completo uso.

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JA-164. El mismo senor propuso que se vendiesen en almoneda Publica las propiedades de la Ciudad que fuesen suficientes a cubrir la cantidad de 1,500 pesos que emporta la construccion del puente de que se ha hecho relacion y de facultar al Presidente para que emplee un Agrimensor que se ocupe en mensurar los solares que con forme a esta resolucion deven venderce, cuyos solares constaran de ciento cincuenta Varas cuadradas. aprobada.

JA-165. El Senor Callaghan manifesto a la Corporacion la obligacion en que estara dicho cuerpo de cumplir con los requisitos de la ley que incorporo la Ciudad de San Antonio por cuya razon proponia que se nombrasen los individuos suficientes para llenar las vacantes con que se halla la Corporacion, y despues de aproveda dicha proposicion, a mocion del Senor Presidente el Senor Dwyer fue nombrado Regidor, y a mocion del Senor McMullen lo fue tambien el Senor El Senor Presidente nombro a los Senores McMullen y Rivas para que hisieren saver a los Senores Dwyer y su nombramiento los que si lo aceptaran se presentaran en la proxima sesion a otorgar el juramento prevenido por la ley para entrar al desempeño de sus funciones.

Se levanto la sesion hasta el proximo termino, no asistio el Senor Garza.

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APRIL 18th 1842

TO THE HON. CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COUNTY OF BEXAR

SIR: The disordely state in which our unfortunete County is actually placed in binds me to remit you my resignation of Mayor of the City of San Antonio.

I am your ob<sup>t</sup> Servant, John N. Seguin, Mayor.

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BEXAR

TO THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY

A vacancy having occurred in the office of Mayor of the City of San Antonio, by the resignation of John N. Seguin Esq<sup>r</sup> you are hereby required to notify, John McMullen, Antonio Urrutia and Bryan Callaghan Esq<sup>rs</sup> Aldermen of said City, That an Election to fill said vacancy has been ordered to be held at the City Hall on

Monday the 25th of April inst. and that they are appointed to superintend the same, under the provisions of an Act of 14th January 1842, entitled an Act to Incorporate the City of San Antonio, and you will return to me how you have executed this precept,

Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of April 1842.

John S. Simpson (seal)  
Chief Justice Bexar County

Votes taken at an election held in the City of San Antonio this 25th day of April 1842 for Mayor, John N. Seguin resigned, Resulted as follows,

John W. Smith	seventeen	17
Bryan Callaghan		4

We the undersigned hereby certify that the above is a true statement of the election held this 25th day of April 1842 in the City of San Antonio.

John McMullen - Bryan Callaghan - Ant<sup>o</sup> Urrutia Regidores--Aldermen--Judges  
of the Election.

San Ant<sup>o</sup> 25th April 1842

John W. Smith Esq.

Sir: At an election this day held for mayor of the Corporation of the City for the unexpired time of John N. Seguin Esq. resigned in pursuance of a writ of a election issued for that purpose, you are duly elected to that office.

Very respectfully

John S. Simpson  
Chief Justice B.C.

I do solemnly swear, That I will truly honestly and faithfully discharge the duties of Mayor of the City of San Antonio, without favor or partiality, to the best of my skill and ability, and that I will support the Constitution of the Republic. SO HELP ME GOD.

John W. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th day of April 1842.

John S. Simpson  
Chief Justice  
Bexar County.

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AL HONORABLE JUEZ DEL CONDADO DE BEXAR

SEÑOR: El estado desordenado en que se encuentra actualmente este desgraciado Condado, me obligan a remitir a V.H. mi presente renuncia del empleo de Presidente de la Corporacion de la Ciudad de San Antonio.

Soy su ob<sup>te</sup> Servidor

Juan N. Seguin,  
Presidente.

REPUBLICA DE TEXAS  
CONDADO DE BEXAR

AL CHERIFE DEL CONDADO

Haviendo ocurrido la vacante en el destino de Presidente de la Ciudad de San Antonio por renuncia de D<sup>n</sup> Juan N. Seguin, por este esta V. requerido a notificar a D<sup>n</sup> Juan McMullen a Antonio Urrutia y Bryan Callaghan, Regidores de dha Ciudad, que una eleccion para llenar dha vacante se ha mandado tener en la sala de la Ciudad el Lunes y dia 25 de Abril del presente y que se hallan nombrados pa. superintender la misma, bajo las provisiones de una Acta de 16 de Enero 1842, titulado una Acta para Incorporar la Ciudad de San Antonio, y V. me hara su retorno como ha executado esta precepto.

Dado bajo mi mano y sello hoy dia 19 de Abril 1842.

John S. Simpson (seal)  
Chief Justice Bexar County

Votos sufragado en la Ciudad de San Ant<sup>o</sup> hoy dia 25 de Abril 1842, para  
Presidente de la Corporacion por renuncia de Juan N. Seguin Esq<sup>r</sup> A saver:

Juan G. Smith	17 votos	
Bryan Callaghan	4	= 21

Nosotros los abajo suscritos certificamos que la antecedente es el verdadero resultado de la eleccion tenida hoy dia de la fecha en la Ciudad de San Antonio

Juan McMullen - Bryan Callaghan - Juan Antonio Urrutia Regidores y  
Jueces de la eleccion.

San Ant<sup>o</sup> 25 de Abril 1842

Juan G. Smith Esq<sup>r</sup>

Sir: En la eleccion de aller pa. Presidente de la Corporacion de la Ciudad para el termino q<sup>e</sup> falta a Juan N. Seguin Esq<sup>r</sup> (quien renuncio) de conformidad con un aviso de eleccion dado p<sup>a</sup> el efecto Vd. fue devidam<sup>te</sup> electo pa. llenar ese destino.

Muy respetuosamente

Juan S. Simpson  
Juez Principal del Condado de Bexar.

Juro solememente que honesta, fiel, y verdaderamente desempenare los deveres de Presidente de la Corporacion de la Ciudad de S.A. sin parcialidad o favor a lo mejor de mi entender y abilidad, Y que sostendre la Constitucion de la Republica,

ASI ME AYUDE DIOS

Juan G. Smith

Jurado y signado ante mi hoy dia 27 de Abril 1842.

Juan S. Simpson  
Juez Principal B.C.

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At a called Session of the Corporation of the City of San Antonio this 23<sup>d</sup> day of May 1842 present J.W. Smith Mayor J McMullen, B. Callaghan, J.A. Urrutia E. Dwyer & C. Rivas Aldermen a quorum present

JA-168. Resolved That untill this Corporation shall appoint a Clerk E. Dwyer shall discharge the duties of said office as the law does direct.

When the Mayor explained to the body the object of the meeting where the following resolutions were adopted to wit:

JA-169. Resolved that John W. Smith be authorised to repair the City Jail and make the same as secure as the nature of the case will admit for which the sum of thirty dollars of the first money that may come to the hands of the Treasurer is appropriated and subject to the proper order to draw the sum. Adopted.

JA-170. Resolved that the individuals of this Corporation shall day in turn discharge the duties of averseers all vagrants and in ginilal to take charge of the Jail. Adopted

JA-171. Resolved that as the appropriations required by the second resolucion may have to be taken from money heretofore appropriated it is hereby provided that the same shall be replaced in some other way as sson as possible. Adopted

JA-172. Resolved That the Census of the City be taken, and that in doing so that a complete enrollment be made of all persons Males & Females Children and servants within the limits of the Corporation. And that the person appointed to take the Census extend the list so as to embrace all persons inthe County and their residence. And that one copy be archived with the Corporation and another copy delivered to the Commaader of our Western Frontier. Adopted

JA-173. Resolved that the services of the Mayor to make the Census List gratis be accepted who shall discharge the duties required of him so soon as possible and within the month of June Adopted

JA-174. Resolved That the Mayor proceed immediately and organize and send out a patrol of ten men to pass up and down the San Antonio River for the purpose of keeping order & reporting to the authorities of this City any matters of importance that may occur and that said Patrol be renewed weekly untill otherwise ordered.

Resolved that the Tax of two dollars shall be collected from all persons making a public Dance. Adopted

Adjourned untill Saturday next

Edoard Dwyer  
Secty pro tem.

John W. Smith  
Mayor

PAGE 80: A una session llamada de la Corporacion de la Ciudad de San Antonio hoy dia 23 de Mayo 1842 presantes Juan G. Smith Presidente, Juan McMullen, B. Callaghan, J.A. Urrutia, E. Dwyer y Cayetano Rivas Regidores siendo numero competente se abrio la sesion.

JA-168. Se decreto que hasta que esta Corporacion nombre un Secretario Eduardo Dwyer desempenara los deveres de tal empleo como la ley previene.

El Presidente explico al Hon Cuerpo el objeto de la junta por lo que las siguientes resoluciones fueron adoptadas a saber

JA-169. Se decreta, Que Juan G. Smith se autorise para que mande componer la Carcel de la Ciudad y haga la misma tan segura como la natureleza del caso lo permita para lo cual la suma de treinta pesos de la primera moneda que entre en la casa de los fondos estan apropiados y se puede sacar por la orden propia. Adoptada

JA-170. Se decreta ademas que los individuos de esta Corporacion cada uno de turno desempenaran los deveres de (Vedor) sobre los Vagos y en general tener cuidado de la Carcel. Adoptado

JA-171. Ademas se decreta que como apropiacion requerida por la segund resolucion puede ser tomada de moneda ya apropiada por este le provee que la misma se reemplaze de algun modo tan luego como sea posible. Adoptado

JA-172. Se resuelve a demas que el Censo de la Ciudad sea tomado, y que haciendolo asi se haga un registro completo de todas las personas, Hombres, Mugerres, Ninos y Sirvientes dentro de los limites de la Corporacion y que la persona nombrada pa. tomar el Censo extienda la lista de modo que comprenda todas las personas del Condado y sus residencias y que una Copia se archive en esta Corporacion y otra copie se le entregue al Comandante de nuestra Frontera Occidental Adoptado

JA-173. Se decreta ademas que los servicios gratis del Presidente p<sup>a</sup> hacer la lista del censo se acepten quien desempenara los deveres requeridos de el tan luego como sea posible y dentro del Mes de Junio. Adoptado

JA-174. Y ademas de decreta que el Presidente proceda inmediateme<sup>te</sup> a organizar y mande fuera una patrulla de diez hombres p<sup>a</sup> que anden arriba y abajo del Rio San Antonio con el fin de guardar la Orden y avisar a las autoridades de esta Ciudad sobre materias de importancia que puedan ocurrir y que dha patrulla se releve semanariamente hasta que de otro modo se disponga.

JA-174.<sup>1</sup> Y se decreta ademas que el impuesto de dos pesos se colecta de todas las personas que hagan un Bayle Publico.

Se levanto la sesion hasta el Savado venidero.

Eduo Dwyer  
Secty pro tem

John W. Smith  
Mayor

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SESION THE 28th MAY 1842

The Corporation met agreeable to adjournment present J.W. Smith Mayor, J. McMullen E. Dwyer Rafael Garza J.W. Urrutia B. Callaghan Aldermen and the minutes of the last session was read and approved

JA-175. Resolved by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of San Antonio That from this date untill otherwise provided for the Corporation licence and other taxes to be raised by the Corporation shall be one fourth of the Tax collected by the Republic which shall be receivable in Gold & silver only. Adopted

JA-176. Resolved that the Mayor require the Collector & Treasurer to make returns of their a/s as such officers with the Corporation & that the Treasurer be required to give another security, as one of the securities to his bond has since become a member of this body.

Council adjourned untill Saturday

Edward Dwyer  
Secty pro tem

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

SESION JUNE 5th 1842

The Council met agreeable to adjourment present J.W. Smith Mayor, McMullen Dwyer Garza Urrutia & Callaghan Aldermen and the minutes of the last session being read and approved

The Mayor presented the a/s of W<sup>m</sup> H. Ottiwell for making and repairing, Chairs am<sup>t</sup> \$10.75/100 which same was laid on the table.

JA-177. The Mayor is authorised to purchase one beef at Twelve dollars for the maintenance of the Vagrants and to draw upon the Treasurer for same

JA-178. Be it ordained by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of San Antonio that the Mayor proceed & have the lots surveyed which are situated on the east side of the Alamo ditch agreeable to the plan under which the sale of part of said lots was made

JA-179. Be it further ordained that the Mayor of the City be & he is hereby authorised to proceed and make the deeds & conveyances to purchasers of lots sold by the Corporation on the 10th day of February 1842 as by law. see page 77

JA-179.<sup>1</sup> Be it further resolved that the Mayor proceed to the collection of any ballances that may be due on the lots sold as referred to in the precious section and on receiving payment therefor the purchasers are entitled to deeds agreeable to the terms of sale

JA-180. The Council Resolved That the services of Rafael Garza be received as Secretary pro tem to this Corporation receiving pay twenty dollars (silver) p<sup>r</sup> month in place of E. Dwyer who resigns the appointment.

Adjourned untill next term

R. Garza  
Clerk pro tem

John W. Smith  
Mayor

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SESION DEL DIA 28 DE MAYO 1842

Reunida la Corporacion con arreglo a su levantamiento presentes el S<sup>r</sup> Presidente D<sup>n</sup> Juan G. Smith y Regidores los S.S. McMullen Dwyer Garza Urrutia y Callaghan leida y aprovada la acta se abrio la sesion

JA-175. Se decreta por el Presidente y Regidores de la Ciudad de San Antonio que desde esta fecha hasta que de otro modo se disponga la licencia de la Corpora

y cualesquiera otra clase de impuestos levantados por esta Corporacion  
cion/seran al cuarto de la taxacion colectada por la Republica lo que se recibira  
en plata y oro Adoptado

JA-176. Ademas se decreta Que el Presidente requiera al Colector y Tesorero que  
hagan sus retornos de sus cuentas como tales empleados de la Corporacion y que se  
requiera al Tesorero pa. que de otro fiador, porque uno de sus fiadores ha sido  
electo miembro de este cuerpo

Se levanto la sesion hasta el Savado venidero.

Edward Dwyer  
Secty pro tem

John W. Smith  
Mayor

SESION 5 DE JUNIO 1842

Reunida la Corporacion con arreglo a su levantam<sup>to</sup> presentes Juan G. Smith Presidente  
McMullen Dwyer Garza Urrutia y Callaghan Regidores leida y aprovada la acta de la Sesion  
anterior se procedio a negocios.

El Presidente presento al cuerpo la cuenta de Guillermo H. Ottiwell por hacer y recom-  
poner unas sillas montante de 10 pesos seis reales la que quedo sobre la mesa.

JA-177. El Presidente esta autorizado para comprar una rez en precio de doce pesos  
para la mantencion de los Vagos y que jire contra el Tesorero por su valor.

JA-178. Se ordena por el Mayor y Regidores de la Ciudad de San Antonio Que el Presidente  
proceda y mande mensurar los solares situados por la parte oriental de la Azequia del Alamo  
de conformidad con el plano bajo el cual la venta de parte de dnos solares fue echa.

JA-179. Ademas se ordena que el Presidente de la Ciudad se autorise y por este esta  
autorizado para que proceda a hacer las escrituras y traspasos a los compradores de  
Terrenos vendidos por la Corporacion el dia 10 de Febrero 1842 arreglado a la ley Vean  
pagina 77.

JA-179.<sup>1</sup> Ademas se ordena que el Presidente proceda a coleccionar cualesquiera balance  
que se reste sobre los solares vendidos como se refiere ya en la seccion anterior y al  
recibir pagamento de ello los compradores estan titulados a sus escrituras con arreglo a  
los terminos de la venta.

JA-180. El Consejo decreto que los servicios de Rafael Garza sean recibidos como  
Secretario interino de esta Corporacion recibiendo la paga de veinte pesso en plata men-  
suales en lugar de E. Dwyer quien hizo su renuncia.

Se levanto hasta el proximo termino.

R. Garza  
Srio Int<sup>o</sup>

Jn<sup>o</sup> W Smith  
Mayor

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SESION DEL DIA 11 DE JUNIO 1842

Reunida la Corporacion presentes J.W. Smith Mayor J.W. Urrutia B. Callaghan  
E. Dwyer J. McMullen & Rafael Garza Aldermen quorum present the minutes being read &  
approved

JA-181. The Council appointed Jose Man<sup>1</sup> de la Garza commissioner of the Water (Propio)  
in town and that said Commissioner be instructed to regulate the water in such manner as  
may be equal.

JA-182. Be it resolved that the representation of John Smith now vervally presented  
is duly considered and the license fee reduced totwelve & a half dollars for his licence  
for selling liquors; provided the Said Smith desist from any futher selling of liquors.

JA-183. On motion of the Mayor appointed Mess Dwyer & Callaghan a Committee to examine

for papers belong to the Corporation and report the same. Approved

Adjourned until next term.

R. Garza  
Secty

Jn<sup>o</sup> W Smith  
Mayor

JUNE 18th 1842

No meeting held on a/c of Bad Weather

R. Garza  
Sec<sup>y</sup>

JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> 1842

The Council met at the requisition of the Mayor & the roll being called there appeared Mess. J.W. Smith Mayor J.A. Urtutia B. Callaghan E. Dwyer R. Garza C. Rivas & John McMullen the minutes of the former session being read & approved the Council proceeded to bussiness.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE

JA-184. REGULATING THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

Sec 1st. Be it ordained & decreed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in Council assembled, That the Mayor in no instance shall draw on the treasurer, without expressing the time when the order of the Corporation passed for payment of the same.

Sec 2<sup>nd</sup> Be it futher ordained that the foregoing section of this Ordinance shall not effect special appropriations for the completing of objects ordered by this Corporation to be carried into effect.

Sec 3<sup>rd</sup> Be it futher ordained that all Ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with this, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE

JA-185. FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MAYOR & AUTHORITIES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF VAGRANTS, &c

BE IT ordained by the Mayor & Aldermen, That there shall be issued to each Vagrant two pounds of dried beef or three of green beef during the time there may be beef alone to issue, and that each Vagrant shall receive when there is no beef to furnish them twelve & half cts per day and that so far as the Vagrants can be hired out it shal be done at two reals per day

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JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> 1842

The Council met pursuant to adjournment presentes Juan G. Smith Presidente B. Callaghan E. Dwyer R. Garza John McMullen y Juan Ant<sup>o</sup> Urrutia Regidores habiendo el numero competente se dio lectura a la sesion anterior la que fue aprovada.

JA-181. El Consejo nombro al S<sup>r</sup> Don Jose M<sup>l</sup> de la Garza comisionado del agua de propios de esta Ciudad y que se le instuye a dho Comisionado para que arregle el agua de tal manera que sea igualmente dividida.

JA-182. Haviendo tomado el Cuerpo en consideracion la representacion verval que hizo el S<sup>r</sup> Juan Smith resolvio que la licencia impuesta pro vender licores le sea reducida a doce pesos cuatro reales, con tal que el dho Smith desiste enteramente de la venta de licores.

JA-183. A mocion el Presidente nombro una Comision compuesta del S<sup>e</sup> Dwyer y Callaghan para que busquen y exminen los papeles pertenecientes a esta Corporacion y dem cuenta de ellos. Approved

Se levanto la session hasta el termino senalado.  
R. Garza, Srio

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith, Mayor

JUNIO 14 1842

No hubo sesion por el mal tiempo.

R. Garza  
Sro

SESION DEL DIA 21 DE JUNIO 1842

Reunida la Corporacion por llamada especial del Presidente asistieron Juan Antonio Urrutia, Bryan Callaghan, E. Dwrer, R. Garza, C. Rivas y Juan McMullen Regidores Leida y a provada la acta de la sesion anterior se declaro abierta la sesion.

LA SIG<sup>te</sup> ORDENANZA

JA-184. ARREGLANDO EL DEPARTAMENTO DE LA TESORERIA DE LA CIUDAD DE SAN ANTONIO

Sec 1<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta por el Mayor y Regidores de al Ciudad de San Ant<sup>o</sup> en Consejo reunido, Que el Presidente en ningun caso jirara sobre el Tesorero sin expresar el tiempo cuando la corporacion halla pasadola orden para el pago de la misma.

SEC 2<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena ademas que la seccion anterior no efectuara a ningunas apropiaciones especiales p<sup>a</sup> el completo de objetos ordenados, que se lleven a efecto por esta Corporacion.

Sec 3<sup>a</sup>. Ademas se ordena que todas las ordenanzas o partes de Ordenanzas contrarias a las prevenciones de esta quedan derogadas.

Aprovada

LA SIGUIENTE ORDENANZA

JA-185. PARA EL GOBIERNO DEL MAYOR Y AUTORIDADES EN EL MANEJO DE VAGOS

Sec 1<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta por el Mayor y Regidores en Consejo Reunido, que se le dara a cada Vago dos libras de carne seca o tres de fresca durante el tiempo que halla carne sola p<sup>a</sup> repartirse y que cada uno de los Vagos recibiera un real cuando no halla la carne p<sup>a</sup> repartirse y si se pudieren alquilar los dhs Vagos se alquilaran a dos rr<sup>s</sup> por dia la mitad se pagara a

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one half to be paid to the Corporation the other half shall be paid to the Vagrant as his support any person desirous of hiring the Vagrants shall apply the day previous to the Mayor who shall set apart and in the evening order the Jailer to deliver on the following morning to the applicant the Vagrant of Vagrants so applied for

Sec 2<sup>d</sup>. Be it futher ordained, That the sum of Twenty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated & set apart as a fund for the support of Vagrants.

Sec 3<sup>d</sup>. Be it futher ordained that the Clerk of the Corporation make and deliver to the Treasurer of the same a copy of this Ordinance.

Sec 4<sup>th</sup>. Be it futher ordained that when necessary the Mayor shall issue a warrant for one or two day s at a time in favor of the Constable, for the support of Vagrants only, taking care to only draw the amount necessary for subsistence.

Sec 5<sup>th</sup>. Be it futher ordained That persons desirous of hiring the Vagrants, shall when they make the application for services pay twelve & half cts to the Mayor and the other 12 1/2 cts to the Vagrants during the day or furnish the provisions to said Vagrant as they may agree.

Sec 6<sup>th</sup>. It is futher ordered that the Mayor shall keep a regular a<sup>o</sup> and render the same to the Corporation at each session & pay the same to the Treasury weekly.

Approved

Adjourned till 4 o'clock afternoon.



JA-186. Met pursuant to adj<sup>mt</sup> The Mayor laid before the Body an account of repairs to Jail.

Five Fanegas lime of Fran<sup>co</sup> Rivas @ \$1 ea -\$5.00 Two days work macon @ \$1.50  
pr day ..... \$8.00

One door hasp for main door 50¢ Three large rivets in cross barr @ 25¢ ea.  
75¢.. 1.25

One Staple to lock chain 25¢ one fetter for the ankly \$1.00..... 1.25  
Money paid out \$10.50

Monies recived John Smith Licence \$12.50 Lucas Mancha fine \$1.00.....\$13.50

Approved.

Whereas representations by the committee to examine for papers, have been made to this Corporation that in the month of February and March last, there was considerable amounts subscribed by the Citizens of the City of San Antonio, and paid for the purpose of paying Spies and provisioning Volunteers that had been called to this City at that time and that no distribution of the subscriptions has not as yet been rendered.

JA-187. Be it resolved, That the Mayor of this Corporation appoint a committee of two, to call on the person who had the disposition of the money aforesaid, to render account of the distribution and that said committee be authorised to receive all reports in writting from any persons interested and report to this Corporation, and also that said committee take evidence in the matter as to refunding the said subscriptions, by the Corporation of this City.

The Mayor appointed Mess Dwyer & Callaghan said Committee and instructed the Clerk to hand them a copy.

On motion

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la Corporacion y la otra mitad se le pagara al Vago para su subsistencia cualesquiera persona deseosa de alquilar algun Vago le hara aplicacion un dia antes al Presidente quien lo separara e en la tarde le dara orden al encargado de la Carcel que entregue la mañana siguiente al aplicante el Vago y Vagos que se hallan pedido.

Sec 2<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena ademas, que la cantidad de veinte pesos se destinan y por este quedan destinados y separados como un fondo p<sup>a</sup> la subsistencia de Vagos.

Sec 3<sup>a</sup>. Ademas se ordena, que el Srio de la Corporacion pase una copia de esta parte de Ordenanza al Tesorero de la misma.

Sec 4<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena ademas, que cuando fuere necesario, el Presidente extienda una livranza contra el Tesorero a favor del Condestable por uno o dos dias a la vez solamente p<sup>a</sup> el sosten de Vagos teniendo cuidado de sacar solam<sup>te</sup> la suma necesaria p<sup>a</sup> su subsistencia

Sec 5<sup>a</sup>. Ademas se ordena, que toda persona o personas deseosas de alquilar algun Vago cuando hagan aplicacion p<sup>a</sup> servicios pagaran al Presidente un real y el otro real se lo pagaran al Vago durante el dia(o le daran la comida) segun ellos convinieren.

Sec 6<sup>a</sup>. Se decreta ademas que el Presidente llevara una cuenta exacta y rendira la misma a la Corporacion en cada sesion ordinaria y pagara la misma a la Tesoreria semanariamente .

Se levanto hasta las 4 de la tarde. Aprobada

JA-186. Reunido el cuerpo el Presidente manifesto al cuerpo una cuenta de composturas hechas a la Carcel.

5 fanegas de cal compradas de D. Fran<sup>co</sup> Rivas a peso dos dias de trabajo del Alvanil a doce reales una aldava para la puerta grande cuatro reales tres puntas grandes para los atravesanos de fierro a dos reales cada uno una Staple para la cadena del Candado dos reales un par grilletes un peso, todo reunido son diez pesos cuatro reales pagados dinero recibido por Presidente la licencia de Juan Smith doce p<sup>s</sup> 4 r<sup>s</sup> multa de Mancha l p. son 13.4 Aprovado

Haviendo representado al cuerpo la comision nombrada que en el mes de Feb<sup>o</sup> y Marzo p<sup>o</sup>p<sup>o</sup> hubieron considerables sumas subscritas por algunos Ciudadanos de la Ciudad de San Antonio y pagadas con el fin de pagar Espias y provisionar a los Voluntarios llamados a esta Ciudad en aquella vez y que ninguna distribucion ha sido rendida hasta la fecha de tales subcripciones.

JA-187. Resuelto que el Presidente de esta Corporacion nombre una Comixion compuesta de dos individuos p<sup>a</sup> que ocurran a la persona o depositario que en tenia la disposicion del mencionado dinero, subscrito p<sup>a</sup> que de cuenta de la distribucion y que dha comision tenga autoridad p<sup>a</sup> recibir todos los informes p<sup>o</sup>rescrito de las personas interesadas de lo que daran cuenta a esta Corporacion, y tambien dha comision tomara la evidencia necesaria en el asunto con respecto a que de la Corporacion de esta Ciudad deve reembolsar dhas subcripciones.

El Presidente nombro al efecto a los S.S. Dwyer y Callaghan y dirijio al Srío les diese copia de esta resolucion.

A moción

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Mr. McMullen was appointed committee to draft an Ordinance regulating the Bath of the City.

Adjourned untill next term.

R. Garza  
Secty

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

JUNE THE 25th 1842

The Council met pursuant to adjournment the roll being called there appeared Mess J.W. Smith Mayor, B. Callaghan, Urrutia, Garza, Dwyer, & McMullen Aldermen not in attendance C. Rivas, Maverick and Bradley the minutes being read & approved, The Mayor rendered the following a<sup>o</sup> of Vagrants hired out &c

June the 23th one the 24th two & 25th one (man hired) the balance at work on the ditch cleaning. received 50¢

JA-188. Whereas the City Jail has been repaired at the expense of this Corporation and without any attention from the County Court it is therefor considered by the Corporation, and directed that the Mayor of this City take charge of the Key untill an arrangement shall be made by the County Court who may at any time furnish & lock with two keys one which delivered to the Mayor so that access to the Jail may be had by each part without an enterferance. Approved

JA-189. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in Council assembled that the Mayor be and he hereby is authorised to employ Vagrants at all times when not otherwise employed in opening a channel along San Peters Creek

commencing about opposite to the lot of the late John Antonio Padilla running up said Creek. Approved

JA-190. Mr. McMullen committee appointed to draft an Ordinance for the Regulation of the Bath of the City presented the following

Sec 1st. Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor & Aldermen in Council Assembled, That from the publication of this Ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to Bathe in the River of said City within the view of the Public, towit: from the extreme bend of George Nixon's lot above the Bridge to the extreme bend of Man<sup>l</sup> Yturry's lot opposite the Quinta and all persons that shall be found bathing in day light within said limits shall be subject to pay a fine of one dollar or one weeks public labour if the offender be a male, if a female one dollar fine or one weeks confinement in some respectable house of the City, one half of said fine to go to the informers & the other half to the City Funds.

Sec 2<sup>d</sup>. And it is hereby made the duty of the City Constable to be vigilant in detecting and bringing before the Mayor or any other Magistrate of this County all offenders against this Ordinance.

Approved

After a long discussion was approved.

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El Sr. McMullen fue nombrado comision p<sup>a</sup> que levante Ordenanza arreglando el Bano de la Ciudad.

Se levanto la sesion.

R. Garza  
Srio

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

SESION DEL DIA 25 DE JUNIO 1842

Reunida la Corporacion presentes Juan G. Smith Presidente B. Callaghan Urrutia Garza Dwyer y McMullen Regidores no asistieron los S.S. Rivas, Bradley y Maverick leida y aprovada la acta de la sesion anterior se declaro abierta la sesion.

El Presidente manifesto al cuerpo la siguiente disposicion hecha de los Vagos, Fran<sup>co</sup> Uriegas y Pedro, alquilados un dia (24) Uriegas el dia (23) Pedro el dia (25) de Junio 1842, Fran<sup>co</sup> Trevino y otro empleado todo este tiempo en trabajo publico recibido por alquilados \$00.50¢

JA-188. Por tanto la Carcel de la Ciudad ha sido compuesta a expensas de esta Corporacion y sin atencion ninguna de la Corte de Condado, asi mismo considera el Cuerpo que y dirige que el Mayor de esta Ciudad se encargase de la lla ve hasta la mencionado Corte del Condado haga un la que podra en cualesquier tiempo proveer una Chapa o Candado con dos llabes una de ellas se le entregara al Mayor para que ambos partes sin diferencia ninguna tengan a la carcel. Arovado

JA-189. Se ordena y decreta por el Mayor y Regidores de la Ciudad de San Antonio en consejo Reunido que por el presente esta autorizado el Presidente de la Corporacion a emplear los Vagos en todos tiempos que de otra manera no

esten empleados en abrir un canal en el arroyo de San Pedro comensando casi en frente del Solar del finado Juan Antonio Padilla y de alli para arriba de dho arroyo. Aprobado JA-190. El Sr. McMullen comision nombrada p<sup>a</sup> levantar Ordenanza Arreglando el Bano de la Ciudad presento a consideracion del cuerpo la siguiente:

Sec 1a. Se ordena y decreta por el Mayor y Regidores en consejo reunido, que desde la publicacion de esta Ordenanza, ninguna persona o personas se banaran en el rio de la Ciudad dentro de la vista del Publico a saver desde la buelta extrema del solar de Nixon arriba del puente hasta la buelta extrema del solar de Iturry en frente de la Quinta, y todas las personas que se encuentren banandose durante la claridad del dia dentro de dhos limites se multaran en un peso o una semana de obras publicas si el malechor fuese hombre si muger pagara un peso o una semana depositada en alguna casa respetable de la Ciudad la mitad de cuya multa sera para el denunciante y la otra mitad p<sup>a</sup> los fondos de la ciudad.

Sec 2a. Ademas se ordena que por el presente se hace el dever del Condestable de la Ciudad de ser vigilante y traer ante el Mayor o cualesquier otro Magistrado del Condado a todas las personas que infringieren las prevenciones de esta Ordenanza la que fue aprobada por voto nominal estando a su favor los SS. Callaghan, Garza y McMullen y en su contra los SS. Urrutia y Dwyer.

Aprobada

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Mr. Dwyer represented that whereas various verbal representations made to this Council relative the licence to sell liquor &c, and motioned that the licence be reduced to one half the present sum, Which motion was lost.

Adjourned untill 8 O'clock Saturday next.

R. Garza  
Srio

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

JULY 2<sup>d</sup> 1842

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, present J.W. Smith Mayor, B. Callaghan E. Dwyer, R. Garza, J. McMullen & J.A. Urrutia the minutes of the last session being read and approved.

JA-191. Mr. Garza moved that the Publishing of the Bathing Ordinance be suspended for the present, which motion was sustained and carried.

The Mayor rendered an account of the disposition of the Vagrants 27-28-29-30<sup>th</sup> & 1st of July as the receipt of the Treasurer for \$1.25<sup>00</sup> paid in to the Treasury on account of Vagrants.

Mr. Guilbeau presneted for the consideration of the Board the two following accounts viz: One for fourteen dollars & seven reales in favour of Jose Armilla for Chairs sold to this Corporation which same was laid over for tuther examination the other is in favour of E. Hernandez in to the sum of twelve real for carrying out of town the rubbish collected in the Streets. Admitted

Mr. Montes presented to the Board the following petition

TO THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

Gentlemen: I respectfully beg you to take in to consideration an affair now pending betwixt me and your Hon. Body. The Hon. Mayor has thought proper to impose a fine upon me in the sum of thirty dollars (with costs to the amount

of four) for slaughtering a Beef within my premises selling a picayune or bitts worth of meat & also for not having presented the ear marks & brand of the hide. I beg you Gentlemen to dispense me of the fine, or at least t hat you modify it agreeable to your judgement for which I will receive grace. I futher protest to you that I did it not knowing to be contrary to your Corporation laws; I hope your will favour me for this time for I will ever pray.

Yours &c &c.

JA-192. The Council took into consideration the above petition & resolved that the fine be reduced to one half & that six dollars of the same be appropriated to the payment of clerk & the balance to the City Funds.

JA-193. The Mayor presented to the Board an aq of F. Rolan Overseer in the sum of two dollats & fifty cents which was admitted & a warrant ordered to issue payable out of the fine of Montes.

The Petition of M<sup>r</sup> Davidson was duly considered by the Council and rejected.

Adjourned untill next term.

Rafael Garza  
Secty.

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

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El S<sup>r</sup> Dwyer propuso que a concecuencia de varias representaciones verbales hechas al consejo pedia que reduxese las licencias para vender licores &c, a la mitad de la presente taxe lo que despues de bien discutido fue desechado.

Se levanto la sesion hasta el proximo termino.

Rafael Garza  
Secty

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

SESION DEL DIA 2 DE JULIO DE 1842

Reunida la Corporacion presentes Juan G. Smith Presidente B. Callaghan, E. Dwyer R. Garza, J. McMullen y Juan Ant<sup>o</sup> Urrutia, Regidores leida y aprovada la acta de la sesion anterior se abrio la sesion.

JA-191. El S<sup>r</sup> Garza propuso, que se suspendiera la publicacion de la Ordenanza del Bano. cuya proposicion fue adoptada.

El Presidente dio cuenta de la disposicion hecha de Vagos el dia 27-28-29-30 y 1<sup>er</sup> dia de Julio como por recivo del Tesorero de diez reales pagados a la Tesoreria en cuenta de Vagos.

El S<sup>r</sup> Guilbeau sometio a consideracion del cuerpo las dos siguientes cuentas una a favor de Jose Ormilla Valor de 14 pesos y siete reales por sillars vendidas a esta Corporacion fha. y la otra valor de doce reales en favor de E. Herandez por tirar basuras colectadas en las calles esta ultima quedo admitida la primera quedo sobre la mesa p<sup>a</sup> mayor examinacion.

El Sr. Montes dirijio al cuerpo la sig<sup>te</sup> petition.

AL HONORABLE MAYOR Y REGIDORES DE LA CIUDAD DE SAN ANTONIO

Senores: Suplico a Vd s. se sirvan tomar en consideracion un asunto que existe entre la Corporacion de esta Ciudad y yo mismo. El Honorable Mayor ha tenido a bien multarme en la suma de 30 pesos (con mas cuatro de costos) por haver matado una rez en el patio de me casa vendido un

medio o real de carne y por no haber presentado el cuero con su fierro y demas marcas. Por lo que suplico a Vds. senores se sirvan dispensarme de la tal multa o a lo menos modificarls segun su juicio de vds. en lo que recibire gracia. Ademas protesto a Vds. que lo hice sin saver que era contra las leyes de la Corporacion, espero me favoreceran Vds. en esta vez quedandoles muy agradecido S.S. Q.B.S.M.

Juan Montes

JA-192. Haviendose tomado en consideracion la antecedente peticion el Consejo resolvió que la multa impuesta en este asunto se reduzca a la mitad y que sies pesos de ella sean apropiados para la paga del Srio y la balance se depositara en la tesoreria.

JA-193. El Presidente manifesto al cuerpo una cuenta en favor de Fran<sup>co</sup> Rolan (Mayordomo) valor de dos pesos cuatro reales la q<sup>e</sup> fue admitida y se dispuso que estendiendose el Mayor una livranza la q<sup>e</sup> se pagara de la multa de Montes.

La peticion presentada por el S<sup>r</sup> Davidson fue devidamente considerada por el Cuerpo mas fue desechada.

Se levanto hasta el proximo termino.

R. Garza  
Srio

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

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JULY THE NINTH 1842

The Council met pursuant to adjournment present J.W. Smith Mayor B. Callaghan R. Garza J.A. Urrutia, J. McMullen & E. Dwyer Aldermen the minutes of the former being read & approved.

The Mayor rendered an account of the disposition of the Vagrants 4<sup>th</sup> 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9<sup>th</sup> inclusive paid to the Treasurer as p<sup>r</sup> receipt, nine reals.

JA-194. Mr. offered the following Ordinance

TO SUPPRESS QUARRELING, AND BAD LANGUAGE IN THE STREETS

Sec 1<sup>st</sup>. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in Council assembled, That all persons quarrelling, or using ill language one to another in the Streets of this City shall be considered as disturbers of the Peace; and on conviction before the Mayor shall be fined in a sum not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for the benefit of the Corporacion with costs of suit.

Sec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Be it futher ordained that this Ordinance shall not be construed so as to have the effect when the party or parties may be chargeable under the laws of the Republic.

Sec 3<sup>d</sup>. Be it futher ordained that this Ordenance shall take effect from and after the publication.

Adopted

TO THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

Your petitioner begs leave to represent that sometime since your petitioner purchased two lots of ground situated in the Suerte between the Main Ditch of this City & saint Peters Creek west of the City of San Antonio, between which said lots there is a Street of thirteen and one third Varas.

Your petitioner would futher represent that one of the said lots bounds on the south side on another lot of suerte now belonging to W.I. Riddle.

Your petitioner comes before your Honorable Body and prays permission to be permitted to open the street on the south side of his lot instead of between the two lots as aforesaid, and that your petitioner by leaving the street open on the south & between him & M<sup>r</sup> Riddle be permitted to inclose in one field the lots as aforesaid.

And as induty bound will &c.

J.W. Smith

JA-195. The Petition of J.W. Smith being taken into consideration, it is decreed by the Corporation here that the prayer of the petitioner be granted for the present reserving the right to the Corporation at any time when the City for the benefit of its population or for the extention of the City may require the Street as aforesaid to be opened, and at which time the petitioner may then enjoy the benefit of the street on the south side of the lot now directed to be opened.

On motion of the affair of the Subscription in March last was taken up & after considerable debate the Council resolved that the papers be delivered to the Collector & Treasurer of said Subscriptions as they thought the Corporation had nothing to do in the matter.

PAGE 86: JULIO Y DIA NUEVE DE 1842

Reunida la Corporacion presentes Juan G. Smith Presidente y Regidores B. Callaghan E. Dwyer J. McMullen J.A. Urrutia y Rafael Garza leida y aprovada la acta de la sesion anterior

El Presidente dio cuenta de la disposicion hecha de Vaogos desde el dia cuatro hasta el nuevo incluso, pagado al Tesorero segun su recivo nueve reales.

JA-194. El S<sup>r</sup> presento la Ordenanza sig<sup>te</sup>

PARA SUPRIMIR PLEITO Y LENGUAGE EN LAS CALLES

Sec 1<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta por el Mayor y Regidores en Consejo reunido, que todas las personas que se pelearan o usaren de lenguaje desordenado hacia el uno al otro en las calles de esta ciudad se consideraran como disturbadores de la Paz y sobre su conviccion ante el Mayor seran multadas en una suma que no baje de un peso ni excede cinco pesos beneficio de la Corporacion con los costos del juicio.

Sec 2<sup>a</sup>. Ademas se ordena que esta Ordenanza de ninguna manera tendra intervencion con las partes que puedan ser acusadas bajo las leyes de la Republica.

Sec 3<sup>a</sup>. Se decreta ademas que esta Ordenanza se llevara a efecto desde su publicacion.

Adoptada

A LA CORPORACION DE LA CIUDAD DE SAN ANTONIO

El suplicante respetuosamente representa que hace algun tiempo que compro dos solares, situados en las suertes entre la Azequia Madre de esta Ciudad y el Arroyo de San Pedro al Oeste de la Ciudad de San Antonio entre cuyos ya mencionados solares hay una calle de trece varas y una tercia.

El suplicante ademas representa que uno de los dhos solares colinda por el lado del sur con otro solar o suerte ahora perteneciente al S<sup>r</sup> Riddle.

El Presentante comparece ante su Honorable Cuerpo y pide se le de el permiso para abrir la calle al lado del Sur de su solar en lugar de dexarla entre sus dos solares y que el presentante dexando la calle abierta al lado del sur entre el y el

S<sup>r</sup> Riddle sea permitido a encerrar en una sola labor los dos ya mencionados solares.

Y con el debido respecto siempre quedara &c,

Juan S. Smith

JA-195. La petition de Juan G. Smith habiendo sido tomada en consideracion la Corporacion aqui decreto que el pedimento del presentante le sea concedido por el presente, reservando al derecho ala Corporacion en cualquier tiempo cuando la Ciudad para el Beneficio de su Poblacion o para su extencion requiera que la dha. calle se abra y en cuyo tiempo el suplicante pueda gozar el beneficio de la calle al lado del sur del solar que ahora se dirige se abra

A mocion el asunto de las subscripciones hechas en Marzo pasado fue presentado y despues de algun considerable debate el consejo resolvió que se entreguen los documentos al Colector y depositario de dhas subscripciones por que opinan que la Corporacion no tiene nade que hacer sobre el particular.

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Mr. Callaghan moved that the Licence on Stores & liquor Establishments be reduced to one half of its present tax.

which motion was laid on the table. Adjourned untill next Saturday.

Rafael Garza  
Secty

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

JULY 16<sup>th</sup> 1842

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the roll being called there appeared Mess. J.W. Smith Mayor E. Dwyer, Urrutia McMullen Rivas & Garza & Callaghan Aldermen quorum present the minutes of the former session being read and approved

JA-196. The Mayor presented for the consideration of the Council the following account viz: Work done for repairing Jail 30 feet of plank for door two dollars, making same two dollars one pair hinges & screws one dollar & twenty five cents total am<sup>t</sup> \$5.25<sup>¢</sup> approved.

The Mayor also rendered a<sup>¢</sup> of the disposition made of the Vagrants 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> inclusive paid to Treasurer as p<sup>r</sup> receipt twelve rials. Approved.

JA-197. On motion the question was put whether Mess Bradley & Maverick should be considered any longer members of this Body, the Ayes & Nays being called for the vote stood thus - Mess. Garza Rivas and Urrutia voted in the affirmative & Mess Dwyer McMullen & Callaghan in the negative the Mayor then decided that as they were no longer within our limits or county that their seats

The Council proceeded to an election for the purpose of filling such vacancies when Mess John Towhig & F. Granado were offered as Candidate the Ayes and Nays being called for stood thus, Towhig Three Dwyer McMullen & Callaghan Granado Three Garza Rivas & Urrutia the Mayor declared F. Granado elected, again the vote was taken to fill the next vacancy Mess. Geo. Van Ness & Towhig offered as candidates the ayes and nays being called for stood thus Rivas, McMullen Dwyer & Callaghan for Towhig Garza & Urrutia for Van Ness. Mr. Towhig was declared elected, notice being sent to them of their appointment they both appeared Mr. Towhig for varios motives which he vervally exposed to the Council did not accept his appointment Mr. Granado being duly sworn took his seat.

On motion another election was ordered when Mess Van Ness & James Goodman were offered as candidates the Ayes and Nays being called for stood thus Granado, Garza,



Urrutia, & Rivas voted for Van Ness, McMullen Dwyer & Callaghan for Goodman  
Mr. Van Ness was declared elected notice being sent to him of his election, and  
appearing was duly sworn & proceeded to discharge the duties as Aldermen.

JA-198. M<sup>r</sup> Callaghan moved that the licence tax on Stores & Liquor establishments  
be taken up Mr. Dwyer observed that he desired the vote should be taken separate the  
question being put it was carried.

JA-198.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Callaghan moved that the Licence on Stores be reduced to six dollars  
& a quarter the ayes and nays being called for stood thus Dwyer Rivas McMullen.  
over

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El S<sup>r</sup> Callaghan propuso Que las licencias sobre las tiendas y establecimientos  
de licores fuesen reducidas la la mitad del presente impuesto.

Cuya proposicion quedo sobre la mesa.

Se levanto la sesion hasta el Savado proximo.

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

SESION DEL DIA 16 DE JULIO 1842

Reunida la Corporacion presentes, el S<sup>r</sup> Presidente J.G. Smith y Regidores Dwyer  
Urrutia McMullen Rivas Garza y Callaghan habiendo numero competente de dio lectura  
a la acta de la sesion anterior y aprovada se abrio la sesion.

JA-196. El S<sup>r</sup> Mayor presento pa consideracion del Hon. Cuerpo la siguiente cuenta  
por trabajos a la carcel de la Ciudad a saver: 30 pies de madera a siete sueldos son  
\$2.00 por hacer una puerta dos pesos un par de goznes con sus tornillos diez  
reales suma total \$5.25 Aprobado

El mismo senor dio cuenta de la disposicion hecha de los Baga desde el dia  
once hasta el diez y seis incluso pagado al termino segun recivo dose reales.

Aprobado.

JA-197. Se propuso que se preguntara o se puciera la question; Si se considera-  
ban aun los SS. Maverick y Bradley miembros de este Guerpo, haviendose tomado el  
voto resulto como sigue los Senores Garza Rivas y Urrutia votaron a favor y los  
senores Dwyer McMullen y Callaghan en contra el S<sup>r</sup> Presidente decidio que por no  
hallarse dentro de los limites de este Condado, que sus asientos eran vacantes.

El Consejo procedio a un eleccion para el fin de llenar tales vacantes los  
Senores Towhig y Granado fueron nominados como candidatos haviendose tomado el  
voto resulto como sigue: Towhig tres Dwyer McMullen y Callaghan Granado tres  
Garza Rivas y Urrutia, El Presidente declaro electo a Fran<sup>co</sup> Granado se tomo  
el voto segunda vez para llenar la otra vacante, siendo candidatos los senores  
Geo. Van Ness y Towhig, cuya votacion resulto como sigue Towhig Cuatro Rivas  
McMullen Dwyer y Callaghan, Van Ness dos Urrutia y Garza, se declaro electo  
el S<sup>r</sup> Towhig, se les mando aviso de su nombramiento y ambos dos comparecieron,  
El S<sup>r</sup> Towhig por varios motivos que vervalmente expuso ante el cuerpo no acepto  
su nombramiento. El S<sup>r</sup> Granado fue regularmente juramentado y tomo su asiento  
respectivo.

A mocion otra eleccion fue ordenada, siendo candidatos los Senores Goodmen y  
Van Ness y haviendose tomado el voto resulto como sigue: Van Ness cuatro Granado  
Garza, Urrutia y Rivas, Goodman tres McMullen Dwyer y Callaghan, se declaro electo

al S<sup>r</sup> Van Ness, se le mando avisar de su eleccion y comapreciendo fue regularmente juramentado y provedio a desempenar los deberes de Regidor.

JA-198. El S<sup>r</sup> Callaghan propuso que se tomase en consideracion el asunto pendiente sobre las licencias de Almacenes y establecimientos de licores, El S<sup>r</sup> Dwyer manifesto que deseaba que el voto se tomase separadamente haviendose preguntado se llevo a efecto.

JA-198.<sup>1</sup> El S<sup>r</sup> Callaghan propuso que se reduzeran las licencias sobre almacenes a seis pesos dos reales haviendose tomado el voto resulto como sigue Dwyer Rivas McMullen.

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Urrutia Callghan Granado & Van Ness voted in the affirmative Garza in the negative motion carried.

Mr. Dwyer proposed that the licence on Stores be reduced entirely the ayes & nays being called for stood thus: Dwyer & Callghan voting in the affirmative Garza Urrutia Rivas McMullen Granado & Van Ness in the negative. Proposition lost.

Mr. Bryan Callaghan obtained leave of absence.

Mr. Dwyer moved that the licence on liquor establishments be reduced to twelve dollars & a half the ayes & nays being called for stood thus Dwyer, Granado & Urrutia voting in the affirmative Garza Rivas McMullen & Van Ness in the negative Motion was lost.

JA-199. Mr. Urrutia moved that the tax on Beeves slaughtered within the limits of this Corporation be reduced to one half. Motion carried. Dwyer voted against it.

JA-200. Mr. Rivas moved that the tax levied on Carts introducing goods to this City be reduced to one half the ayes & nays being called for the vote stood thus Garza Urruta Rivas & Granado voting in the affirmative McMullen Dwyer & Van Ness in the negative. Motion carried.

Mr. Dwyer moved that the licence on Fandangoes be reduced to five rials the ayes and nays called for stood thus Granado Van Ness & Dwyer voting in the affirmative Rivas Garza Urrutia & McMullen in the negative. Motion lost.

JA-201. The Corporation ordered a warrant to issue in favour of Clerk am<sup>t</sup> six dollars to complete his pay of the Month of June.

R. Garza  
Cric

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

JULY 23<sup>d</sup> 1842

The Council met in pursuant to adjournment present J.W. Smith Mayor & Aldermen the minutes of the former session being read & approved.

the Mayor informed the Council that he collected one dollar fine from Manuel Chaves & applied it in credit of the \$2.25 ballance of repairs to jail leaving \$1.25 still due.

Mr. Dwyer moved 1<sup>st</sup>: That licences be collected quarterly at the year ratio.

2<sup>d</sup>: That no licence tax be collected untill the general tax list be assessed and collection ordered thereon so as to prevent litigation in the collection of these various taxes.

Laid on the table.

TO THE MAYOR & ALDERMEN OF BEJ•R

Gentlemen: I beg leave to resign my office as Aldermen.

Mr. Van Ness moved that the Collector be instructed to suspend the collection of

all taxes for ten days. Approved

JA-202. The Corporation resolved that the Mayor issue a draft for eleven dollars against the Treasurer for the payment of a Beef purchased as p<sup>r</sup> Ordinance 5<sup>th</sup> June inst. See page 81. The Mayor informed the Council that the hide would bring the dollar lacking to complete the value of Beef at \$12.00.

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Urrutia, Callghan Granado y Van Ness votaron a favor y en su contra el Sr Garza

Adoptada.

El S<sup>r</sup> Dwyer propuso, que la licencia sobre tiendas se redujera enteramente habiendose tomado el voto resulto asi Dwyer y Callaghan en su favor y en su contra Garza, Urrutia Rivas McMullen Granado y Van Ness. Cuya proposicion fue desechada.

El S<sup>r</sup> Callaghan obtuvo permiso de ausentarse.

El S<sup>r</sup> Dwyer propuso que se redujera la licencia sobre los establecim<sup>tos</sup> de licores a doce pesos cuatro reales, habiendose tomado el voto resulto asi Dwyer Granado y Urrutia votaron a su favor y en su contra McMullen, Garza, Rivas, y Van Ness Cuya proposicion fue desechada.

JA-199. El S<sup>r</sup> Urrutia propuso que se redujera el impuestos sobre las rezes que se maten dentro de los limites de la Ciudad a la mitad. Adoptado. Votando Dwyer en contra.

JA-200. El S<sup>r</sup> Rivas propuso que se reduza la taxe impuesta a las Carretas que introducen Mercancias a esta Ciudad a la mitad y habiendose tomado el voto resulto asi Garza, Rivas Urrutia y Granado votaron a favor y en su contra McMullen Dwyer y Van Ness. Adoptada.

El S<sup>r</sup> Dwyer propuso que la licencia sobre los Bailes se reduxa a cuatro reales, habiendose tomado el voto resulto asi Granado Van Ness y Dwyer en su favor y en su contra Rivas, Garza, Urrutia & McMullen. Se desecho la proposicion.

JA-201. La Corporacion dispuso que se extienda una livrancita contra el Tesorero por seis pesos a favor del Secretario para completar la paga del mes de Junio.

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

SESION DEL DIA 23 DE JULIO 1842

Reunida la Corporacion presentes el Sr. Mayor y Regidores Leida y aprobada la acta de la sesion anterior se declaro abierta la sesion.

El Presidente manifesto al cuerpo que habia colectado un peso de una multa impuesta a Miguel Chavez cuyo peso le aplico en pago de la balance por composutra de la carcel.

El S<sup>r</sup> Dwyer propuso 1<sup>o</sup>. Que las licencias se colecten por trimestre al ano.  
2<sup>o</sup>. Que ninguna taxe sobre licencias se colecte hasta que la lista de taxacion general sea cargada y se disponga que se colecte con el fin de evitar litigio al Colectar las diferentes taxes.

AL MAYOR Y REGIDORES DE BEJAR

Senores: Sirvanse Vd. admitir mi renuncia de Regidor de ese Cuerpo.

El Sor. Van Ness propuso que se le paxe aviso al Colector p<sup>a</sup> que suspenda la coleccion de todo los taxes por termino de diez dias.

JA-202. La Corporacion dispuso que el Presidente jire una livrancita contra el

Tesorero valor de once pesos p<sup>a</sup> el pago de una rez comprada de acuerdo con la disposicion del dia 5 de Junio del presente-vease pagina 81. El Presidente informo al cuerpo que el cuero se venderia por el peso que faltava p<sup>a</sup> completar el valor de la rez siendo de 12 p<sup>s</sup>.

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JA-203. The Corporation of San Antonio to F. Rolin d<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>th</sup> July 1842 to one months service as constable \$10.00 received \$2.50 due \$7.50<sup>¢</sup> Approved.

Adjourned to Tuesday 2<sup>o</sup> August.

Rafael Garza  
Clerk

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> 1842

The Council met present J.W. Smith Mayor McMullen Van Ness Callaghan Urrutia Granado & Garza Aldermen the minutes of the last session being read & Approved

The Mayor at the last session informed the Council that on the following days 18<sup>th</sup> 19 20 21 22 & 23 inclusive there was no disposition made of the Vagrants in consequence of the bad weather, some times employed in the ditch. App.

JA-204. On motion of the Mayor was authorised to hire out the Vagrants by the week and received the paym<sup>t</sup> at the end of the work. Approved also last session.

JA-205. Mr. Higginbotham bridge Contractor present, when the finishing of the Bridge across the San Antonio River was taken into consideration and the following agreement for the abutments was made to wit The Abutment on the East Side of the River shall leave the bridge on a level untill it strikes the main bank, & the abutment on the west side shall be built with the decent of one foot in three from the end of the bridge untill the abutment shall strike the main land in its present situation the walls of each abutment shall be maid of stone laid in lime mortar, and sufficiently thick to be in proportion, and on each abutment when the same is raised to a level with the bridge there shall be a hewed log of timber about thirteen inches wide set up on its edge as a guard on the same and each abutment shall be so built as to open out and take in near the entire width of the street, at the same time opening equally or nearly so, all of which to be done in a workman-like manner by the first day of September next and that M<sup>r</sup> Callaghan with the Mayor form a committee to attend to the completing and receive the bridge when concluded, & report the same to this Corporation.

Approved adjourned untill next Friday.

R. Garza  
Secty

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup> 1842

The Council met present J.W. Smith Mayor & Aldermen McMullen, Rivas, Callghan, Granado, Garza, Urrutia & Van Ness the minutes read & Approved.

The Mayor verbally informed the Council that there has been no disposition made of the Vagrants up to date since his last accounts.

JA-205.<sup>1</sup> The Corporation resolved that the Surveyor be entitled to compensation for his services two dollars for each lot to be paid out of the City Funds. Approved

JA-206. Be it futher resolved that the Surveyor designate and mark the lots on the East side of the Alamo Ditch to the 5<sup>th</sup> Street as marked on the plot.

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JA-203. La Corporacion de San Antonio a F. Rolan d<sup>r</sup> Julio 23, 1842 por un mes de servicios como Condestable \$10.00 recibidos \$2.50<sup>o</sup> se deven siete pesos cuatro reales. Aprobado

Se levanto la sesion hasta el Martes y dia 2 de Agosto.

R. Garza  
Srio

Jno. W. Smith  
Mayor

SESION DEL DIA 5 DE AGOSTO

Reunida la Corporacion presnetes, Juan G. Smith Presidente y Regidores Van Ness McMullen Callaghan Granado y Garza Leida y aprovada la acta de la anterior se declaro abierta la sesion

El Presidente en la sesion pasada manifesto al cuerpo que en los dias sigtes. 18-19-20-21-22 y 23 incluso no hubo ningun disposicion de los Vagos a consecuencia del mal tiempo algunas veces estaban empleados en el arroyo. Aprobada.

JA-204. A mocion se autorizo al Presidente para que alquilase por semanas a los Vagos y que reciva la paga a la conclusion del trabajo. Aprobada en sesion pasada.

JA-205. El Sr. R.F. Higginbotham Contractor del Puente comparecio present, y habiendose tomado en consideracion el asunto de este se convino en lo sigte a saver El pilar al lado Oriental del Rio San Antonio rompera desde el puente hasta que toque o llegue al Banco firme del dho Rio al Nivel de dho puente y el Pilar del lado occidental sera construido descendiendo un pie en cada tres desde el fin del puente hasta que llegue a la tierra solida en su presente situacion las paredes de cada pilar seran construidas de piedra y mezcla y del grueso proporcional y encima de cada Pilar cuando estos hallan llegado al Nivel del Puente se pondra un palo de madera labrado de como de 13 pulgadas de ancho, como una Barrera y cada Pilar sera construido de tal manera que casi agarre o encierre todo el espacio de la calle al mismo tiempo abriedolos igualmente o casi igual, todo lo cual devera hacerse de un modo arquitecto pa. el dia 1<sup>o</sup> de Septiembre proximo y qe. los SS. Callaghan y Juan G. Smith formen una comision pa. atender al completo y recivan el puente cuando sea concluido y de esto dan aviso ala corporacion. Aprobado

Se levanto la sesion hasta el Biernes Venidero.

Rafael Garza  
Srio

Jno. W. Smith  
Mayor

SESION DEL DIA 13 DE AGOSTO

Reunida la Corporacion presentes el Sr. Presidente y todos los Regidores, Leida y aprovada la acta de la sesion anterior se declaro la sesion avierta.

El Presidente verbelm<sup>te</sup> manifesto al Consejo que no ha habido disposcion ninguna de los Vagos hasta esta fha. desde su ultima rendicion de cuentas.

JA-205.1 La Corporacion dispuso q<sup>e</sup> el Agrimensor designe y marque los solares al lado Oriental de la Azequia del Alamo hasta la 5<sup>a</sup> Calle segun marcado sobre el Plano.

JA-206. Ademas dispuso que el dho Agrimensor recibira en recompensa de su trabajo dos pesos por cada solar lo q<sup>e</sup> se pagara de los fondos de la Ciudad.

Aprobado.

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JA-207. Whereas certain lots situated on the East Side of the Alamo ditch has been publicly sold, the minutes of this body touching the same, was destroyed and lost when the Mexican Troops had possession of this City in March last and to carry into effect the purchases made in good faith this Corporation does direct as follows:

- Sec 1<sup>st</sup>. Be it ordained by the Mayor & Aldermen of this City of San Antonio, that the existing plan or plot of the lots aforesaid be entered of record in the minutes of this Corporation.
- Sec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Be it futher ordained that the Collector, who acted as Auctioneer at the sale of said lots be required to report to this Body, the lots sold, the amount for which they sold, and also to whom they were sold, including the amt paid by each purchaser at the time of purchase.
- Sec 3<sup>rd</sup>. Be it futher ordained that so soon as the Surveyor shall make a plot & return the same, the report of the Surveyor together with the report of the Collector be recorded in the minutes of this Corporation.
- Sec 4<sup>th</sup>. Be it futher ordained that so soon as the Surveyor shall make return of the survey of the lots, the Mayor shall notify the purchasers who shall have the term of five days from the notices to make out their deeds & present them for signing and on failure to present the deed or deeds as aforesaid within the time specified, the Mayor shall than proceed & make the deeds at the cost of the purchaser.
- Sec 5<sup>th</sup>. Be it ordained that the Mayor shall be allowed the sum of two dollars for each deed made as aforesaid.
- Sec 6<sup>th</sup>. Be it ordained that this Ordinance shall take effect from & after the passage.

Vote being taken it was approved.

JA-208. On motion an election was held to fill Mr. E. Dwyer (vacancy when Mr. Thos HOS Addicks was duly elected & notified appeared & sworn took his seat.

On motion the Council adjourned untill next Friday.

Rafael Garza  
Sec'y

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

AUGUST 23<sup>th</sup> 1842

At the request of the Mayor the Council met ful meeting present. The Mayor laid before the Council the Plan or Plot as returned by the Surveyor.

Approved.

The Collector respectfully submits the following report of Lots sold &c &c.

LOTS

N <sup>o</sup>	Purchaser	Amount	N <sup>o</sup>	Purchaser	Amount
1 & 2	S.A. Maverick	\$10.00			
17	" "	10.00			
33 & 34	" "	\$26.00 - \$56.00 (?)	23	L. Colquhoun	\$10.00
10	James Robinson	\$10.00	24	" "	12.00
11	" "	17.00	26	" "	16.00
12	" "	11.00	31	" "	10.00
18 & 25	" "	\$20.00 - \$58.00 (?)	32	" "	10.00 - \$58

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JA-207. Por tanto que algunos solares situados al lado oriental de la Azequia del Alamo han sido publicam<sup>te</sup> vendidos, las minutas de este Cuerpo tocando a esta Materia, se destruyeron cuando las tropas Mexicanas tenian posesion de esta Ciudad en Marzo pasado y

para llevar a efecto las compras hechas de buena fee esta Corporacion dirige lo sig<sup>te</sup>

- Sec 1<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena por el Mayor y Regidores de la Ciudad de San Antonio, Que el Plano Plano existente de los ya mencionados solares sea registrado en las minutas de esta Corporacion.
- Sec 2<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena ademas que el colector, q<sup>e</sup> sirvio de Encantor en la Venta de dhos solares, sea requerido q<sup>e</sup> informe a este Cuerpo, de los solares que se vendieron, la suma en q<sup>e</sup> se vendieron, la suma en q<sup>e</sup> se vendieron y tambien a quien fueron vendidos, incluyendo la cantidad que cada comprador pago al tiempo de la compra.
- Sec 3<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena ademas que tan luego como el Agrimensor haga el Plano y lo entregue, el reporte de este juntam<sup>te</sup> con el del Colector seran registrados en las minutas de esta Corporacion.
- Sec 4<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena ademas, que tan luego como el Agrimensor entregue la medida de los solares el Presidente notificara a los compradores, quienes tendran el termino de cinco dias desde el dia q<sup>e</sup> recivan la noticia para hacer sus escrituras y presentarlos p<sup>a</sup> firmarse, y si faltaren a presentar la escritura o escrituras dentro del tiempo ya especificado, entonces el Presidente procedera a hacer las escrituras a expensas del Comprador.
- Sec 5<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena ademas que el Presidente sea titulado a la suma de dos pesos p<sup>r</sup> cada escritura q<sup>e</sup> haga de las mencionadas.
- Sec 6<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena ademas que esta Ordenanza se lleve a efecto desde su aprobacion.

Habiendo tomado el voto fue aprobada.

JA-208. A mocion se procedio a una eleccion pa llenar la vacante de Dwyer cuando el S<sup>r</sup> Addicks fue unanimam<sup>te</sup> electo a quien se le tomo el juramento de estilo y tomo su asiento.

Se levanto la sesion hasta el Viernes venidero.

Rafael Garza  
Srio

Jn<sup>o</sup> W. Smith  
Mayor

SESION DEL DIA 23 DE AGOSTO 1842

Por llamado del Presidente se reunio la Corporacion asistieron todos los miembros del Cuerpo leida y aprobada la acta de la anterior El Presidente presento al consejo el Plano de los Solares &<sup>a</sup> segun devuelto por el Agrimensor El que quedo aprobado.

El Colector respectuosam<sup>t</sup>e somete el siguiente reporte de los solares vendidos &<sup>a</sup>

N <sup>os</sup> de los SOLARES	COMPRADORES	PRECIO
" 1 & 2 . . . . .	S. A. Maverick . . . . .	\$10.00
" 17 . . . . .	" " . . . . .	10.00
" 33 & 34 . . . . .	" " . . . . .	26.00 -\$56 (?)
"10 . . . . .	James Robinson . . . . .	10.00
" 11 . . . . .	" " . . . . .	17.00
" 12 . . . . .	" " . . . . .	11.00
" 18 & 25 . . . . .	" " . . . . .	20.00 -\$58 (?)

N <sup>os</sup> de los SOLARES	COMPRADORES	PRECIO
" 23 . . . . .	L. Colquhoun . . . . .	\$10.00
" 24 . . . . .	" " . . . . .	12.00
" 26 . . . . .	" " . . . . .	16.00
" 31 . . . . .	" " . . . . .	10.00
" 32 . . . . .	" " . . . . .	10.00 -\$58 (?)

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LOTS	PURCHASERS	AM <sup>T</sup>	LOTS	PURCHASERS	AMT.
N <sup>O</sup> 42 & 41	W.B. Jaques	\$34.00	N <sup>O</sup> 49 & 50	B. Callaghan	\$25.00
" 40	" "	15.00	" 48	" "	10.00
" 39	" "	10.00-\$59	" 47	" "	10.00 -\$45

Amount of sale Two Hundred & Seventy six dollars. One half of which has been paid by the purchasers & by me paid in to the Treasury. The other half is owing & due as per notes held by me, James L. Trueheart Collector of the Corporation of San Antonio August 18<sup>th</sup> 1842.

JA-209. The moneys that may be paid into the Treasury on account of lots sold, it is ordered that the Mayor draw for the same in favor of R.F. Higginbotham so soon as the same may be paid in to the Treasury except a proportionable part of thirty dollars to be paid as collected to J.C. Hays for surveying and in all cases the party receiving shall fine a receipt for the amount so received with the Treasurer. Approved

JA-210. (On motion the following Ordinance was adopted.)

- Sec 1<sup>st</sup>. Be it ordained by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of San Antonio That Monday & Tuesday next shall be set apart by all citizens and persons eligible to vote within the limits of this City and shall be employed in filling up the hollow on this side of the bridge to a level.
- Sec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Be it futher ordained that all persons having carts shall furnish them one day with a yok of Oxen to hawl dirt & rubbish fromwherever the same may be found in an unnecessary quantity, and that every loose man shall present himself with a pick, hoe or spade.
- Sec 3<sup>rd</sup>. Be it futher ordained thatat the middle of each day M<sup>r</sup> Callaghan shall attend at the Bridge aforesaid & take a list of all persons who may be found aiding in the work aforesaid & for which work each person shall be allowed the sum of one dollar for a cart & paid of oxen and foreach single person the sum of fifty cents per day which shall pass to their credit in the first tax assessed for the use of the Corporation.
- Sec 4<sup>th</sup>. And it is futher ordained that all owners of carts will furnish hides with their carts to hawl either rubbish or dirt.

JA-211. Mr. Addicks offered the following Ordinance

"Be it ordained by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of San Antonio that the Secretary of said Body be required to execute an Index of all the Ordinances & Decrees passed by this Corporation and that the Mayor instruct him in the performance of the same.

Approved

TO THE HON. BODY

The Mayor of the City of San Antonio begs leave to present the following protest against the disposition of the Public Lots of ground &c and the application ofthe proceeds of such sales to the payment of the Contractor for building the Bridge.

- Sec 1<sup>st</sup> The Law chartering the City of San Antonio as passed and approved 14 Dec<sup>re</sup> 1837, sets apart in the 8<sup>th</sup> Sec. the public lots and parcels of land &c, and

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SOLARES N <sup>OS</sup>	COMPRADORES	PRECIO	SOLARES N <sup>OS</sup>	COMPRADORES	PRECIO
N <sup>OS</sup> 12 y 41	W.B. Jaques	\$34.00	N <sup>OS</sup> 49 y 50	B. Callaghan	\$25.00
" 40	" "	15.00	" 48	" "	10.00
" 39	" "	\$10.00-\$59	" 47	" "	\$10.00-\$45.00



Suma total de la centa \$276.00¢ la mitad de esta se me pago por los Compradores y yo la deposite en la Tesoreria, la otra mitad la deven segun sus obligaciones q<sup>e</sup> paran en mi poder y ya estan cumplidas Santiago L. Trueheart Colector de la Corporacion de la Ciudad de San Antonio Agosto 18, 1842.

JA-209. Se ordena que de las monedas q<sup>e</sup> entren a la tesoreria por solares vendidos el Mayor libre contra ellas a favor de R.F. Higginbotham tan luego como estas sean depositadas en la tesoreria, eccentuuando una parte de 30 pesos a proporcion segun se colecte para J.C. Hays por Agrimensuria en todos casos la parte q<sup>e</sup> reciba extendera un recivo por la cantidad recibida el que se le entregara al Tesorero. Aprobado

JA -210. A mocion la sig<sup>te</sup> Ordenanza fue adoptada

Sec 1<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena y decreta por el mayor y Regidores de la Ciudad de San Antonio Que el Lunes y Martes de la semana venidera se senalan para que todos los Ciudadanos y personas eligibles a Votar dentro de los limites de esta Ciudad, se empleen en llenar el razo el Hoyo q<sup>e</sup> esta de este lado del puente.

Sec 2<sup>a</sup>. Ademas se ordena que todos las personas duenas de carretas las supliran por un dia conuna yunta de Bueyes p<sup>a</sup> acarrear tierra y baxura de donde quiera q<sup>e</sup> se encuentre en cantidad innecessario y q<sup>e</sup> cada hombre suelto o solo se presente con una Pica Azadon o pala.

Sec 3<sup>a</sup>. Se ordena admas que a la mita de cada dia el Sor Callaghan ocurra al mencionado puente y haga una lista de todas las personas q<sup>e</sup> alli se encuentren ayudando en el mencionado trabajo, y por cuyo trabajo cada persona recibira la suma de un peso por su carreta y yunta de Bueyes y por cada persona sola la suma de 4 r<sup>s</sup> por dia la q<sup>e</sup> se abonara en la primer taxacion impuesto p<sup>a</sup> beneficio de esta Corporacion.

Sec 4<sup>a</sup>. Y ademas se ordena que toda persona duena de Carretas suplira cueros p<sup>a</sup> acarrear ya sea bazura o tierra.

JA-211. El S<sup>r</sup> Addicks presento la Sig<sup>te</sup> Ordenanza

"Se ordena por el Mayor y Regidores de la Ciudad de San Ant<sup>o</sup> que el Secretario de esta Cuerpo sea requerido a hacer un Indice de todas las Ordenanzas & decretos a aprovados o pasados por esta Corporacion y q<sup>e</sup> el Presidente le instruya del modo q<sup>e</sup> deve hacerse. Aprobado.

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the proceeds of such sales to be appropriated to the erection and repairs of a Court House Jail, and other such public edifices as may be deemed most fit, and to the erection and endowment of a public school.

In the aforesaid law the 6th Section provides for paving and cleaning the streets, regulating the Markets, Removing nuisances, and procuring for the City a supply of wholesome water; for these & such other like purposes, they are authorised to levy equitable and moderate taxes.

The Framers of the law incorporating this City, thought proper to make two classes of funds, and their appropriations that may be raised by this Body and the funds which the 6th Sec. authorises this

body to raise, is the same, from which the price or payment for building the Bridge must be taken.

Sec 2<sup>d</sup>. The Contract for the Building of the Bridge, having been made under the law of 1837, the same law should regulate the mode of making the paym<sup>t</sup> for the work, and not the law of 1842, at least the ordinances past in December last, or in the year 1841 could be governed by no other law than that of 1837.

Sec 3<sup>d</sup>. The public lots &c, belonging to the City, for the disposition of whicy an Ordinance was passed 4th Nov<sup>r</sup> 1840, which said ordinance established or regulated the menimum price for the lots of a certain size, no ordinance of a subsequent date appears in any shape untill the 1st Febraary 1842 when an Ordinance was passed authorising a sale, but no change appears as to the menimum price, although the Ordinance authorises the sale of them at nine times the size of the lots as regulated by the Ordinance passed 4<sup>th</sup> November 1840.

Presented this 23<sup>th</sup> August but rejected

Yours &c,

Jn. W. Smith  
Mayor

Adjourned untill Wednesday a week.

R. Garza  
Clerk

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REPUBLIC OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BEXAR

San Antonio 30th March 1844

In consequence of the disorganized state of this County during the last two years, there was no election held for officers of the Corporation untill the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the present Month, when an Election was held in conformity with an order from The Hon<sup>ble</sup> David Morgan Chief Justice of this County, given in accordance to a law passed by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Congress and approved by the President the 14th of Jan 1842. when the following was the result, as shown by the returns of said election and Certificates of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Chief Justice. Viz:

MAYOR . . . .	.Edward Dwyer
ALDERMAN . . . .	.Rafael Garza
	Ambrosio Rodriguez
	Juan A. Urrutia
	Antonio Menchaca
	Jose M. Flores
	James Goodman
	Robert Lindsay
	Thomas Whitehead
TREASURER . . . .	.William Elliot
Collector . . . .	.Martin Delgado

Saturday March 30th This Day the Council met by order of the Mayor when the following members answered to their names viz: E. Dwyer A. Rodriguez Juan A. Urrutia Thos Whitehead R. Lindsay James Goodman. The Mayor announced a quorum present The Board proceeded to business.

JA-212. On the motion of Senor Urrutia Thos Whitehead was appointed to act as Sec. for the present.

JA-213. On motion it was ordered by the Board that the Mayor be empowered to demand all, Books & Papers belonging to the Corporation wherever they may be found.

JA-214. It was resolved by the Council that it is expedient as soon as possible to ascertain the bounds of the Corporation in order that the lines might be surveyed and suits instituted against whoever might have located lands within the said lines.

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On motion the Board adjourned to Saturday the 6th Day of April at 3 O'clock afternoon.

Thos Whitehead  
Sec<sup>o</sup> Protem

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor

SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL

No quorum present the Board adjourned to Saturday the 13th

Thomas Whitehead  
Secy

SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APR

The Council did not meet on acc<sup>t</sup> of the rain which fell on that day.

Thomas Whitehead  
Secy

SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL

The Board met this day and the Mayor having announced a Quorum present the Board proceeded to business Present Edw Dwyer Mayor; Tho<sup>s</sup> Whitehead, Juan A. Urrutia James Goodman, Jose M. Flores, Robert Lindszy Aldermen. The Board nominated R. Garza to fill the vacancy that occurred by his not appearing in time specified by Law.

JA-215. The Hon<sup>ble</sup> D. Morgan Chief Justice of the County, presented an account for \$8.00 as compensation for his labour in ordering the Election, issuing Writ, administering oaths &c to the Members of the present Board which after some discussion was approved.

JA-216. El Snr Urrutia offered the following Ordinance, Viz

That all persons found, washing clothes, watering horses, or in anywise defiling the water of the main ditch, which runs through the Public Square, shall pay a fine of One Dollar for each and every offence, This ordinance to take effect five days after publication. Approved

JA -217. Alderman Flores moved that a Committee be appointed to frame an Ordinance to raise a revenue for the necessary expences of the Year, and Mess. Flores and Garza were appointed with the aid of the Mayor.

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JA-218. Alderman Urrutia moved that all persons that may wish to haul Rock from and Quarry within the limits of this Corporation, shall take out a Licence from the Mayor for permission to do so, and shall pay a tax of two bits for every ten Cart-Loads.

Approved and ordered to be published.

On motion of R. Garza the Board adjourned to Saturday the 27th inst.

Thos Whitehead  
Secy

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor

THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL

The Board met in Special Sesion by order of the Mayor, and the Names being Called there appeared the following Members present. Edward Dwyre, Mayor, Aldermen Whitehead, Lindsay, Goodman, Urrutia and Flores. A quorum being present the Board proceeded to business.

JA-219. The Mayor presented the following Ordinance from the Committee appointed to frame an Ordinance for raising a Revenue, Viz: That all persons transacting business under Licences within the Limits of this Corporation, shall pay Ten p cent on the same, that is on Government Tax.

That all Carts entering this City with Merchandise shall pay Fifty cents each, and all Waggon's seventy five cents.

That all persons that shall kill Beeves for sale shall pay twenty cents for each Beef so killed.

That all public Balls or Fandangos shall pay one Dollar for each night and obtain a Licence from the Mayor.

That all persons living within the limits of this Corporation who do not contribute to the Corporation by the above taxes shall pay or give two days work during the Year under the orders of the Mayor, a man with Cart & Oxen one day to count for two days.

That the Collector shall receive five p<sup>r</sup> cent for collecting and paying over to the Treasurer, and the Treasurer two and a half p<sup>r</sup> cent for receiving and paying over.

That this Ordinance take effect ten days after public<sup>on</sup>

Approved and ordered to be published.

JA-220. It was proposed by Mr. Lindsay and seconded by Mr. Whitehead That A Spencer Esq<sup>r</sup> Attorney at Law be appointed to appear as Attorney for the Corporation in all cases in which the Corporation may be either Plaintiff or Defendant in any or all the Courts of this Republic.

The Appointment was made by the Board unanimously and the Mayor empowered to Contract with Mr. Spencer accordingly.

On motion the Board adjourned to Saturday the 27 inst.

Thomas Whitehead  
Secy

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor

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SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL

No quorum present.

Tho<sup>s</sup> Whitehead  
Secy

SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY

The Council met this day when Mr. Menchaca appeared and took the oath at the Board. The Mayor having announced a quorum present the session was opened.

The Mayor laid before the Council the propositions of Ambrose Spencer Esq<sup>r</sup> for Compensation for certain servises required of him as City Attorney, and informed the Board that he had not been able to make any agreement with Mr. Spencer. After some discussion the Board where unanimously of opinion that Mr. Spencers terms where inadmissible and the following Ordinance was passed.

JA-221. Whereas an Ordinance was passed the 25 day of April 1844 Appointing A. Spencer Esq<sup>r</sup> Attorney at Law, to attend to all suits in which this Corporation may be either defendent or Plaintiff, and authorizing the Mayor to contract with Him for Compensation, and the Mayor having failed to do so on account of the excessively high

price which Mr. Spencer asked for his services. Therefore so much of the above Ordinance of the 25 of April as appoints A. Spencer Esq<sup>r</sup> Attorney for this Corporation is hereby repealed, and the Mayor is authorised to receive new propositions from Mr Spencer or any other Attorney for the objects set forth, and present the same to the Board as soon as possible. Approved

The Mayor presented to the Board an Old Book in MS which he had received from Thos H.O.S. Addicks containing the Register of all the fifteen Families which first founded this City under the Authority of the King of Spain, and also containing other matters relating to Elections for Aldermen Alcaldes &c for this City Commencing in 1730 and ending 1756.

On motion the Council adjourned to Saturday the 11 inst.

Thomas Whitehead  
Secy

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor

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SATURDAY 11 MAY

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment when the following members answered to their names E. Dwyer Mayor, Rafael Garza, Antonio Menchaca, Juan A. Urrutia Robert Lindsay, Thomas Whitehead, Aldermen. A quorum being present the Board proceeded to business.

The Mayor submitted the following Contract on the part of A. Spencer Esq<sup>r</sup> for Compensation for his services as City Attorney for Certain Duties required of him and therein specified.

Whereas the Common Council of the City of San Antonio de Bexar, did, on the Eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, decree and ordain, that the Mayor of said City, Edward Dwyer, be authorised and empowered to contract and agree with Ambrose Spencer Jr. Attorney and Counsellor at-Law, to perform certain duties and functions as the Legal Adviser and Attorney of said City, in accordance with the proposals of the said Ambrose Spencer Jr, heretofore submitted to the Common Council of the said Corporation, and acquiesced in by them, now,

Know all men by these present, that we Edward Dwyer, Mayor of the City of San Antonio, as representative of the same, and party of the first part, and Ambrose Spencer Jr, of the said City, party of the second part, the one for the City of San Antonio de Bexar, and the other for himself, do agree, that for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, the said Edward Dwyer, Mayor as aforesaid, for the present Common Council, and for their successors in office shall, have, and will employ the said Ambrose Spencer Jr, as the Attorney and Legal Adviser of the City of San Antonio, and the said Ambrose Spencer Jr, accepts and receives the said appointment and trust, under the terms and conditions following, viz:

The said Ambrose Spencer Jr, doth covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said Edward Dwyer, Mayor as aforesaid, to undertake, do and perform, all and singular each and every of such minor or ordinary business of a legal nature, as may appertain to said City, in the Courts of the Mayor of Justices of the Peace and District Courts of this Republic, whensoever and at such time or times as the Mayor of said City may thereunto request or command him so to do. At all times holding himself, on all occasions, in readiness therefor. And the said Edward Dwyer, Mayor of the City Aforesaid, doth covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said Ambrose Spencer Jr, to pay for the said services, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, good and lawful money, per annum; the said sum of One Hundred Dollars to be paid in two

annual installments of fifty dollars each; one at the Spring Term of the District Court for the County of Bexar, and the other at the Fall Term thereof. And in consideration of said services, the first payment of fifty dollars shall be made, as soon as the same may be collected in taxes by the City, to apply and be considered as the first payment of this present year, and the balance being the second payment, to be made at the next term, being the Fall term of the District Court, as above specified.

And the Said Ambrose Spencer Jr, doth covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said Edward Dwyer, as Mayor aforesaid, to undertake, do, and perform, all and singular each and every of the legal business of the said City of

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San Antonio, so far as may appertain to the defining, settling and establishing the limits of the said City, and the recovery of the Land or Lands claimed by the same, with the exception of the two leagues of Land, which the City now claims and owns under an undisputable title, with the preparing, translating, commencing and arguing to a final closing, all the suit or suits which it may be necessary to begin or conclude therein; and of himself, at his own charge and expense to procure such translator or translators of the Castilian Language, together with such Attorney or Attorneys, as may be necessary and proper, who shall be learned in the Law, for the successful, prosecution, continuing and termination of such suit or suits so begun or about to be begun for the purposes above specified.

And the said Edward Dwyer, Mayor as aforesaid, agrees, covenants and promises for the said City of San Antonio, to pay the said Ambrose Spencer Jr, the sum of Three thousand Dollars, for the services so to be rendered, in the terms, and under the stipulations following, to wit: That is to say, if the said Ambrose Spencer Jr, shall well and truly succeed in obtaining for the City of San Antonio de Bexar, the lands comprised within the original limits thereof, and now claimed by said City, by a decree or Judgment, of the Judicial Tribunals of this Republic, or in any other way, so that the title of said City to the lands in question, shall be good and valid, then the said above mentioned amount of Three Thousand Dollars, shall be well and truly paid unto the said Ambrose Spencer Jr, but should the said Spencer fail so to recover the said Lands, then and in that case, no compensation for his said services therein, shall be either allowed or claimed therefor.

And should Death, imprisonment or Captivity by the enemy or enemies of the Country, frustrate Or prevent the said Ambrose Spencer Jr, from concluding or consummating the said services, as above contracted to be performed, then shall the City of San Antonio be released and acquitted from this their said obligation, so far as their said Attorney has been unable to conclude or finish his said services, the City regarding however the services which may have been rendered, up to the time of said Death, imprisonment, or captivity, and making just and equitable compensation therefor, to the heirs or assigns of the said Ambrose Spencer Jr.

And the said Edward Dwyer, Mayor as aforesaid, does for the said Council of the said Corporation of San Antonio, further covenant with the said Ambrose Spencer Jr, that all assistance and aid, by advice, counsel, and through papers and documents in their hands, or within their reach, they, each all and every of them, will willingly and readily afford unto the said Ambrose Spencer Jr, their said Attorney, concerning this important matter, not retaining or withholding any information, as well when they may be thereunto requested to communicate the same, as when he may be ignorant of the existence of such information; nor by any other act or acts, attempt or seek to throw obstacles or impediments in the way of their said Attorney, by means of which, this most difficult and embarrassing bus-

iness may be retarded or compromised.

And the said Ambrose Spencer Jr on his part, agrees and promises, unto Edward Dwyer, Mayor of the City of San Antonio, faithfully, fairly and impartially, and

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to the utmost of his natural or acquired legal abilities, to do and perform, all and every, each and singular, the covenants and stipulations in this Agreement contained, hereby binding himself, to suffer no opportunity to escape, whereby the best interests of the City of San Antonio may be advanced.

And it is further mutually agreed, that the duration of this Agreement shall be the time, when the limits and boundaries, rights and claims of the City of San Antonio shall be finally and definitively settled and determined.

And for the true and faithful performance, of all and every, the covenants and agreements aforesaid, each of the said parties, bindeth himself, the said Edward Dwyer as Mayor, with the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio, under the authority vested in him, and Ambrose Spencer Jr, his heirs and assigns, firmly by these presents.

In witness whereof, the said parties, have hereunto set their hands and seals in duplicate this Thirteenth Day of May, One thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

SIGNED AND SEALED  
in presence of

N.I. McClelland  
M.A. Veramendi

Edward Dwyer (seal)

Ambrose Spencer Jr. (seal)

JA-222. After some discussion the following ordinance was passed That the Mayor be authorized and empowered to close the above contract with Ambrose Spencer Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq<sup>r</sup> and forthwith proceed to put him in possession, as City Attorney, of such facts and documents as he may require, for the purpose of commencing without delay the necessary steps to obtain the rights of the City.

Approved

The Council then adjourned until Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 O'clock A.M.

Thomas Whitehead  
Sec<sup>y</sup>

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor

MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY

The Council met this day a Quorum present Viz: Dwyer, Garza, Menchaca, Urrutia, Lindsay, Whitehead, The Board proceeded to business and the following ordinance was passed Viz:

JA-223. That immediate steps be taken to have the limits of this Corporation ascertained by a Survey of the Original Boundaries, in order to ascertain who may have made locations within said boundaries, and that suits of ejection may immediately be commenced by the City Attorney.

The Board then adjourned to Saturday the 18 inst.

Thomas Whitehead

Edw<sup>d</sup> Dwyer  
Mayor

PAGE 104 Left: 1844 SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment the following members present E. Dwyer Mayor, Lindsay, Goodman, Flores, Urrutia, Whitehead, Aldermen. A quorum present the Board proceeded to business.

Mr. Whitehead proposed that a Committee be appointed to Call upon the late Treasurer for the Books belonging to the Treasury Department of this Corporation and examine the accts, and report to the next meeting of the Board.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Whitehead and Flores where appointed said Committee by the Mayor.

The Mayor suggested the propriety of appointing a Committee to have the bridges, over the Main Ditch that runs through the City, repaired as cheap as possible, so as to prevent the water from overflowing the streets. And Mess<sup>rs</sup> Whitehead & Urrutia where appointed said Committee.

JA-224. Mr. Lindsay proposed the following Ordinance for Cleaning the Streets, and for having them kept so.

That all persons living within the limits of the City shall be obliged to clean the streets in front of their dwelling at least every Saturday Morning in time for the Cart employed by the Corporation to carry away the rubbish. The People living on the Public Squares shall clean to the width of a Street, and all people having cattle or cows entering the City for the purpose of being milked or for any other purpose shall be obliged to clean all open spaces where such Cattle are in the habit of standing at least once a week. And all persons neglecting this Ordinance, shall pay a fine of 50 cents for each offence, to be applied to the purpose neglected, and that this Ordinance be in force from the time of its publication.

The Mayor suggested the propriety of Publishing an additional Ordinance for raising a Revenue, supplementary to the one already published, and the following was passed and ordered to be published.

JA-225. That ten percent of the Government Tax be levied upon all Real Estate, within the limits of this Corporation in addition to the Taxes already published.

The Council adjourned to Saturday the 25 inst. Approved

Thomas Whitehead  
Secy

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor

PAGE 104: SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY

The Council met this day. Present E. Dwyer Mayor, Aldermen Menchaca, Urrutia, Rodriguez, Lindsay, & Goodman & Whitehead.

The Mayor called the meeting to order, when Alderman Goodman tendered his resignation and give the following reasons Viz: That it had been proposed by Aldermen Garza to give instructions to the City Attorney, to take an Appeal from the Judgment of the District Court for the County of Gonzales, to the Supreme Court of this Republic, in the case of the City of San Antonio vs James Goodman, and to order him to prosecute the same to final judgment.

Mr. Goodman therefore thought it incumbent upon him to resign his seat at the Board has he might become interested against the Corporation as Defendant in said suit.

JA-226. Mr. Goodman's resignation was accepted & Rafael Herrera was unanimously elected to fill his place at the Board.

The Mayor notified the Board that he would be under the necessity of being absent from the City for a few weeks in consequence of having to go to New Orleans on business, and suggested the propriety of adjourning untill Monday Morning at 9 o'clock in order to obtain a full meeting of the Board, and elect a Mayor Protem to fill his place in his absence, and the Board adjourned accordingly.

Thomas Whitehead  
Secy

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor



MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MAY

The Board met this day pursuant to adjournment, present E. Dwyer Mayor, Aldermen Garza, Menchaca, Rodriguez, Lindsay & Whitehead, absent Urrutia & Flores.

Rafael Herrera presented himself & signified his acceptance of the office of Alderman in the place of Mr. Goodman and the Mayor administered the oath when Mr. Herrera took his seat at the Board accordingly.

JA-227. The Board then proceeded to elect a Mayor Pro Tem when Alderman Whitehead was unanimously elected Mayor Pro Tem until the return of Mr. Dwyer.

JA-228. It was proposed by Mr. Lindsay & seconded by Mr. Garza that a Committee be appointed to have the earth now lying in the Public Square removed to raise the Street in front of Veramendi's House & such other places as may be found necessary. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rodrigus & Herrera were appointed said Committee. The Board then adjourned to Saturday the first of June.

Thomas Whitehead  
Secy

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor

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Saturday June 1st, and Saturday June 8th and 15th, the Council did not meet in consequence of there being no quorum in Town.

Thomas Whitehead  
Mayor Pro Tem

SATURDAY THE 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE

This day the Council met present the Mayor Pro tem Aldermen Urrutia, Menchaca, Rodrigus, Herrera & Lindsay.

A quorum present the Board proceeded to business Mr. Jas. L. Trueheart Collector for the Corporation for AD 1842 presented his accounts & Papers which were referred to the Committee appointed to examine the Late Treasurers Accounts with the order to report to the next meeting of the Board.

JA-229. Several complaints were made against the Germans, & French who are cultivating Labors & Gardens for taking the water of the Main Ditch, which runs through the Public Square, when they had no right to the same, and it was ordered by the Council that the 5<sup>th</sup> Section of the Law respecting the Rights of the Water, be published in the French & German Languages and that after such publication the said Law shall be rigidly enforced.

JA-230. P.L. Buquor presented a Memorial urging the utility of opening a Public School, and stating that he was ready to undertake to do so if properly encouragement was given by the Council, and after some discussion upon the subject a Committee was appointed consisting of Aldermen Mehchaca, Rodrigus & Urrutia, with the assistance of the Mayor Pro tem, to enquire into the present means of the Corporation to open a Public School and the best plan to be adopted if the means were available.

JA-231. It was ordered that the Ordinance for cleaning the Streets be immediately published and the Mayor take proper steps to have the same carried into effect.

The Board then adjourned to Saturday the 29 inst.

Thomas Whitehead  
Mayor Pro Tem

SATURDAY JUNE 29th

This day the Council met pursuant to adjournment, present the Mayor protem Aldermen, Menchaca, Garza, Rodriguez, Urrutia, Flores, Lindsay, Herrera, Quorum present the Board proceeded to buisness.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the practicability of opening a Public School, and the best means of proceeding to do so presented the following report Viz:

That your Committee are of opinion that the Law for incorporating this City, makes it obligatory upon the Council to encourage by every means in their power, the opening of a Public School and also to have a Court House and Jail, and your Committee beg leave of recommend the following plan for these objects.

- 1st. That an ordinance be passed to repair the Court House and fit it up on such a manner as to serve for both Court House and School House.
- 2nd. That a Committee be appointed to have the above Ordinance carried into efect as soon as possible, and on the most economical plan consistant with the object in view.
- 3rd. That the sum now due from the purchasers of lots, of about 80 dollars, be appropriated to this object.
- 4th. That a sufficient numbers of lots be sold, as soon as they will bring a reasonable price, to cover the ballance of the expnces together with the outstanding debts of the Corporation.

SIGNED Thomas Whitehead, Chairman

A good deal of discussion followed on the present means of the Corporation to carry into efect the recomendations of the Committee, and finally the Council adjourned without coming to any determination untill Monday at 10 o'clock A.M.

Thomas Whitehead  
Mayor Protem

MONDAY JULY 1st 10 O'CLOCK A.M.

No quorum present the Board adj<sup>d</sup> to the regular day of meeting.

Thomas Whitehead  
Mayor Protem

MONDAY 9th. SEPT<sup>R</sup>

This day the Council met in Special Session by order of the Mayor. Present E.Dwyer Mayor, Aldermen Urrutia, Menchaca, Herrera, Lindsay, and Whitehead. A quorum being present the Mayor called the meeting to order, and informed the Board that in consequence of the absence of Mr. Spencer the City Attorney, it was necessary to employ some other attorney to attend the suits pending in the present Court, and recommended that Thos J. Devine be employed for the present. After some conversation amongst the members of the Board the following ordinance was passed.

JA-232. It is ordered & Decreed by the City Council, That Thomas J. Devine be employed to attend to the business of the City now pending in the District Court for this County, and that in case Mr. Spencer should not return, the Mayor is hereby empowered to Contract with Mr. Devine, as City Attorney, to attend to all the City Business, but more particularly to institute suits for the recovery of the Lands belonging to the City, which have been located by various individuals.

The object of the meeting being thus accomplished the Board adjurned untill the regular day of meeting.

Thos Whitehead  
Secy

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor

MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> DEC<sup>R</sup>

This day the regular Annel Election for Mayor, Aldermen, Treasurer & Collector was held in the Council Room, according to the Public Notice given by the Mayor & according to Law, The Mayor & Following Aldermen presiding E. Dwyer Mayor Aldermen Menchaca, Urrutia, Lindsay & Whitehead.

At the close of the election, the votes were counted and showed the following result:

FOR MAYOR	Edward Dwyer	had	60 Votes
	John W. Smith	"	26 "
FOR ALDERMEN	J.B. Lee	had	80 Votes
	Antonio Menchaca	"	72 "
	Robert Lindsay	"	79 "
	Thomas Whitehead	"	70 "
	Juan A. Urrutia	"	62 "
	Ambrosio Rodriguez	"	59 "
	Rafael Garza	"	54 "
	Jose Casiano	"	45 "
	D.C. Van Derlip	"	33 "

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FOR ALDERMEN	T.L. Tucker	had	22 Votes
	Ignacio Chavez	"	22 "
	W.B. Jaques	"	20 "
	Scattering		8 "
FOR TREASURER	William Elliot	had	81 Votes
FOR COLLECTOR	Martin Delgado	"	80 "

We the undersigned do hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of the result of the election, held this day, for Mayor, Aldermen, Treasurer & Collector for the City of San Antonio, Dec<sup>R</sup> 30 1844.

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor  
Thomas Whitehead  
Secy

Robert Lindsay  
Antonio Menchaca  
Juan A. Urrutia

1845 JAN<sup>Y</sup> 1<sup>ST</sup>

This day, the members elect of the Council of the Corporation, met by order of the Mayor, present Edward Dwyer Mayor, Aldermen, Lee, Lindsay, Menchaca, Urrutia & Whitehead, Casiano, Rodrigus & Garza, where absent, the Mayor administered the oath of office to the Aldermen present, and the Aldermen administered the oath of office to the Mayor Elect,

JA-233. The Mayor then declared the Council in session and proposed that Thomas Whitehead act as Secretary. Motion adopted.

Alderman Mehchaca moved, that a fine should be imposed upon the members of the Board, who should fail to attend the meetings of the Council, after being properly notified by the Constable, unless they could give a satisfactory excuse at their next attendance. Left for consideration untill the next meeting of the Board.

JA-234. The Secretary was ordered by the Board to notify the Treasurer & Collector of their election and request them to attend the next meeting of the Board, and have their bonds ready.

The Board then adjurned to Saturday the 4th. instant.

Thomas Whitehead  
Secy

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SATURDAY JAN<sup>Y</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Council met this day according adjurnment, Edward Dwyer Mayor, Aldermen Menchaca, Urrutia, Lee, Lindsay & Whitehead, A quorum present the session was

opened Rafael Garza presented himself & took the oath and his seat at the Board. Mr. Elliot having notified the Board that he accepted the office Treasurer, but could not present himself to the Board on account of business, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Whitehead and Lee were appointed a Committee to wait upon Mr. Elliot and receive his oath of office. The Committee returned and reported the duty performed, and that Mr. E. would have his Bond ready for the next meeting of the Board.

JA-235. Martin Delgado attended, but did not accept the office of Collector and Francisco Bustillo was appointed by the Board to act as Collector for the Year 1845, and notified to have his bond ready for the next meeting of the Board.

JA-236. The proposal of Aldermen Menchaca, to fine members for non-attendance was then taken up for consideration, and after some discussion the following Ordinance was adopted. That every Alderman, not attending the meetings of the Board after being duly notified, should be fined One Dollar, if not able to satisfy the Board at his next attendance that his absence was justifiable, and that the Mayor should be fined Five Dollars for each non-attendance under the same conditions.

Approved.

JA-237. It was then proposed that Saturday should be the regular day of meeting of the Board and the following ordinance was adopted. That the Board of Aldermen should sit every Saturday evening at 3 O'clock throughout the Year.

Approved.

JA-238. Alderman Garza proposed that the Mayor should be empowered to Contract for the repairs of the Bridges across the ditch which runs through the Public Square.

Adopted.

JA-239. The following ordinance was then adopted. That the occupiers of Gardens and Labors, taking water from the Main Ditch, should be notified by Public Advertisement to repair their respective Bridges where the water crosses any Street, or their ditches will be filled up. The Bridges to be repaired within ten day of the Public Notice given.

Approved and the Secretary ordered to have the notices posted as soon as convenient.

A Committee consisting of Aldermen Whitehead & Lee to examine the Treasurer's & Collector's Accounts for the year 1844 & report to the next meeting of the Board, was appointed.

JA-240. An Account for Ten Dollars was presented by the Secretary the same being the amount paid by him for materials to repair the City Hall & for Pens ink & paper for the use of the Board the Acc<sup>t</sup> being examined was approved by the Board and Draft ordered to issue, The Board then adjourned to the regular day of meeting.

Tho<sup>s</sup> Whitehead  
Secy

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor

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SATURDAY 11th JANUARY 1845

This day the Council met present E. Dwyre Mayor, Aldermen, Menchaca, Urrutia, Lee, Lindsay & Whitehead. The Board being called to order Mess<sup>rs</sup> Whitehead & Lee, the Committee appointed examine the Treasurer's & Collector's Accounts,

JA-241. Reported that they had examined the accounts, and found the Treasurer's acc<sup>t</sup> correct., and a balance in the Treasury on the first of Jan. \$61.24. The Treasurer's Comissions not paid. The Collector's accounts they could not determine wether correct or not, as he had not kept any Acc<sup>t</sup> of money collected from Carts or from Beef, but had paid certain sums into the Treasury, but the Committee were unable to determine if all the money collected had been paid over or not, and requested further time, and authority to examine the accounts of the late Collector & Treasurer, James L. Trueheart

& Amb<sup>o</sup> Rodrigus. The report accepted and further time granted, and power to examine the acc<sup>t</sup> of the late Treasurer & Collector.

John Twohig presented Four Drafts on the Treasury of the Corporation amounting to \$77.50, drawn in the Year 1841 in favor of the Sec<sup>y</sup> & Constable. The Consideration was laid over untill next meeting.

The Board then adjourned to the next day of regular meeting.

Thomas Whitehead  
Secy

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor

SATURDAY 18th JAN<sup>y</sup>

The Board met this day, present E. Dwyer, Mayor, Aldermen, Menchaca, Urrutia, Lee, Lindsay & Whitehead.

JA-242. The Board being called to order the consideration of paying the accounts, presented last week, by John Twohig was taken up, and after some discussion it was resolved to pay Mr. Twohig \$29 Dollars on Mr. Twohig promising to wait on the Corpora-

tion for the ballance untill such time as the Treasury should be in a better condition. An Account of the Draft was ordered to be entered in the Journals, and Mr. Twohig be

debbitied with the 29 dollars, the Drafts as follows: 5th Oct, 1841 draft in favor

of Constable	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$15.00
10th Oct 1841	Draft in favor of Clerk	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	25.00
12th "	" Draft in favor of Clerk	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32.50
7th Nov	" " " " " Constable	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5.00
												<u>\$77.50</u>

29 Dollars was paid John Twohig by an order on

Collquhun	29.00
Ballance	<u>\$48.50</u>

The Board then adjourned to the regular day of meeting.

Thomas Whitehead  
Secy

Edw<sup>d</sup> Dwyer  
Mayor

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FEBRUARY 18th 1845

The Election held according to Law, the last Monday in Dec<sup>r</sup> 1844 was contested, before the Chief Justice David Morgan & Thomas Whitehead associate Justice, for the County, according to the Law Regulating contested Elections, by D.C. Van Derlip & L. H. Hewitt Esq<sup>r</sup> on Friday the 5th day of Feb<sup>y</sup> 1845. The result of which contest was, that the election was set aside, and a new Election held on Friday the 14th of Feb<sup>y</sup>, by order of the Chief Justice D. Morgan.

The result of the New Election was as follows according to the Certificates of the said Chief Justice.

Edward Dwyer, Mayor Aldermen Ygnacio Chavez, Cayetano Rivez, Jose Casiano Ambrosio Rodriguez, Francisco Bustillo, Augustin Barrero, James B. Lee & Thomas Whitehead.

The oath of office having been administered by the Chief Justice, The Mayor called the Board to order and the regular business was gone into.

The Mayor presented to the Board the necessity of engaging an Attorney to attend to the suits against the Corporation in the Coming Court for the County, and also to institute suits of ejectment against the parties who have located the Town Tract.

JA-243. After some discusion a Committee was appointed consisting of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Cassiano, Rodriguea & Whitehead to confer with Mr. Devine on the terms, for attending to the business of the Corporation and report to the next meeting of the Board.

JA-244. The Ordinance for raising a Revinue for the present Year was taken up and passed as follows

A licence Tax on Merchants . . . . .	\$10.00
" " " " Retailers of Liquors . . . . .	20.00
" " " " Billiard Tables. . . . .	25.00
" " " " Liquors by qt. & up. . . . .	5.00
Waggons entering the City with Merchandise . . . . .	1.50
Carts " " " " " " . . . . .	1.00
Public Fandangos Each . . . . .	1.00
Public Exhibitions each time . . . . .	1.00
Poll Tax 2 days work or . . . . .	1.00
Beeves killed for Market Each . . . . .	.25
Hogs " " " " " " . . . . .	.12½

This ordinance to take effect from and after its passage and the above Licences collected in the usual way by the Collector.

JA-245. The Following Ordinance respecting Hogs running Loose in the Streets was then passed. That five days after the publication of this Ordinance all Hogs found running at large in the streets of this City, shall be

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taken up by the Commissioner appointed for the purpose, and the owner made to pay a fine of 2 bits (25 cents) for each and every time, and in default the Hogs to be sold to pay the fine and expences, and Manuel Lopez is appointed by the Board to have this Ordinance carried into effect & to receive the fines for his Trouble.

JA-246. The Mayor represented to the Board the necessity of passing an ordinance to prevent public gaming and the following was agreed to unanimously.

That whereas Public Gaming is carried on to a great extent in this City contrary to law and the good order of the Citizens, it is ordered by the Mayor and Aldermen that from and after the publication of this Ordinance all persons dealing Monte or any other Banking Game shall be subject to a fine of Five Dollars for each and every time together with costs &c and the occupants of the House wherein said gaming is carried on shall be subject to a fine of Ten Dollars & costs &c for each and every time One half of the fines to go to the person laying the information and the other half to be paid in to the Treasury of the Corporation.

JA-247. It was then agreed that Saturday should be the regular day of the meeting of the Board, and the Board adjourned to Saturday at 3 O'clock P.M.

Thomas Whitehead  
Secy (rubric)

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor (rubric)

SATURDAY THE 22 FEB<sup>Y</sup>

There was no quorum present and a Special Session was called this day (by the Mayor) the 24th Feb<sup>Y</sup> 1845, present E. Dwyer Mayor, Aldermen, Bustillo, Barrera, Chaves, Lee & Whitehead, a quorum being present the Mayor called the Board to order, and laid the following propositions from the City Attorney M<sup>r</sup> Thos J. Devine, I will act as General Attorney or Counsel for the Corporation of the City of San Antonio, and will commence the suit on behalf of the Corporation (to establish its title to the lands within its Ancient Grant) and prosecute said suit to its final termination upon the following terms:

1st. A retaining fee of One Hundred Dollars p<sup>r</sup> year untill the suit is finally terminated, the fee to be paid in instalments of fifty dollars each, at the commencement of each term of the Court for the County of Bexar.

2nd. A fee, a fee equivalent to eight the appraised value of the property recovered.

San Antonio Feb<sup>Y</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1845

SIGNED Tho<sup>s</sup> J. Devine

The Mayor stated to the Board the importance of commencing the suit for the ejectment of the Locators on the town tract, and a good deal of discussion was had upon the subj<sup>t</sup> Alderman Whitehead proposed that an offer should be made to Mr. Devine to give a tenth part of the recovered property instead of an eighth as proposed by Mr. Devine, and finally the Board determined to meet again to morrow morning, and then finally dispose of the subject.

James L. Trueheart presented the following acc<sup>ts</sup> for fees of court in the suit City of San Antonio vs James Goodman justises fees \$7.00 Clerks fees \$6.22 County Tax \$3.00=~~\$~~16.22 And also a draft on the Treasuere of the Corporation dated 25th Aug<sup>t</sup> 1842 John W. Smith Mayor, in favor of the County Surveyor John C Hays, and receipts were given him for 29 dollars received from Mr. Colquhoun & \$29.50 from W.B. Jaques, the former being paid to John Twohig, and the latter to J.L. Trueheart for this fee Bill above mentioned & Draft in favor of Jhon C. Hays together with his Commissions for collecting.

The Board then adjourned untill to-morrow morning.

Thomas Whitehead  
Secy

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor

TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> FEB<sup>Y</sup>

This morning the Council met according to adjournment present EC Dwyer Mayor, Aldermen Chavez, Cassiano, Barrero, Bustillo, Lee, & Whitehead.

JA-248. The Contract with Mr. Devine was taken up, and discused at considerable length, and in fine the Mayor was empowered to close the Contract with Mr. Devine on the basis of Mr. Devine's proposition. The Contract to be entered in this Book as usual.

The Board then adjurned to the usual day of meeting.

Thomas Whitehead  
Secy

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor

SATURDAY 15th MARCH

This day the Council met present Edward Dwyer Mayor, Aldermen Cassiano, Bustillo, Rodriguez, Lee & Whitehead, a Quorum being present, the session was opened and the Board proceeded to buisness.

The Mayor informed the Board that the Contract with Tho<sup>s</sup> J Devine had been made and Signed by the respective parties, for the recovery of the City Lands, according to the ancient grant and the act of Congress Inncorporating the City of San Antonio,

The Contract was then read and ordered to be spread upon the Journal, and is as follows:

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Whereas the Common Council of the City of San Antonio, and County of Bexar, did on the twenty second day of February in the Year One thousand eight hundred, and forty five; decree and ordain, that Edward Dwyer Mayor of the said City "Be authorized to Contract with and engage the services of Thomas J. Devine Attorney and Counsellor at Law, in behalf of said Corporation, and for the prosecution of a suit to be commenced forthwith" to establish the rights of the Corporation to the lands within the limits of the Ancient Grant, as well as acting in the capacity of General Counsel for the said Corporation, adopting as the basis of the said Contract the proposals laid before the Board by the said Devine on the twenty second day of Feb<sup>y</sup> in the Year One thousand eight hundred & forty five.

Know all men therefore by these presents, that we Edward Dwyer Mayor of the City of San Antonio, of the first part, and Thomas J. Devine, of said City on the second part, The one for the City of San Antonio Bexar County; and the other for himself, do agree for and in consideration of the matters herein after mentioned. The said Edward Dwyer Mayor of the City of San Antonio for the present Common Council of said City and their successors in office contracts and agrees with the said Thos. J. Devine to act as the Legal adviser and general counsel of said City, and the said Devine agrees, and accepts of the said appointment upon the following terms and conditions "toWit" The said Thomas J. Devine covenants and agrees with the said Edward Dwyer, as Mayor of the City of San Antonio to undertake and perform all legal business appertaining to the said City which it may be necessary for him to do, when so requested by the Mayor of said City. And the Mayor of said City, for and in behalf of the present Corporation, and their successors in office covenants and agrees with the said Thos<sup>s</sup> J. Devine to pay him an Annual fee of One Hundred Dollars; payable by installments of fifty dollars at the commencement of each Term of the District Court of Bexar County, and a sum of money equivalent to one eight of the value of the property recovered in the suit to be instituted by said Devine in behalf of said Corporation of said City for <sup>the recovery of</sup> that Land now claimed by the said Corporation, and within the Ancient Limits; saving and excepting two leagues of Land now enjoyed by the City in undisputed possession being the two leagues immediately adjoining and surrounding said City, and the said Dwyer Mayor as aforesaid covenants and agrees by virtue of the power vested in him that the said annual fee and the one eight contingent fee as aforesaid shall

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be paid the said Devine in the Constitutional Currency of this Republic or its equivalent and they will aid the said Devine by all the means in their power, by communicating to him whatever information they the said Corporation may possess, and obtaining for the said Devine or whomsoever he may have associated with him in the prosecution of the said Suit, all documents Public or Private appertaining to said Suit, and which it may be in their power to obtain and the said Edward Dwyer Mayor as aforesaid covenants for and on behalf of the present Council and their successors in office, that they will not discontinue or withdraw said suit to the prejudice of said Counsel as aforesaid; not will they attempt to create obstacles or throw impediments in the way of said Counsel or those engaged with him in the prosecution of said suit.

The said Thomas J. Devine doth covenant and agree, to and with the said Edward Dwyer Mayor as aforesaid that he will at his own proper charge and expence have all necessary translations made in the Castillian Language, and attend or cause to be attended to, the final arguing of said suit in the Superior Court of this Republic.

The said Edward Dwyer Mayor as aforesaid on behalf of the Corporation aforesaid, further covenants and agrees with the said Thomas J. Devine, that upon the successful termination of the suit relative to the lands claimed by the Corporation, either by final Judgment before a Judicial Tribunal, or in any other way by which the Corporation's Title to said lands shall be deemed good and valid both in Law and Equity, then in that event the Corporation shall employ some legally authorized Surveyor, who shall at the expence of the Corporation, survey the Lands included within the Disputed Limits and owned by the Corporation, the tract to be surveyed in lots of One Hundred Acres, marking the corners of said lots with Stakes, and numbering the beginning corner of each and every lot with the numerals upon the stakes of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, &c, and entering upon a Book, to be provided him by the Corporation, a Plat of the tract surveyed with the lots designated thereon, and marked by the numerals aforesaid which Survey and Plat shall be executed,



and returned to the office of the Corporation within three months from the date of the final settlement of said suit.

The said Edward Dwyer Mayor as aforesaid further covenants and agrees, with the said Devine, on behalf of the Corporation aforesaid, that the said Corporation as aforesaid shall upon the return of said Plat and Survey marked as aforesaid; advertize for Sale a portion of the Land recovered, the sale to take place within three months from the date of the return of Survey, said sale not

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to be of a less portion than the one fourth of the lands aforesaid; and the said Corporation shall appoint an appraiser whose buisness it shall be to appraise, in connection with an appraiser appointed by the said Devine, all the Lands recovered as aforesaid; appraising all the Land Surveyed as aforesaid in seperate Tracts, and shall return their appraisement under their hands and Seals, at least      days before the day of sale and which appraisement shall be entered upon each lot numbered upon the Plat aforesaid according to its number, and in the event of the said appraisers not being able to agree as to the appraisement of any one lot or lots of Land surveyed as aforesaid, then in that case they shall agree upon a third person who shall act as umpire, and whose desition shall be final, binding and conclusive as to the value of such lot or lots, as the aforementioned appraisers had failed to appraise, which desition shall be returned and entered upon the lots on said Plat in like manner and time as the other appraisements. Upon the return and entry of said appraisements the Corporation of said City shall issue Drafts to the amount of one eight value of the appraised value of said Tract, the drafts to be in sums of the amount of One Hundred Dollars payable to Thomas J. Devine or bearer, said Drafts to be receivable in the payment of all dues or debts accruing to Corporation. Upon sale of said lots as aforesaid the proceeds shall be to the liquidation of the claim aforesaid of said Devine, After said sale said Devine shall be at liberty to enter, by writing his name upon the lot numbered and appraised in said Book as aforesaid; which have been offered for sale or advertised to be sold and a Deed shall be made to him forthwith of all lots so Advertized for sale and that may be unsold at the time of his entering the same, he being at liberty to enter as many as will amount to the value of his fee remaining unpaid at the time of entering the same. The Corporation deeding said lands to him at their appraised value as evidenced by the appraisement made and marked upon them by the proper parties. It being understood however by the Contracting Parties, that said Devine failing to prosecute successfully said claim on behalf of the Corporation aforesaid shall in that case receive nothing for the servises performed by him saving and excepting the anuel fee of One Hundred Dollars as aforesaid Conditioned however that said Anuell fee shall not continue payable for a longer time than five years from this present date; and may cease prior to that time should the suit mentioned be concluded. It is further understood and agreed between the Contracting Parties, that should Death, Sickness, or other unavoidable event prevent him from bringing to a final termination said Suit, he his heirs or assigns shall nevertheless be entitled to an Equitable

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remuneration for the servises performed by him; the amount to be ascertained by referring the question to two members of the Barr resident in the City of San Antonio. And for the faithfull performance of all and singular the Covenants aforesaid the Parties bind themselves the said Edward Dwyer Mayor as aforesaid by virtue of the

authority vested in him on the part of himself and the Common Council or Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio, and Thomas J. Devine his heirs and assigns firmly by these presents.

In Witness whereof the said parties have hereunto affixed their hands and seals in duplicate this Twenty Sixth day of Feb<sup>y</sup> A.D. One thousand eight Hundred and Forty-five.

WITNESSED BY  
 Thomas Whitehead  
 Edward Dwyer "Mayor" (seal)  
 Thomas J. Devine (seal)

The Mayor presented the accounts of building the Bridges over the Ditch in the Public Square, amounting to \$64.50 of which sum 45 dollars had been paid by Draft on the Treasury, and the ballance had been paid by the Mayor and due him from the first money that shall come into the Treasury.

The Mayor also informæd the Board that he had drawn on the Treasury for \$50.00 in favor of Thos J. Devine in conformity to Mr. Devine's Contract with the Corporation.

JA-249. The Collector then presented his accounts, and reported that many persons, instigated by evil minded Citizens, refused to pay their taxes to the Corporation, and it was ordered by the Board that all persons refusing to pay their Corporation Taxes should be sued before the Mayor and compelled to do so according to law.

JA-250. The Board then appointed Manuel Lopez to act as Constable for the Corporation during the present Year.

The Board then adjourned to the usual day of meeting.

Thomas Whitehead  
 Secy

Edward Dwyer  
 Mayor

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SATURDAY DEC<sup>R</sup> 20th

The Board met this day in order to appoint officers to hold the anual election on the last Monday in Dec<sup>R</sup> it being the 29th inst. present Edward Dwyer Mayor, Aldermen Lee, Rivas, Barrera, Whitehead and "Rodriguez. A quorum present, the Mayor called the Board to order, and proposed that Thos. Whitehead and Ambrosio Rodriguez, act as Sectarys and Rivas, Lee, & Barrera as Judges, and the Mayor presiding. There being no other business before the Board, adjurnment was had unto the 29th inst. at 10 O'clock in order to hold the anual Election.

Thos. Whitehead  
 Secy

Edward Dwyer  
 Mayor

MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

The Board met this day in order to hold the anual Election, Alderman Rivas being absent the Mayor called Francisco Bustillos, Ambrosio Rodriguez, Augustin Barrera, J.B. Lee, Thos. Whitehead which being a Quorum proceeded to Hold the Election for City officers for the Year 1846.

JA-251. According to law francisco Bustillos was appointed by the Board to act in the place of C. Rivas absent.

Thomas Whitehead  
 Secy

Edward Dwyer  
 Mayor

The Polls was then opened at 10 O'clock A.M. and Closed at 4 O'clock P.M. when the votes were counted out and resulted as follows:

FOR MAYOR	Bryan Callaghan	received	50	Votes
FOR AIDERMEN	J.A. McClelland	"	49	"
	George Van Ness	"	47	"
	Pedro Flores	"	49	"

FOR ALDERMEN	Ambrosio Rodriguez	received	47 Votes
	William B. Jaques	"	49 "
	Juan A. Urrutia	"	49 "
	Charles F. King	"	48 "
	Marcos A. Veramendi	"	47 "
FOR TREASURER	William Elliot	"	49 "
FOR COLLECTOR	Manuel Lopez	"	40 "

JA-252. The Board then ordered that the Sec. notify the above Citizens of their election to their respective offices, and then adjourned.

Thomas Whitehead  
Secy

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor

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This day the members elect for the present Year met at the Corporation Hall in the City of San Antonio by order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of former Corporation.

Bryan Callaghan Mayor Elect having been duly sworn proceeded to organize the Council by administering the oath of office to the Aldermen present "toWit" George Van Ness, A.J. McClelland, J.A. Urrutia, M.A. Veramendi, Charles F. King, Wm. B. Jaques, Pedro Flores & Ambrosio Rodrig<sup>Z</sup> all being duly qualified took their seats & proceeded to buisness.

JA-253. On motion R.C. Garza was appointed Secretary by a unanimous vote & being informed of his appointment appeared & took the oath of office.

The Council then adjourned untill next Monday.

R.C. Garza  
Secy

B. Callaghan  
Mayor

JAN<sup>Y</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1846 MONDAY 10 O'CLOCK A.M.

This day the Council did not meet in pursuance to adjournment for the reason that the City Hall was not disocupied by the tenant of same although notice had been served by the Clerk to that effect & meeting defered untill Monday next.

R.C. Garza  
Secty

B. Callghan  
Mayor

JANUARY 12th 1846

The Council met in pursuance to adjournment, the Mayor took his seat and the names of Aldermen, having been called, the following answered to their names, Viz: Geo. Van Ness, A.J. McClelland, J.A. Urrutia, M.A. Veramendi, Chas F. King, Wm. B. Jques, Pedro Flores & Ambrosio Rodriguez, The Board being present, the minutes read and approved, proceeded to business. When the Mayor rose and delivered the following address:

Gentlemen: I feel it my duty to give my views as regards our duty as members of the Corporation of this Town, in the first place we ought to take into consideration the interest of the Community at Large by defending their rights and

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adding to their comforts, which you have sworn to do, you must take into consideration the wants of your fellow citizens and procure them such comfort in the way of repairing the Streets and particularly the Sidewalks, and also in repairing the Public Buildings and and have them kept in good order.

You ought to defend the property of the Town and have the proper bounderies established as soon as the Courts of Justice will permit, also regulating your Markets

ect, in order to sustain your Corporation You must exact from the owners of property a Moderate Tax and also from the Merchants professors of Medicines, & particularly from the Sellers of Spirituous Liquors, and Keepers of Billiard Tables, and whenever laws are past, moderate, Laws ought to be strictly Enforced, The Collector ought to be a man who would do his duty without fear of American or Mexican, and Collect all monies due to said Corporation, the Tax should be equal on every person within our limits, in order to sustain you in the way of Collecting them.

Yours Respectfully,

B. Callaghan

JA-254. On motion of Mr. Van Ness, Mr. McClelland was appointed to call on the Treasurer of the Corporation Mr. Wm. Elliot and inquire of him if any funds were in his hands belonging to said Corporation. Mr. McClelland retired and returning produced to the Council the Books of said Treasurer, and upon examination of the same it was found that the Corporation was in debt to said Wm. Elliot Treasurer as aforesaid in the sum of \$26.45/100 (Twenty Six Dollars and Forty five cents) for monies advanced upon Drafts issued by the Board of Aldermen of 1845.

JA-255. Mr. Van Ness moved that the Secretary of the Present Board be allowed the sum of One hundred Dollars for his services for the present year, and that the payment thereof be made quarterly out of any funds in the City Treasury, which was admitted by the Board and approved.

JA-256. The Collector was by order of the Board called to render an account of his Collections, for the past Year A.D. 1845, who appearing informed the Council that he had paid over to the Treasurer all the monies collected,

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by him except twenty six dollars and seventy five cents, which amt. he had on hand and was ready to pay into the Treasury.

JA-257. On motion Mess. Veramendi, & Rodriguez were appointed a Committee to examine the Books of said Collector, and report the situation of the same by next meeting.

Mr. Urrutia moved that a Constable be appointed for the Corporation, Mr. King offered an amendment to Mr. Urrutia's motion To strike out the word CONSTABLE and insert CITY MARSHALL which amendment was adopted, and motion laid on the Table until following meeting.

Mr. Jaques suggested to the Council the propriety of appointing an Assessor, nominations having been made, it was resolved that A.J. McClelland call on James L. Trueheart & R.C. Garza and ascertain for what amount either of them would be willing to accept of the appointment and to report to the next meeting their proposals for consideration.

JA-259. On motion of Mr. McClelland the sum of twenty five dollars was appropriated out of the first funds in the Treasury to purchase the following articles To Wit:

One Dozen Chairs  
1/2 do. Tumblers  
One Pitcher  
One Pail, One load of Wood  
& Paper Ink & Pens for the use of  
the Secretary's office.

and the Mayor was authorised to draw on the Treasurer for the said sum as appropriated. and Ambrosio Rodriguez was appointed to receive the aforesaid amt. and purchase the said Articles & Stationery for, the use of the Corporation, and to render an account of the same, as soon as said purchases shall have been made.

On motion it was resolved that a Notice be published Taxing all Fandangos, made within the limits of said Corporation, the sum of one dollar, provided however that all private parties shall be exempt from this resolution, and each and every person wishing to give Public Fandangos shall pay to the Collector the said sum of One dollar, and, the Mayor is hereby authorized to issue Licemces to all persons applying for the same, on presentment of the Collector's receipt for said amount.

A discussion arose and this resolution was ordered to lay on the table,

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for further consideration.

Mr. Urrutia moved the following resolution.

Resolved that for each Beef slaughtered and offered for sale within the limits of the Corporation, shall pay to the Collector the sum of Twenty five cents p<sup>r</sup> head, which resolution was laid on the Table for consideration, when  
The Council adjourned until Wednesday 14th inst.

R.C. Garza  
Secy

B. Callaghan  
Mayor

JANUARY 14th

Council met pursuant to adjournment, present B. Callaghan Mayor, A.J. McClelland, Veramendi, King, Flores, Jaques, Aldermen Absent Rodriguez, Urrutia, came Van Ness, and took his seat.

Minutes of former session Read and approved the Board proceeded to business. There being a quorum present, the Committee appointed to examine the Books and accounts of the Collector, Report them to be correct.

JA-260. The Resolution for the appointment of a City Marshall was taken up Read and approved, and the Board proceeded to the Election of a City Marshall.

On motion Mr. King nominated James Dunn, and Mr. Veramendi, Julio Iffla, the vote being taken Mr. Dunn rec<sup>d</sup> 3 votes and Mr. Julio Iffla 3., There being a Tie Mr. Mayor decided by declaring James Dunn duly elected.

JA-261. Mr. McClelland who was appointed at the last meeting, to call on Messrs. Trueheart and Garza informs the Council that Mrs. Garza offered to take the appointment for \$30. and Mr. Trueheart for \$20.00. The Board on consideration excepted Mr. Trueheart proposal and the Clerk was instructed to notify him of the same. When the Council took recess until 3 O'clock P.M.

3 P.M. Council met Mr. Rodriguez appeared and took his seat.

JA-262. The Board took up the resolution concerning Fandangos, which was read and adopted and the Secretary was ordered to publish the same, stating that it be put in full force and effect from and after the 25th day of January inst.

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JA-263. Mr. Van Ness proposed that the sum of fifty dollars be allowed the City Marshall for his Services for the present Year, besides the perquisites of the said office Mr. McClelland offered an amendment to said, proposition that said Marshall receive the sum of \$10 pr. month which amendment was lost, and proposition adopted.

JA-264. Mr. Flores moved that a Committee of three Members with Assistance of Mayor, be appointed to draughts the Rules & Regulations of the Common Council of the Corporate Body of this City, When Messrs Jacques, Veramendi, Van Ness, & the Mayor were accordingly appointed of said Committee and ordered to report said Rules and Regulations at next meeting of said Board.

Mr. Jacques offered the following Ordinance.

Be it ordained and Decreed that by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in Common Council assembled, from and after the 25th day of January A.D. 1846 any Hog, sow, shoat, pig or boar, found running at large in the streets of the said City of San Antonio the owner of said Hog shall pay to the Collector the sum of one dollar for each head, and if the owner of said hog or hogs, ect, should fail to call and claim the said hog with 48 hours said hog or hogs shall be sold for the use and benefit of said Corporation at Public Outcry, to the highest bidder.

JA-265. Mr. Urrutia's Resolution concerning the selling of Beef, was adopted and ordered to go into effect from and after the 25th inst. (See pg. 113)

When the Board adjourned to meet on due notice being given.

R.C. Garza  
Secy

B. Callaghan  
Mayor

TUESDAY JANUARY 28th

An extra Session of the Council being called. The Board met in accordance. Present the Mayor, Jacques, McClelland, Urutia, Flores, Veramendi, & King were present, absent Rodriguez & Van Ness, a quorum being present the Board proceeded to business. The proceedings of pre-

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ceeding meeting being read and approved.

JA-266. Alderman Jaques offered the following ordinances to the Board, to wit:

That from and after the 1st day of March, all beeves, shall be slaughtered east of the Alamo Ditch, or west of the San Pedro Crk or  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile north and south of the Public Square.

JA-266.<sup>1</sup> Further that a licence tax of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents be and is hereby exacted for each and every head of hog or sheep slaughtered and offered for sale within the limits of this Corporation, which was approved and ordered to be published.

JA-267. The Chief Justice appeared and presented an account purporting to be fees due him for organization of the Board of Alderman, which was accepted and approved and ordered that the same be paid out of the first funds in Treasury.

JA-268. Mr. McClelland offered the following Ordinances to the Board.

That all persons retailing Merchandise, shall pay a Licence of \$10 per annum, That all persons retailing Spirituous Liquors in quantities less than a Quart, shall pay a licence of \$25 per annum. That all persons selling liquors in quantities of one Quart and upwards shall pay a Licence of \$6 $\frac{1}{4}$  pr. annum. That all keepers or owners of Billiard Tables shall pay a Licence of \$25 pr annum. That all owners or keepers of Nine or Ten Pin Alleys, shall pay a Licence of \$12 $\frac{1}{2}$  pr. annum. which were approved and ordered to be published.

JA-269. Mr. King then proposed the following Ordinances

That all keepers of Public Houses of Entertainment, Livery Stables, Bakeries, ect, pay each a Licence Tax of \$10 pr annum. That all Boarding Houses where more than five persons Board shall pay a Licence of \$5.00 pr annum. That all public exhibitions shall pay the sum of one dollar for each and every exhibition. Which were approved and ordered to be published, and it was further decreed by the Board that all persons wishing to obtain all or any of the above Licences, shall first pay to the City Collector the amount of specified in said Ordinances for his Licence and upon the receipt of said Collector the Secretary of the Corporation shall issue the Licence,

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or licences agreeable to said Collector's receipt, which Licences shall be countersigned

by the Mayor and for each and every licence so issued the said Secretary shall receive the sum of fifty cents to be paid by the person obtaining said Licence or licences, and that no additional percentage shall be exacted from persons wishing to obtain licences for 4 or 8 months. And it was further resolved that the Secretary shall in a well bound book keep a Record of all Licences issued by him.

It was further resolved that all persons following any business requiring any of the Licences aforesaid, shall for each and every week that he may pursue any of the aforesaid callings without having obtained as Licence for the same, shall pay a Fine of 5\$ for each and every week so offending.

Be it further resolved that upon information being Lodged before the Mayor of such person or persons neglecting to take out Licences as aforesaid, it shall be his duty to issue a Citation, commanding the person or persons to be cited to appear before him and show cause if any he or they may have, why he or they should not be compelled to pay the fine as aforesaid.

Be it further resolved, that it shall be the duty of the City Marshal, to report to the Mayor at the Earliest practicable period the names of all persons violating the aforesaid Ordinances, and upon the recovery of the fines, as aforesaid, one half shall be paid into the Treasury of the City, and the other half shall go to the Marshall, or any other person giving the necessary information.

JA-275. Be it further ordained and Decreed that an Ad-Valorem Tax of 1/4 of one per centum, as a City Tax, be and is hereby levied, upon all Real Estate, to be collected by the City Collector.

JA-276. Be it further resolved that the City Assessor be and is hereby required, to make a return of his assessment of the Taxable Property as aforesaid on or before the 10th day of March, next 1846, to the Collector of the Corporation, said assessment to be made in accordance with the existing laws.

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JA-277. It is further resolved and decreed, that, the City Collector upon the return of the Assessment within five days shall give public notice by posting up an advertisement in each precinct, within said Corporation, notifying all persons to come forward and pay the am<sup>t</sup> of their taxes, at the expiration of one month from the posting up of said Notice and at such places as he may assignate for his office, and upon the failure of said persons failing to pay their taxes by the time required by this Ordinance, said assessment List shall have the force and effect, of an execution which shall be delivered over, to the City Marshall whose duty it shall be to levy upon the property of all delinquents, and advertise the same in three public places in the City for at least 60 days and sell the same or so much thereof, as will pay the Taxes and Costs, of advertisement, ect, to the highest bidder for Cash, on the first Tuesday and ensuing days in the month next ensuing, after the expiration of said 60 days.

JA-278. Be it further resolved that all persons owning the property so sold for Taxes shall have power to redeem the same within the Term of one year from the date of the sale of said property upon paying to the purchaser or purchasers, thereof or to the City Treasurer for their use the amt. paid by him or them with 25 per cent added thereto & costs. Which was approved and ordered to be published.

When the board adjourned until Monday February 2nd, A.D. 1846.

B. Callaghan

MONDAY 2nd FEB.

Board met pursuant to adjournment present Mayor, Alderman McClelland, Urutia, Veramendi, Van Ness, Rodriguez, Jaques, King and Flores. All being present the Board proceeded to business. The Proceedings of the preceeding having been Read were approved.

Mr. King moved that all persons who doesnot pay a City Tax or Licence, be and are hereby required

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to pay a Poll Tax of 50 cents, or give one day's labour in Lieu thereof,

JA-279. And it was ordered and decreed that, every person owning or keeping dogs, within the limits of this Corporation pay the following Tax, Viz:

For every male dog 50 cents. For every Female dog or Bitch \$1.00.

It is further ordered and decreed that all persons keeping dogs as aforesaid shall obtain from the Mayor a Licence for the same. And this Ordinance to be enforced 10 days from the day of advertisement in the same way and manner. As an ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen April 2nd 1840, which said ordinance is hereby adopted and revived by this Board.

Approved and ordered to be published. (Page 48)

JA-280. Be it further ordained and decreed That a Tax of \$5 be and is hereby esacted of all Lawyers, Doctors and all other professional men, as Licence which was approved and ordered to be published.

JA-281. On motion of Mr. Rodriguez the Vagrant Decree approved September the 9th A.D. 1841, is hereby adopted and revived, by this Board, and ordered to be published. (page 68)

JA-282. On motion a Committee composed of Messrs Van Ness McClelland and Rodriguez were appointed to call upon the City Counsel and draw up a Resolution concerning the donation of a parcel of Land to the Army of the United States through Col Harney conditionally and report to this Board on Wednesday at 10 oclock A.D.

The Committee appointed to Draughts Rules and Regulations for the Council of the Corporate body of the City of San Antonio, would respectfully recommend the following Rules ect for the adoption of said Board.

1st. That each and every member of this Board after being duly notified to appear at any regular or special meeting of said Board, and shall neglect or refuse to attend at said meetings, shall be fined the sum of Three Dollars, for each offence unless excused by said board for good motives shown.

2nd. That any member who after having taken his seat at any special or regular meeting of said board

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shall absent himself without leave shall pay a fine of one dollar. The aforesaid fines shall be collected in a summary manner by the Mayor and shall go to the City Treasury.

When Council adjourned until Wednesday 10 oclock A.M.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4th 10 A.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment present Callaghan Mayor, Aldermen McClelland, Ueutia, Rodriguez, Jaques, Flores & Van Ness. There being a quorum present the Board proceeded to business.

The City Counsellor, appearing presented the following ordinance for the consideration and adoption by the Board which ord<sup>nce</sup> being read was adopted and approved To wit\*

JA-283. Be it resolved and decreed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, That the



Corporation of the City hereby agree to pay all reasonable expences incurred by the City Attorney in obtaining Certified Copies of Titles tending to establish the Claim of this City, to the Tract now in dispute as well as the Surveying of said Land, and the obtaining an Authenticated Copy from Mexico of the Grant of said Lands, to this City.

The Committee appointed to draw a Resolution concerning the donation of a parcel of Land to the U.S. Troops, through Col Harny, presented a Resolution framed for that purpose and which resolution was ordered to be presented to said Col Harney, for his acquiescence and to be refered to this Board for its passage at a Subsequent Meeting. When the Board adjourned.

THURSDAY FEBRYARY 11th 1846.

A meeting of the Board of Aldermen was this day called by the Hon Mayor, For the purpose of Electing a City Marshal, Vice James Dunn resigned.

Present B. Callaghan Mayor, Messrs McClelland Van Ness Rodriguez Urutia & Flores, Aldermen.

JA-284. On motion of Mr. Urutia, Mr. P.L. Buquor was proposed for said office, There being no opposition, and the vote being taken, Mr. Buguor

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was duly elected City Marshal for the City of San Antonio, by a unanimous vote of said Board, Mr. Buquor being duly sworn, qualified and proceeded to discharge the duties devolved upon him as such officer. There being no further business before the Board they adjourned until duly convened by Mayor.

FEB 20th 1846

This day the Council met by Order of Mayor, Present B. Callaghan, Messrs Van Ness, King, McLelland, Urutia & Rodriguez the proceedings of former meetings being read and approved the Board proceeded to business.

JA-285. Mr. Urutia who was appointed to purchase furniture ect, for the use of the Corporation, reported the following purchases, toWit: Given to the Secretary for the purchase of stationary \$4 one pitcher, one pail 4 tumblers amt. \$3.62½ Chairs to the amt. of \$15.00, which am<sup>ts</sup> were approved.

JA-286. The following resolution was then taken up and adopted and approved; Viz:

Whereas it is encumbent on those entrusted with the management of the Interests of a Community to advance by all reasonable and legal means the Interests so committed to their Care in view of this consideration the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of San Antonio believing, that the proposal of Col, Harney, the Officer Commanding the United States Troops near the Head of the San Pedro Springs would greatly tend to the enhancing the Value of Real Estate the increase of Population and the advancement of the best interest of this City, therefore be it and it is hereby resolved and decreed by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in Council assembled, that Col Harney as the Officer in Command of the U.S. Troops, in this Vicinity and representing the United States is authorised and empowered to take possession of and occupy for the uses

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and purposes and upon the conditions, hereafter expressed One Hundred Acres of Land to be selected out of the Vacant Lands of this City in manner and form as follows:

it is further understood to be the meaning and intention of this Resolution, that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen aforesaid cede to said Coll. Harney and his successors in Command for the use of the United States Government upon the following terms and conditions ToWit: Said Tract of Land shall be occupied and used by the U.S. as a Military Station and for no other purpose and that the officers in Command at said post shall not permit those under their command to dig away the Rock or Stone in the immediate vicinity of said Springs or stream. Ordered that a Transcript of this Resolution be handed to Col Harney Board adjourned.

MARCH 2nd A.D. 1846

The Board met by order of Mayor, Present B. Callaghan, Mayor, Messrs Jaques, Van Ness King, Veramendi, Urrutia & McClelland, Aldermen. There being a quorum present the Board proceeded to business.

The petition of Mr. John M<sup>c</sup> Cullough was read & laid on the table.

JA-287. Mr. McClelland moved that the Commanding Officer of the U.S. Troops at this Post pay for each cord of Wood cut within the Boundaries of said City of San Antonio or Corporation the Sum of \$2.00 Which was adopted and approved.

Mr. Jaques moved that a Committee be

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appointed to see that the Grant made to Col Harney be surveyed, The board appointed, the Mayor Messrs Rodriguez and Van Ness.

JA-288. Mr. J.L. Trueheart having resigned his appointment of Assessor for the City Mr. McClelland, moved that R.C. Garza, be appointed Assessor for the (various Erasures ) Corporation vice J.L. Trueheart resigned and that the said R.C. Garza receive the Sum of \$40.00 payable out of any monies in the City Treasury. Which motion was adopted and approved this 2nd day of March A.D. 1846, when the Council adjourned.

B. Callaghan -Mayor

SATURDAY APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> 1846

This day the Board met, present B. Callaghan Mayor, A.J. McClelland, Jaques, Van Ness, Urrutia King & Veramendi, Aldermen.

There being a quorum present the Board proceeded to business and the following Ordinances were passed toWit:

JA-289. Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor & Board of Aldermen in council assembled, That all persons convicted of Killing Beeves or other animals of same class, within the Limits prohibited by an Ordinance passed Jan. 28th 1846, shall pay a fine of not less than \_\_\_ Dollars nor more than \_\_\_ dolls, and failing to pay the same they shall be imprisoned in the City Jail for a term of not less than \_\_\_ months nor more than \_\_\_ months, and it is hereby made the duty of the City Marshal to report to the Mayor at the earliest practicable period the name of all persons violating the same and that this Ordinance take effect from and after its passage.

JA-290. It is further ordained and decreed that the City Marshal be and is hereby authorized and required to notify all persons that now or hereafter encumber the streets of this City with encumbrances of any description to remove the

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same, and on their failing so to do after \_\_\_ days notice being so notified they shall upon conviction thereof pay a fine of not more than \_\_\_ dollars not less than \_\_\_ Dollars

to be recovered before the Mayor, of this City, for the use and benefit thereof provided that nothing in this Ordinance shall apply to persons while using materials for the construction or repairing of buildings on their keeping said materials close to the side walk and within a reasonable space this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

JA-291. It is further ordered and decreed that all House Holders within the limits of this City shall collect the rubbish in their yard and in front of their lots and Dwellings into piles in front of said lots or Dwellings on or before every morning and for each time that they may neglect the same, they shall upon conviction go before the Mayor pay a fine of 50 cents the proceeds arising from said fine is to be expended in addition to such reasonable am<sup>ts</sup> of the City Funds as the Mayor may deem necessary in the clearing the Streets and Alleys of this City.

This Ordinance to take effect from and after the notification thereof by the City Marshal  
JA-292. It is further decreed that the Mayor be and is hereby empowered to contract with some suitable person for the cleaning & repairing the streets and alleys of this City at least once a week. In accordance with this Provision, of the preceding resolutions and that the City Marshal be and he hereby is required to superintend the cleaning of the City as aforesaid the rubbish to be removed to the west of San Pedro Creek or East of the Alamo Ditch this ordinance to take effect from and after its passage.

JA-293. It is further ordered and Decreed that the Collector is hereby required to pay

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over to the City Treasurer all monies collected by him on behalf of the City on or before the First Monday in each month, and on his failing to pay over the funds so collected or failing to exercise due diligence in the collecting the dues of this City, It shall be the duty of the Mayor to notify him to appear before the Board and show cause why he has not made his return or used due diligence to collect the dues as aforesaid, to the satisfaction of the Mayor & Board and on his failing to appear and show cause then and in that event his office may be declared vacant and the Collector shall be appointed by who shall enter upon the duties of the office upon his giving approved bond in the customary manner within days after his appointment. Said Collector to hold his office for the unexpired portion of the year and in event of the removal as aforesaid it shall be the duty of the Counsel for the City to institute suit upon the Bond of said Collector. This Ordinance to tak from and after first Monday in May next.

JA-294. It is further ordained and decreed that the Mayor be authorized to issue Licences for Fandangos or for Public exhibitions. The Licence for Public Exhibitions to be not more than Ten Dolls nor less, than One dollar. In entering the N<sup>o</sup> of said Licences in a Bound Book kept by him for that purpose and on the presentation to him by the Collector of said Licence so issued he shall pay over to the Collector the amt. rec<sup>d</sup> by him for said Licence. This Ordinance to take effect from and after its passage.

B. Callaghan, Mayor

JUNE 17th 1846

The Board met by order of Mayor present Hon Mayor, A. Rodriguez, P. Flores, M.A. Veramendi, J.A. Urrutia, Ch<sup>s</sup> F. King, Aldermen.

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There being a quorum present the Board proceeded to business when the following ordinance was passed and ordered to be published.

JA-295.

1st. Be it ordained and Decreed by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of San Antonio in Council Assembled, That all persons who may erect Stacks of Hay, or other Combustible Materials in the immediate vicinity of any Shed or Building, within the limits of this City, shall upon the complaint of any person interested before the Mayor, and proof being made of the danger likely to arise from the collection of such Combustible Material as aforesaid, such person or persons so offending shall pay a fine of not less than twenty five nor more than fifty dollars to be paid into the City Treasury for the use and benefit of the City.

2d. It is further ordained and Decreed that all persons upon being notified by the City Marshal to remove the aforesaid Materials, shall for each and every day he may fail to remove the same, pay a fine of not less than            nor more than            dollars the same to be recovered in the most summary manner before the Mayor of this City.

It is further ordained and decreed that this Resolution takes effect from and after its passage.

JA-296.

Be it further ordained and resolved that the Mayor of this City, pay out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the following accounts and claims this day allowed by the Board To Wit:

The claim of John James Dept Surveyor of Bexar County, for searching and running the lines of the City Tract.

B. Callaghan, Mayor

JA-297.

Mr. Veramendi offered his resignation & was accepted. When Mr. Urrutia moved that the Council elect two aldermen to fill the vacancies of McClelland & Veramendi; the vote being taken S.S. Smith & Jose Caciono were duly elected. Sam Smith appeared took the oath & entered to discharge the duties of said office.

R.c. Garza, Clk.

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OCTOBER 1st 1846

R. Callaghan the Mayor having to leave the City for Mexico called a meeting for the purpose of electing a Mayor Protem, when Charles F. King was unanimously elected by the Aldermen present

George Van Ness  
Juan A. Urrutia  
Ambrosio Rodriguez  
Wm. B. Jaques  
Charles F. King  
Sam<sup>l</sup> S. Smith

R.C. Garza  
Clerk

B. Callaghan  
Mayor

JA-298.

On motion of Mr. Jaques, Sidney Van Bibber was appointed City Constable in the place of P.L. Buquor also on motion of said Mr. Jaques, Sidney Van Bibber was appointed un-animously City Colector in the place of Manuel Lopez when the Board adjourned.

R.C. Garza  
Clk

B. Callaghan  
Mayor

DEC<sup>R</sup> 28th 1846

This day the Mayor appointed the following Aldermen to preside as Judges of the Election to be holden this same day for City Officers for the Year 1847 to wit: Geo Van Ness S.S. Smith & J.A. Urrutia the Mayor B. Callaghan appeared & took the necessary oath to the Judges and Clerks of said Election & opened the Polls according to law being 9 oclock A.M. & were closed at 4 P.M. when the votes were counted out and results as follows

FOR MAYOR	Charles F. King	Received	61 Votes
FOR ALDERMEN	S.S. Smith	"	66 Votes
	Wm. G. Crump	"	86 "
	C.B. Brackett	"	57 "
	Ign <sup>o</sup> Chavez	"	84 "

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FOR ALDERMEN	J.A. Urrutia	Received	86 Votes
	Ambrosio Rodrugiz	"	82 "
	Rafael Herrera	"	56 "
	M. Trumble	"	6 "
FOR TREASURER	Wm. Elliot	"	74 "
FOR COLLECTOR	N. Mallon	"	75 "

The Mayor then ordered the Clerk to notify the above citizens of their election to their respective offices.

R.C. Garza  
Clk C.C.S.A.

B. Callaghan  
Mayor

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JANUARY 1st 1847

This day the members elect for the present year met at the Court House in the City of San Antonio agreeable to the Certificates issued to them by the Late Mayor.

Present Charles F. King Mayor Wm G. Crump A. Rodriguez S.S. Smith A.B. Brackett M. Trumble R. Herrera, J.A. Urrutia who being duly qualified proceeded to the discharge of their duties.

Ignacio Chavez one of the Aldermen elect being unable to attend from Sickness.

On motion the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 O.C. A.M.

C.F. King Mayor

JANUARY 2nd 1847

Board met pursuant to adjournment present Chas. F. King Mayor, Aldermen Crump, Rodriguez Smith, Trumble Herrera and Urrutia. Absent Brackett and Chavez a quorum being present the Mayor declared the Board open and proceeded to an election of Clerk of the Corporation, when JA-299. R.C. Garza was unanimously elected. Mr. Smith moved that the Board go into the election of a City Marshall for the present year. When N.R. Mallon was unanimously elected to that office.

Mr. Crump moved that the Ordinance passed by the Board of last year be read by the Clerk for the information of the present Board, which motion was carried and the Clerk proceeded read the same.

JA-300. On motion of Mr. Trumble a Resolution adopted and approved February 20th 1846 granting a piece or parcel of land to the United States through Col Harney for a Military Post or Station the terms and conditions of the same not haveing been complied with by said Officer of the United States the same is hereby decreed by the present Board to be Null & Void.

On motion of Mr. Crump the Board adjourned until Monday the 4th 1847.

C.F. King, Mayor

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JANUARY 4th 1847

Counsel met pursuant to adjurnment. Mayor in the Chair and a quorum being present the Minutes of the former session being read and approved the Board proceeded to business.

R.C. Garza appeared and qualified and proceeded to discharge the duties of Clerk.

N.R. Mallon came forward and took the oath of office and proceeded to the discharge of

his duties as City Marshall.

On motion of Mr. Smith the Council adjourned until O.C. P.M.

Counsel met pursuant to adjournment. A quorum being present the Mayor called the Board to order. On motion of Mr. Smith the following resolution was offered for the consideration of the Board.

JA-301. As many of the members of the present Board are unacquainted with the existing Laws and Ordinances of the Corporation it is requisite and Necessary that in the first place that before we can proceed regularly to Municipal Buisness that there should be a Committee appointed to examine into the ordinances that have been passed in former years and that now are in force and to report to the Board thereon as soon as practicable. It is presumed that said Committee will find upon examination Laws and Ordinances Now in force and existence that will Cover all or nearly all the wants and demands of the Citizens for the present year, by altering correcting and reviseing the same to suit the present time, which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Brackett the Mayor appointed Messrs Smith Crump & Rodriguez a Committee to examine said Ordinances.

On motion of Mr. Smith the Mayor was added to the said Committee and they were instructed to report at the next meeting of the Board.

JA-304. On motion of Mr. Smith a Committee was appointed to report an Ordinance Regulating the Taxes and Revenues for the present Year.

Where upon the Mayor appointed Messrs Brackett Trumble and Urrutia a Committee to report on the same.

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JA-305. On motion Mr. Smith moved that the Collector be ordered to proceed forthwith to collect the Back Taxes & all other demands due the City. which was adopted.

Board adjourned till Friday evening 6 o'clock

Cha<sup>s</sup> F. King  
Mayor

JAN<sup>y</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1847

Council met pursuant to adjournment a quorum present the minutes of former session being read and approved the board proceeded to bussiness.

JA-306. The Board took into consideration the salary of the Clerk and on M<sup>r</sup> Crump's motion it was resolved that the sum of One Hundred and sixty Dollars be allowed to him for his services for the present Year payable monthly.

The Committee appointed to examine ordinances passed by former Corporation made the following report.

JA-307.

TO THE HON<sup>L</sup> MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

Gentlemen The Committee who were appointed by the Hon<sup>L</sup> Board to examine into the Decrees and Ordinances passed in former years Beg leave to offer the following report thereon for the consideration of the Board. That an Ordinance passed Jan<sup>y</sup> 17 1840, (page 37) for the better regulation of the Water devoted to the Irrigation of the City of San Antonio and its vicinity after examination by your committee it was resolved that it should be recommended for the adoption of the present Board with the following alterations and ammendments viz: In Sec 1<sup>st</sup> adopt all to the word Depth (and add after) and Width (the remaining strike out). Sec 2<sup>d</sup> that after the word That (in first line strike out words (Mayor of this City) and insert (Commissioner).

A. Rodriguez the remainder of the Section to adopt. Sections 3<sup>d</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> adopt in full Section 9<sup>th</sup> Strike out Sec 11<sup>th</sup> leave out 1840 in last line the

ballance to adopt in full. Section 12<sup>th</sup> strike out Section 13<sup>th</sup> insert after the word object 7<sup>th</sup> line page 39. R. Herrera. Sec. 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> adopt in full.

JA-307.<sup>1</sup> An further that an Ordinance passed Feb<sup>y</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1840 for the Regulation of Cleaning and Sweeping the Streets and Squares &c of this City, after examination by your Committee it was resolved that the same should be recomended for the adoption of the present Board, with one alteration only leaving out (Wednesday &) in Sec 1<sup>st</sup> and leaving it to read on (Saturday) of each and every week.) Your Committee would further recommend that the Mayor be authorised to have the Public Squares swept and cleaned on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month and to draw on the Treasuere for the money to pay for the same and also to draw for

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the amount that may be required to pay the Cartmen for removing the Rubbish from the Streets and Squares on that day and to make a report of the same to this Board.

JA-307.<sup>2</sup> Session 1844 (page 101) A motion made that all persons that may wish to procure Rock from any quarry belonging to the Corporation shall first obtain a Licence.

Your Committee would recommend its adoption with such alterations as the Board may think proper to make.

JA-307.<sup>3</sup> Session 1845 (Page 109) A Contract between Edward Dwyer as Mayor and Thos J. Devine Attorney. Your committee would respectfully represent that they have examined the above contract and would recommend that the same should be acknowledge by the present Board to be in full force and effect.

Your Committee after having examined all the Ordinances passed former years and having selected those which they thought were applicable to the present time for Publication and Strict observance they would respectfully suggest that all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the above be repealed and futher that in their opinion it is unnecessary to repeal all and every ordinance and decree in total. All of which your Committee would respectfully submit to the consideration of the Board and Beg to be discharged accordingly from the futher consideration of the same.

C.F. King, Chairman

which report having been read & ammended it was received and approved.

The Committee to report an Ordinance regulating the Taxes and Revenues made the following report.

JA-308.

TO THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

Gen: Your Committee to whom was refered the Finance for the present Year respectfully beg leave to report as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Your Hon<sup>l</sup> Body have power to your Charter and existing Laws to levy sufficient Taxes to meet all necessary wants of the City in its Corporate Capacity. Secondly your Committee would recommend to your Honorable Body the Enacting such Ordinances as would secure to the use of the City the following anual sources from the following sources for the present year.

That all persons retailing Merchandise within said City shall pay a licence of \$10.00 p<sup>r</sup> annum.

All persons retailing spirituos Liquors \$15.00 p<sup>r</sup> annum. All persons selling spirituos liquors of one quart and over shall pay a licence of \$6 $\frac{1}{4}$  p<sup>r</sup> annum. And all keepers or owners of Billiard Tables shall pay a licence of \$15.00 p<sup>r</sup> annum for each and every table. and all owners or keepers of nine or ten pin alley's shall pay a licence of \$20.00 p<sup>r</sup> annum. That all persons keeping

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Livery Stables Public Houses of Entertainment, Bakeries or Restaurants shall pay a Licence of \$10.00 p<sup>r</sup> annum. That all Boarding House Keepers where more than five persons Board shall pay a Licence of \$5.00 p<sup>r</sup> annum. All Public Exhibitions shall pay one dollar p<sup>r</sup> day or night, That a tax of one dollar p<sup>r</sup> night on Public Fandangoes. That an Advalorum tax of 1/5 of one p<sup>r</sup> cent upon the Real Estate of said City. A Poll tax of 50 cents upon residents citizens. That an auctioneer for sale Merchandise \$25 p<sup>r</sup> annum. That all hawkers & Peddlers pay 25 per annum, and futher that all Lawyers and Doctors residing within the limits of the Corporation and practising their proffesins therein shall pay an annual tax of \$5.00.

Which report was received and approved & the Clk directed to publish the same with the requisions of an Ordinance passec by former Corporation in session Jan<sup>y</sup> 28th 1840.

JA-309. On motion it was resolved by the Board that no person be allowed to dig out any rock fifty yards from any of the Springs within the limits of the Corporation.

On Cr. Crump's motion the Board adjourned untill Friday evening 6 o'clock.

Charles F. King, Mayor

JAN<sup>y</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1847

Council met pursuant to adjournment a quorum being present the Board proceeded to bussiness the minutes of former Session being read and approved.

Mr. Rodriguez who was appointed Commissioner to call on all the owners of the Labor Below Town concerning the cleaning of the Ditch informed the Council that he was not ready to make his report & asked for futher time, which was granted.

JA-310. On motion of Mr. Brackett it was resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorised to employ a suitable person to superintend on the work to be performed on the main ditch from Jose Caciano's House to Nathaniel Lewis corner & that He the Mayor contract at the same time for a sufficient number of poles which may be required to bank up said ditch & also to cause the water to be stopped up from the same and that he draw on the Treasurer for the amount required to cover all that may be expended & to report to this Body.

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JA-311. The Mayor appointed a Committee of the following gentlemen viz Mess. Smith, Brackett and Rodriguez to enquire into the expediency of erecting a Market House Said Committee to make out an estimate of the amount required for the same & Committee instructed to report by next meeting.

On motion the Council adjourned to Munday Evening 6 O'clock.

Chas F. King, Mayor

JAN<sup>y</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1847

Board met in Special Session. Present Chas F. King Mayor & Aldermen Smith Trumble Rodriguez Herrera & Brackett Chas F. King suggested that the Board elect a Mayor Protem he having occasion to leave the City.

JA-312. On Mr. Trumble's motion the Board elected unanimously S.S. Smith Mayor Pro Tem for the present year.

JA-312.<sup>1</sup> Also on motion of Mr. Trumble an appropriation was made of Ten Dollars, to purchase wood, stationery & candles & that the Mayor draw on the Treasurer for the same.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Carried.

C.F. King, Mayor



FEB<sup>y</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1847

This day the Council met by order of the Mayor present the following gentlemen.  
 C.F. King Mayor & Alderman J.A. Urrutia, Trumble, Brackett, Rodriguez & Herrea.  
 The minutes of former session being read & approved the Board proceeded to bussiness.  
 The Mayor suggested to the Council the propriety of having a Bridge Built on the San Pedro Creek to afford the passage to the Citizens of Castroville and others.

JA-313. And on Mr. Urrutias motion the Mayor was authorised to have said Bridge built on said Creek in Commerce Street, & that he draw on the Treasurer for the sum required to pay the same & inform the Council thereof.

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JA-314. Also on motion of Mr. Urrutia an Ordinance passed by former Corporation (page ) preventing the washing of clother in the Ditch was ordered to be published & that the fine be altered to \$5.00 instead of one dollar.

Council adjourned till Monday next 6 O'clock.

Cha<sup>s</sup> F. King, Mayor

FEB<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> A.D. 1847

Board met pursuant to adjournment Present C.F. King Mayor, Aldermen J.A. Urrutia, M. Trumble, A. Roderegus and O.B. Brackett, & S.S. Smith.

A quorum being present and the Minutes of the former Session haveing been read and approved, the Mayor presented to the Board the following Petition.

San Antonio Feby 20<sup>th</sup> 1847

TO THE HON<sup>L</sup> MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

The Undersigned would respectfully represent that since the first of January 1847 he has occupied the room in the rear of the Court House by permission granted by the Board of County Commissioners with the p<sup>r</sup>iviledge of retaining the same for at least one year and all necessary repairs to be made at his own expense.

He has learned since that the property is claimed by the City Corporation, and he would therefore solicit from you the previledge of occupying the room for the time above mentioned and on the same conditions. He would further state that he has expended about \$50 already in repairs and that it will cost about the same Amount more to place it in a condition suitable to be occupied as a School.

Very respectfully your obt Servt. John McCulloch

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JA-315. which petition haveing been read and duly considered it was resolved that it be granted under the following conditions. That the petitioner keep the said room in good repair and have a new set of doors made and put in and that he keep possession of the same until the first day of January 1848 at which time he shall deliver it up in good repair.

On motion of Mr. Smith that the mayor be authorized to receive proposals for the building of a Public Market House according to the specifications to him designated by the Board.

Board adjourned until the 4<sup>th</sup> March.

Charles F. King, Mayor

MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> 1847

Board met pursuant to adj<sup>t</sup>. A quorum not being present the Board adjourned until Next day 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Charles F. King, Mayor

MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> 1847

Board met pursuant to adjournment, A quorum being present the Minutes of the former session haveing been read and approved.

JA-316. The Mayor laid before the Board the following proposals for building a Market House to wit Mess S. Reppstine & Deister offerd to build the same for \$400.70 Mr. J.N. Fisk offerd to build the same for \$350.00 and Mess Phillips & Hunder (?) offerd to build the same for \$285.00 which proposal of Mess Phillip & Huner be received they being the lowest bidders.

On motion of Mr. Crump the Mayor was authorized to enter into an agreement with said Mess Phillip & Huner for the building of said Market House and that they be required to give Security for the performance of the said work.

The Mayor presented the fol-

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lowing petition to the Board.

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BEXAR

The undersigned would respectfully suggest to your Hon<sup>l</sup> Body the propriety of extending your benevolent Jurisdiction as far as that part of your Corporation known as the Villita there to put a Stop to an evil which may prove disastrous not only to your petitioners but to the Community at large of our City. Your Hon<sup>l</sup> Body undobtly bear in mind the pestilence experienced in the hart of this town last Summer and Fall occasioned by the butchering of Beef &c at Mr. Riddles premises and there you may Judge of this situation of those citizens resideing within fifty or one hundred yards of the Slaughter pen therefore your petitioners most earnestly pray that some measure be adopted without delay by your Hon<sup>l</sup> Body to put an immediate stop to the Slaughter of Beef and &c, at the place mentioned or at any place within those limits where it may prove so offensive as also to cause those individuals hauling dead Horses, Cows, dogs &c to take them to a respectfull distance from our healthy City all of which your petitioners pray and will receive relief thereby

To the Hon<sup>l</sup> Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio: P.L. Buquor, R.Herrera  
D. Devine J.M. Devine  
T.J. Smith  
Guadeloupe Smith

JA-318. Which petition haveing been read and considered by the Board it was resolved that so much of an ordinance passed in former years regulating the Slaughtering of Beef &c be amended and republished so as to read four hundred yards east of the Main Alamo Ditch commencing at the roads going to Seguin and down said line pararell with the ditch and that this resolution take effect from and after the first day of April next.

JA-319. On motion of Mr. Smith the Clerk was ordered to publish the Section 6<sup>th</sup>

PAGE 125: of an ordinance regulating the Sweeping and Cleaning of the Streets.

JA-320. Also on motion of Mr. Smith Alderman Roderegus was authorized to procure sufficient number of China Trees to set in the Public Square in front of the Main Ditch and Public Buildings of the City and to purchase a sufficient number of polls to picket them around and to lay before the Board the account of the cost of the same to be audited.

JA-321. On the motion of Cr. Crump it was resolved that the Mayor be authrized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of the first quarter for the officers this Corporation.

Adjourned until the 1st April 1847.

Charles F. King, Mayor

APRIL 1st 1847

This day the Board of Aldermen met in the Council Hall & there being no quorum present to proceed to bussiness, Adjourned.

APRIL 5th 1847

This day the Board met in special session there being present S.S. Smith Mayor Protem & Aldermen Rodriguez, Herrera, Trumble, Urrutia, Brackett & Crump a quorum present the minutes of former session being read and approved the Board proceeded to bussiness.

Mr. Brackett offered the following

JA-322. It is ordered and decreed by the Mayor and Board of Alderman that the City Att<sup>y</sup> be and he is hereby required to commence suit against all persons that may be holding any buildings belonging to this City without the consent of this Corporation that he prosecute said suit in whatever Court may be necessary for the recovery of said property. Adopted un-animous

Mr. Crump offered the following ordinance

JA-322.<sup>1</sup> All persons owning Lands entitled to the Water priveledge of water of the Azequia and have not performed or paid for their proportionable part of the expenses of repairing the Azequia this year have forfeited their

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This Ordinance to take effect from its publication.

Mr. Rodriguez offered the following ordinance

JA-322.<sup>2</sup> Be it ordained and it is hereby decreed by the Mayor & Board of Aldermen in Common Council assembled that from and after the 1st day of May next 1847, any hog, sow, shoat, pig, or Boar found running at large in the Streets of this City the owner of said Hog shall pay to the City Marshall the sum of \_\_\_ Dollar for each head taken up by said Marshall & if the owner of said Hog or Hogs &c, should fail to call & claim the said Hog within 48 hours said Hog or Hogs shall be sold at public out cry to the highest bidder fifty cents to go to the City Marshall for each head taken returned or sold & the balance for the use & benefit of the Corporation.

This ordinance to take effect from 1st May A.D. 1847.

JA-323. On motion of Mr. Crump the Election of an Assessor for this year was taken into consideration N.R. Mallon being the only applicant was by the Board unanimously elected City Assessor for the present Year.

Board adjourned to 1st May

R.C. Garza

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Sam<sup>l</sup> S. Smith  
Mayor Pro Tem

C.F. King  
Mayor

MAY 1st A.D. 1847

This day no meeting was held for the want of a quorum present to proceed to business

R.C. Garza

MAY 15<sup>th</sup> 1847

Council met this day being present C.F. King Mayor & Alderman Urrutia Trumble Rodriguez Smith, Brackett & Crump A quorum present the Board came to order & proceeded to bussiness.

When Mr. S.S. Smith offered the following

JA-324. Be it ordained and it is hereby decreed by the Mayor and Board of Alderman in Common Council assembled that the water of the main ditch running throug town having been regulated by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose this is to inform all interested, that from and after the 1st day of May the water commenced in dula the Labor's being entitled to four successive days from the first at sun set, the fifth day it is for the use of those entitled to the same in the City that is to say for every four days it runs free through the town for the Labors, the fifth for the City & so on throught the year. It is also a duty incumbent upon those entitled to water in the City to meet & elect a Person from among their number to divide the time between the different gates so that every person can know their time when they are entitled to the water as by this method all difficulties can be avoided.

Approved and published.

JA-325. Resolved by the Board of Alderman that the Clerk of this Body publish Sections 5th and 8th of an ordinance Regulating the Water of the Main ditch of this City. approved 1840

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following ordinance

JA-326. Be it ordained and decreed by the Board of Alderman in Council assembled That all Streets Alleys or other Public passages, heretofore known as "Calles Nacionales, Callejones ect" the public passage of which may be stopped or obstructed by any citizen within the limits of this Corporation adjacent to said street or alley be and is hereby declared opened and all persons so obstructing are hereby required to remove all such obstructions impediments of fences without delay and that should in any instance the emergency accruing from this ordinance require the assistance of a Public Surveyor that he be and he is hereby required to survey or delineate the same provided always that in such emergency it shall be at the expence of the person or persons so offending and that this ordinance take effect from & after its passage.

Approved and ordered to be published.

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JA-327. Mr. Crump moved that Mess Samuel S. Smith & Marcus Trumble together with the Clk be appointed a Committee to draught an ordinance regulating the Market House of this City, Carried. Adjourned till Monday evening 7 O'clock.

Charles F. King, Mayor

MAY 17<sup>th</sup> 1847

Council met pursuant to adjournment there being present C.F. King Mayor & Aldermen S.S. Smith Wm G. Crump Ambrosio Rodriguez M. Trumble J.A. Urrutia & O.B. Brackett A quorum present the minutes of former session being read and approved the Council proceeded to business

When Mr. Smith offered the following ordinance

JA-328. Whereas there has been a general complaint of the citizens of the Bad state of the Streets occasioned by persons attempting to irrigate their Gardens without first repairing their branches and bridges at the crossing of the streets thereby caussing great inconvenience to the citizens generally and so the same is considered detrimental to the general health of the City by the water remaining in pools and becoming stagnant and impure and thereby becoming a public nuisance.

Therefore be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Alderman of the City of San Antonio in common council assembled that in order to remedy the evil complained of, that all persons who may wish to have the use of the water out of the main ditch shall on or before the first day of June next have their branches or leads put in good repair and wherever the same may

cross streets have good & substantial bridges made or repaired as the case may be (or required) to the satisfaction of the Corporation.

And it is further ordained and decreed that after the first day of June next that all persons who have neglected to comply with the foregoing requirements shall forfeit their water, and the City Marshal is hereby ordered and required to close their Branches or leads at their source from the main ditch.

Approved and ordered to be published.

JA-329. On motion the Mayor was authorized to have the Market House

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finished by purchasing Stalls &c &c & also was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the sum required to fulfill this motion which was unanimously adopted.

The Mayor presented to the Board the following proposition made by R.F. Higginbotham Esq<sup>r</sup> which is a true copy as follows:

I will put a Stone bridge across the river where the dam or stone of the Dam of the Mission of Consention lies and serves in part as a Foot way and will take in pay for the same some unappropriated and unimproved lands of the Corporation subject to keep the Bridge in order for a hundred years.

Signed R.F. Higginbotham

which proposition after some discussion was laid on the table for consideration til next meeting.

Mr. Grump moved that the Board proceed to an election for one Alderman in the place of Mr. Ignacio Chavez who did not qualify & there being his seat vacant

JA-330. When the same gentlemen nominated Daniel Levine Esq<sup>r</sup> who was by the Board unanimously elected & the Clk instructed to inform him of his election in order that he might come forward and qualify himself as such an alderman of this Corporation.

JA-331. Resolved by the Mayor & Board of Aldermen that the City Marshall N.R. Mallon be and he is hereby appointed M<sup>o</sup> 2 Market Master & that the Clerk inform him of his appointment.

Carried.

Your committee to whom was refered the subject of the Market House, beg leave to offer the following for the consideration of the Board. Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Market House.

JA-332. Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in common council assembled, That for the Regulation of the City Market the following Rules and Regulations have been adopted by the Board.

Section 1st. Be it ordained and decreed that there shall be a Market Master elected by this Board, whose duty it shall be to oversee and take charge of the Market House generally.

Section 2nd. Be it further ordained and decreed that the Stalls in the Market House for the vending of fresh meat shall be rented at five dollars per month, payable in advance

PAGE 128 LEFT: the size of the stalls to be hereafter defined by this board.

Section 3rd. Be it further ordained and decreed, That any person or persons who may wish to rent a stall, in the Market House for the purpose of vending Fresh meat, can do so by applying to the City Collector, and paying him Five dollars, whose duty it shall be to issue to the Applicant a Licence, signed by the Mayor and countersigned by himself, and in no case shall a Licence be issued for a less

Term than one month.

Section 4th. That for the benefit of those Citizens who are not regular Butchers, who may wish to slaughter a Beef, Veal, hog, sheep or goat, and to bring the same to the Market House, Therefore,

Be it further ordained and decreed that any person exposing for sale in the Market House, Beef, Veal, Hog, sheep or goat, shall pay to the Market Master the following tax, viz

For each beef or veal so exposed for sale -five dimes, pr head, and for each hog--two dimes

For each sheep or goat-one dime; and further as soon as it shall be practicable there shall be set apart a certain portion of the Market House for this class of vendors.

Section 5th. Be it further ordained and decreed, That any person exposing Vegetables for sale in, or near the Market House or on the Market Square shall pay to the Market Master one dime pr day for each table or stand, and it shall be the duty of the Market Master to designate the place or stand of this class of vendors. All tables, Stands &c for the sale of Coffee, chocolate, pies, cakes, &c, shall be included in this Section and pay the same tax.

Section 6th. And be it further ordained and decreed that no person under any pretence whatever (except the supplying of soldiers ) shall be allowed to sell any beef, veal, hog, sheep or goat or any part thereof, as it is slaughtered within the limits of this City, except at the Market House, and any persons violating this ordinance, shall on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay to the City five dollars for each and every offence, the same to be collected in a summary manner with costs.

Section 7th. Be it further ordained and decreed that all persons slaughtering Beeves, within the limits of this corporation, shall exhibit the hides with the Brands, ear marks or any other marks they may have, at the Market House or to the Market Master, so that he can make the corresponding entry of the same.

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Section 8th. Be it further ordained and decreed, That any person wishing to slaughter a beef for his or her private use and consuming, can do so and take the same to his or her residence, provided that he or she exhibit the hide, brand and other marks at the Market House or to the Market Master, so that he can make the corresponding entry of the same.

Section 9th. Be it ordained and decreed that it shall be the duty of the Market Master, to visit the Market House every day at 8 O'clock A.M. and in a Book to be by him kept for that purpose shall make an entry of the person or persons who shall be found selling it in the Market house together with the Brands and other marks of the hides, all of which shall be opened to the examination of the Citizens at any time.

Section 10th. Be it ordained and decreed that the Market House and furniture, shall be kept clean by those who may use the same, each one in the day on concluding sales shall sweep and wash so as to leave the Market House in order for the ensuing day, under penalty of Two Dollars for neglect to be collected with costs, and it shall be the duty of the Market Master each day on visiting the Market House to see that this Section has been complied with, and to report all delinquents to the Mayor.

Section 11th. And be it further ordained and decreed, That any person who shall slaughter a beef and not exhibit the hide in the manner required by the Seventh Sec-

tion of this Ordinance, shall on conviction thereof fined in the sum of Ten dollars and costs, and be made to account for the same or prosecuted as the law directs.

Section 12th. Be it further ordained and decreed that any person who shall be either owner or sales who shall refuse to pay to the Market Master the amount stipulated in Section Fourth of this Ordinance, the Market Master shall immediately give information to the Mayor who shall immediately proceed to collect the tax aforesaid and fine the delinquent in the sum of five dollars and costs.

Section 13th. And be it further ordained and decreed that all fines and forfeitures, rents &c, under this ordinance shall be paid into the Treasury of this Corporation and applied as other public money.

This ordinance will take effect from, and after its passage  
Council adjourned.

R.C. Garza, CLK

Charles F. King, Mayor

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JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> 1847

Council met this day there being present C.F. King Mayor & Aldermen Rodriguez, Trumble, Smith Brackett & Crump. Quorum present Minutes of former session being read and approved the Board proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. Crump the petition of Mr. Higginbotham which remained on the table at the last meeting for consideration be now taken up and after some discussion was rejected.

The Mayor informed the Council that Mr. Daniel Devine who was elected at a previous session Alderman to fill the vacancy of Ignacio Chavez refused to accept the appointment.

JA-333. On Mr. Smith's motion Mr. Antonio Menchaca was nominated as Alderman and was by the Board duly elected and the Clerk instructed to inform him of his appointment.

JA-334. The Mayor having informed the Board of the Late Treasurer's death (Mr. Wm Elliot) suggested the propriety of appointing one in his stead, when Mr. Devine was nominated and duly elected Treasurer of this Corporation, and that he be required to give bond and security according to Law in the sum of \_\_\_ Dollars.

JA-335. On Mr. Crump's motion a portion of the Corporation Hall was rented to Chas F. King for the sum of Twenty dollars pr. month from the \_\_\_ day to the first of Jany 1848, Mr. King allowing the Board of Aldermen to meet at said Hall whenever they thought proper so to do.

JA-336. On motion it was resolved that the Mayor cause the Corporation Hall to be repaired and that he draw on the Treasurer for the amount necessary to cover the import of said repairs

On motion the Board adjourned to meet on the 1st day of July 1847.

R.C. Garza, CLK

Charles F. King MAYOR

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OCT 29th 1847

The Board met this day there being present Chas F. King Mayor, and Aldermen, S.S. Smith R. Herrera, O.B. Brackett, J.A. Urrutia and Antonio Menchaca having been duly qualified took his seat, there being a quorum present the Board proceeded to business. The former minutes having been read & approved on a requisition of the City Attorney the following resolution was passed.

Whereas Thos. H.C.S. Addicks proposes to furnish the City with a properly authenticated copy of the Ancient Grant of Lands to the City from the Spanish Government for the sum

of four hundred dollars; Therefore be it

JA-337. RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in Council assembled, that the sum of Four Hundred Dollars is hereby guaranteed to the aforesaid Thos, H.C.S. Addicks by the Corporation of the City and will be paid to the said Addicks or order upon his delivering or causing to be delivered to the Attorney of the City of San Antonio a properly authenticated copy of said Ancient Grant or Concession from the Spanish Government and the Secretary of the Corporation is hereby required to furnish said Addicks with a copy of this Resolution; which being read was unanimously adopted.

On motion the following resolution was offered.

JA-338. Whereas it is expedient and highly important to the City of San Antonio that the Boundaries of the Tract of Land granted to the Town of San Fernando in the Province of Texas and New Phillipines, (now City of San Antonio, Bexar County and State of Texas) by the Government of Spain be ascertained and defined and as the documentary evidence of said grant or concession has been destroyed or mislaid during the various struggles and hostile occupation of this City by the Texan or Mexican Forces, Therefore

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio, That the American Minister at the Court of Madrid be requested to procure for the City of San Antonio a certified copy of the Grant or Concession of Lands from His Majesty the King of Spain to this City formerly known as the Town of San Fernando in the Province of Texas and the New Phillipines and

JA-339. Be it further resolved, that the Secretary of

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the Corporation forward to the Minister of the United States at Madrid a Copy of these Resolutions, which was by the Board unanimously adopted. Adjourned

R.C. Garza CLK

Charles F. King, MAYOR

DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> 1847

Council met this day there being present Charles F. King, Mayor & Aldermen Antonio Menchaca R. Herrera, S.S. Smith J.A. Urrutia & Ambrosio Rodriguez Minutes being read & approved the Board proceeded to business.

JA-340. On motion of Mr. Antonio Menchaca the Board appointed the following gentlemen to act as Judges & Clerks of the annual election Mess Herrera & Urrutia as Judges & Ambrocio Rodriguez & S.S. Smith as Clerks & the Mayor presiding Officer & adjourned.

R.C. Garza CLK

Charles F. King-MAYOR

MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> 1847

The Polls having been opened at \_\_\_\_ A.M. and closed at \_\_\_\_ P.M. & the votes being counted the result was as follows

Charles F. King for Mayor	received one hundred & thirty Three votes	. . . . .	.133	Votes
A.A. Lockwood for Mayor	received ninety one votes	. . . . .	. 91	"
S.S. Smith for Aldermen	Received	. . . . .	.141	"
Antonio Mechaca for Aldermen	received	. . . . .	.134	"
Bryan Callaghan	" " "	. . . . .	.140	"
Ambrocio Rodriguez	" " "	. . . . .	.138	"
James F Fisk	" " "	. . . . .	.130	"
J.A. Urrutia	" " "	. . . . .	.212	"
A. St. Martin	" " "	. . . . .	.149	"
R.W. Peacock	" " "	. . . . .	.134	"
S. Maverick	" " "	. . . . .	. 96	"
R. Herrera	" " "	. . . . .	. 89	"
Wm Vance	" " "	. . . . .	. 79	"
Ignacio Chavez	" " "	. . . . .	. 87	"
J. M. Devine	" " "	. . . . .	. 86	"
N. Lardner (?)	" " "	. . . . .	. 83	"
M.R. Evans	" " "	. . . . .	. 67	"



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FOR TREASURER	James M. Devine	received	133 Votes
" "	Thos Whitehead	"	85 "
FOR COLLECTOR	Nathaniel R. Mallon	"	143 Votes
" "	James N. Fisk	"	79 "

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The Council met this day in order to dispose of all accounts due for this year there being present Charles F. King Mayor & Aldermen Wm G. Crump Ambrocio Rodriguez R. Herrera J.A. Urrutia & S.S. Smith A quorum being present the Board proceeded to bussiness.

JA-341. When Nathaniel R. Mallon Collector presented to the Board the following report TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR & ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

The Collector would respectfully represent that he has collected and paid into the Treasury for the Year 1847 the following amount of money,

Taxes for 1846	.....	\$108.20
Merchants & Others	.....	466.82 $\frac{1}{2}$
Fandangos	.....	560.00
Quarter Master Department for rent	.....	150.00
Rent of Stalls in Market	.....	145.00
Seventy three Beeves killed & sold @ 50¢ each	.....	38.00
		<u>\$1468. 2<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

The collector would further represent to your honorable body that in consequence of the Collector for the State & County having to collect for the years 1846 and 47 and was doing so at the time I was ready for the Corporation I deemed it best to let him get through before I commenced.

Respectfully Your ob<sup>t</sup> Servant  
Nathaniel R. Mallon, Collector

Which report on motion of Mr. Smith after being examined was adopted.

JA-342. The Mayor presented to the Board the following accounts for their approval or rejection viz

- 1st. The Corporation of San Antonio to Nathaniel R. Mallon D<sup>r</sup> to work done at the Ditch and cleaning the Square at various times &c. . . . . \$15.00
2. The Corporation to Hendrick Arnold D<sup>r</sup> to Building stall in the Market by order of acting Mayor Smith . . . . . \$15.00
3. Corporation to J.M. Devine D<sup>r</sup> for Stationery as p<sup>r</sup> Bill filed . . . . . \$ 6.65¢
4. The Corporation to R.C. Garza D<sup>r</sup> for Book, Candles, Stationary &c. . . . . \$ 7.
5. Due by the Corporation to Assessor of the City . . . . . \$35.
6. The Corporation to Marcus Trumble D<sup>r</sup> for Medecine furnished one J.C. Conley while sick and under the charge of Dr. Gilmore as p<sup>r</sup> Bill filed including servants attention to said conley. . . . . \$10.00

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7. There is due the undersigned by the Corporation of San Antonio . . . . . \$33.85/100  
said amount being due for several years and nointerest being claimed by the undersigned he now respectfully requests that the present Board pay the same or cause it to be paid.

San Ant<sup>o</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 29th 1847 Jno. Twohig.

All the above accounts having been examined by the Board & considering them just & right Therefore be it resolved that the Mayor be & he is hereby authorised to draw on the Treasurer for the Payment of said accounts & that the last account be also paid out of any money now in the Treasury.

The Treasurer of the Corporation presents the following report

San Antonio Dec<sup>r</sup> 31 1847

To Charles F. King Mayor

In below will be found a statement of the monies received & paid out by me as Treasurer of the Corporation of San Antonio.

Money received from the Collector	. . . . .	\$562.25
" paid out by various orders	. . . . .	305.45
		<u>Cash on hand \$256.80</u>

SIGNED James M. Devine Treasurer C.S.A.

Which report was accepted & received.

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JANUARY 1st 1848

This being the day prescribed by law for the meeting of the members of the Corporation in and for the City of San Antonio the following members elect for the present year met at the Council Hall, Charles F. King Mayor taking the Chair,

When the following gentlemen presented their certificates of election took the oath of office & their seats.

Charles F King	MAYOR
Samuel S. Smith	ALDERMEN
R.W. Peacock	
James N. Fisk	
Juan A. Urrutia	
Ambrosio Rodriguez	
Augustin Martin	
Antonio Menchaca	
Bryan Callaghan	

James M. Devine Treasurer appeared & took the oath prescribed by law & was required to give bond in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars for the faithful performance of his duty.

Nathaniel R. Mallon Collector appeared & took the oath prescribed by Law & was required to give bond in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars for the faithful performance of his duty.

JA-346. The Board being organized Mr. Rodriguez moved that a Clk for the Corporation be elected when R.C. Garza was nominated & duly elected Clk for the present year.

JA-347. On motion the Board proceeded to an election for City Marshall Nathaniel R. Mallon being the only nominee was duly elected.

When the Board adjourned.

Charles F. King MAYOR

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JAN<sup>y</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1848

Council met this day there being present, C.F. King Mayor & Aldermen B. Callaghan, Urrutia, Menchaca, Peacock, Fisk, & Rodriguez A quorum present minutes of former session being read and approved the Board proceeded to bussiness, Smith appeared & took his seat.

When R.C. Garza appeared took the oath of office & proceeded to discharge the duties of Clerk of the Corporation for this year 1848.

N.R. Mallon appeared took the oath of office & proceeded to discharge the duties of City Marshall.

JA-348. On Mr. Urrutia's motion the Clerks salary was taking into consideration & and after some discussion on the subject he was allowed fifteen dollars p<sup>r</sup> month being \$180.00 p<sup>r</sup> year to be paid monthly by this Corporation.

JA-349. On Mr. Callaghan's motion the salary of City Marshall was taken into consideration & was allowed one hundred & twenty dollars p<sup>r</sup> year.

Mr. Smith offered the following Resolution.

JA-350. At a meeting of the Citizens of the City of San Antonio had on the evening It was resolved that the remains of the Late Cap<sup>t</sup> S.H. Walker should be interred by the side of the lamented Cap<sup>t</sup> R.A. Gillespie with Civil & Military Honors, therefore in order to assist in honoring the remains

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in common Council assembled, That we will as a Body, Join our fellow Citizens in the funeral ceremonies to be had in honor of the late Cap<sup>t</sup> S.H. Walkers remains on Saturday the 8th of January next, and that the Board will meet at the Council House at the hour that will be designated by the Chief Marshall for the forming of the procession, and proceed and take the place that will be assigned for us in the Programme of the proceedings of the day.

On the motion of Mr. Callaghan the resolution was adopted.

JA-351. Mr. Callaghan moved that the ordinance regulating licence Tax &c passed by former Board be read for the information of the present board, which being read by the Clk & sufficiently discussed by the Board the following amendments 1st: Be it resolved that the Licence Tax on all Boarding Houses where more than five persons Board pay a Licence tax of Ten dollars p<sup>r</sup> annum instead of \$5.00 and also the tax on all Auctioneers be reduced to \$12½ (twelve & a half dollars) instead of \$25.00 and also it is further resolved

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that the portion of said law taxing Lawyers & Doctors be repealed & that the Clk publish said Ordinance page \_\_\_ as approved with the amendments offered all of which was sanctioned by the Board.

JA-352. On motion of Mr. Callaghan it was resolved that a notice be published calling all owners of the Labors below town (agents &c) to meet at the Council House on Monday the 10th inst. for the purpose of electing a Commissioner to regulate the water privilege of said Labor &c. Approved

JA-353. On motion of Mr. Urrutia a Committee of the following gentlemen Mess Smith Callaghan & Rodriguez with the assistance of the Mayor were appointed to examine into former Ordinances & frame such ordinances as they may think fit to report by next meeting of this Board.

On motion of Mr. Rodriguez the City Marshall was instructed to inform Mess Samuel H. Lucky, D.C. Vanderlip, Ira L. Hewitt & Thos J. Devine that the Board had appointed them as a Committee to frame a Charter for this City & report thereon to this Board.

Adjourned.

R.C. Garza CLK

Charles F. King MAYOR

JAN<sup>y</sup> 11th 1848

Council met this day there being present Charles F. King Mayor & Aldermen Smith Fisk Menchaca Urrutia Callaghan & Peacock a quorum being present the Minutes of former session being read & approved the Board proceeded to bussiness.

When the Committee appointed at last meeting for the purpose of examing into Ordiances &c informed the Board that they were not as yet ready to make the final report & asked for futher time which was granted them.

JA-354. The Mayor suggested to the Board the propriety of electing some suitable person as a Commissioner to superintend the work to be performed on the main ditch which runs through the city,

PAGE 133: And on Mr. Smith's motion the Board appointed Antonio Menchaca said Commissioner

for the purpose aforementioned.

Mr. Vanderlip one of the Committee appointed to frame the City Charter appeared & offered the following for the consideration of the Board which after being read was laid over for futher consideration & the Clk instructed to file the same.

The Mayor presented to the Board the following petition :

TO THE HON MAYOR & ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BEXAR

The undersigned Parish Priest in charge of the Catholic Congregation in San Antonio submits to the Hon Mayor and Aldermen of this City that the Grave Yard now in use on account of it small size and the length of time it has been a place of interment has been filled to such a point that it is sometimes impossible to dig a new grave without disentering some of the bones formerly buried. He would therefore petition your Hon Body that it be pleased to sell him a sufficient quantity of the vacant lands lying to the West & North of the present GraveYard to make with the said an area of 4 acres, in case it would not suit to dispose of the ground above referred to, the same amount on the West side of the San Pedro Creek anywhere sufficiently near the City would answer the purpose equally-with much respect.

Your Humble Servant Signed E. Estany C.M. San Ant<sup>o</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 7 1848

which petition being read was laid over for futher consideration.

JA-355. The Mayor presented to the Board an account of fifty eight dollars & fifty cents being an am<sup>t</sup> expended in the repairs of a Bridge built on the Alamo Ditch & other work done to the Street &c, which account was examined & allowed & the Mayor was authorised to draw on the Treasurer of the City for said amount to pay said expenses.

JA-356. Mr. Smith moved that Mr. Menchaca as Commissioner notify all persons owning property immediately in front of the main ditch to clean out their respective portion of said Ditch & that the Clk publish the Sections of this Ordinance regulating the Ditch for the information of said parties interested,

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and that the Commissioner repair or cause to be repaired such portion of said Ditch as appertains to the City & that the Mayor be authorised to draw on the City Treasurer for the am<sup>t</sup> to be expended on said repairs & to render an account of the same to this Board. approved

Mr. Callaghan moved that Mess Fisk & Smith to gether with the Mayor call upon Mr. Giraud & inquire of him wether he will accept the appointment of City Surveyor & to report to this Board. Motion adopted

Adjourned untill Saturday next.

R.C. Garza CLK

Charles F. King MAYOR

JANUARY 15th 1848

Council met this day in pursuance of adjournment present Chas F. King Mayor and Aldermen Smith, Menchaca, Rodriguez, San Martin, Peacock and Fisk, Minutes of former session being read and approved, The Board proceeded to business.

JA-358. When the Mayor presented to the Board Mr. Whitehead's Account for the sum of Eleven Dolars for interrogatories taken by said Whitehead in the suit now pending in the District Court of County in the suit of the "City of San Antonio vs Samuel Kinney-et al -which account was approved and the Mayor authorised to draw on the Treasurer for the payment of the same.

JA-359. On motion of Mr. Smith the Board proceeded to the election of Market Master & Mr. Nathaniel Mellon being the only nominee was elected unanimously Market Master for the current year.

Mr. Peacock offered the following resolution.

JA-360. Resolved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio that the Market Master receive a compensation of fifty dollars per annum. which was carried.

Mr. Fisk offered the following amendment to Sec. 7 of an ordinance regulating the Market House (to read thus)

JA-361. After the word same in line add that he shall record the Color of said hide. which was carried.

JA-362. On motion of Mr. Menchaca the City Marshall was instructed to republish and to enforce the "HOC LAW" by the twentieth day of the present month.

On motion of Mr. Fisk the board adjourned till the 25 inst.

R.C. Garza CLK

Charles F. King MAYOR

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MARCH 8th 1848

Council met this day by order of the Mayor there being present C.F. King Mayor, & Alderman Smith, Urrutia, Callaghan, S<sup>n</sup> Martin & Fisk a quorum present the minutes of former session being read and approved the Board proceeded to bussiness.

The Committee appointed to call on Mr. Giraud to ascertain of him wether he would accept the appointment of City Surveyor reported that he would willingly accept if elected.

Mr. Smith offered the following

JA-363. Whereas great uncertainty exist in reference to the boundaries of a large number of town lots and much inconvenienc results to the various owners from their being no documents to refer to forthe purpose of ascertaining said boundaries. The only evidence of the same being aged persons testimony and whereas it is necessary and proper to afford the public all information that can be obtained on this subject as well as for the purpose of embodying a map or plat of the Lots, Streets, Squares, Lanes &c of this City and in view of the necessity existing at present for a Surveyor to survey the Streets, Alleys and public lots of this City, Therefore

Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in common Council assembled, and it is hereby ordained & decreed that a City Surveyor shall be selected by this Board whose duty it shall be to survey all town lots, out lots, labors &c, upon application by the owners or agents, the price being the same for all surveys made by him either for the City or individuals as is charged by Surveyors for the same class of work. And it is futher ordained and decreed that it shall be the duty of said Surveyor to record all Surveys made by him of City lots &c &c together with a correct Plat and Field notes of the same, said Surveys Plats and Field notes to be recorded in a Book to be furnished by the City said Book of records to remain with the Archives of the City and be the property of the City said surveyor shall issue a Certified Copy of the Field notes and plat of any survey to any person applying for the same for recording he shall receive from the owners the same as is paid for recording done by the County Clerk. For issuing Certified Copy and plat he shall recieve Said Surveyor shall hold

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his office untill the 1st day of Jan<sup>y</sup> A.D. 1849 or as soon thereafter as his successor shall qualify (unless removed by the Board for good cause shown) and shall enter into Bond in the sum of one hundred dollars to be approved by the Mayor, conditioned for the faithful performance of all the duties required of him as City Surveyor.

Which ordinance after sufficiently discussion was adopted.

JA-364. And on motion Mr. Giraud was by this Board selected City Surveyor & elected unan-  
imously for that office for the present year 1848 & the Clk was instructed to notify him of his  
appointment.

JA-365. Mr. Smith moved that the petition from the Parish Priest (left for further consid-  
eration) be now taken up & read & after being sufficiently discussed it was resolved that a  
committee be appointed to examine the Lands adjacent to the present burrial ground with instruc-  
tions to report by the next meeting of this Board.

The Mayor then appointed the following gentlemen to compose said committee to wit Mess.  
Callaghan Smith & Urrutia & on motion the Mayor was added to said Committee & that the City  
Surveyor be called upon to act in conjunction with said Committee.

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APRIL 3 (or 13?) 1848

The Council in and for the City of San Antonio met this day at the Corporate Hall there  
being present, Charles F. King Mayor, and Alderman S.S. Smith, R.W. Peacock, B. Callaghan  
James N. Fisk and Augustin S<sup>d</sup> Martin the minutes of former session being read and approved the  
Board proceeded to bussiness

When the Committee appointed by this Board to examine the lands adjacent to the Burial  
ground (Campo Santo) made the following report -viz-

JA-366. To Charles F. King Esq.- Mayor Your committee to whom was refered the peti-  
tion of the Rev. Mr. C.M. of Parish Priest of San Antonio praying for the priveledge of pur-  
chasing from the Corporation a sufficient quantity of Land to lay out a new, or extend the old  
Campo Santo or Catholic Burrial ground &c &c." beg leave respectfully to report that they find  
upon examination the statements made by the Rev. Mr. correct - that it is impossible to  
open a new grave, without disintering the remains of those previously intered. Your committee  
therefore, in conjunction with Mr. Giraud, the City Surveyor have proceeded to examine the land  
adjacent to the present "CampoSanto" and also the land in the vicinity of the ground that is  
now used as a public burrial ground, and finding it to be the property of the Corporation, do  
recommend that the present Campo Santo, or Catholic burrial ground be enlarged as per plat of  
the City Surveyor which plat accompanies this report and your committee beg that said plat may  
be considered a part of this report, and the said land so laid-off & bounded as per plat they  
your committee would recommend should be sold or donated (as the Honrable Council may determine)  
unto the Catholics or their Pastor, and to be by them or him reserved, set apart and used as a  
Campo Santo, or Catholic Burrial ground forever. And your committee would futher respectfully  
represent, that they have designated and defined the lines & corners of the present Public  
burial Ground, as per plat of the City Surveyor accompanying this report, which they beg may be  
considered as a part of this report. Both plats inlussive making a square of ground, contain-  
ing about eight acres (including the old Burrial grounds) or two hundred and ten varas on each

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line the dividing line running through the centre from East to West, And your committee have  
also caused a Street to be laid off on each of the sides of twelve varas in width- And your  
committee would recommend to your Honorable Body, That the ground contained in the Plat desig-  
nated and marked "Public Burrial-ground" be set apart and appropriated for that express purpose  
for-ever and that a decree shall issue, declaring the said ground to be appropriated and set  
apart for a Public Burrial-ground forever- and also that an ordinance may be passed naming said  
four streets and declaring them open for the use of the Public. And futher your Committee  
would suggest to the Hon. Council that whereas a number of Interments have been made in the  
ground now included in the Plat designated "Campo Santo or Catholic Burrial-ground" and the  
impossibility of enlarging the "Campo Santo without including that portion of graves made out-

side of the west-wall therefore your committee would recommend that if said ground is donated or sold as advised above that the Deed shall Issue, conditioned, That all graves now included within the said lines, shall be respected, and remain inviolate and unmolested forever &c, and that any person, under the direction and authority of the Mayor, shall have the right and privilege to erect or build any monument, wall, Fence or enclosure around or about any or all of the above mentioned graves and such other conditions as your Hono. Body may deem fit and proper for the protection of the same &c &c all of which your committee would respectfully submit for your consideration and beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

(signed) C.F. King Chairman which report being duly considered was received and adopted.

Mr. King Mayor of this Corporation informed the Council that he desired to make a Trip to Mexico and asked the Board of Alderman for leave of absence which was granted.

JA-367. On motion S.S. Smith was unanimously elected Mayor Pro-tem of this Corporation When the Board was adjourned.

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Corporation met this day there being present S.S. Smith Mayor Pro-tem & Alderman James N Fisk, J.A. Urrutia A. St. Martin R.W. Peacock & Bryan Callaghan a quorum present the Minutes of former session being read & approved the Board proceeded to business

When Mr. N.R. Mallon for reasons which he exposed informed the Council that he wished to resign the offices which he held under the Corporation of this City "to wit" City Collector City Marshall & Market Master which resignation were accepted & said offices were declared vacant by this Board.

On motion of Mr. Callaghan a committee was appointed composed of Mess Fisk, Peacock, St. Martin & Urrutia to examine Mission Street between the lots of Mr. Evans & the heirs of John W. Smith & to report thereof at the next meeting of this Board.

JA-368. On motion it was Resolved by the Board of Alderman that the Mayor issue no licence to any person wishing to make fandangos on any of the Public Squares of this City

JA-368.1 On motion of Mr. Peacock Mr. H.M. Pittman was nominated & unanimously elected Collector of this Corporation.

JA-369. On said motion the Board unanimously elected said H.M. Pittman City Marshall of this Corporation also on said motion the said H.M. Pittman was unanimously elected Market Master of this Corporation.

JA-370. On motion it was resolved that the same Salaries and immunities be allowed to Mr. H.M. Pittman as Collector City Marshall & Market Master as were allowed to the former incumbent of these offices & that he be required to give bond & security according to law when the Board adjourned

PAGE 137 LEFT: APRIL THE 5th 1848

Council met this day present C.F. King Mayor & Alderman S.S. Smith, Menchaca, Callaghan, Fisk & St. Martin a quorum present the Board was declared in session minutes of former being read and approved the Board proceeded to Business

JA-371. When Mr. Smith offered the following resolution Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Alderman of the City of San Antonio in common Council assembled and it is hereby ordained & decreed That so much of the Corporation or City Land as lies and is contained, within the Metes and bounds of the survey made by Mr. Gireaud the City Surveyor and designated and marked "City Cemetery" and "Catholic Cemetery" (as per Plat recorded in City Book of records of surveys and a certified copy filed Is by the authority vested in them,

appropriated and set apart as a Cemetery or Burrial ground forever - and futher it is hereby ordained, and decreed, that so much of said land as is contained within the lines designated and marked Catholic Cemetery (on said Plat refered to above are hereby especially appropriated and set apart for the sole use and benefit of the Catholics as a Cemetery or Burrial ground forever with this reservation, that so much of said Ground as has been previously occupied and used as graves (say some forty feet more or less outside of the west wall of the old Campo Santo) shall not be used for the opening of new graves but shall remain unmolested and inviolate forever - that that the friends, or others may have the right and privilege to erect any monument enclosure wall &c around about or over said graves mentioned above on the outside of the west wall of the old Campo Santo which resolution was approved

Mr. Smith also offered the following Ordinance

JA-372. Be it ordained and it is hereby decreed by the Mayor and Alderman of the City of San Antonio in common council assembled. That so much of the Corporation lands as lies within the metes and bounds of the survey made by Mr. Gireaud the City Surveyor and esignated "Streets" and occupying the four sides of the Burial-grounds (as per plat returned by said City Surveyor Be appropriated and set apart and they are hereby appro-

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priated and set apart as Public Streets & futher the streets shall be designated the one running upon the East side of the Burrial grounds "East Street" the one upon the west side "West Street" the one upon the North side "North Street" and the one upon the South side "South Street" which ordinance was approved

Board adjourned

NOV. 22d 1848

This day the Board met, There being present S.S. Smith Mayor Pro tem and Alderman J.N. Fisk, A.St. Martin, B. Callaghan, J.A. Urrutia and John Bowen (formerly R.W. Peacock) A quorum being present the minutes of former session Read and approved, when the Board proceeded to business

The Mayor presented the following communication "Towit"

State of Texas  
County of Bexar) To the Hon<sup>l</sup> Mayor and Aldermen of the Corporation of the City of San Antonio

In obedience to an order of the Hon<sup>l</sup> County Court of said County had this 21st day of November 1848.

I herewith furnish you with a copy of the following Resolutions - - Whereas it appearing to the Court That The immediate erection of a County Jail is not only expedient but highly necessary for the maintenance of good order - -Therefore be it resolved by the Court That the money appropriated in the hands of the County Treasurer and every other step necessary for the immediate erection of said Jail will be taken by this Court.

Be it further resolved, That the assistance of the Corporation of the City of San Antonio be solicited to take into consideration the matter aforesaid, and that said Corporation be requested to act in unison with the County Court in erecting a Jail - -Be it further resolved, That said Corporation be requested to act in the matter and report to this Court at an early a date as practible, and that the said Corporation be furnished with a copy of the proceedings of this Court -

San Antonio Nov. 21st 1848

James L. Trueheart Clerk  
County Court Bexar County

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JA-373. On motion of Mr. Callaghan the following resolution was adopted, Resolved, That the Board accept the proposition of the County Court, and that the Board will cordially act in



conjunction with the County Court for the Erection of a Jail for the Joint use of both City and County- and further that this Board will appoint a committee to act in conjunction with a similar committee of the County Court in conducting the preliminaries necessary for the furtherance of the above object.

The Secretary ordered to furnish the County Court with a copy of the above Resolution

The Mayor presented the resignation of H.M. Pittman the City Collector, Marshal and Market Master; his resignation received - On motion of Mr. Fisk the Board went into the election of Collector, City Marshal & Market Master - to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Pittman.

JA-374. Mr. John Crawford being nominated, and there being no other candidate, he was declared duly elected to fill said vacancies and ordered to qualify as the Charter directs:

Mr. Crawford appeared, qualified, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

JA-375. On motion of Mr. Bowen - Resolved that a committee of four be appointed to devise the best methods to raise the necessary funds, and to recommend the best plan to be adopted by the Board in the erection of the Jail, Likewise to take into consideration the expediency of the City assisting the County in the erection of a Court House, Council House &c, said committee to be requested to report at next meeting - whereupon the following Aldermen were appointed said committee Messrs. Bowen, Urrutia, Fisk and Manchaca, and on motion, The Mayor was added to said committee - On motion the Board adjourned.

Sam<sup>l</sup> S. Smith Mayor Pro Tem.

NOVEMBER 24th 1848

This day the Board met. There being present S.S. Smith Mayor ProTem and Aldermen J.N. Fisk A.St. Martin B. Callaghan, J.A. Urrutia, John Bowen and J.A. Menchaca, A quorum being present, the minutes of former meeting read and approved - The Board proceeded to Business

JA-376. T.J. Devine Esq. City Attorney presented the account of George Cupples Notary Public for taking interrogatories in the Land suit of the City versus et al amount of said account accepted and The Mayor authorized to pay the same.

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The Mayor as Chairman of the Committee appointed at the last meeting; on Jail, Court house &c, submitted the following report "ToWit"

To the Honorable, The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio, Gentlemen. Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject matter, relative to the erection of a good and substantial Jail, and also, to devise the best method to raise the necessary Funds &c, for said purpose -Through their Chairman, would respectfully beg leave to report, That they have had the subject matter under consideration, and that they are of the opinion, That it would be to the best interests, of both City & County, that the Jail should be erected on the North side, and on the same lot with the Market House, it being the most central position for both City and County. And your committee would recommend that so much of said Land, adjacent and adjoining the Market House on the North side, as may be required, for said Jail, be set apart and donated for said purpose.

And further your committee, would suggest, that Whereas, the Court House, Council House County and District Clerks offices are in a state of ruin and delapidation, so much so that it is utterly impossible for the District Court to hold its sessions therein, especially in rainy seasons, and the great inconvenience of the Clerks, they having no suitable offices for the safe keeping of the Archives and Records of their respective Courts, and Whereas, The County Court have expressed their desire to cooperate with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. in the erecting of a suitable building, large enough for both City and County purposes.

And whereas, the County Court has by its decree, appropriated all the funds that they may have in, and all the funds that may hereafter come into the Treasury of the County, for the erection and completion of a Court House and Jail &c, and have called upon the Board to act with them jointly in the matter by appointing a committee of three of their number to act with the full power and strength of the County Court, and have invited the Board to appoint a similar committee with like powers &c &c.

Therefore, your committee would recommend, that so much of that piece of lot of land at present occupied by the Calaboso or Jail, council House, Court House, District and County Clerks offices and other Buildings, be appropriated and set apart as a Site for a Council House Court House &c, and that the Rock and other material now in the Old Building be appropriated for the use of the New Building,

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and for the purpose of raising funds necessary for the completion of the above objects, on the part of the City. Your Committee would recommend, that all that Land belonging to the Corporation, lying and being situated on the West side of the Aroyo San Pedro, or so much thereof as may be required, be surveyed and divided into Blocks and Lots of a convenient and suitable size for building and other purposes.

And further -Your Committee would recommend that the City Surveyor be employed, immediately, to survey and partition off said Land, in a systematic and regular order of Blocks, Streets and Squares, And the Blocks to be subdivided into Lots, and the Streets to intersect each other at right angles running East & West and North & south, or as nearly so as may be practicable, and after said survey has been completed and the Plat or map of the same, duly returned to the Board The Blocks and Lots to be offered for sale at Public Outcry, to the highest bidder, for Cash (or credit, as the Council may determine) after due and legal notice is given, by publication in the Western Texan a Newspaper published in this City and such other notice as the Board may think requisite and proper, and the proceeds of said sale or sales, your committee would especially recommend, should be exclusively appropriated for the Erection of said Jail, Court House, Council House &c, And further, after the sale of Lots, has been opened, Your Committee would suggest that the sale continue from day to day, (either at public or private sale, as the Board may hereafter determine, if at private sale, the lots to be offered at a fixed and regular price, said price to be determined on by the Board after the first public sale) until a sufficient amount of money be obtained for the foregoing objects and all expenses incidental thereto. All of which your committee would respectfully submit for your consideration and beg leave to be discharged.

City of San Antonio November 23 A.D. 1848

Sam S. Smith  
Chairman of Jail & Court House Committee

On motion of Mr. S<sup>t</sup> Martin the report was received, and committee discharged

JA-377. Whereupon Mr. Callaghan offered the following Resolution

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in common council assembled and it is hereby decreed That all that land belonging to the Corporation, lying and being situated on the West Side of the Aroyo San Pedro (or so much thereof as may be required) be surveyed, sectionized and sold, as recommended

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by the Committee, in their report on the Jail, Court House, Council House &c, and the proceeds of said sale or sales, to be set apart, and they are hereby set apart, and expressly appropriated for the Erection of a Jail, Court, Council House, &c, and the expences incidental thereto

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in common

Council assembled, and it is hereby decreed, that so much of that piece or lot of land at present occupied by Jail, Council Room, Court House and other Public Buildings, as well as that adjoining and in the rear of said Buildings be set apart and appropriated, and it is hereby set apart and appropriated as the SITE for the erection of a Court, Council House, Jail &c, to be erected Jointly by the CORPORATION and COUNTY for the joint use and Benefit of both City and County. The City retaining her title to the Land, and be it further resolved That the Rock and other material, now in the Public Buildings on the Ground above named (except the Market House) be appropriated, and they are hereby appropriated for the use and benefit of the New Jail, Court, Council House and other public buildings.

Be it further resolved that a Committee of three (3) be nominated and appointed by this Board, and that said Committee shall be delegated with full and ample power, and they are hereby delegated with full power to act for, and in the name of the Board to meet in conjunction with a similar committee appointed by the County Court with like powers, to select and decide upon the best plan for the Jail, Court and Council House offices &c, and likewise to contract for the Buildings of the same. Their acts subject to the approval of the Board. And be it further resolved that the above committee of three on Jail, Council, Court House &c be, and they are hereby authorized to contract with and employ the City Surveyor (Mr. Gireaud) to survey, sectionize and make a map or plat, of the aforementioned Land on the West Bank of the San Pedro Creek, under the immediate control and direction of said committee. The following Gentlemen were nominated and appointed said committee The Mayor S.S. Smith, Aldermen Bowen & Menchaca. The Foregoing resolutions offered by Mr. Callaghan were unanimously adopted.

JA-378. On motion of Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Fisk was requested to repair the Bridge across the San Antonio River, under the direction of the Mayor, and present his bill to the Board. On motion the Board adjourned.

Sam<sup>l</sup> S. Smith Mayor Pro Tem

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City of San Antonio Dec. 25 th 1848

Board met this morning at 9 O'clock.

Present S.S. Smith Mayor Pro Tem, and Alderman Callaghan, Bowen, Fisk, St. Martin and Urrutia a Quorum being present, the Board proceeded to Business, when the Mayor stated that today was the regular day for the electing of City Officers for 1849 and that Legal notice of 10 days had been given of the same, and that it is incumbent on the Board to select such of its members as they may think proper to assist the Mayor in holding said City Election Whereupon on motion of Mr. Callaghan

JA-379. Mr. St. Martin & Mr. Urrutia were appointed assistant Judges, and on motion of Mr. Bowen, Mr. Fisk & the Secretary Mr. Garza was appointed Clerks of said Election On motion the Board adjourned.

Sam<sup>l</sup> S. Smith  
Mayor Pro Tem

The Mayor Pro Tem then proceeded to organize and open the Polls for the Election of a Mayor, Eight Aldermen, one Treasurer & one Collector for the year 1849 Mr. Smith Mayor Pro Tem was first sworn in as presiding officer by Mr. Justice Fisk, after which the presiding officer, administered the proper oaths to the Judges and Clerks and then declared the polls open for the reception of Votes, and on closing the Poll at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past four the following result was exhibited.

For Mayor or President of the Corporation

J.M. Devine received 253 Votes A.A. Lockwood received 134 votes

For Aldermen

Bryan Callaghan	received	243	Votes	S. A. Maverick	received	145	Votes
Geo. F. Howard	received	253	votes	R. Herrera	received	132	votes
J. A. Urrutia	received	235	votes	Thos Whitehead	received	147	votes
S. S. Smith	received	239	votes	Geo. M. Martin	received	121	votes
William Lytle	received	270	votes	M. G. Cotton	received	128	votes
Nepomuceno Flores	received	331	votes	L. Zork	received	146	votes
James N. Fisk	received	241	votes	J. M. Flores	received	43	votes
Antonio Menchaca	received	336	votes	Scattering Votes Received		12	

For Treasurer

John Bowen	received	240	votes
F. L. Paschall	received	144	votes

For Collector

John Crawford	received	235	votes
N. R. Mallon	received	147	votes

We the undersigned, Judges and Clerks appointed by the Board, do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a correct statement of the result of the Election held

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in the Council House this day, For Mayor, Aldermen, Treasurer and Collector for the City of San Antonio, December 25th. 1848

R. C. Garza  
Jas. N. Fisk CLERKS

Juan A Urrutia  
JUDGES

Sam<sup>l</sup> S. Smith  
Presiding Officer

Treasurer's Report

San Antonio Texas Jan 1st 1849

Mr. S. S. Smith  
Mayor Pro Tem

Sir: Below is a statement of my account as City Treasurer for the Year ending December 31st, 1849(?) which is respectfully submitted

J. M. Devine City Treasurer

STATEMENT

Cash on Hand Jan 1st 1848 as per report of that date	256.80	Cash paid out from Jan 1st 1848 and Dec. 31st inclusive as per vouchers annexed	\$1540.51
Cash from City Collector as per receipts in his hands	\$ 1409.41	Cash on hand this day	125.70
	\$ 1666.21		\$1666.21

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This day the following members elect for the present year, met at the Council House, by order of the Mayor & Board of Aldermen of last year, 1848. (as the Charter directs) for the purpose of organizing, James M. Devine the Mayor Elect having been duly sworn, as the Law directs, proceeded to organize the Council by administering the Oath of office to the following Aldermen elect present "To Wit" S. S. Smith, James N. Fisk, Bryan Callaghan, J. A. Urrutia and Antonio Menchaca who after being qualified took their seats. The Mayor declared a Quorum and the Board organized, and ready to proceed to Business. On motion (the former Secretary being absent) Aldermen Smith was appointed Secretary Pro-tem until an election of a regular Secretary for the Year.

John Crawford the Collector elect appeared, took the oath of office, and proceeded to the discharge of the duties of said office.

On motion the Board adjourned until tomorrow evening.

Sam<sup>l</sup> S. Smith Sec Pro Tem

J. M. Devine Mayor

Tuesday January 2d, 1849

This day the Board met pursuant to adjournment present J. M. Devine Mayor and Aldermen Smith, Fisk, Callaghan, Urrutia, Mr. Wm. Lytle Aldermen elect came forward, presented his

certificate of election, and being duly qualified, took his seat in the Council. The Mayor declared a quorum present and the Board proceeded to Business. The minutes of former meeting read and approved. Mr. John Bowen the Treasurer elect, came forward took the oath of office, filed his Bond &c as the Law directs and entered on the discharge of his duties as City Treasurer for the Year A.D. 1849. Mr. Crawford Collector presented his Bond, approved and filed.

JA-380. On motion of Mr. Lytle the Board proceeded to the election of a Secretary, Mr. Lytle nominated Geo. Van Ness as Secretary of the Board, there being no other nomination, Mr. George Van Ness was unanimously elected Secretary for the Year A.D. 1849 and on motion the City Marshal was requested to wait on Mr. Van Ness and inform him of his election and request him to come forward and qualify.

JA-381. On motion of Mr. Fisk the Board went into an Election of City Marshal and Market Master, Mr. Fisk nominated John Crawford to fill said offices. There being no other nomination, Mr. John Crawford the City Collector, was declared duly elected to fill said offices and to qualify according to the Ordinance creating said offices, and in conformity with the Charter

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JA-382. On motion of Mr. Lytle the Board went into an election of City Assessor for the years 1848 & 1849 Mr. Lytle nominated John Crawford for said office, there being no other nomination Mr. John Crawford was duly elected Assessor for the City of San Antonio for the years 1848 & 1849.

JA-383. On motion of Mr. Callaghan, The Board went into an election of City Surveyor, Mr. Callaghan nominated Gireaud the present incumbent, as City Surveyor, there being no other nomination Gireaud was duly re-elected City Surveyor of the Corporation of the City of San Antonio for the Year 1849. On motion of Mr. Callaghan the Secretary was requested to notify Mr. Crawford and Mr. Gireaud of their appointments and request them to come forward and qualify as the Law directs. On motion of Mr. Lytle Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to contract for a suitable number of printed Licences, in Blank for Market, Fandango and other Licenses and present the account to this Board.

JA-384. Mr. Callaghan presented a petition from Don J. Antonio Navarro praying that the Council would take into consideration, the propriety of the Councils erecting a Bridge across the San Pedro at the junction of Calle Nueva and said Creek &c, On motion of Mr. Callaghan, The Mayor and Mr. Lytle were appointed to report at next meeting the probable cost of said Bridge, and the Petition ordered to be filed.

On motion the Board adjourned until 6 O'clock Jan 3d. 1849

Sam<sup>l</sup> S. Smith

Sec Pro Tem

J.M. Devine

Mayor

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JA-384.<sup>1</sup>

Republica De Texas )  
Condado de Bejar

Sean todos cuantos el presente vieren que

Yo Juan N. Seguin, Presidente del Consejo de la Ciudad de San Antonio, en la Republica y Condado ya dicho: En virtud de decreto del mismo Consejo dado el dia diez y ocho del mes de Noviembre del Corriente ano de Mil Ochocientos cuarenta y uno, por el cual se manda poner en posesion a D<sup>a</sup> Isable Seguin del Solar en que actualmente vive por haver justificado con los Senores Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, D. Melchor Leal y Guadalupe del Toro testigos juramentados por mi,

ante el Citado Consejo, que lo ha poseido ella y sus antecesores por mucho tiempo sin reclamo alguno; y para cumplir con lo que se me ordeno por el citado decreto me constitui con dos testigos al Solar mencionado, el cual se halla situado en la parte del Norte de la poblacion de esta Ciudad y constante de veinte y ocho varas de frente, y sesenta y cuatro de fondo, sus linderos son; Por el Oriente con la calle de las Carretas, por el Norte con solar de Antonio Arocha, por el Poniente con la calle de la Soledad, y por el Sur, con solar de Juan Rodriguez bajo cuya situacion y linderos en presencia de dos testigos hice saber a D<sup>a</sup> Isable Seguin, que a nombre y por autoridad del Consejo de la Ciudad de San Antonio, le ponía y puse en posesion real y personal del citado Solar, con todos sus usos, costumbres, derechos y servidumbres para ella, sus hijos, herederos y subesores en quienes la Corporation de esta Ciudad cede y traspasa en favor de ella o de ellos todo el derecho y accion que sobre el citado terreno tiene o tener pueda, para que desde hoy en adelante lo use a su voluntad como cosa suya propia. Y para resguardo y que sirva de titulo a la interesada doy y firmo el presente documento en la Ciudad de San Antonio a los diez dias del mes de Diciembre de Mil Ochocientos cuarenta y uno.

Testigos: Juan N. Seguin  
Jose A. Menchaca

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Republica de Texas,  
Condado de Bexar

Sepan todos cuantos el presente vieren, que

Yo Juan N. Seguin, Presidente del Consejo de la Ciudad de San Antonio, en la Republica y Condado dicho: En virtud de decreto del mismo Consejo dado el dia quince del mes de Noviembre del Corriente año de Mil Ochocientos cuarenta y uno, por el qual se me manda poner en posesion a todos los duenos de Terreno que se hallan dentro de los limites de esta Corporation y pues prueben pertenecerles en propiedad; y habiendose presentado D<sup>a</sup> Maria Consolacion Leal de Garza y justificado con los Senores D. Ignacio Texeda y S. Alejandro Gortari (?) testigos juramentados por mi, como así mismo con documento autentico firmado por D. Cristoval Dominguez, pertenecerle un Solar situado en la Calle del Alamo, constante de cuarenta y seis y tres cuartas varas de frente, y ciento siete varas de fondo, siendo sus linderos por el Poniente con la calle Principal del Alamo; por el norte con tierra de Jose Maria Martinez; por el Oriente con la Azequia del Alamo, y por el Sur con la Calle de la Alameda; cuyos testigos tambien probaron ante mi, pertenecer tambien a la misma Senora D<sup>a</sup> Consolacion otra pequena porcion de tierra situada en la misma Calle, contra-esquina al Solar ya delinado, Calle de la Alameda de pr medio, constante de siete varas de frente y treinta y nueve de fondo, lindando por el poniente con la ya referida Calle Principal del Alamo; por el norte con la Calle de la Alameda; por el Oriente con cinco y dos tercios varas con D. Ignacio Texeda; y por el Sur con Juan Jose Texeda, de cuyas dos porciones de tierra, bajo los linderos mencionados, siendo probado, como ha sido, ante mi, ser propiedad muy antigua de la expresada Senora D<sup>a</sup> Maria Consolacion Leal de Garza, le hice saver en presencia de dos testigos que la Corporation de esta Ciudad cedia y traspasava a su favor, e hijos, herederos y subesores, todo el derecho y accion que sobre el terreno mencionado tenga o tener pueda, y que puede a su Boluntad usarlo segun le convenga. Y para resguardo y que sirva a la interesada de titulo le doy el presente documento que signo y firmo en la Ciudad de San Antonio a los catarce dias del mes de Diciembre de mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno.

Testigos: Juan N. Seguin  
Jose A. Menchaca

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Republica de Texas,  
Condado de Bexar

Sepan todos los que la presente vieren que,

Yo Juan N. Seguin, presidente del Consejo de la Ciudad de San Antonio, en la Republica y Condado ya dicho: En virtud de Decreto del mismo Consejo dado el dia quince del mes

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de Noviembre, del corriente ano de Mil ochocientos, cuarenta y uno, por el cual se me manda poner en posesion a todas las personas dueñas de Terrenos, y que prueben ser suyos, dentro de los limites de esta Corporacion; y haviedose presentado D<sup>a</sup> Maria Ignacia Leal de Urrutia y justificado con los Senores D<sup>n</sup> Antonio de la Garza y D<sup>n</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup> Rivas, juramentados por mi, haver poseido ha muchos anos un solar situado al norte de la poblacion de esta Ciudad, y para cumplir con lo que se me ordeno por el citado decreto me constitui con dos testigos al solar mencionado, y estando en el, el Agrimensor midio s. 89<sup>o</sup> E. noventa y seis varas frente al Callejon, que corre de la Calle de la Soledad para el rio y de alli tirando una linea N. 33<sup>o</sup> E. se midieron noventa y seis y media varas lindando con tierras de D<sup>n</sup> Erasmo Seguin, y de alli tirando una linea rumbo N. 70 oeste se midieron ciento cincuenta y siete y media varas lindando con tierra de la interesada y de Manuel Soto, y de alli tirando una linea rumbo S. 4<sup>o</sup> E. se midieron ciento veinte y siete varas hasta serrar donde comenzo lindando con tierras de D<sup>n</sup> Vicente Trevino, y despues de dicha operacion, en presencia de dos testigos hice saver a D<sup>a</sup> Maria Ignacia Leal de Urrutia que a nombre y por autoridad del Consejo de la Ciudad de San Antonio, le ponia y puce en posesion real y personal del citado solar con todos sus usos, costumbres, derechos, y cervidumbres para ella, sus hijos, herederos y subcesores en quien la Corporacion de esta Ciudad cede y traspasa en favor de ella o de ellos todos derecho y accion que sobre el citado terreno tieno o tener pueda para que desde hoy en adelante lo use como cosa suya propia; y para constancia y resguardo de la interesada doy dirmo el presente documento, que le servira de titulo; en la Ciudad de San Antonio a los siete dias del mes de Diciembre del mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno.

Testigos: Juan N. Seguin  
Jose A. Menchaca

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Republica de Texas )  
Condado de Bexar

Sepan todos los que la presente vieren que

Yo Juan N. Seguin Presidente del Concejo dado el dia quince del mes de Noviembre del corriente ano en la Ciudad de San Antonio, en la Republica y Condado ya dicho, en virtud de decreto del mismo concejo, en Mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno, por el cual seme manda poner en posesion de todas las personas dueñas de terrenos dentro los limites de esta Corporacion, y que prueben ser suyos, y haviedose presentado D<sup>a</sup> Maria Ignacia Leal de Urrutia y justificado con los Sores, D<sup>n</sup> Antonio de la Garza y D<sup>n</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup> Rivas juramentados por mi, haver poseido ha muchos anos un solar situado al norte de la poblacion de esta Ciudad, y para cumplir con lo que se me ordeno, por el citado Decreto, me constitui con dos testigos al Solar mencionado y estando en el, el Agrimensor comensando en la Esquina S.E. del solar de D<sup>n</sup> Man<sup>l</sup> Zoto, N. 70' midio noventa y cuatro y una

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cuarta vara; y de alli tirando una linea, Sur 33<sup>o</sup> Este, midio noventa y una varas, y de alli tirando una linea N. 70<sup>o</sup> Oeste, midio noventa y cuatro y cuarta varas y de alli tirando una linea Sur 31<sup>o</sup> Oeste midio noventa y dos varas con las que se serro la medida donde comenzo, sus linderos son, por el Norte con calle que pasa entre los Solares y la Labor Alta, por el Poniente, con Solar de D<sup>n</sup> Manuel Zoto, por el Sur, con solar de la misma interesada, y por el oriente con solar de D<sup>n</sup> Erasmo Seguin, y despues de dicha operacion, en presencia de dos testigos, hice saber a D<sup>a</sup> Maria Ignacia Leal de Urrutia, en presencia de dos testigos, que a nombre y por autoridad del Concejo de la Ciudad de San Antonio, le ponia y puce en posesion real y personal del citado solar con todos sus usos, costumbres, derechos y servidumbres, para ella sus hijos herederos y subcesores, en quienes la Corporacion de esta Ciudad, cede y

traspasa en favor de ella o de ellos todo el derecho y accion que sobre el citado terreno tiene o tener pueda, para quedese hoy en adelante, lo use como cosa suya propia; y para constancia y resguardo dela interesada, doy y firmo el presente documento que le servira de titulo; En San Antonio De bejar a los siete dias del mes de Diciembre del Mil Ochocientos cuarenta y uno.

Testogos: Juan N. Seguin  
Jose A. Menchaca  
Manuel Perez

JA-388.

Republica de Texas,  
Condado de Bexar

Sepan todos los que la presente vieren, que

Yo Juan N. Seguin, presidente del Concejo dela Ciudad de San Antonio en la Republica y Condado dicho: En virtud de decreto del mismo Concejo dado el dia quince del Mes de Noviembre del Corriente ano, mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno, por el cual seme manda poner en posesion a todas las personas duenas de terrenos dentro los limites de esta Corporacion y que prueben ser suyos, y habiendose presentado D<sup>a</sup> Maria Ignacia Leal de Urrutia y justificado con los Senores D<sup>n</sup> Antonio dela Garza y D<sup>n</sup> Fran<sup>co</sup> Rivas testigos juramentados por mi, haver poseido a muchas anos ella y sus antecesores, un Solar situado al Norte de esta Ciudad y constante de frente y fondo por sus cuatro costados de cincuenta y nueve varas siendo sus linderos por el sur, con callejon que corre de la Calle de las Carretas ala dela Soledad, por el oriente con calle dela Soledad, por el norte con solar de Catarina Zepeda, y por el poniente, con calle de las Carretas, bajo cuyos linderos latitud y concavidad, en presencia de dos testigos hice saver a la citada D<sup>a</sup> Maria Ignacia Leal de Urrutia, que (en?) nombre y por autoridad del Concejo de la Ciudad de San Antonio le ponia y pone en posesion real y personal del sitado solar, con todos sus usos, costumbres derechos y servidumbres para ella sus hijos herederos y subcesores, en quienes la Corporacion de esta Ciudad, cede y traspasa en favor de ella o de ellos todo derecho y accion que sobre el

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citado terreno, tiene o tener pueda, para que desde hoy en adelante lo use a su boluntado, como cosa suya propia; y para constancia y resguardo de la interesada doy y firmo el presente documento para que le sirva de titulo. Ciudad de San Antonio a los siete dias del mes de Noviembre del ano de Mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno.

Testigos: Juan N. Seguin  
Manuel Perez  
Jose Menchaca

JA-389.

Republica de Tejas,  
Condado de Bexar

Sepan todos los que la presente vieren, que

Yo Juan N. Seguin, Presidente del Concejo de la Ciudad de San Antonio, en la Republica y condado dicho: En Virtud de decreto del mismo Concejo dado el dia quince del mes de Noviembre del Corriente ano de mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno, por el cual se me manda poner en posesion a todas las personas duenas de terrenos que se hallen dentro de los limites de la Corporacion de esta Ciudad, y habiendose presentado D<sup>a</sup> Maria Josefa Seguin y justificado con los Senores Ambrocio Rodriguez y D. Manuel Perez testigos, que la referida Senora D<sup>a</sup> Maria Josefa Seguin ha poseido ella y sus antecesores por mucho tiempo sin reclamo alguna el Solar en que tiene hubicada una casa situado en la Calle Principal del Potrero, y constante de siete varas de frente a dicha calle y fondo hasta tocar con el Rio, siendo sus linderos, por el sur con la calle dicha; por el Oriente con tierra de los herederos de D<sup>a</sup> Luiza de Luna, por el norte con el Rio de San Antonio; y por el Poniente con Casa y tierra de los herederos de D. Antonio Carvajal, bajo cuyos linderos, latitud y concavidad en presencia de dos testigos hice saver a



D<sup>a</sup> Maria Josefa Seguin, que a nombre y por autoridad del Consejo de la Ciudad de la Ciudad de San Antonio le ponia y puse en posesion real y personal del citado solar, con todos sus usos costumbres, derechos y servidumbres para ella, sus hijos, herederos y subcesores, en quienes la Corporacion de esta Ciudad cede y traspasa en favor de ella o de ellos todo el derecho y accion que sobre el citado terreno tiene o tener pueda, para que desde hoy en adelante lo use a su voluntad como cosa suya propia; y para constancia y resguardo de la interesado doy y firmo el presente documento para que le sirva de titulo en la Ciudad de San Antonio a los siete dias del mes de Diciembre de mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno.

Manuel Perez  
B (?) Huira(?) :Testigos

Juan N. Seguin

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Republica de Texas,  
Condado de Bexar )

Sepan todos los que la presente vieren que,

Yo Juan N. Seguin, Presidente del Consejo de la Ciudad de San Antonio, en la Republica y condado dicho: En virtud de decreto del mismo Consejo dado el dia diez y ocho del mes de Noviembre del Corriente ano de mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno, por el cual seme manda poner en posesion a los duenos de terrenos y que prueben ser suyos dentro de los limites de esta Ciudad y habiendose presentado Don Juan Rodriguez y justificado con los Senores Don Fran<sup>VO</sup> Mesa y D. Jose Manuel de la Garza testigos juramentados por mi, haver poseido el y sus antecesores, por mucho tiempo sin reclamo alguno un Solar situado al Norte de la Poblacion de esta Ciudad constante de cuarenta y ocho y una cuarta varas de frente y noventa varas de fondo siendo sus linderos por el Oriente la Calle de las Flores, por el norte con Solar de Rufino Rodriguez por el poniente y Sur con solares de Don Jose Antonio Navarro, bajo cuya situacion y linderos mencionados e en presencia de dos testigos hice saver al dicho D. Juan Rodriguez que a nombre y por autoridad del Consejo de la Ciudad de San Antonio le ponia y puse en posesion real y personal del citado solar con todos sus usos, constumbres, derechos, y servidumbres para el, sus hijos, herederos, y subcesores, para lo cual la Corporacion de esta Ciudad sede y traspasa en favor de el o ellos todo el derecho y accion que sobre el citado terreno tiene o tener pueda, para que desde hoy en adelante lo use como cosa suya propia, Y para resguardo y que sirve de titulo al interesado le doy y firmo el presente documento en la Ciudad de San Antonio a los diez dias del mes de Diciembre de mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno.

Testigos: Juan N. Seguin  
Jose A. Menchaca  
Fran<sup>CO</sup> X. Bustillos

JA-391.

Republica de Texas,  
Condado de Bejar )

Sepan todos los que la presente vieren que,

Yo Juan N. Seguin, Presidente del Consejo de la Ciudad de San Antonio en la Republica y condado dicho: En virtud de decreto del mismo Consejo dado el dia diez y ocho del mes de Noviembre del corriente ano de mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno por el cual se me manda poner en posesion a los duenos de terrenos y que prueven ser suyos dentro de los limites de de esta Ciudad y habiendose presentado D<sup>a</sup> Catarina Zepeda y justificado con los Senores D. Manuel Ximenes y D. Jose Alamedo testigos juramentados por mi, haver poseido ella y sus antecesores por mucho tiempo sin reclamo alguno dos suertes de tierra con

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veinte y cuatro horas de agua cituadas al sur de esta Ciudad sobre el banco oriental del Rio de San Antonio cuyos linderos y dimensiones se manifiestan por el plano que acompaña, hechos por el Agrimensor de este Condado bajo cuya situacion y linderos que se citan en presencia de dos testigos nice saber alla espresado D<sup>a</sup> Catarina Zepeda que en nombre y por autoridad del

Consejo de la Ciudad De San Antonio, le ponia y puse en posesion real y personal de las citadas dos suertes de tierra con veinte y cuatro horas de agua con todos sus usos costumbres y servidumbres para ella, sus hijos, herederos y subcesores para lo cual la Corporacion de esta Ciudad sede y traspasa en favor de ella y de ellos todo el derecho y accion que sobre el citado terreno tiene o tener pueda para que desde hoy en adelante lo use como cosa suya propia Y para resguardo y que sirva de titulo ala ynteresada le doy y firmo el presente documento en la Ciudad de San Antonio a los diez y ocho dias del mes de Diciembre del mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno.

Republica De Texas,  
Condado de Bexar )

Sepan todos los que la presente vieren que,

Yo Juan N. Seguin, Presidente del Consejo de la Ciudad de San Antonio en la Republica y Condado dicho: En virtud de decreto dado por el mismo Consejo el dia diez y ocho del mes de Noviembre del corriente ano de mil ochocientos cuarenta y uno

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SELLO DE UNA CUARTILLA

Habilitado por el Estado de Coahuila y Texas en onse de Septiembre de Mil Ochocientos Treinta y cinco, y con arreglo al articulo 1º del Decreto Nº 9 espedido por el Honorable Congreso del Estado en cuatro de Septiembre del mismo ano; consta de ciento setenta y siete foxas utilis.

Por mi interbencion  
Jph. Maria Sambreño  
(rubric)

Flores (rubric)

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A Seal (or stamp) of One Cuartilla

Authorized by the State of Coahuila and Texas Sept 11, 1835, according to Article 1 of Decree #9 passed by the Honorable Congress of the State Sept. 4 of the same year; it consists of one hundred and seventy seven useable pages.

By my authority

Jph. Maria Sambrano

Flores

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In the City of Bejar, September 20, 1837:

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Inasmuch as the municipal government of the said City is established, in conformity with the Law of June 5 of the present year, which orders its creation; and it consists of an official personnel composed of the following accredited individuals: President John W. Smith; Councilmen Manuel Martinez, Francisco X. Bustillos, Gabriel Arreola, Rafael Herrera, Francisco A. Ruiz, Ramon Trevino, Pedro Flores y Morales, and Francisco Granado; Treasurer Eugenio Navarro, Secretary Manuel Perez, and Collector Vicente de la Garza; they, being present in person, in token that they accept and will faithfully and duly fulfill their respective obligations and duties, unanimously agreed that the Secretary shall inscribe directly after this entry, the above-mentioned law of June 5, the Proclamation which in conformity with its provisions was made by the Associate Judges, of an election; the result of the said election, and the credentials of the President, the Councilmen, the Treasurer, Secretary, and Collector; signed by the Secretary in confirmation thereof.

Manuel Perez, Secretary.

THE HONORABLE CONGRESS of the Republic of Texas, has seen fit to pass the following Bill for the Incorporation of the Town of Nacogdoches, and of the other Villages named therein.

- 1st. The Senate and House of Representatives, in Congress assembled, Decree: That the citizens of Nacogdoches shall be authorized to form a body politic under the name and title of the Town of Nacogdoches; with the right to sue and to be sued; to hold and to dispose of real and personal properties within the boundaries of said Corporation.
- 2d. It shall be the duty of said Citizens to elect a President or Mayor; eight Councilmen, a Treasurer, and a Secretary from among their own Body; to elect also a Collector. The Treasurer and Collector shall furnish ample bonds, and shall submit accounts or reports whenever the President may call upon them to do so.

The Corporation shall elect a Law Enforcement Officer; and whenever it may become necessary in order to suppress uprisings or riots, the President is authorized to call upon the forces of the County to re-establish the public peace.

3d. The first election shall take place under the direction of the Senior Judge of the County, at the expiration of ten days from the publication of public notice. In succeeding years the elections shall be held under the direction of the President, ten days at least before the expiration of his term of office; and in case of the death or resignation of an officer

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or member of said Corporation, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by new elections.

4th. No one shall be eligible to hold office in this Corporation, nor to vote for candidates for membership in said body, if he is not the owner of real property in said Town; nor unless he has acquired the rights of citizenship in accordance with the Laws of this Republic.

5th. It shall be the duty of the Councilmen to formulate from time to time the necessary regulations and ordinances for the government of the Police and the preservation of the public order within the city limits; to impose taxes for the removal and disposal of whatever may cause harm to the public, and for keeping the streets clean; with authority to impose fines and punishments, provided that no tax shall be imposed without the approval of at least two thirds of the Councilmen, distributing the tax according to the assessed value of the properties; and when a meeting is called for this purpose, the object of the meeting must be stated in the summons; and should payment of the said tax be defaulted, only personal property may be embargoed.

6th. In order to avoid the losses which result from fires, the citizens shall be obliged to have hooks, ladders and buckets, in readiness.

7th. Inasmuch as there are numerous public properties within the Corporation limits which are at present unused, the Councilmen shall be authorized and empowered by this law, in cooperation with the County Court, to dispose of said lands, or whatever part of them may be judged convenient, and the money derived from such sales shall be employed in the erection of a Court House, a jail, and such other public buildings as they may deem necessary.

8th. The said Councilmen shall have the privilege of establishing schools within the said municipality.

9th. The regulations and ordinances of said corporation shall not contravene the laws of this Republic.

10th. The Villages of San Agustin, Texana, Washington, Brazoria, Columbia, Richmond, Matagorda, Columbus in Colorado County, and Independence in Washington County, the city of Houston and of Bexar, the villages of Nashville, Saraville, Anahuac, Bealville, and Harisburg, shall be incorporated by this same act, and each one of them shall be empowered to govern itself in accord with the provisions of this Decree for the Incorporation of Macogdoches.

B. T. Archer  
President of the House of Representatives

Jesse Grimes  
President pro tem of the Senate

Approved June 5, 1837  
Sam Houston.

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FUBLIC NOTICE

In conformity with the Law of June 5 of the present year of 1837, passed by the Congress of this Republic, a Municipal Body is to be elected in this City, to consist of the following officers:

- One President or Mayor
- Eight Councilmen
- One Treasurer
- One Collector
- One Secretary

In consequence, all citizens owning property in this municipality are called upon and required to attend upon this Election. Polls will be open all day Monday the 18th of the current month, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall of this City, having been appointed as Inspectors Erasmo Seguin and Refugio de la Garza, and Miguel Arciniega as Recorder. The public is advised that this new election has been called in order that the number of municipal officers shall in every way conform to the Law governing the matter.

Bexar, Sept 7, 1837

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Associate Judge

Ignacio Chavez  
Associate Judge

List of Names of the Citizens who have been voted for by the assemblage of this date, in conformity to the Law of June 5th. of this year 1837, for the following posts.

FOR PRESIDENT

VOTES

J. G. Smith.....	15
Antonio Navarro.....	2
Francisco Antonio Ruiz.....	1
J. Croco.....	1

COUNCILMEN

Manuel Martinez.....	17
Francisco Bustillo.....	17
Gabriel Arreola.....	17
Rafael Herrera.....	17
Francisco A. Ruiz.....	16
Ramon Trevino.....	16
Pedro Flores Morales.....	15
Francisco Granada.....	9
Luciano Navarro.....	5
Eugenio Navarro.....	2
Nicolas Flores.....	2
J. Luiz Carvajal.....	2
Pedro Flores Montes.....	2

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Bruno Huiria.....	2
J. Antonio Navarro.....	1
Nepomuceno Navarro.....	1
Nicolas Navarro.....	1
Antonio Navarro.....	1
Deciderio Navarro.....	1
Victoriano Navarro.....	1
Pedro Martinez.....	1
Manuel Yturry.....	1
Domingo Bustillo.....	1
Manuel Cadena.....	1
Gabriel Martinez.....	1
Antonio Gonzales.....	1
Juan Jose Flores.....	1

TREASURER

Eugenio Navarro.....	17
Bernardino Ruiz.....	1
Pablo Salinas.....	1

SECRETARY

Manuel Perez.....	15
Bruno Huiria.....	2
Hermenegildo Ruiz.....	1
Clemente Bustillo.....	1

COLLECTORVOTES

Vicente Garza.....17  
 Francisco Ruiz..... 1  
 Nepomuceno Montoya..... 1

The Citizens Refugio de la Garza and Erasmo Seguin, Inspectors; and Miguel Arciniega, Recorder, appointed for the Town Meeting of this municipality celebrated on this day and date, Certify that the Citizens whose names appear in the preceding list have been voted upon for the offices named therein by a total of nineteen voters who presented themselves at this Meeting Bejar, September 18, 1837.

Refugio de la Garza  
 Inspector

Erasmo Seguin  
 Inspector

Miguel Arciniega  
 Recorder

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

In the municipal elections held yesterday in conformity with the Law of June 5th of the present year, passed by the Congress of this Republic of Texas, there have resulted elected by a PAGE 4: respective majority of votes, according to the count made by the Inspectors and the Secretary of the Meeting, the following Citizens:

For President.....Juan G. Smith  
 Manuel Martinez  
 Francisco Bustillo  
 Gabriel Arreola  
 Rafael Herrera

For Councilmen.....Francisco A. Ruiz  
 Ramon Trevino  
 Pedro Flores Morales  
 Francisco Granados

For Treasurer.....Eugenio Navarro

For Secretary.....Manuel Perez

For Collector.....Vicente Garza

Bejar 19 of September of 1837

Jose Antonio  
 Navarro  
 Associate Judge

Ignacio Chavez  
 Associate Judge

To Mr. John G. Smith

Sir:

By the official count of votes cast in the Meeting of yesterday, you have received a majority of votes which elect you as President of the Municipal Body of this City.

As such will you please be present in the Town Hall of the County, tomorrow at nine for the necessary formalities.

We have the honor of announcing to you this Election and of signing ourselves,  
 Your Servants.

Bejar, September 19, 1837

Jose Antonio Navarro  
 Associate Judge

Ignacio Chavez  
 Associate Judge

To Mr. Manuel Martinez

Sir:

By the official count of votes cast in the meeting of yesterday, you have received a majority of votes which elect you a Councilman of the Municipal Body of this City.

This being the case, will you please be present in the Town Hall of the County, tomorrow at nine in the morning for the necessary formalities.

We have the honor to announce to you this Election and of signing ourselves,  
Your Servants.

Bejar, September 19, 1837

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Associate Judge

Ignacio Chavez  
Associate Judge

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To Mr. Francisco Bustillo

Sir:

By the official count of votes cast in the Meeting of yesterday, you have received a majority of votes which elect you a Councilman of the Municipal Body of this City.

Such being the case, will you please be present in the Town Hall of the County, tomorrow at nine in the morning for the necessary formalities.

We have the honor of announcing this Election to you, and of signing ourselves,  
Your Servants.

Bejar, September 19, 1837

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Associate Judge

Ignacio Chavez  
Associate Judge

To Mr. Gabriel Arreola

Sir:

By the official count of votes cast in the Meeting of yesterday, you have received a majority of votes which elect you a Councilman of the Municipal Body of this City.

Such being the case, will you please be present in the Town Hall of the County, tomorrow at nine in the morning for the necessary formalities.

We have the honor of announcing this Election to you, and of signing ourselves,  
Your Servants.

Bexar, September 19, 1837

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Associate Judge

Ignacio Chavez  
Associate Judge

To Mr. Rafael Herrera

Sir:

By the official count of votes cast in the Meeting of yesterday, you have received a majority of votes which elect you a Councilman of the Municipal Body of this City.

Such being the case will you please be present in the Town Hall of the County, tomorrow at nine in the morning for the necessary formalities.

We have the honor of announcing this Election to you, and of signing ourselves,  
Your Servants.

Bejar, Sept. 19, 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Associate Judge

Ignacio Chavez  
Associate Judge

To Francisco A. Ruiz

Sir:

By the official count of the votes cast in the Meeting of yesterday, you have received a majority of votes which elect you a Councilman of the Municipal Body of this City.

Such being the case will you please be present in the Town Hall of the County tomorrow at nine in the morning for the necessary formalities.

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We have the honor of announcing this Election to you, and of signing ourselves,  
Your Servants.

Bejar, September 19, 1837

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Associate Judge

Ignacio Chavez  
Associate Judge

To Mr. Ramon Trevino

Sir:

By the official count of the votes cast in the Meeting of yesterday, you have received a majority of votes which elect you a Councilman of the Municipal Body of this City.

Such being the case will you please be in the Town Hall of the County tomorrow at nine in the morning for the necessary formalities.

We have the honor of announcing this Election to you, and of signing ourselves,  
Your Servants.

Bexar, Sept. 19, 1837

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Associate Judge

Ignacio Chavez  
Associate Judge

To Mr. Pedro Flores y Morales

Sir:

By the official count of the votes cast in the public Meeting of yesterday, you received a majority of votes which elect you a Councilman of the Municipal Body of this City.

Such being the case will you please be in the Town Hall of the County tomorrow at nine in the morning for the necessary formalities.

We have the honor of announcing this election to you, and of signing ourselves,  
Your Servants.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Associate Judge

Bejar, Sept. 19, 1837

Ignacio Chavez  
Associate Judge



To Mr. Francisco Granados

Sir:

By the official count of the votes cast in the public Meeting of yesterday, you received a majority of votes which elect you a Councilman of the Municipal Body of this City.

Such being the case will you please be in the Town Hall of the County tomorrow at nine in the morning for the necessary formalities.

We have the honor of announcing this election to you, and of signing ourselves,  
Your Servants.

Bejar, Sept. 19, 1837

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Associate Judge

Ignacio Chavez  
Associate Judge

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To Mr. Eugenio Navarro

Sir:

By the official count of votes cast in the public Meeting of yesterday, you have received a majority of votes which elect you Treasurer of Bexar Municipality.

As such will you please be present in the Town Hall of the County at nine tomorrow morning for the necessary formalities..

We have the honor of announcing to you this election, and of signing ourselves,  
Your Servants.

Bejar, Sept. 19, 1837

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Associate Judge

Ignacio Chavez  
Associate Judge

To Mr. Manuel Perez

Sir:

In the official count of votes cast in the public Meeting of yesterday, you have received a majority of votes which elect you as Secretary to the Municipal Body of this City.

As such will you please be present in the Town Hall of the County at nine tomorrow morning for the necessary formalities.

We have the honor of announcing this election to you, and of signing ourselves,  
Your Servants.

Bejar, Sept. 19, 1837

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Associate Judge

Ignacio Chavez  
Associate Judge

To Mr. Vicente de la Garza

Sir:

By the official count of votes cast in the public Meeting of yesterday, you have received a majority of votes which elect you as Collector of the public funds of the Municipal Body of Bexar.

As such will you please be present in the Town Hall of the County at nine tomorrow morning for the necessary formalities.

We have the honor of announcing to you this Election, and of signing ourselves,  
Your Servants.

Bejar, 19 Sept. 1837.

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Associate Judge

Ignacio Chavez  
Associate Judge

And the preceding documents having been registered as directed by the Council, the meeting adjourned, it being decided to re-convene on Saturday the 23d. of this month.

Manuel Perez, Secretary

Jno. W. Smith, Pres.

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Meeting of September 23.

The members of the municipal council having met: Manuel Martinez, Ramon Trevino, Rafael Herrera, Francisco A. Ruiz, Francisco Bustillos, G. Arreola, Francisco Granado and Pedro Morales, the meeting was opened by the President who recommended to the Council that they take into consideration the cleaning and neatness of the streets and plazas, so important to the public health. Mr. Ruiz stated that in order to prevent in part the filth left by those who slaughter cattle indiscriminately, it would be desirable to indicate to each and every person that they kill their cattle in the slaughter house, advising the Collector in order that he take note of the persons who do this, and thereby reduce as far as possible the constant thefts which are so prevalent. Which opinion was approved by each of the Council members, and in consequence they proceeded to elect two commissioners to make note of the defects which may exist in the slaughter house and its corral and the cost of putting it in repair. Upon proceeding to a vote, the choice fell upon Messrs. Manuel Martinez and Francisco Granado, who being informed of their appointment, were advised that they should report their findings at the next meeting.

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The members also agreed to name a committee to confer with the Associate Judges with the object of having them state which of the public buildings of this city has been set aside, or is available to this Council for holding its sessions, also what chairs and tables belong to this office. Proceeding to the election, the choice fell upon Councilman Francisco Bustillo, who will report results at the same time as the other committee. Upon which the meeting was adjourned until Saturday, October 7th.

Manuel Perez, Sec.

Jno. W. Smith, Pres.

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Meeting of October 7th.

Having come together Councilmen Manuel Martinez, Ramon Trevino, Rafael Herrera, F. A. Ruiz, Francisco Bustillo, Gabriel Arreola, Francisco Granado, and Pedro Morales, the session was declared open. Messrs. Martinez and Granado reported verbally upon their commission, stating that they had inspected the situation at the slaughter-house, that it was in good condition, lacking only the corral, doors and windows, whereupon the Council empowered the President John G. Smith

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to proceed to the building of the corral, and to put a door and a window in one of the rooms, cost of which would be arranged for.

Mr. Bustillo, in the fulfillment of his mission, presented a written reply from the Associate Judges in which they stated that the Room known as the consistory room, is the one which has always been used by the Police force of the city; it was ordered that the original of this reply be filed, after entering an exact copy, as follows:

To Councilman Citizen Francisco Bustillo,

Sir:

Replying to your communication of Sept. 28 last, inquiring, by order of the City Council, as to which is the building and the chairs and other furniture which belong to it: We can say that the building which was formerly known as the Consistory, is the one in which the Illustrious Council always celebrated its sessions. We believe it the exclusive property of the City, and in consequence should be occupied and cared for by the police force of the City.

Regarding the chairs and other furniture, we are unable to state positively which and how many there were, but we are of the opinion that the City Council can and should take possession of all there are wherever they may be found, since there is no doubt that all property returns to its owner as long as he has not lost his right to it.

We are, Mr. Councilman, your obedient servants: Bexar, Oct. 7, 1837

Jose Antonio Navarro  
Associate Judge

Ignacio Chavez  
Associate Judge

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Mr. Trevino presented and proposed the following decree:

The manner in which this Corporation should make public its ordinance and decrees, should be by posting three notices in the most frequented corners or gathering places in this City. The President shall attend to the publishing of this decree.

Bexar, Oct. 7th. 1837.

After sufficient discussion, this was unanimously approved by the Corporation.

JA-7

Mr. Ruiz presented and proposed the following decree:

1st. The persons, or owners of houses, within this City who hold dances, shall pay for each one that takes place, one peso which shall be paid into the funds of this Corporation.

2nd. The person, or musician who may desire to hold a dance, shall go to the Treasurer, to whom he shall pay the required fee; with the receipt he shall present himself to the President of the Corporation, who will give him the corresponding permission.

3rd. The owner of a house in which a dance is held without the corresponding license, shall pay a fine of ten pesos for each

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such occasion, and the musician who plays for the dance, a fine of five pesos.

4th. Billiard tables shall pay a monthly tax of four pesos, which shall go into the funds of the municipality.

5th. This ordinance shall enter into exact and due effect from the 10th of this month, and the President shall take the measures necessary to circulate and make it public. Bejar, Oct. 7, 1837.

And after serious discussion, this was unanimously approved and ordered observed.

JA-8 The same Mr. Ruiz stated that he had cognizance of a lot of men without occupation who had given rise to numerous complaints of the damage they caused, and he desired that this should be attended to by decisive means, as follows:

1st. All persons or individuals who are at present in this City, and who came into the Country in the military forces of General Santa Anna, shall be questioned by the President of the Corporation, in order that their domiciles and occupations may be known.

2nd. Individuals of the said class who before the date of this act may have incurred debts which they have contracted to pay with their labor, can remain at their work, and their master or employer shall be obliged to look out for them.

3rd. Those who are not employed in decent and useful matters, shall be sent West.

Which disposition was approved by the Councilmen, who ordered the President to put it into execution.

Mr. Martinez presented and proposed the following decree.

JA-9

It being very important to have funds with which to pay the costs of building bridges and other work of benefit to the public, it is ordered that the Collector shall proceed immediately to collect one half of the amount assessed upon the building lots of this city, of sixty-seven pesos, by the Law of Coahuila and Texas of May 1, 1832, and in accordance with the ruling which was ordered to be observed, by the previous City government. It being understood that if this Corporation should have to decree a general tax on these properties, whatever is collected by reason of this present act, shall be considered as a payment on such tax.

The President shall attend to making public this decree.- Bejar, Oct. 7, 1837.

And being offered for discussion, this was unanimously approved.

JA-10

Mr. Bustillo presented and proposed the following decree:

- 1st. The warehouses or stores already established in this City, shall pay an assessment of 50¢ per month, and the small shops 25¢.
- 2nd. The tax mentioned in the preceding article shall be collected quarterly in advance, by the Collector.
- 3rd. Every newly opened store shall pay twelve pesos for the privilege of opening

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and the small shops six pesos which shall not affect the assessment imposed as above.

- 4th. This act shall take effect from the first day of the coming November. The President shall see to its publication and execution.- Bexar, Oct. 7, 1837

Which, having been fully discussed, was approved by the Corporation.

JA-11

Following this, the salary which the Secretary of this Corporation, Manuel Perez, should receive as compensation for his work, was gone into; and twenty-five pesos was agreed upon by Messrs. Arreola, Granado, Ruiz, Morales, Herrera, and Bustillos; and fifteen by Messrs. Martinez and Trevino. In consequence he is to receive the said twenty-five pesos per month from the date of this Corporation's installation; and the meeting was adjourned until the 24th of this month.

Manuel Perez, Sec.

Jno. W. Smith, Pres.

Meeting of October 24th.

Having convened Councilmen Manuel Martinez, Francisco X. Bustillo, Rafael Herrera, Gabriel Arreola, Pedro Flores Morales and Francisco Granado, and lacking Messrs. Francisco A. Ruiz absent without leave, and Ramon Trevino because of illness, the meeting was declared opened. The President informed the Body, that he had executed their will with respect to throwing out of town the individuals without occupation,

of those who entered the country with Gen. Santa Anna: That with regard to the repairing of the slaughter-house, he had not been able to do anything, because at present all the laborers and country people are occupied in harvesting their crops; and that he is carrying out all the other rulings of the Corporation as may be seen by the receipts he presents, from the Treasurer, from the Section of Dances, which up to the 21st. amount to sixteen pesos; And that although he knew that two more dances had been given, - one at the house of Don Luciano Navarro on the night of the 22d., and the other in the house of Don Alexo Bustillo on the night of the 23d., - they had not secured the corresponding licenses, as is ordered Regarding which matter, the Council unanimously disposed that the dispositions of the Ordinance of the 7th. of the current month for dealing with such cases be enforced, and that the receipts presented shall be filed as vouchers of their respective account.

JA-12

The Secretary presented an account amounting to six pesos, cost of a book for entering the minutes of the sessions of this body; which charge was accepted and the President instructed to arrange the payment.

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Mr. Bustillo presented and proposed the following decree:

JA-13

The Congress of the Republic having seen fit to incorporate our City, and to authorize the Councilmen to verify the public lands within the limits of said Corporation which as yet are not mapped, and consist of four locations, we consider it proper to decree the following:

- 1st. That the Corporate Limits be run and marked by a professional surveyor, who shall make a map of the corresponding area for the guidance of this Body.
- 2nd. Also the necessary measurements shall be made to indicate the streets and plazas, including the San Antonio River and San Pedro Creek, which should form a part of the aforesaid map or plan.
- 3rd. That the bounds of this Corporation shall be those established by the Republic of Texas, whose statutes shall serve as a guide in any matter (NOTE "Question that may arise") whatsoever.
- 4th. The said measurements shall be made in the presence of a committee composed of two members of this Body.
- 5th. The President of the Corporation shall come to an understanding with the surveyor to this effect, and will see that this Ordinance is punctually complied with.

And offered for discussion, it was approved, and ordered complied with, by the six Councilmen present.

Immediately following the naming of the committee, which by the preceding decree should be present at the surveying of the bounds of this City, was proceeded with, and Messrs. Francisco A. Ruiz and Rafael Herrera were chosen by a plurality of votes.

JA-14

Mr. Martinez proposed that public Notices be posted setting forth in them: That any person who might have to erect a dwelling within the City limits should go to the President of the Corporation, to whom he shall declare the district, street and site where he is going to build, which Gentleman will thereupon dispose that one or two persons of the Council will inspect the location of such house which must be on the property of the person erecting it, being careful that it is in proper alignment with the house blocks, so that it may help to shape the streets. In case a person makes or builds a house without informing the President as indicated, he shall be fined three pesos and lose his labor, tearing down whatever has been done should it be necessary. Which having been discussed by the Council was approved, and the President instructed to comply with this accord,

with which the meeting adjourned.

Manuel Perez, Sec.

Jno. W. Smith, Pres.

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Meeting of December 21.

The Council of the Corporation convened; those present, the President Juan G. Smith, and Councilmen Manuel Martinez, Francisco Bustillo, Rafael Herrera, Ramon Trevino, and Francisco Granada; lacking Messrs. Francisco Ruiz and Pedro Morales because away, and Gabriel Arreola because of illness. The meeting was opened and the President rendered account with eighty-two receipts of the Treasurer for licenses granted for dances, which represent an equal number of pesos. He also delivered two receipts from the Treasurer each one for ten pesos, exacted as fines from a musician and a private citizen owner of a house, who consented that a dance should be held without the corresponding permission; and there had remained one pending as Ignacio Castillo had not yet paid his fine for the same fault.

JA-15

Upon request of the President that they should take measures to repair the bridges over the Ditch that crosses the plaza of this City, the Council decided that the President should request Don Jose Antonio Navarro, as one of the interested owners of properties, to undertake to call together those who may also own them, procuring by persuasion that they repair the bridges and clean the Ditch, as far as the south side of the City, for which trouble they shall be relieved of the payment of water rights.

JA-16

After this the Corporation disposed that through the President, suit should be begun against Don Fernando Rodriguez, to recover the five hundred pesos with the corresponding interest which was loaned to him from the funds of this Corporation, the term of four years for its repayment being complete according to the mortgage given by the said Rodriguez; and as a security against losses a note may be made in favor of the Corporation amounting to three hundred pesos.

Upon a request of the Secretary, it was ordered to pay him forty pesos on account, with which the meeting adjourned.

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In the City of San Antonio in the County of Bexar in this ninth day of March One Thousand Eight hundred and Thirty-Eight, the Corporation of said City was installed and consisted of the following members duly elected on the fifth of said month, as appears by the annexed Certificate of the Chief Justice of said County under whose authority the election was held-----William H. Daingerfield, Mayor; Antonio Menchaca, Manuel Ximenes, Manuel Iturri, William E. Howth, Leandro Arreola, Aldermen, Juan A Zambrano, Treasurer, and Antonio Lombrano, Collector, who having taken the oath of office as prescribed by the Law entered upon the discharge of their functions. Jose Flores, Ambrosio Rodriguez and Rafael Garza, elected Aldermen, were not present at the act of Installation.

March 9, 1838.

JA-17

The President having announced that the Council was formed and a quorum present, William P. Delmour was unanimously elected Secretary of the Corporation and entered into the requisite Bond.

JA-18

Mr. Iturri moved that a Committee be appointed to require from the Treasurer of the late Municipal body an account of the sums paid, or owing to the funds of the same and report thereon to the ensuing meeting. Carried and Messrs. Zambrano and Menchaca were appointed said Committee.

JA-19

Mr. Menchaca moved that a Committee be appointed to examine the State of the former City Hall with a view to repairing the same and report thereon to the next session. Carried; and Messrs. Arreola and Ximenes were appointed said Committee.

The Council adjourned to Tuesday March 13 ten OC A. M.

Willm. P. Delmour Secty.

Wm Henry Daingerfield, Mayor.

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In consequence of the communications sent to the Mayor or President, Councilmen, Treasurer and Collector of the Corporation of the City of San Antonio ( who were elected on the 5th.) calling a meeting of the said Body, there entered upon the discharge of their offices this day and date at 9:00 a.m., William H. Daingerfield, Mayor or President; Antonio Menchaca, Manuel Ximenes, Manuel Yturri, William C. Howth, Leandro Arreola, Councilmen; Juan A. Zambrano, Treasurer; and Antonio Lombrana, Collector; who presented themselves; who were sworn according to custom, and inducted into their posts; not having assisted at this act, Jose Flores, Ambrosio Rodriguez, and Rafael de la Garza, also Councilmen elect, because of absence (from town).

And in confirmation they signed this act with me in the said City of San Antonio on March 9th, 1838.

William Henry Daingerfield.

Erasmus Seguin, J. P.

Antonio Menchaca  
Manuel Ximenes

W. C. Howth  
Leandro Arreola

Ambrosio Rodriguez  
Rafael Garza

First Meeting; March 9, 1838.

JA-17

A quorum of the Councilmen being present, the President opened the meeting, and William P. Delmour was unanimously elected Secretary of the Corporation.

JA-18

Mr. Yturri proposed that a Committee be named to request from the Treasurer of the retiring Council an account of sums paid or owed to the said Body, and to make a report on the matter at the next meeting. Unanimously approved and Messrs. Menchaca and Zambrano were named as said committee.

JA-19

Mr. Menchaca proposed that a committee be named to see in what condition the Hall of the former Council may be, with the object of repairing it, and to report on same to the Council approved and Messrs. Arreola and Ximenes were named as said committee.

The meeting adjourned until Tuesday, March 13, at 10:00 a.m.

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March 13 1838

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, and Messrs. Rodriguez and Garza appeared

and took the oath of office. The minutes of the former session being read, the Committee appointed to settle the accounts of the late Corporation requested further time to bring up their Report and named the first session of the ensuing week for this purpose...

Granted

JA-20

Mr. Zambrano moved that a Committee be appointed to inquire into the amount of real Estate and other property belonging to this Corporation of which it has no account and report on the same.

Carried; and Messrs. Garza and Rodriguez were appointed said Committee, assisted by Mr. Daingerfield.

The Committee appointed to examine the state of the former City Hall requested time to report thereon----Granted till tomorrow.

JA-21

Mr. Zambrano moved that a Committee be appointed to draught a Code of Rules and Regulations for the government of the Corporation and Municipal District, and that in the meantime the Council should adopt and sanction the Ordinances of the late Corporation, excepting that requiring a licence to be taken out for private Balls---Carried, and Messrs. Rodriguez, Iturri and Howth were appointed said Commte. assisted by the Secretary.

In pursuance of the foregoing resolution the following Ordinance was ordered to be published.

"Be it ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio that untill the adoption of a new system of Police Regulations for the Govt. of said City, the Ordinances of the former Corporation shall remain in full force and effect, excepting that requiring a licence for private or subscription Balls" March 13, 1838.

Adjourned till tomorrow 10 OC AM

Willm. F. Delmour Sect-----Wm. Henry Daingerfield.

March 14

JA-22

The Council met pursuant to adjournment and the minutes of the former session having been read and approved---Mr. Zambrano moved that the following Ordinance be adopted; Be it Ordained &c That in accordance with the 7th Act of the 14th of December last Every Retailer of Spirituous Liquors in less quantity than One Gallon shall take out a License for the same paying five dolls. monthly in advance to the Treasurer of the Corporation upon whose Receipt said License shall be issued by the Mayor. Any person

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Meeting of March 13

The meeting being opened, the minutes of the last were read and approved. Messrs. Rodriguez and Garza being present were sworn according to custom.

The committee appointed to arrange the accounts of the Corporation requested more time, and it was extended to the first meeting of next week.

The committee named to inspect the present condition of the Council Chamber also asked for time to present their report and were given until the next meeting.

JA-20

Mr. Zambrano proposed: That a committee be named to investigate which are the real and other properties belonging to the Municipality, and of which this Corporation has no knowledge-----approved and Messrs. Garza and Rodriguez were named as said committee with



the assistance of the President.

JA-21

Mr. Zambrano presented the following proposition: That a committee be named which shall present a Financial Plan for this Corporation, and until it is presented and adopted by this Corporation, that the decrees of the former Council be approved, with the exception of the one concerning the payment for dances which are not public, and that they shall be in full force until it shall seem well to abrogate them--this proposition being approved, the Council named as said committee Messrs. Yturri, Rodriguez, and Howth with the cooperation of the Secretary.

In accordance with this resolution, the following Decree was ordered made public: The Corporation of this City at the public session of March 13th, 1838, has decreed the following: That until a new code of laws for the governing of this Corporation and its Municipality has been adopted, the Decrees of the former Council remain in force with the exception of the one requiring a payment for holding dances which are not public.

The meeting adjourned until tomorrow at ten.

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Meeting of March 14th.

JA-22

The session being opened, the minutes of the former were read and approved.

Mr. Zambrano presented as a proposal, the following decree:

1st. Inasmuch as this Corporation finds itself authorized in the seventh part of the law of December of last year, to impose taxes upon the retail liquor dealers, upon Billiard halls and others, it is decreed that for the present, the person who desires to establish the sale of liquors in less than gallon lots, shall pay Five pesos monthly.

2nd. The person who commits an infraction of this Decree

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selling liquors in less than the above stated quantity without license shall forfeit for every such infraction of this Ordinance the Sum of Twenty Five Dolls. to be recovered as the Act directs---adopted and published

JA-23

Mr. Zambrano moved the adoption of the following Ordinance--Be it Ordained &c That no person shall be permitted to slaughter Beeves within said City under the penalty of ten dolls. for the first offence and double said sum for every repetition thereof. The places appointed for this purpose shall be, for the present, on the other side of the Creek or ditch on the west of the Town, and on the East beyond the ditch of the Alamo--adopted and ordered to be published

JA-24

Mr. Garza moved the adoption of the following Ordinances--Be it Ordained &c That in conformity with the laws and regulations of this Corporation, all those persons whose property lies on the Main Ditch which crosses the City, shall within ten days from the date hereof be obliged to clean out so much of said Main Ditch as by the former regulation they were bound to do, under the penalty of being fined in such sum as the Council may deem necessary to carry this object into effect--adopted and ordered to be published (in Spanish only)

JA-25

Be it ordained &c That all persons who occupy Houses or Stores within this City shall be required to remove all kinds of filth or rubbish which may be about the same, as being injurious to the health of the Town, and also to have the Street before their houses, or stores swept & sprinkled every Saturday, under the penalty of being fined in the amount necessary to carry this Ordinance into effect--adopted and ordered to be published.

JA-26

Mr. Zambrano moved the adoption of the following Ordinance--Be it Ordained &c That the Collector of this Corporation be authorized to Collect such sums as may be owing to the funds of the same for the tax on Stores, Shops and Billard tables, established by an Ordinance of the 7th of October of the late Municipal Council; and be it further ordained, that all sums exceeding five dolls. due to the funds of the Corporation, will be received in the Promissary Notes of the Government---adopted and ordered to be published.

Wm Henry Daingerfield

Adjourned till the 19 ins at 3 OC PM.

Willm. P. Delmour

Secty.

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shall be liable to a fine of Twenty-five pesos for each such infraction thereof, which the Collector shall inflict as the law prescribes.

3rd. Any person who wishes to procure a license for the establishing of said business, shall pay the tax in advance to the Treasurer, and with the receipt shall present himself before the Mayor, who will issue the license.

approved and ordered published.

JA-23

Mr. Zambrano presented as a proposal, the following decree: It is forbidden to kill cattle within the city under penalty of a fine of Ten pesos for the first time, and double (that amount) the second; for the present it can be done on the other side of San Pedro creek, on the West, and to the East, on the other side of the irrigating Ditch which runs from this side of the Alameda--

approved and ordered published.

JA-24

Mr. Garza presented as a proposal the following Decrees: In conformity to the former laws and government of this City, the Citizens who have properties fronting upon the Ditch that passes through the City, shall be obliged to clean that part of the irrigating Ditch which corresponds to each of them within the term of fifteen days, and if this is not done, they shall be fined in whatever amount the Council may judge sufficient to carry this Decree into effect--approved and ordered published.

JA-25

All individuals owners of houses and lots within the City, are ordered to have the (ground in) front of their houses and lots good and clean within the term of ten days; and in future on each Saturday of the week (they shall do the same); likewise to clean

up everything that may injure the public health, within their lots, and in case they do not comply with what is ordered in this decree, they shall suffer a fine in the amount that may be necessary to accomplish the desired end.

approved and ordered published.

JA-26

Mr. Zambrano presented as a proposal the following Decree: That the Collector be authorized to collect such sums as may be owed to the Corporation by stores, shops, store openings, and Billiards, according to the decree of the former Corporation of the date of October of last year, and all who may have payments to make into the funds of this Corporation which amount to more than Five pesos, can make them in promissory notes of the Government of Texas--

approved and ordered published.

The meeting was adjourned to Monday the 19th of the current month at three of the afternoon.

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March 19

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, and the minutes of the former Session having been read, The President announced that

Small who was elected Constable of the Corporation had accepted said office.

Mr. Zambrano brought up the Report of the Committee appointed to settle the accounts of the late Corporation, from which it appeared that there was paid into his hands by the Treasurer of the same the Sum of \$85.50<sup>cts</sup>.; out of which there is due ( ) for arrears of Salary, to the Secretary of said Body....Received and approved; the accounts remaining in custody of the Treasurer Mr. Zambrano.

JA-27

Mr. Ximenes on the part of the committee appointed to examine the situation of the City Hall for the purpose of repairing the same explains the difficulty of making out an estimate of the expenses attending it without a further extension of time, and the Council thereon resolved that said Committee should be authorized to contract for the repairs of said Building forthwith, and attend to the execution of the contract.

JA-28

Capt Howth moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign, in the name of the Corporation, a Bond of indemnification, in the case of attachment against the property of Fernando Rodriguez for money borrowed from the funds of the Corporation and remaining unpaid. Carried.

JA-29

Proposals were submitted to the Council by Mr. Lindsey for Surveying and laying off the City and its environs, designating the lots &c according to a fixed plan and at a stated price. The said proposals were approved by the Council, and Mr. Zambrano moved that a Committee be named to contract with Mr. Lindsey for said survey in the manner and upon the terms proposed; Carried and Messrs Daingerfield and Menchaca were appointed said Committee.

JA-30

Mr. Zambrano moved that Mr. Daingerfield be employed in his capacity of lawyer to collect and examine such documents and verbal testimony as may serve to establish the

ancient limits of this Corporation, and which are confirmed to it by the Act of the 14 Decr. 1837. Carried.

JA-31

Mr. Zambrano moved that a Committee be appointed to examine two manuscript Books handed over by the President of the late Corporation, and to form an index of whatever important matters they may contain. Carried; and Messrs. Garza and Rodriguez were appointed said Committee.

Wm Henry Daingerfield

Council adjourned to Monday April 2nd  
10 OC AM

Willm P. Delmour

Secty.

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Meeting of March 19th.

The session being opened the minutes of the former meeting were read and approved; the Mayor announced that Mr. Small who was elected Constable or law officer of the Corporation had accepted the post.

Mr. Zambrano presented the report of the committee encharged with obtaining and arranging the delayed accounts of the former Corporation, from which it appeared that the Treasurer of said Body delivered to him the amount of \$85. 4 reals, balance of the funds collected; and that there is still owing to the Secretary of the said Corporation the sum of ( ) pesos salary.

Accepted and approved; the documents  
remaining in the hands of the  
present Treasurer.

JA-27

Mr. Ximenes, for the committee appointed to examine the actual condition of the Town Hall, explained verbally the difficulties of forming an estimate of the expense of repairing said building, and the Council decided that the said committee be empowered to contract for, and to carry out the repairing of the said building without more delay.

JA-28

Mr. Howth proposed that the Mayor be authorised to sign, in the name of the Corporation, the promissory note for security against loss, amounting to three hundred pesos, as a legal requisite to proceed in the suit against the goods of Fernando Rodriguez for money which he received as a loan from the funds of the Corporation.

approved.

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Following this, a proposal of the surveyor Mr. Lindsey was taken into account, for the measuring, laying out, and plotting of a map of the City and of its properties according to the directions given him, and for a stipulated price. Mr. Zambrano proposed that a committee be named to make a contract with the said Engineer on the terms offered, which was approved and the Mayor and Mr. Menchaca were named as said committee.

JA-30

Mr. Zambrano proposed that Mr. Daingerfield be named Attorney in order to examine the documents and to take the testimonies which ought to establish what were the boundaries and ancient limits of this Corporation, which were confirmed to the City by the law

of December 14th of last year.

approved

JA-31

The same gentleman proposed that a committee be named to examine the two volumes which were delivered by the former Mayor, and to make an index of the more interesting matters which may be found in them.-

approved and Messrs. Garza and Rodriguez were named as said committee.

The meeting adjourned until April 2nd.

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April 2  
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The Council met pursuant to adjournment and the minutes of the last session having been read and approved---The Mayor informed the Council that in discharge of the duty assigned him by the Corporation he had sought and examined such testimony as might serve to show what were the ancient limits of the Town tract. (Egidos) That in the course of the inquiry he had encountered so much discrepancy and difference of opinion that his opinion as a lawyer was, it would be better for the Corporation to rest their claim to the Commons (Egidos) upon the Law of May 1829 by which said "Egidos" are defined.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the nature and situation of certain property belonging to the Corporation requested further time to prepare their report. ---granted.

Mr. Howth moved the following resolution---Resolved that this Corporation found its claim to town property on the Law of the State of Coahuila and Texas dated May 30th 1829 and that the survey of the Town tract commence from the center of the Public Square and extend two leagues from East to West and One league from North to South.

A discussion ensued upon the adoption of the Resolution and it was finally lost.

Capt Howth moved that the Council adjourn to Monday the 16th ins. by which time it was supposed that the Town Hall would be in a state to permit the Council to hold their sittings therein.

Willm P. Delmour Secty  
Wm Henry Daingerfield Mayor

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Meeting of April 2nd.

Read and approved the minutes of the former meeting, the Mayor stated that in compliance with the mission confided to him by the Corporation, he had procured and examined such reports as might serve to establish the ancient boundaries of the Public Domain of this City; that upon examination he had encountered such discrepancies and contradictions, that in his opinion as a Lawyer, it would be more convenient for the Corporation to adhere to the Ordinances of May 1829, which indicated the said domain.

The Committee named to gather information concerning the properties which belong to the Corporation and to give an account of them, explained that their report was not yet ready and requested more time to prepare it. Conceded until the next meeting.

Mr. Howth proposed the following: That the Corporation of this City base its right to the land which belongs to the City with its rights of dominion, upon the Law #98 of the State of Coahuila and Texas, dated May 30, 1829, and that measurements should begin at the center of the Plaza and extend two leagues from East to West and one league from North to South.

Being taken into consideration, the resolution, after some discussion was not approved.

The meeting was adjourned to reconvene on the 16th of the present month, it being understood that the Town Hall should be ready by that time to house the Council.

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May 25th

The Council met this day upon requisition of the Mayor and the Minutes of the Last Session having been read and approved a desultory conversation ensued upon the necessity of fixing the City boundary and Captain Howth offered the following resolution

Resolved that the 47th art of the Law of 1829 be translated and that the Mayor order the Survey to be made in accordance with the same.

A debate ensued, and the resolution being put to the vote and the ayes and noes called for there appeared for the Resolution Capt Howth, and against Messrs Rodriguez, Zambrano, Lombrano and Garza, the motion was therefore lost.

Mr. Zambrano then moved the following---

JA-32

Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to instruct the Surveyor to run the boundary line of the Town tract at the distance of one League in every direction from the City Church as a common center.

The resolution being put to the vote and the ayes and noes called for, there appeared in favor of the motion Messrs Rodriguez Zambrano Lombrano and Garza, and against it Mr. Howth, and the resolution was consequently adopted.

Mr. Rodriguez on the part of the Committee appointed to examine certain books belonging to the Archives of the Corporation reported that they contained nothing that merited the attention of the Council.

The same from the Committee to examine into the State of Certain Property belonging to the Corporation reported that the examination was not yet completed but would be so on the next meeting of the Council.

Adjourned to May 28th

Wm. Henry Daingerfield Mayor

Willm P. Delmour

Sect.

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PAGE 17:

Meeting of May 25th.

Read and approved the minutes of the preceding session, there was some discussion of the way to indicate and mark the boundaries of the public domain of the City, and Capt. Howth proposed the following:

Resolved; that the third part of Article 47 of the law of 1829 which specifies the domain of the City be translated, and that the Mayor order the Surveyor to make his

measurements of them in accordance with the said law.

After being discussed, the resolution was disapproved by roll-call vote, being in its favor Mr. Howth, and against it Messrs. Rodriguez, Zambrano and Garza.

Mr. Zambrano proposed the following:

JA-32

That the Mayor be empowered to order the Surveyor to survey the Public Domain of the City, beginning his measurements at the Church of the said city, one league in each direction.

Placed in discussion it was approved by a roll-call vote, being in favor Messrs. Rodriguez, Zambrano, Lombrano and Garza, and against it Mr. Howth.

The committee named to examine certain books from the archives of this Corporation, stated that they contained nothing that merited the attention of this Body.

The committee appointed to verify which are the properties of this Corporation, stated that their report was not yet complete, and promised to present it at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned until Monday 28 of the present month.

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June 12

The Council met this day upon the requisition of the Mayor and the minutes of the last sitting were read and approved

JA-33

Mr. Zambrano moved that the County Surveyor be requested to attend and state to the Corporation whether or not he is resolved to respect the rights of this Body and its ordinances as it appears some of his Deputies have lately made surveys within the limits claimed by the Corporation in virtue of the Law of Coahuila and Texas of May 1829.

Carried

Mr. Trimble, the County Surveyor appeared and explained that according to his understanding of the aforesaid Law, the Town tract was limited to two leagues, but that in compliance with the desire of the Corporation he would suspend future surveys within the four leagues claimed by the City, and retain the field notes of those already made untill the action of some competent authority on the subject.

Mr. Rodriguez moved the adoption of the follg. Ordinance

JA-34

Be it ordained &c that in consequence of the want of funds on the part of this Corporation a tax of One Dollar shall be paid by every cart which enters this City with Merchandise, and two dollars for each Waggon carrying freight and the product of this tax shall be appropriated to the repairs of the Bridges and of the ford of the main road.

Carried and ordered to be published.

Mr. Zambrano moved the adoption of the following resolution.

JA-35

Resolved, that in consequence of the disturbed state of this City for several months past, the Corporation has been unable to proceed in the course it had commenced for the proper regulation of the City; for which reason and in order that this Body may devote more attention to the matter, it shall meet in future every Monday at nine O'clock Am. and any member who fails to attend shall be fined in the sum of five dollars unless

he can allege a proper excuse, or previously notify the mayor of his inability to appear.

adopted Nem.....Con.....

The Mayor named Messrs Menchaca Rodriguez and Zambrano to examine what portion of the Town property could be sold at present with most advantage to the Corporation

Adjourned to Monday 18th ins..

Willm P. Delmour

Wm Henry Daingerfield

Secty.

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PAGE 18:

Meeting of June 12th.

Read and approved the minutes of the preceding session, Mr. Zambrano proposed the following:

JA-33

That the official Surveyor be made to appear before this Corporation and to state whether he is disposed to respect the Corporation of this City, as also its properties and decrees; or no; because it is known that one of his licensed surveyors has made surveys within the domain recently established by this Corporation in virtue of the Decree of Coahuila and Texas of the year 1829.

This motion being approved, Mr. Trimble appeared and stated that according to his understanding of the meaning of the said law of 1829, the City, together with its domains embraces two leagues and no more; however, and in order to accede to the desires of the Corporation, he will give orders not to make more surveys within the indicated limits of the Corporation, and that he will not deliver the field notes of the surveys already made until the matter is decided by a competent authority.

Mr. Rodriguez presented as a proposal the following decree:

JA-34

This corporation being so short of funds, a fee of one peso shall be established for each cart which enters the city carrying freight, and of two pesos if it is a waggon, and whatever is collected shall be set aside for the repair of the bridge and the ford of the Camino Real (main highway).

approved and ordered published.

JA-35

Mr. Zambrano proposed the following: In view of the disturbances for which this City suffered in the past months, the Corporation was unable to follow the course it was following, in which it was taking the very necessary measures for its proper administration; For this reason and in order that the Corporation may give more attention to its labors, it should hold a session every Monday at nine in the morning, and upon the individual who is not present there shall be inflicted a fine of five pesos which he shall deliver in silver. Non-attendance shall be excused for good reason, or if previous notice is given the Mayor. approved without discussion.

The Mayor named a committee composed of Messrs. Menchaca, Rodriguez and Zambrano to find out what portion of the Corporation's properties can be disposed of at the present, with most benefit to the City.

The meeting was adjourned until Monday, 18th of the present month.

Willm. P. Delmour, Sec.



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Monday June 18th, 1838

The Council met and there not being a quorum present adjourned to Thursday the 21st ins.

Willm P. Delmour

Secty

June 21st.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment and the roll being called there appeared Messrs Daingerfield Zambrano, Menchaca, Garza Lombrano, Arreola and Iturri, Mr. M. Ximenes had leave of absence, Messrs Rodriguez and Howth absent without leave. The minutes being read-----

The Committee appointed to report as to what portion of the Town property might be most advantageously disposed of asked further time to prepare said report....granted.

The Mayor appointed Mr. Garza a member of the said Commission

An order from the Secretary of the late Corporation for arrears of salary amounting to \$81..6 reales in favor of John W. Smith was ordered to be accepted by the Mayor in the name of the Corporation.

A representation from D A Navarro respecting enterments in grounds belonging to individuals was referred to a committee

A petition from A.C. Bailey to rent a building in the Military Square was referred to the same.

Mr. Zambrano submitted the following resolution

JA-37

Resolved that the mayor be authorized to inquire into the mode of obtaining a living of a number of individuals in this City who are believed to be vagrants, and if so to persecute them as the law directs...adopted

adjourned to Monday 25th inst.

Willm P. Delmour

WmHenry Daingerfield

Secty

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Meeting of June 21, 1838.

Read and approved the minutes of the previous meeting, the Committee named to indicate the properties of the Corporation which might be sold with the most benefit, declared that the report was not yet ready, and requested until next Monday to present it.

The Mayor named Mr. Garza as a member of the said committee.

A communication from Don A. Navarro with respect to interments in private properties was handed to the same committee.

A petition from Mr. Bailey to rent the buildings which were formerly barracks in the Plaza de Armas (Military Plaza) was ordered given to the same committee.

JA-37

Mr. Zambrano proposed the following:

That the Mayor be authorised to inquire into the mode of living of many people in the City who are believed to be vagrants and without occupation, who must suffer the rigor of the law.

approved.

JA-38

The Mayor was authorised to accept in the name of the Corporation an order of payment for the sum of \$81. 6 rls. this being the amount of the salary of the Secretary of the former Corporation, and made out in favor of Juan W. Smith.

The meeting was adjourned. Messrs. Ximenes, Rodriguez and Howth were not present; the first being absent with leave, and the others without.

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Monday June 25th 1838.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment and the roll being called there appeared Messrs Daingerfield Rodriguez Rodriguez Zambrano Menchaca Arreola Garza Lombrano and Iturri- Mr. Howth absent without leave.

The Minutes having been read and approved--

Mr. Rodriguez presented the following report from the Committee on Town property.

Having been appointed to inquire into certain property belonging to the Corporation the Committee have only found two suertes, or, lots of ground, which belonged to the late Menchacas situated in the labor alta, and One D<sup>c</sup> situate in the labor de Valero, and known by the name of Las Animas.

The Committee have spoken with Col I. N. Seguin who says that he is ready to settle with the Corporation upon the presentation of the papers and receipts

San Antonio June 25th 1838

R. Garza  
Ambrosio Rodriguez

The report was received and the following receipts of Col Seguin handed over to Committee for collection-----

No. 1	for	\$300	--	dated	Bexar	December	4th	1836
" 2	"	\$100	--	"	"	"	22	"
" 3	"	\$320	--	"	"	November	21	"

JA-40

Public Notice was ordered to be given respecting the renting of certain buildings in the Military Square-formerly the barracks.

JA-41

Mr. Zambrano moved the following resolution--- Resolved that the Collector be allowed to charge five per cent upon all moneys by him collected.....adopted.

Adjourned to Monday July 2"

Willm P Delmour

Wm. Henry Daingerfield

Secty.

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Meeting of June 25.

Read and approved the minutes of the former meeting, Mr. Rodriguez, on the part of the committee appointed to examine into the properties of the Corporation, presented the following report.

Most Illustrious Corporation:

Having been commissioned to examine the properties belonging to this Corporation; we have found only two pieces of land of the dead Menchacas located in the upper field (labor alta); another lot in Valero's patch (labor de Valero), known by the name of Las Animas (The "Spirits" or "Souls").

JA-39

We have seen Mr. Seguin, who says that as soon as his notes or receipts are presented, he will pay the Corporation.

San Antonio, June 25, 1838.

R. Garza  
Ambrosio Rodriguez.

The report having been approved, it was ordered that the committee be handed the notes given by Mr. Seguin, which are as follows:

No. 1	for	\$300	bearing	date	of	December	4,	1836
" 2	"	\$100	"	"	"	"	22,	"
" 3	"	\$320	"	"	"	November	21,	"

JA-40

It was ordered that a notice be published advising the public concerning the renting of the houses, formerly barracks, in the Plaza de Armas.

JA-41

Mr. Zambrano proposed the following:

That five per cent of all that he may collect be assigned to the Collector.

approved--

The meeting was adjourned; Messrs. Yturri and Howth, did not attend.

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Monday July 2 1838

In consequence of many members of the Council and the Citizens generally, being engaged in making preparations to repel the aggressions of the Indians there was no meeting of the Corporation this day.

July 16th

The Council met this day, present, the Mayor, Messrs Rodriguez Menchaca Lombrano and Arreola and there not being a quorum adjourned to Thursday the 19th inst. the absent members being adjudged liable to the fine imposed by the Resolution of the 12th ult.

Willm P. Delmour

Secty.

July 19th

The Council met pursuant to adjournment present the Mayor Messrs Rodriguez, Zambrano, Iturri, Lombrano, Garza, and Menchaca

The Committee on Town property reported that the Balance due by Col John N. Seguin was \$571.4 rls he having given up various receipts for the sum of \$148.4 rls, which two sums make the total of \$720.00 for which the Committee held his receipts.

JA-42

Mr. Zambrano moved that Col Seguin's note for the sum of \$571.4 rls payable in twelve days from the date and in Texas paper be received in full payment of the Balance due the Corporation by him. Carried.

JA-43

Mr. Zambrano moved that a Committee be appointed to see that the boundary line of the City be run out as soon as possible according to their understanding with the Surveyor....carried

The Mayor appointed Messrs Rodriguez and Garza said Commn.

Willm P Delmour  
Secty.

Adjourned  
Wm. Henry Daingerfield

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Meeting of July 2, 1838

Inasmuch as several individuals of this Corporation are occupied, together with the other citizens, making preparations to resist the aggressions of the Indians, there was no meeting today.

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Monday, July 16, 1838

Inasmuch as there was not a competent number of members (quorum) present, there was no meeting; the individuals who absented themselves rendering themselves liable to the fine imposed by the Resolution of the 12th day of the past month.

The Mayor named Thursday the 19th. for a reunion of the Council.

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Meeting of July 19th, 1838

Read and approved the minutes of the last meeting, the committee on properties belonging to the Corporation presented the following report:

"We have received from Mr. Juan N. Seguin, in adjustment of his account, his promissory note for five hundred seventy one pesos four reals, and various receipts which amount to one hundred forty-eight pesos four reals, the sum of which together amount to seven hundred twenty pesos, which receipts we accepted.

Rafael Garza  
Ambrosio Rodríguez

JA-42

Mr. Zambrano proposed that the note of Col. Seguin for the sum of \$571.4 reals payable in twelve days from its date and in notes of Texas, be accepted in payment of the amount which the said Gentleman owes to the Corporation.

approved.

JA-43

The same gentleman proposed that a committee be named to be present at the survey of the city, as soon as possible, as was agreed with the surveyor.

approved.

The Mayor named Messrs. Rodriguez and Garza as the said committee.

The meeting was adjourned; Messrs. Ximenes, Arreola and Howth did not assist.

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Monday July 30th 1838

The Council met present the Mayor, Messrs Rodriguez Menchaca Zambrano Arreola Iturri and Garza

The Committee appointed to superintend the running of the boundary line of the municipal lands of the City reported that they had performed their task and presented a plat of the work.

JA-44

The Committee appointed to lay off a certain portion of lots for public sale presented a plan of the same for the information of the Corporation; which Plan being approved was ordered to be publicly exhibited.

Mr. Rodriguez offered the following resolution---

JA-45

Resolved that all surveys which any surveyor may have made or may make within the limits of the Corporation shall be null and of no effect, of which public notice shall be given in the Houston newspaper the National Banner untill countermanded.

adopted

Mr. Menchaca offered the following resolution.

JA-46

Resolved that a Courier be despatched to the Commissioners General on Thursday or Friday of the present week for the purpose of representing and making known to the said Commissioners Gral that the Surveyors in the County of Bexar respect neither the property of individuals nor that of the Corporation, having made and continuing to make surveys upon both-----adopted

Mr. Zambrano proposed the following resolution.

JA-47

That all persons brought into the Country by any Mexican officer and who have no visible means of living, if found either within this City or its precincts shall be obliged to depart as speedily as possible for the Republic of Mexico...carried

JA-48

Mr. Menchaca moved that the Corporation subscribe for the newspaper called the National Banner.....agreed to

JA-49

Mr. Garza moved that the monthly salary of the Secretary of twenty five dollars should be payable in silver.....carried-

JA-50

The Mayor now informed the Council that various motives, which he stated in writing, compelled him to offer his resignation, which being accepted by the Corporation, the following address was

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Meeting of July 30, 1838

Read and approved the minutes of the preceding meeting, the committee appointed to have the public domain of this City surveyed, stated that it had been done, and presented a small plan of the work.

JA-44

The committee appointed to survey the lots to be sold to the public, presented a plan of the said lots, for the information of the Corporation.

The plan having been approved it was ordered exposed to the view of the public.

Mr. Rodriguez proposed the following resolution:

JA-45

That all measurements (surveys) which any surveyor may have made or may make within the limits of the Corporation, be annulled, publishing a notice to the public and sending it to Houston for publication in the "Bandera Nacional" (The National Flag) until further notice to the editor ----it was approved-----

JA-46

Mr. Menchaca offered the following resolution:

That a Courier be despatched to the Commissioner General on Thursday or Friday, of this week, the object being to make representation, or to inform said Commissioner General that the Surveyors in Bexar county do not respect private properties, either of the inhabitants of this City, or of the Corporation, for they have made surveys and continue to make them on such properties----it was approved----

JA-47

Mr. Zambrano proposed the following:

That all individuals who are found to be without occupation in this City or within its bounds, who were introduced into Texas by some Mexican leader, be forced to leave here as quickly as possible, for the Republic of Mexico----approved without discussion--

JA-48

Mr. Menchaca proposed that the Corporation subscribe for the newspaper "Bandera Nacional" (National Banner)----approved-----

JA-49

Mr. Garza offered the following resolution: That the salary of the Secretary, of twenty-five pesos per month, be paid in silver----it was approved----

JA-50

The Mayor stated that for various reasons he must resign his position, and the Corporation upon accepting it, gave him the following:

Mr. President of the Corporation;

SIR:

In view of the resignation which you have presented to the

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presented him, signed by all the members present-----

Sir.. In accepting your resignation it is with the greatest regret that we find that a Gentleman so distinguished for his talents and his kindly feelings towards our City should cease to accompany us in the labors which we commenced together and had hoped to conclude in company. Permit us therefore to offer you our best thanks for your correct discharge of your duties during the period of your presiding over us..

Your obedient Servants	J. A. Zambrano
	R. Garza
	A Menchaca
	L Arreola
	A. Rodriguez
	M Iturri Castillo

JA-51

The Council appointed Messrs Menchaca and Arreola with the Secretary a Committee to inform the Chief Justice of the resignation of the Mayor and also of that of Mr. Howth

Adjourned

Willm P. Delmour  
(rubric)  
Secty

Monday August 27, 1838

The Councilmen present Messrs Menchaca Rodriguez Zambrano Lombrano, Iturri Garza and Arreola.

JA-52

Mr. Garza nominated Mr. Menchaca for mayor pro tem in consequence of the resignation of W. H. Daingerfield.

Mr. Zambrano nominated Mr. Rodriguez for the same office. The votes being taken, Mr. Menchaca was elected

JA-53

On motion of Mr. Zambrano it was ordered that the Mayor pro tem in concert with the two aldermen, Messrs Iturri and Rodriguez, should notify the Citizens that an Election for Mayor and for two Aldermen in place of Messrs Howth and Flores, resigned, would be held at the Court House on Tuesday September 4th nine OClock AM.

-----Adjourned-----

Willm P. Delmour, Secty.

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Corporation, in which you announce that you must separate yourself from it for the reasons which you have expressed, we feel extremely sorry that a person like Yourself, of your wisdom and your sentiments toward this City, can no longer accompany us in the labors which we had begun and which we hoped to finish. For this reason we give you our most expressive thanks for the excellent guidance it has had during the time of your administration.

Juan Zambrano  
Rafael Garza  
Antonio Menchaca  
Leandro Arreola  
Ambrosio Rodriguez  
Manuel Yturri Castillo

JA-51

Following this the Corporation named Messrs. Menchaca and Arreola, with the Secretary, as a committee to announce to the Principal Judge of the County the resignation of the Mayor, and also that of Mr. Howth, that the proper steps might be taken.

The meeting adjourned, Messrs. Ximenes and Lonbrano did not assist.

Meeting of August 27, 1838

JA-52

Read and approved the minutes of the preceding meeting, Mr. Garza named Mr. Menchaca to serve as Mayor pro tem of the Corporation, because of the resignation of Mr. Daingerfield.

Mr. Zambrano nominated Mr. Rodriguez for the same post, and the vote having been taken, Mr. Menchaca was elected.

JA-53

Upon a motion of Mr. Zambrano the President pro tem, together with the Councilmen Ambrosio Rodriguez and Manl. Yturri Castillo, were instructed to advise the citizens that elections must be held on Tuesday the 4th of September for Mayor, and two Councilmen in place of Messrs. Flores and Howth.

-----The meeting was adjourned-----

Monday October 8th 1838

JA-54

The Council met upon requisition of the President pro tem to consider of the propriety of adopting measures to secure the City against any sudden assault from the marauding parties of Mexicans now in the neighborhood of San Antonio. present Messrs Menchaca Iturri Arreola Zambrano Ximenes and Lombrano

The President briefly explained the motives of calling together the Corporation and Mr. Zambrano moved the following resolutions.

1. A general list shall be made out of all individuals able to bear arms, as also of the horses and mules which each may possess, in order, should circumstances require that they should be in readiness to repel any attempt which might be made by the marauders to rob this city.
2. Any contravention of this ordinance will subject the offender to a fine not less than five nor exceeding ten dollars, to be recovered by summary process.

The above resolutions were carried unanimously and ordered to be published.

----adjourned----

Willm P. Delmour  
(Rubric)  
Secty

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Thursday Oct 11 1838

The Corporation met present Messrs Menchaca Iturri Arreola Zambrano Lombrano and Garza--

The Mayor explained that the object of the meeting was to agree with a Committee named by a General Meeting of the Citizens, on the measures to be adopted in the existing crisis.

JA-55

Col John N. Seguin as chairman of said Committee presented certain resolutions recommending the necessary steps for the defence of the City, which being submitted to the Corporation and unanimously adopted were ordered to be published.

JA-56

Mr. Zambrano moved that all persons keeping taverns should be obliged to hand to Mayor daily a list of all persons remaining in their houses.----carried

----adjourned----

Willm P. Delmour  
Secty.

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Meeting of the 8th day of October 1838

JA-54

In attention to the summons of the Mayor pro tem the Corporation met with the object of taking measures to safeguard this City against any assault that might be attempted by the parties of the enemy which are committing depredations in its vicinity.

The Mayor briefly explained the object of this meeting, and Mr. Zambrano proposed the following resolutions.



1st. That tomorrow it shall be proceeded with to make a general enlistment of all individuals capable of taking arms, and also of the beasts which each may own, in order that, if the circumstances demand it, they can be ready to make a defense against any party of bandits who might attempt to loot this City.

2nd. It is decreed that a fine shall be exacted from any individual who may contravene this decree, that shall be not less than five, nor shall it pass ten, which shall be collected in the most summary manner.

Put to discussion, the resolutions were approved with unanimity, and it was ordered to make them public by Ordinance.

----The meeting was adjourned----

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Meeting of the 11th day of October 1838

The Corporation met today with the object of consulting with a committee named by a popular assembly (town meeting) of the citizens, concerning the measures which should be adopted for the defense of the City.

JA-55

Col. Juan N. Seguin, as President of the Committee presented some resolutions with this object, the which, put to a discussion, were adopted by the Corporation and it was ordered that they be published.

JA-56

Mr. Zambrano made the motion that all proprietors of taverns be obliged to deliver daily to the Mayor of the Corporation a list of all individuals who lodge in their houses.----approved----

----The meeting was adjourned----

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JA-57

In the City of San Antonio in the County of Bexar on this eighth day of January One Thousand eight hundred and thirty nine the Corporation of said City was installed and consisted of the following members duly elected on the seventh day of this month as appears by the annexed certificate of the President Pro tem and associate Judges of this County under whose authority the election was holden---Jose Cacicano, John W. Smith Vicente Garza Manuel Perez Francisco Anto. Ruiz George M. Dolson Aldermen. Lancelot Smithers Treasurer and William Small Collector who having taken the oath of office as prescribed by law entered upon the discharge of their functions, Samuel Maverick Mayor (absent) Domingo Bustillos and Luciano Navarro who were elected Aldermen were not present at the act of Installation, whereupon the members proceeded to the election of a President Pro tem when John W. Smith was unanimously elected.

JA-58

January 8th 1839

Mr. Ruiz moved that a Committee be appointed to require from the President Pro tem of the late Municipal body all the papers and documents, as also an account of the existences belonging to this body

Carried and Messrs Vicente Garza and Jose Cacicano were appointed said Committee.

JA-59

Mr. Garza moved that a Committee be appointed to require from the Treasurer of the late body an account of the Egress and ingress of the Public funds of this City Carried and Messrs Dolson and Ruiz were appointed said Committee.

JA-60

Mr. Ruiz moved that a Committee be appointed to require of the late Collector the accounts of sums paid to him and delivered to the Treasurer Carried and Messrs Perez and Garza were appointed said Committee

The Council adjourned to Friday January 11th ten O.C. A. M.

Rafael Garza  
(rubric)  
Secty

John W. Smith Prest  
(rubric)  
Pro tem.

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JA-57

In consequence of the official communications sent to the Mayor or President, Councilmen, Treasurer, and Collector of the Corporation of San Antonio (who were elected on the 7th day of this month) for the reunion of the said Body. Upon this day and date, at ten in the morning, there entered into the discharge of their offices Jose Casiano, Juan G. Smith, Vicente Garza, Manuel Perez, Francisco A. Ruiz, George M. Dolson, as Councilmen; Lancelot Smithers, Treasurer and William Small as Collector; who having appeared were sworn according to form and were inducted into their employments; not having been present at this act Samuel A. Maverick the Mayor because of absence from this place. Domingo Bustillos and Luciano Navarro who were also elected Councilmen did not assist. And in confirmation they signed with me and the two Associate Judges on the 8th day of the month of January of one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Upon which, all the members being assembled, they proceeded to the election of a Mayor pro tem and Don Juan G. Smith resulted elected by a unanimity of votes.

Antonio Menchaca  
Mayor pro tem.

JA-58

First Meeting of the 8th day of January of 1839

Mr. Ruiz proposed that a committee be named to request from the Mayor of the former Corporation the documents and papers belonging to this Body; likewise a report of the funds on hand. Unanimously approved and Messrs. Vicente Garza and Jose Casiano were appointed, to form said committee.

JA-59

Mr. Garza proposed that another committee be appointed to request an account of the receipts and expenditures of the public funds of this City, from the retiring Treasurer, which commission fell to Messrs. Dolson and Ruiz.

JA-60

Mr. Ruiz proposed that there be appointed a committee to request from the previous Collector the accounts of the amounts which he may have collected and delivered to the Treasurer; approved and Messrs. Perez and Garza were named for this purpose.

The meeting adjourned, to meet again on Friday the 11th of January 1839 at ten in the morning.

R. Garza Sec.

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Friday January 11th 1839

The Council met pursuant to adjournment and the roll being called there appeared Messrs John W. Smith Dolson Ruiz Garza and Perez Mr. Jose Caciono absent on account of sickness. The minutes of the former session being read--

Mr. Garza on the party of the Committee appointed to receive the papers & documents belonging to this body from the late President delivered a quantity of papers without an inventory of the contents

The Committee appointed to receive from the late Treasurer the accounts of the Public funds said that they had spoken to the said Treasurer and his reply was that he would let the Committee know when he had finished of regulating his accounts, which untill now remains in such state.

The Committee appointed to regulate the accounts with the late Collector presented an account of two hundred and twenty six dollars being the only amount he received for the Corporation by its future dispositions

The President Pro tem presented to the board six receipts from the acting treasurer being an equal sum of dollars entered in to the treasury for Ball licences.

JA-61:

On motion of Mr. Perez. Resolved that steps be taken immediately to repair the house in which the Corporation holds their sessions so that the archives of said body may be secure Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed for the purpose of carrying in to effect the following resolution & that said committee be empowered to draw on the Corporation fund to the amount of sixty dollars for the purpose of carrying into execution said repairs provided however that said money shall be drawn from money not otherwise appropriated carried and Messrs J. W. Smith & Jose Caciono were appointed said committee

Adjournment to Friday 18th inst. the President Pro tem having liberty to call the Council to an extraordinary session if so required

Rafael Garza  
Secty.

Jno. W. Smith Pres Pro tem

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Meeting of Friday the 11 of January of 1839

The meeting being opened; being present the Mayor pro tem Juan G. Smith; Councilmen Dolson, Ruiz, Garza and Perez, without the presence of Jose Casiano because of illness, the minutes of the last meeting were read, and this being approved Mr. Garza, without the assistance of Mr. Jose Casiano, committee appointed to receive from the former Mayor the delivery of the belongings of this Body, turned over a quantity of papers without an inventory of what they contain.

Messrs. Dolson and Ruiz appointed a committee to receive from the Treasurer the accounts of the public funds stated that they had talked with the former Treasurer and that his reply reduced himself to (the statement) that he would let them know when he had finished arranging the accounts which up to now had remained in such a state.

Messrs. Garza and Perez in the carrying out of their commission presented a vouchered account from the previous Collector amounting to two hundred twenty six pesos all of which was received by the Corporation for its future dispositions.

The Mayor pro tem showed the Body six receipts from the present Treasurer for an

equal number of pesos entered into the treasury from licenses for dances.

JA-61

Mr. Manuel Perez stated that it is very necessary that convenient measures be taken to conclude the repairing of the building in which the Council should celebrate its meetings and which should serve at the same time as a safe deposit for the papers and archives which belong to it. For this reason he requested that it be ordered that a committee be appointed to come to an understanding with the workmen who are to do the work which requires the repair and cleaning of the said building, for which committee he proposed Messrs. Juan G. Smith and Jose Casiano with authority to dispose for this business of the sum of sixty pesos from the public funds, which are not (otherwise) appropriated, of which opinion were all the other members.

The meeting was adjourned, the Mayor being at liberty to call the Body to an extraordinary meeting if it should be necessary before the coming Friday, on which it should meet for the regular session.

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January 18th 1839

The council met pursuant to adjournment and the minutes of the last session having been read and approved

JA-62

The President Pro tem presented the Council two petitions from individuals for the Secretary's office, Dolson and Casiano were appointed commissioners to receive the votes of the election said commissioners returned Rafael Garza with a majority of votes, who being called was duly sworn and took his seat with permission to give his Bond afterwards

The President laid before the body ten receipts from the treasurer for Balls made since the last session being an equal sum of dollars entered in to the treasury

Mr. Ruiz proposed the following resolution

JA-63

That a committee be appointed to regulate the accounts with the late Treasurer and Collector, said committee will give an account in writing making the observations which might be convenient, carried and Mess. Ruiz & Perez were appointed said committee with privilege to use the papers belonging to this affair

Mr. Ruiz offered the following ordinance defining the duties &c of the Treasurer

Be it ordained and it is hereby decreed by the Aldermen in council of the City of Bexar as follows to witt

Be it ordained that the Treasurer of said City be and he is hereby required to keep a book in which he shall make an entry of all monies that shall be paid in to the treasurer of the City,

Be it further ordained that the Treasurer shall keep every separate appropriation in an entry made in the said book and shall also make distinct entries and disbursements of said appropriations

Be it further ordained that the treasurer shall at any time when required so to do present to the council of the City aforesaid a statement of the funds of said Corporation or any particular appropriation

Be it further ordained that the treasurer shall not pay over no monies of the Corporation nor any particular appropriation without a draft drawn by the Mayor of said

City Council on the treasurer for the same expressing therein the particular fund or appropriation from which the same shall be paid

Be it further ordained that the president shall keep an account of all monies that he by draft may draw upon the treasurer for, as well as general as particular funds

Be it further ordained that the treasurer shall not be required to keep an account of monies paid for licenses on Fandangos in the book required by the 1st section of this decree but he shall keep a separate book in which said monies shall be entered and when the amount of any particular appropriation shall appear on the same it shall then be transferred to the book mentioned in the first Article of this Decree and entered as a credit upon said book-entry remains for discussion untill next session

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Meeting of the 18th day of January of 1839

The Corporation being reunited, with the individuals Juan G. Smith, Mayor; pro tem, Dolson, Francisco Antonio Ruiz, Vicente Garza, Jose Casiano and Manuel Perez, Councilmen; the meeting was declared open; read and approved the previous minutes -

JA-62

The Mayor presented two petitions from persons who solicit the position of Secretary of this Body, and Dolson and Casiano were named for commissioners and to receive the votes of the election, which committee gave account that Rafael Garza had a majority of votes, and being sent for, the elected candidate took oath in due form according to the law, and took up his duties, with permission to give his bond afterwards.

----approved----

The Mayor showed to the Body ten receipts from the Treasurer for dances held since the last meeting, an equal number of pesos being entered into the treasury.

JA-63

Mr. Ruiz proposed the following:

That a committee be named to settle accounts with the Treasurer and Collector of last year, which was accepted, having to give a report in writing, making in it any relevant comments; which commission was given Messrs. Ruiz and Perez, with permission to make use of the documents belonging to the matter.

----approved----

Mr. Ruiz presented as a proposal the following decree:

Regulating the duties of the Treasurer. Let it be ordered, and by this (act) is decreed by the Councilmen of the City of San Antonio of Bexar, the following:

1st\_\_\_ It is ordered that the Treasurer of the Corporation is by this (act) required to keep a book of entries in which he shall give entry and outgo of all sums which may be delivered to him which belong to the said Corporation.

2nd\_\_\_ It shall be ordered that the Treasurer shall indicate in the said book, separately, all the appropriations and expenditures of funds designated for particular works.

3rd\_\_\_ It shall be ordered that the Treasurer, in whatever moment, he may be required by the Mayor of the Corporation, to do so, shall give an account of the balances that there may be in the public funds and of any of the branches of which they are made up, in detail.

4th\_\_\_ It shall be ordered that the Treasurer of this Corporation may not pay any amount without an order from the Mayor for the same, which shall state the appropriation from which it shall be expended, whether it be a general or a particular appropriation.

5th\_\_\_ It shall be ordered that the Mayor shall keep an account of all the drafts on the Treasurer whether they be from general or particular funds.

6th\_\_\_ It shall be ordered that the Treasurer of the Corporation, besides the book which is ordered in the first section of this decree, shall have another in which shall be entered the Dances which pay their fees, and that at the end of each month this account shall be entered in the General Account Book; this was held over to be decided at the next meeting.

Rafael Garza, Se.

Jno. W. Smith, Pres. Pro Tem.

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Friday Jany 25th 1839

The Council met and there not being a quorum present adjourned to Friday 1st February

Rafael Garza  
(rubric)  
Secty

February 1st

JA-64

The Council met pursuant to adjournment and the roll being called there appeared Mess. John W. Smith Dolson Ruiz Garza and Perez Mr. Caciono absent on account of sickness. The minutes being read. The act presented at last session regulating the duties of Treasurer &c was read and approved

The President laid before the body twenty five receipts from the Treasurer being an equal sum of dollars entered in to the treasury

The Committee appointed to regulate the accounts with the late Treasurer and Collector presented them and delivered them to the Secty untill the arrival of the Treasurer

JA-65

Mr. Dolson moved that a committee be appointed to attend the cleaning of the Ditch which runs through town according to the ordinance of a decree of the last Corporation dated March 14th 1838, carried, and Messrs Garza and Dolson were appointed said committee who will have to present a list of those who accomplish this decree ---approved and ordered to be published

JA-66

Mr. Perez offered the following decree

It is hereby decreed by this Corporation that the Alley betwixt Nixon and Vidal should be opened and have the width according to the anterior regulations and also to others which this town had since its foundation so as to permit the inhabitants to water.

----approved and ordered to be published----

Council adjourned untill next term

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Meeting of the 25th day of January 1839

The municipal body having convened and not having a quorum, the meeting was adjourned

until the 1st day of February.

February 1, 1839

JA-64

Read and approved the minutes, the Decree regulating the duties of the Treasurer was read, which was offered at the preceding meeting, which was approved.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the previous Treasurer presented them and placed them in the hands of the Secretary, until the arrival of the said Treasurer. The Mayor showed 25 receipts from the Treasurer for dances held.

JA-65

Mr. Dolson proposed that there be named a committee to attend to the cleaning of the Main Ditch which passes through this city according to what was ordered in the Decree of the former Corporation bearing date of March 14th of last year, which charge was given to Messrs. Vicente Garza and George M. Dolson who are instructed to present a list of those who may comply with this decree---approved and ordered to be published---

JA-66

Mr. Perez presented as a proposal the following decree.

By this act it is decreed that the Alley which lies between (the properties of) Messrs. Vidal and Nixon shall be widened to conform to former regulations, and also to all the others that this City has had since its founding, in order to facilitate the passing of the inhabitants to the water.

---approved and ordered published---

With which the meeting was adjourned until the next date.

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March 1st 1839.

The Council met present the President Pro tem Messrs G. M. Dolson Jose Caciono V. Garza Manl Perez and Franco Ruiz the minutes having been read and approved

The President elected presented himself took the requisite oath and proceeded acting as such

Mr. J. W. Smith who acted as President Pro tem laid before the body forty two receipts from the Treasurer for balls made being an equal sum of dollars entered in to the Treasury

The committee appointed to attend the repairing of the Corporation house presented an account of forty five dollars and eighty seven cents for materials and work done to said house

The President Pro tem presented a receipt of two hundred dollars paid to Wm Lindsey Surveyor on his account for surveys made to the former Corporation received from Franco Ruiz for account of Fernando Rodrigz.

also a draft in favor of the Secretary year 1838 one hundred dollars

also a draft in favor of actual Secretary twenty five dollars

To the Honorable the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio

The undersigned respectfully submits the following proposition to your Hon. Body for Consideration, and should it meet with your approbation he will endeavor to discharge the duties of his station to the utmost of his ability,

He proposes commencing a public school on the first of March ensuing and agrees to teach all that may enter therein the English Language, together with Penmanship &

Arithmetic provided the number shall not exceed thirty for the sum or at the rate of Eight hundred dollars per annum payable quarterly or monthly as your Hon. Body may think proper

His system of instruction heretofore pursued by him has met he believes with general approbation but it is susceptible of much improvement which he is willing to effect provided sufficient inducements are given him, In order that your Hon. Body may be convinced that his proposition is entitled to your attention, he further proposes that you appoint three Gentlemen to examine fully into the merits of his system and report thereon at your next regular meeting--With due consideration-- He remains

I. H. Winchell

San Antonio Feby 14th 1839

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Meeting of the 1st day of March 1839.

The Corporation being convened, there were present the Mayor pro tem Don Juan G. Smith; Councilmen George M. Dolson, Jose Casiano, Vicente Garza, Manuel Perez and Francisco Ruiz; the act (minutes) of the last meeting was read and approved. The Mayor Elect having presented himself took the oath as required and following this, acted as such.

Mr. Juan G. Smith who acted as Mayor, presented to the Body forty and two receipts from the Treasurer for dances held, an equal number of pesos entering into the Treasury.

The committee named to take charge of the repairing of the Corporation Hall, presented an account for forty and five pesos seven reals for materials and labor used upon the said hall.

The Mayor pro tem presented a receipt for two hundred pesos paid to the Surveyor Wm. Lindsay on account for surveys made for the former Corporation, received from Don Francisco A. Ruiz for the account of Don Fernando Rodriguez; also a draft in favor of the Secretary for the year 1838 for the sum of a hundred pesos--also one in favor of the present Secretary for twenty and five pesos.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR and Councilmen of the City of San Antonio:

The undersigned respectfully offers the following proposition to the Hon. Body for its consideration, and should it be approved he will make every effort to fulfill the duties of his post to the utmost of his ability. He proposes to open a public school on the first day of the coming March and obligates himself to teach to all who may enroll, The English language, together with writing and Arithmetic, provided that the number does not exceed thirty, for the sum of, or for, eight hundred pesos per year, payable quarterly or monthly as your Hon. Body may judge more convenient, His system of teaching or instruction before now, he believes has met with general approval, but it can be improved upon which he desires, provided he is given sufficient encouragement. And in order that your Hon. Body may be convinced that his proposal merits your attention, he also proposes that you name three gentlemen to fully investigate the merits of his system and make a report at the next meeting. With due consideration, I am yours

J. C. Winchell

San Antonio, Feb. 14th. 1839.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

JA-67

The first Monday in January, 6th day of the month, there will be an election in the Town Hall (casa de la Corporacion) to elect a Mayor or President, Eight Councilmen, a Treasurer, and a Collector for the Corporation of San Antonio for the coming year; the polls will be open at nine in the morning and will close at 4 in the afternoon.

San Antonio, December 28, 1839.

S. A. Maverick Mayor; R. Garza Secretary.

List of the candidates who have been voted upon by the Assembly of this date in accordance with the Public Notice of January 6, 1839, for the following offices.

PRESIDENTVOTES

J. W. Smith.....	66
J. A. Navarro.....	1
Francisco A. Ruiz.....	1

COUNCILMEN

C. Van Ness.....	65
M. Arciniega.....	63
George Blow.....	64
Manuel Perez.....	--
D. A. Taylor.....	23
F. A. Ruiz.....	64
J. McMullen.....	61
A. Rodriguez.....	63
J. A. Navarro.....	48
J. W. Smith.....	1
Alejo Bustillos.....	1
W. B. Jaques.....	1
J. Simpson.....	1
R. Davis.....	1
J. R. Cunningham.....	1
L. Navarro.....	2
D. Bustillo.....	1
J. A. Zambrano.....	1

TREASURER

Joseph McClellan.....	64
J. Montes.....	1

COLLECTOR

J. C. Morgan.....	66
Saml. Williams.....	1

PAGE 33: We certify that as a result of the election held today the 6th January of 1840, the following persons have been elected: to wit;

John W. Smith, Mayor

Councilmen

Cornelius Van Ness  
Miguel Arciniega  
George Blow  
Manuel Perez  
Francisco A. Ruiz  
John McMullen  
Jose A. Navarro  
Ambrosio Rodriguez

Treasurer

Joseph McClellan

Collector

Joseph C. Morgan

Samuel A. Maverick (SEAL)  
Mayor or President

Francisco A. Ruiz (SEAL)

Manuel Perez (SEAL)

D. A. Taylor (SEAL)  
Secretary

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January 8th 1840

The Council in and for the City of San Antonio elected for the year 1840 met in session in the City Hall present

J. W. Smith Mayor  
 J. A. Navarro.  
 George Blow.  
 Miguel Arciniega.  
 John McMullen.  
 Ambrosio Rodrigz.  
 Manuel Perez.  
 Franco A. Ruiz.

C. Van Ness. Alderman elect absent member in Congress for the County there being a quorum proceeded.

When Mr. Blow represented to the board that the County Court was then in session and a part of this body having business to attend to, moved an adjournment untill the 10th at ten o'clock A. M. Carried the Board adjourned agreeable to motion

R. Garza

Jno W. Smith Mayor

Sec.

Jan'y 10th 1840

Agreeable to the adjournment of the last session of the Council in and for the City of San Antonio met in the City Hall present Smith Mayor Navarro McMullen Perez Ruiz Blow and Rodrigz Aldermen Arciniega not in attendance. When the body was called to order

JA-68

Mr. Blow moved that a committee be appointed to make an inventory of all the documents delivered by the former Corporation Mess. Blow McMullen & Arciniega were appointed said committee who at the same time will give their opinion upon affairs of consideration and propmt resolution

Mr. Smith Mayor laid before the body two receipts from the Treasurer being an equal sum of dollars entered to the Treasury for Ball's made

JA-69

Resolved by this Corporation that the Treasurer shall give a bond of two thousand dollars and the Collector one of fifteen hundred dollars

On motion of Mr. Blow and seconded by the Council Mess. McMullen & Perez appointed to receive from the late Treasurer the accounts of the public funds of the City

JA-70

The Council disposed that the President of same Body should call and get together all the proprietors of the Labor below town and citizens living near the main ditch leading through the City to clean out said ditch

Adjournment untill 17th 1840

Jno W. Smith Mayor

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January 8 of 1840

The Council of the City of San Antonio elected for the year 1840, convened in the Town Hall, present:

Juan G. Smith....Mayor  
Jose A. Navarro  
Geo. Blow  
Miguel Arciniega  
Juan McMullen  
Ambrosio Rodriguez  
Manuel Perez  
Francisco Antonio Ruiz

C. Van Ness Councilman elect, member of Congress for the County; there being a quorum the meeting proceeded.

Mr. Blow stated to the Council that the County Court was in session and that some of this Body having business with the court to attend to, he moved that the Council adjourn until the 10th at ten in the morning, which was approved.

R. Garza  
Sec.

Jno. W. Smith,  
Mayor

Meeting of January 10, 1840

Reunited the Corporation, present Smith Mayor; McMullen, Perez, Ruiz, Blow and Rodriguez, Councilmen; Arciniega being absent, and the Body called to order:

JA-68

Mr. Blow proposed that a committee be appointed to inventory all the documents delivered by the preceding Corporation, and by a majority of votes there were elected for this purpose, Messrs. Blow, McMullen and Arciniega, who at the same time are to make known their opinion upon any matters for consideration and prompt resolution.

The Mayor showed the Corporation two receipts from the Treasurer for an equal number of pesos produced by dances which have been held.

JA-69

By resolution of the Corporation the Treasurer should be required to furnish bond of two thousand pesos and the Collector one of one thousand five hundred.

Upon motion of Mr. Blow and seconded by the Council Messrs. McMullen and Perez were named to receive from the former Treasurer the accounts of the public funds of the City.

JA-70

It was disposed by the Council that the Mayor of the Body will come to an understanding with the owners of plots in the lower cultivated tract, and the neighbors who may be living near the Ditch which passes through the City, so that they will proceed to clean the Ditch.

Adjourned until the 17th, 1840

R. Garza, Sec.

Jon. W. Smith, Mayor.

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Jan. 17th, 1840

The Council met pursuant to adjournment present J. W. Smith Mayor Navarro McMullen Blow Rodriguez Perez Aldermen Mess. Arciniega Ruiz not in attendance the minutes being read

The Mayor laid before the body nine receipts from the Treasurer being an equal sum

of dollars, collected for Ball's

The Mayor informed the Council that he had called on the proprietors of the labor below town, and all being ready to clean out the main ditch he gave every one his corresponding part.

JA-71

The Mayor offered the following Ordinance for the better regulation of the water devoted to the irrigation of the City of San Antonio & its vicinity.

Sec. 1st. The Mayor and Common Council in and for the City of San Antonio do hereby order and decree that the main ditch leading from San Peter Spring through the City be and the same is hereby required to be reopened to its original depth and made ( ) feet wide throughout its extent.

Sec. 2d. It is further ordered and decreed that the Mayor of this City be and he is hereby authorised to call upon all owners of Labors below the Town whose duty it is under a previous obligation, proportionable to clean out and keep in repair said ditch and make out a list upon whom this obligation rests, to define the respective work which each shall perform regulating the work in proportion to its entire length from the North or upper side of Manuel Cadenas lot to its source- so specify in said lists the names of those who are willing as also those unwilling to perform their appropriate part of the work.

Sec. 3d. It is further ordered and decreed That as the Main ditch as aforesaid not having been cleaned out for many years and require much labour, Therefore for this present year the owners of lots &c. along said ditch are required to open out and clear their front agreeably to this Ordinance including half the width of the Street where the same adjoins the lot of any particular individual, beginning at the upper side of Manuel Cadenas lot down to the first waist gate below town, And to attend to the part required by this section the Corporation will appoint a Commissioner whose duty shall be to examine and require each Individual to do his or her part and report those who shall fail or refuse to clean out that part which to him or to her corresponds shall forfeit and pay for each vara so neglected or refused fifty cents which shall be collected by the Mayor in a summary manner with costs.

Sec. 4d. It is further ordered and decreed that in case any person or persons liable to the obligations alluded to in Sec. 2d. refuse or neglect to perform their portion of the work defined as aforesaid the same shall be opened and perfected by the Corporation in a manner hereinafter to be provided for and an account of the expences for the same shall be preserved and the amount

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January 17, 1840

The Council being reunited, the session was declared open; present Juan G. Smith, Mayor; Councilmen Navarro, McMullen, Blow, Rodriguez and Perez; Messrs. Arciniega and Ruiz absent; being read and approved the minutes of the previous meeting:

The Mayor presented nine receipts from the Treasurer for an equal number of pesos collected for dances.

The Mayor stated to the Body that he had called together the neighbors of the lower tract, who being entirely willing to clean the Ditch, have, each one, been allotted the section which he is to do.

JA-71

The Mayor presented the following Ordinance for the better regulation of the water allotted for the irrigation of the City of San Antonio and its municipal districts.

1st. The Mayor and the Corporation of the City of San Antonio, Ordain and decree that the Main Ditch which comes from San Pedro Spring and passes through this City shall be re-digged to its original depth and that it shall be made ( ) feet wide throughout its length.

2nd. It is Ordained and decreed moreover, that the Mayor of this City be authorized and by this is authorized, to call upon all the dwellers in the lower tract of this City, whose obligation it has formerly been, to clean the Ditch and to have the flow of water uninterrupted, and that a list shall be made of the people who are under his obligation: That he shall indicate the stint that corresponds to each one, dividing the work proportionately throughout the entire length of the said ditch from the upper side of the property of Manuel Cadena to where it begins; and that he shall note with a comment the persons who agree to this ruling, and the persons who refuse.

3rd. It shall be Ordained and decreed that inasmuch as the Main Ditch aforementioned has not been cleaned for several years past and requires a great deal of work to open it, for the present year, the owners of lots &c on the margin of the Ditch are required to open and clean their frontages according to what is ordered by the 1st. article of this Decree, and those who front upon or adjoin the alleys where there are bridges, are obliged - he who lives on the one side equally with him who lives on the other - to each clean a half, from the upper side of Manuel Cadena's property to the drain located to the south of the Main Plaza: And in order that all that is indicated shall be carried out to completion, the Corporation shall name a Commissioner who will attend especially to this matter, who will make a report of whatever failure (to comply) may occur. And each person, or the persons, who shall refuse to clean their share, shall pay a fine of four reals for each vara which shall be summarily collected by the Mayor, with costs.

4th. It is also Ordained and decreed, that in case that some person or persons who are under the obligation mentioned in the Second Section, refuse, or leave undone their share, the Corporation shall open and repair the said part in the manner and style afterward specified; and shall present an exact bill of the expenses of the work, which amount shall be charged to the delinquent individuals in proportion to the work corresponding to each one, and the persons who refuse to pay within ten days after being ordered to do so, shall lose their part or share of the water for the space

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shall be proportionable assessed between those persons thus neglecting or refusing to perform their appropriate part and should the aforesaid persons neglecting or refusing &c upon the application of the proper officer fail to pay the amount thus assessed after ten days notice his or her water privilege for the space of twelve months shall there upon become forfeited to the use of the Corporation.

Sec. 5th. It is further ordered and decreed that if any person or persons without proper authority shall place any obstruction in the ditch aforesaid whereby the free passage of the water is impeded or retarded shall on conviction thereof before the Mayor of the Corporation be fined for the first offence \$5.00 & costs, and every person continuing to transgress a second time and every time thereafter shall pay a fine of

\$20.00 & costs. and in case of inability to pay the fine shall be sentenced to work on the public works of the City as many days as may cover the judgement & costs at 50 cents pr day one half of the fine thus adjudged shall accrue to the benefit of the Corporation the other half to the informer who shall prosecute to conviction

Sec. 6th. It is further ordered and decreed That any person or persons who has a right to the water and wish to open a branch from the main ditch can at any time do so, on application to the Corporation and obligating himself or themselves to clean out said branch, and make or repair all bridges at the crossing of streets through which the same may pass, to the satisfaction of the Corporation, and paying the tax assessed for said privilege.

Sec. 7th. It is further ordered and decreed That all those persons who may wish to take water from the main ditch to water their land shall on or before the last day of February next or by the time the Corporation may designate on or before the 15th March next, have their gate frames completed with such abutments as will be permanent.

Sec. 8". It is further ordered and decreed That any person or persons who shall after the last day of February next or so soon thereafter as the water shall be divided stop or take the water from said ditch when it is not due to him or her to the prejudice of any other rightfull claimant shall upon conviction thereof before the Mayor of the Corporation in a summary manner for the first offence be adjudged to pay to the rightfull owner the value of the water thus unlawfully detained to be assessed by the Mayor and be fined in the sum of \$25.00. with costs and for every further offence shall pay the damages estimated as aforesaid and be fined in the sum of \$50.00 with costs and in default of payment of the fine shall be imprisoned and sentenced to work on the public works of the City half of the fine thus adjudged shall accrue to the Corporation and the other half to the informer who shall prosecute to conviction.

Sec. 9". It is further ordered and decreed that certain passes across the ditch below and south of the sugar mill shall be defined and bridged: and

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of one year, and the said water shall remain to the benefit of the Corporation.

Sec. 5th. It is Ordained and decreed moreover, that any person or persons who without legal right shall place any obstacle upon the said Ditch, thus impeding the free flow of water, shall, upon conviction before the Mayor of this Corporation, be fined for the first offense five pesos, and for the second and each time afterwards, he shall be fined twenty pesos and costs, and if without, or unable to pay the fine, shall be employed on the public works of the City for the number of days that may be necessary to cover the fine and costs, at four reals per day; half the fines shall be for the Corporation and the other half shall be for the benefit of the informer who furnishes proofs of the fault.

Sec. 6th. It is also Ordained and decreed any person or persons with a right to the water, who may desire to open any of the branches of the Main Ditch, may do so at any time by making a request of the Corporation and binding themselves to thoroughly clean, and to make all the bridges that there may be in the streets where the interested person may wish to pass his water; and this must be done to the satisfaction of the Corporation, and he shall pay the amount assessed for said privilege.

Sec. 7th. Furthermore it is Ordained and decreed that the persons who may desire to take water from the Main Ditch for irrigation oblige themselves on or before the last day of the coming February, or within the time prescribed by this Corporation, which will be not later than March 15, to have their water-gates and intakes made in a permanent manner.

Sec. 8th. It is furthermore Ordained and decreed that any person or persons who after the said last day of February, or after the water is put upon a daily share basis, shuts off or takes water at a time which is not his right and to the prejudice of the person who has a legal right to the water, shall be judged before the Mayor in a summary manner, and upon conviction shall be ordered to pay to the legal owner of the water the value of the damage caused and fined by the Mayor in the amount of twenty and five pesos with costs; and for each subsequent offense he shall pay the value of all the damage and a fine of \$50.00 and costs; and in default of payment of the fines and costs he shall be sent to Jail and public work until they are paid; which fine shall be divided in halves, -one for the Corporation and the other for the accuser who proves his denunciation.

Sec. 9th. It has been Ordained and decreed that certain fords which there are in the Ditch below or to the south of the Sugar Mill, shall be specified and bridges placed, and all persons are forbidden to use them for Wagons (Huagines) Carts, or in any other manner that may damage the said Ditch where there are bridges established by law. And whatever person or persons violate the prohibition of this section, he or they upon conviction before the Mayor of this Corporation shall be fined in a sum not less than five nor more than ten with costs for each infraction committed.

Sec. 10th. It has been Ordained and decreed that in due time, the water of the Ditch of this City shall be apportioned or put in "dula" (Note: daily ration) in the cultivated tract below, and the properties of this city and that each interested party shall be notified of the said apportioning and the days or hours when each one has a right to take water.

Sec. 11. And it has been Ordained and decreed that at the earliest moment possible the proprietors of the

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all persons are hereby prohibited from crossing the same with waggons, carts or in any other manner calculated to obstruct said ditch save at the points or bridges thus defined by law and should any person or persons violate the provisions of this section, he or they shall upon conviction thereof before the Mayor of the Corporation be fined in a sum not less than five nor more than ten dollars with costs for each and every offence.

Sec. 10" It is further ordered and decreed That in due time the water of said ditch shall be apportioned between the Labores below the town and the Town itself, and each party interested shall be duly notified of the said apportionment and the days and hours upon which they shall be entitled to water

Sec. 11" It is further ordered and decreed That as soon as practicable the proprietors of the Labor below town shall be called together and elect a Commissioner whose duty it shall be to apportion the water &c. between the proprietors of the labores, and there shall also be elected from among the persons entitled to water in the City a Commissioner whose duty shall be to apportion the water between those entitled thereto and each Commissioner shall continue to discharge their duties as

aforesaid untill the close of this year 1840

Sec. 12" It is further ordered & decreed That the bridges at the crossing of the Streets over the said ditch in the City shall be immediately repaired and as it is a part of the obligation of owners of the Labors below town the same is included in the work required to be done on the ditch except the timber for the repairing of said bridges shall be procured by and at the expense of the Corporation

Sec. 13" It is further ordered & decreed That the main ditch of the Alamo shall be included in the provisions of this Ordinance saving and excepting that from the proprietors of Labores entitled to water priviledges from that ditch there shall annually be elected a Commissioner whose duty it shall be to apportion the water priviledges. and exercise the general superintendence of the same during the year - and for the futher and proper attainment of this object Manuel Ximenes is hereby constituted Commissioner pro tem whose duty it shall be to call together the proprietors at as early a season as possible, for the purpose of electing their annual Commissioner and to do and perform all acts contemplated in this ordinance untill the election of said Commissioner is held

Sec. 14th It is further ordered and decreed That all fines and forfeitures arrising under this ordinance shall accrue to the Corporation and be paid in to the City Treasury and subject to appropriations as other funds of the Corporation

Sec. 15" It is further ordered and decreed that the Mayor of the Corporation shall take the necessary measures to carry in to effect this

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Lower Tract shall be called together to hold an election for a Commissioner who shall attend to the regulation of the water, and each proprietor shall be informed as to the day, days or hours that correspond to each one, and also a meeting of all the owners of properties with water rights in the Upper Tract and the Lower Tract shall be called for the electing of a Commissioner who shall take care to inform them which days are those indicated for taking the water on water-rights; which Commissioner shall fulfill his duties during the present year.

Sec. 12. It has been Ordained and Decreed that the bridges which are located in the different streets over the Ditch of this City, shall be repaired immediately, which shall be done with whatever timber may be necessary at the expense of the Corporation.

Sec. 13. It has been Ordained and decreed that the Main Ditch of the Alamo is restricted under the provisions of this Ordinance, the proprietors of said Tract with rights to the water of the said Ditch accepting and observing it: And that among them and by them, there shall be a Commissioner elected annually whose duty it shall be to apportion the water-rights and in general to superintend the matter throughout the year. And in order to carry out this object to completion Manuel Ximenes is hereby appointed Commissioner pro tem, whose duty it shall be to call together all the proprietors in order that they may name a Commissioner for the present year who will undertake the execution of all that is comprehended in this Ordinance.

Sec. 14. It is Ordained and decreed that all the fines exacted by this Ordinance shall be paid into the Treasury of this City and shall be subject to and appropriated for the City like other funds.

Sec. 15. It is Ordained and decreed that the Mayor of this Council is authorized



and required to carry this ordinance into due effect in such a manner that the Ditch may have a flow of water during the time established in Section 7 of this Ordinance; the which was read, corrected and approved and ordered published.

The meeting was adjourned until tomorrow at three of the afternoon

R. Garza Sec.

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

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Ordinance so that by the time specified in the 7th section the ditches may be supplied with water which was read & approved and ordered to be published

Council adjourned untill tomorrow at 3 o'clock in the afternoon

R. Garza  
Sec.

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

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Jany 18th 1840

JA-72

The Council met pursuant to adjournment the minutes being read and approved. The Mayor requested that the appointment of a Commissioner as ordered in the Sec. 3d of the Water regulations should be taken into consideration. The Corporation elected Ambrosio Rodriguez said Commissioner.

JA-73

At the request of the Mayor the Council disposed that meanwhile the Corporation lacked a Secretary. Mr. Perez should be paid in proportion to the clerks salary for publishing the acts of this Corporation

JA-74

It is defined by this Corporation That the regular meetings shall be held on every Thursday of each week instead of Mondays heretofore accostumed.

JA-75

Mess. Navarro. Blow. & Perez associated with the President were appointed to examine all decrees published in the former years, and to give their opinion upon those that shall be observed and on those that shall be revoked and to report at the next session

R. Garza  
Sec

Jno W Smith Mayor

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Jany 30th 1840

The Council met and the roll being called there appeared Mess. J. W. Smith Mayor Navarro. Blow. Rodrigz McMullen & Perez Aldermen not in attendance Ruiz & Arciniega there being a quorum present proceeded

The Mayor laid before the Council three receipts from the Treasurer collected for Ball's which were deposited in the Secretary's office.

JA-75.1

The Mayor also informed the Council that he had made a contract with a certain individual for one hundred Palos sticks of tolerable size & thickness for the repairing of bridges

R. Garza  
Sec.

Approved  
Jno W Smith Mayor

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## Meeting of the 18th of January 1840

The Corporation having met together, the minute of the previous meeting was read and approved.

JA-72

The Mayor spoke and recommended that the election of the Commissioner ordained in Sec. 3 of the regulation of water, should be taken into consideration, and Mr. A. Rodriguez was elected by the Corporation itself.

JA-73

Upon the request of the Mayor it was disposed that for as long as the Body has no Secretary, Mr. Perez shall receive the salary for publishing the deliberations of the Corporation.

JA-74

It was decided that this Corporation will meet for ordinary sessions on Thursday of each week instead of Mondays as was the custom.

JA-75

Messrs. Blow, Navarro and Perez were named, in association with the Mayor, to examine the decrees published in former years and to give their opinion as to whether there are any which should be observed, or which should be abrogated, making their report at the next meeting.

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor.

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The Corporation being met on the 30th of ( ) 1840; present John G. Smith Mayor, Councilmen Messrs. Navarro, Blow, Rodriguez, McMullen and Perez; absent Messrs. Ruiz and Arciniega for illness; opened the meeting:

The Mayor delivered three receipts for an equal number of pesos collected for fandangos, which were ordered deposited in the secretarial office.

JA-75.1

The Mayor reported that he had made a contract with a private party for bringing a hundred timbers of average thickness and length for the repairing of bridges. Which was approved.

R. Garza, Sec.

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor.

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## February 13th 1840

The Council met present J. W. Smith Mayor Navarro McMullen Arciniega. Blow. Rodriguez & Perez. Aldermen Ruiz not in attendance

Mr. Van Ness appeared took the requisite oath & entered into the duties of his office.

The Mayor laid before the body eight receipts being an equal sum of dollars entered in to the treasury collected for Ball's which were deposited in the office

The Committee appointed to make an inventory of the papers received from the late Corporation, presented them to the board, which was admitted.

Mess. McMullen and Perez presented a receipt from the acting Treasurer of what was received from the Mayor of the Corporation of 39 who acted as Treasurer which is as follows to wit--Received 16th Jany 1839, of S. A. Maverick the sum of sixty-eight dollars and ninety five cents that being the amount in his hands due the Corporation according to the books of the Treasurer as kept by L. Smither and of late by said

Maverick. I have also received the blotter showing fandango licenses & the day book of accounts I have also received Wm. P. Delmours rect. for twenty dollars-Receipt of Wm B. Jaques administrator of Delmour for \$30 and some orders of Rafael Garza for the amount of \$145.00 (\$25.00 having been pd. by Smither to sd. Garza and F. A. Ruiz's account (paid) for four dollars-----Joseph McClelland.Treasurer

JA-76

The salary of the Secretary was taken into consideration to whom it is detailed twenty dollars per month. Rafael Garza's petition was admitted for this office with the above mentioned salary. Who will before entering the duties of his office shall execute the requisite of the law.

JA-77

The Council took into consideration the debt owed by Corl J. N. Seguin to the Corporation Mess Van Ness and Blow offered themselves gratuitously as Lawyers to collect from the individual the sum owed by him, and in case he should not pay the same they will sue him before (or in) the District Court so as to recover the payment consequently the papers declaring the debt to the amount of seven hundred and twenty dollars were delivered to them

JA-78

Mr. Blow moved that a committee be appointed to raise (or make) Ordinances for the cleaning and sweeping of the Streets and squares and to give their opinion upon the subject Mess. Van Ness and Arciniega were appointed said committee.

approved

Adjourned untill the 15th inst

R. Garza  
Sec

Jno W Smith Mayor

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Meeting of February 13th., 1840.

Being met the Corporation, present the Mayor J. G. Smith and Councilmen Navarro, McMullen Arciniega, Blow, Rodriguez and Perez; Ruiz being absent:

Mr. Van Ness presented himself to take over his post as Councilman; who was sworn as prescribed and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The Mayor presented eight receipts for an equal number of pesos deposited in the Treasury for account of dances; they were ordered deposited with the Secretary.

The committee named to make an Inventory of the papers received from the former Corporation delivered it over to the Body, by which it was accepted.

Messrs. McMullen and Perez presented a receipt from the present Treasurer which he received from the President of the Corporation of '39, who was acting Treasurer, which is as follows:

Received, Jan.16, 1840 from S. A. Maverick the sum of sixty eight pesos and ninety five cents, being the sum which he had in hand belonging to the Corporation according to the Treasurer's books kept by L. Smither, and latterly by the said Maverick; also I have received the account book which shows the licenses for fandangos and the Day Book of accounts; I have also been given a receipt of Wm. P. Delmour for twenty pesos, receipt of W. B. Jacques administrator for Delmour for \$30.00, and various drafts of Rafael Garza for the sum of \$145 (Smither having paid \$25 to said Garza) and a bill of

F. A. Ruiz (paid) for four pesos--Joseph McClellan, Treasurer.

JA-76

The salary of the Secretary to whom they pay twenty pesos per month, was taken under consideration. The solicitation of Rafael Garza was accepted and approved for this position with the salary which is here mentioned; who before entering upon his post should comply with the requisites of the law.

JA-77

Taking into consideration the debt which is owed to the Corporation by Col. Seguin, Messrs. Van Ness and Blow offered their services without charge in their capacities as lawyers to encharge themselves to collect from this person and in case he does not pay, to prosecute him before the District Court to enforce payment, and in consequence they were given the documents which establish the said debt which amounts to seven hundred twenty pesos.

JA-78

Mr. Blow proposed that a committee be appointed to formulate Ordinances looking toward the cleaning and neatness of the streets and plazas, and Messrs. Van Ness and Arciniega were named to give their opinion upon these matters. which was approved. Session adjourned till the 15th of this month.

R. Garza, Sec.

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor

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Feby 15th 1840

The Council met pursuant to adjournment present J. W. Smith Mayor Miguel Arciniega J. McMullen Manuel Perez Cornelius Van Ness Geo Blow Aldermen not in attendance Navarro Ruiz and Rodriguez the minutes being read and aproved Rafael Garza Secty admited by this Corporation appeared & took the oath of office & proceeded acting as such

JA-79

The Committee apointed to raise ordinances for the regulation of cleaning and sweeping of the Streets and squares presented the following Ordinance

Sec. 1st Be it ordained and it is hereby decreed That any person occupying a house either as proprietor or house holder within the limits of this City on the Wednesday's and Saturday's of each and every week before 10 o'clock A. M. of said day's shall sweep all the rubbish and filth from in front of their respective houses and enclosures into the middle of the street and should the enclosure of any premises front on more than one street the occupant shall in the same manner sweep and clean on all said streets

Sec. 2d Be it further ordained and decreed That all persons occupying houses or premises upon either of the public squares shall sweep and clean in front of their premises to the distance of ten yards

Sec. 3d. It is further ordained and decreed. That the owners of all vacant and unoccupied premises shall clean the streets adjoining such premises in the same manner that occupants are herein required to do

Sec. 4th That it shall be the duty of the Constable to see that the 1st 2nd and 3d sections of this ordinance are complied with; and any person failing to comply with the same shall be fined two reals (25 cents) for every failure, for the use of the Constable--And failing to pay the fine on the application of the Constable - he the Constable shall give information thereof to the Mayor who shall proceed in a summary manner to collect double the amount of the fine one half for the use of the

Corporation and the other half to the Constable.

Sec. 5th. That it shall be the duty of the Mayor to hire by contract a sufficient number of Carts to remove the rubbish that may be collected in the streets under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Sec. 6th. It is further ordained & decreed That any person who shall place anything in any street or square that shall be either a nuisance or an obstruction. shall be notified by the Constable to remove the same, and should he fail to do so within two days after said notification he shall be fined one dollar for each day the same shall remain in said street or square the fine to be recovered in a summary manner before the Mayor upon information by the Constable; 25 per cent of the fine to go to the Constable; and the balance to the Corporation.

Sec. 7th. It is further ordained & decreed That should any hog be found running at large within the limits of the City, it shall be the duty of the Constable to seize and confine it and should the owner appear and claim it within

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Meeting of February 15 of 1840.

The Corporation being met; present John W. Smith, Mayor; and Councilmen Arciniega, McMullen, Perez, Van Ness and Blow; absent Ruiz, Navarro and Rodriguez; Rafael Garza accepted as Secretary by this Corporation, presented himself and took the oath as required, being eligible, he took over his work; read and approved the minutes of the previous meeting:

JA-79

The committee named to formulate Ordinances which will ensure the neatness and cleaning of the streets and Plazas presented the following Ordinance:

Sec. 1st. Be it Ordained and by this it is decreed; That any person occupying a house, whether as owner or tenant, within the limits of this City, shall sweep and clean, every Wednesday and Saturday of each week, from ten in the morning, all the rubbish or garbage from in front of their respective houses and fences toward the center of the street and if any fence fronts on more than one street, the occupant shall sweep and clean in the same manner in all the said streets.

Sec. 2d. Be it further ordained and decreed: That all the persons who may have houses or properties in either of the two public plazas, shall sweep and clean in front of them to a distance of ten yards.

Sec. 3rd. It is Ordained and decreed: That the owners of vacant or unoccupied properties shall sweep the streets that adjoin such properties in the same way that those who occupy them are required to do by this act.

Sec. 4th. Be it Ordained and decreed also; That it should be the duty of the Constable to see that sections 1, 2, and 3 of this Ordinance be complied with; and any person who fails to comply with them shall be fined two reals for each infraction, for the benefit of the Constable. And the person who refuses to pay the fine when called upon so to do by the Constable, He, the Constable shall inform the Mayor who will proceed to collect double the amount of the fine in a summary manner; half for the Corporation and half for the Constable.

Sec. 5th. That it shall be the duty of the Mayor to contract for the rent of a sufficient number of carts to carry off the rubbish that accumulates in the streets

under the provisions of this Ordinance.

Sec. 6th. Be it further Ordained and decreed; That any person who throws in to any street or plaza anything noxious or who may be responsible for any obstacle, shall be notified by the Constable to take it away, and the person who does not comply within two days after such notification, shall be mulcted in the sum of one peso for each day that the obstruction remains there in the said street or plaza; the fine shall be collected in a summary manner before the Mayor of the Corporation upon notice or information from the Constable; 25 per cent of the fine shall be for the Constable and the rest for the Corporation.

Sec. 7th. It is ordained and decreed moreover; That if any hog should be found loose within the City limits, it shall be the duty of the Constable to seize him and impound him; if the owner presents himself and reclaims him within 24 hours, he shall be

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24 hours, he shall be allowed to take it by paying a fine of three dollars to the Corporation and three dollars more to be divided equally between the Constable and informer and should the owner not claim it within 24 hours the Constable shall sell it at public cry the proceeds to go one half to the Constable and the balance to the informer

Sec. 8th. It is further ordained and decreed That all persons who have cows that remain in the City during night if there be but one cow shall keep her within some enclosure or tied while in the City & if there be more than one, they shall be confined in an enclosure and for every violation of this section the Constable shall collect for his own use a fine of two reals - this section will not take effect untill ten days after the publication Sweeping and cleaning shall commence on Saturday 22d instant and the ballence of this Ordinance shall take effect from the publication.

approved and ordered to be published

aproved

JA-80

The Mayor informed the Council that a Constable should be elected for this Corporation. Josephus C. Morgan was unanimously elected who will be and give the requisite bond

Adjourned untill next term

R. Garza

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

Sec.

Feby 20th 1840

The Council met pursuant to adjournment present J. W. Smith Mayor Jose A. Navarro. J. McMullen Manuel Perez Ambrocio Rodriguez and Cornelius Van Ness Aldermen not in attendance Blow Ruiz and Arciniega there being a quorum proceeded the minutes being read and approved

The Mayor laid before the body six receipts from the Treasurer being an equal sum of dollars entered into the Treasury for fandango licenses

The Mayor presented to the board the following petition

To the Mayor and Corporation of this City

Gentlemen

I deem it proper to lay before your Honorably body the many causes that induced

me to act as I have done, and undertake to put up a fence repair the roof of those premises &.&.

1st. When I came to San Antonio, I requested of the (then) Corporation permission to work in the place where I now occupy, and their reply was, that the Corporation had no quorum and nothing could be said nor done by them.

2d. I understood from persons well informed, (they appeared so to me) that it was doubtful whether the premises belonged to the Corporation or to the public in a short time after, those premises was inhabited by a hoard of runagates from the Rio Grand some of whom broke into my place and stole a

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permitted to remove him, paying to the Corporation three pesos and three pesos more which shall be divided equally between the Constable and the informer, and if the owner does not reclaim him within the 24 hours, the Constable shall sell him at public sale (public cry) and the proceeds shall go, -one half to the Constable, and one half to the informer.

Sec. 8th. Be it further ordained and decreed: That all persons who might or may have cows that remain in the City overnight; in case there should be no more than one cow it shall be tethered and shut up inside some sort of a fence or corral while within the City; and if there should be more than one cow, they shall all be shut up inside a fence, and any person who may violate this provision shall pay to the Constable a fine of two reals for his benefit this section shall not be put into effect until after ten days from publication. Sweeping and cleaning will begin Saturday the 22 of this month, and the rest of this ordinance shall be carried into effect from the day of its publication. Approved and ordered published.

Approved

JA-80

The Mayor announced that a Constable for this Corporation should be elected; Mr. J. C. Morgan was elected by a majority of votes, who after being advised should make the bond required by law.

The meeting was adjourned until the next regular date.

R. Garza, Sec.

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor

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Meeting of the 20th of February of 1840.

The Corporation being met, present J. W. Smith, Mayor; Councilmen Navarro, McMullen, Perez, Rodriguez and Cornelius Van Ness; absent Blow, Ruiz, and Arciniega, having a quorum of Councilmen, the meeting was declared opened; read and approved the minutes of the previous session:

The Mayor produced six receipts from the treasurer for dances held, an equal number of pesos having been paid in to the Treasurer.

The Mayor presented to the Council the following petition directed

To the Mayor and Corporation of San Antonio

Gentlemen:

I judge it proper to put before your Honorable Body, the many or various reasons that induced me to act as I have and to begin to put a fence, to repair the roofs of those properties &c. &c.

1. When I arrived in San Antonio, I begged the Corporation (of that time) that they would give me permission to work in the place which I now occupy, their reply was that the corporation had not a quorum (Note: the word used in "coro", which really means a "chorus", but the meaning is evident from the context), and that there was nothing they could say or do.

2. I understood from some well-informed persons (thus they appeared to me) that it was doubtful if the properties belonged to the Corporation or to the Republic a little while afterward, those properties were being lived in by a horde of renegades from the Rio Grande one or some of whom

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pair of pistols and double gun, I could guess very close who the persons were, who committed the theft, I cautioned them to keep at a civil distance for the future; their next proceeding, was, to fire at me in the night when in my bed, according to the old saying an inch is as good as a mile, I then applied to Mr. Maverick, and told him that they should be turned out of that place, that, that band of Rio Grande runagates were the persons, that was robbing and committing depredations in town, after that they stole my sign board whilst I was sick, that was taken down to one of the missions and some thing made of it

Therefore as there was no Corporation or no authority I myself undertook to clear them out, and succeeded since then, there was no whooping nor hollowing at night no robberies committed I began to form a Corporation within myself by making a fence in front of said premises, to secure my life and property and be prepared for the attack of Hogs Dogs Cows and Thieves but now there is an incorporated Corporation that promises to secure life and property consequently I hope there is no need for my preparatory proceedings against the above mentioned nuisance but I will be on the look out for the latter

3d. I considered what I was doing towards the premises would be an improvement and would be looked upon as such, by the Corporation or the Republic of Texas when either would claim it.

4th. And finally I wished to make myself permanent in some healthy part of Texas, and there make myself at home, or in other words make myself a home, for it is not an easy matter to be moving from place to place a quantity of tools and machinery that I have got.

Mr. Patterson is gone to New Orleans, he promised to bring me a large pair of bellows, as I intended to do smith work in general Waggon Carts & . & .

Now Gentlemen with all due respect, I wish to hear from you as soon as possible and state what encouragement you would be please to give to a person of my Capacity and ability, so that I. may have time if it be necessary to countermand some arrangements I have made that will be expensive -- Yours always obidient to Justice

San Antonio Thursday February 1840.

James Goodman

remained on the table untill there is a full meeting of the Council

JA-81

Mr. Van Ness offered the following ordinance, Be it Ordained

That the Mayor be authorised to have the public squares swept and cleaned on or before Saturday the 22d inst, and to draw on the treasurer for the money to pay for the same & also to draw for the amount that may be required to pay the cartmen for removing the rubbish from its streets upon that day

approved

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forced an entrance into the house where I live and there were stolen a pair of pistols and a gun of two shots (Note: double-barrelled?). I can guess very close who the persons were who committed the robbery, I warned them that they should keep at a certain civil distance for the future, their next proceeding was the shooting of a shot at me at night in my bed, according to the ancient saying an inch is as good as a mile, Then I went to Mr. Maverick, and told him that they ought to be thrown out of that place, That that band of renegades from the Rio Grande were the persons who were robbing and committing depredations in the city, after this they stole my sign-board while I was sick, which was carried to one of the Missions, and they made something out of it.

Therefore as there was no Corporation nor any authorities I myself undertook to throw them out, which I succeeded in doing since then there has been no yelling at night nor robberies committed, I commenced to form a Corporation by myself, building a fence in front of the said properties, in order to ensure my life and belongings and to be prepared for the attacks of Pigs, Dogs, Cows, and robbers but now that there is an incorporated Council which promises to secure life and property, I hope that my preparations to withstand the above mentioned menace may not be necessary but I will be on the lookout against the last mentioned.

3rd. I believed that what I was doing to the properties would be looked upon as an improvement by the Corporation or the Republic of Texas when whichever owns it should claim it.

4th. And finally, I wish to remain permanently in some healthful part of Texas, and there to make myself at home or in other words to make myself a home, because it is not an easy thing to move from place to place the quantity of tools and machinery that I have.

Mr. Paterson went to New Orleans, and he promised me to bring a pair of bellows of large size because I intend to do all kinds of blacksmithing wagons carts &c. &c.

Now Gentlemen with all due respect I want to know from you as soon as possible what countenance you may be pleased to give to a person of my ability and capacity, so that I may have time if it be necessary to countermand some dispositions of mine which will be costly. I am always obedient to Justice.

San Antonio Thursday and February 1840.

Santiago Goodman

It remained upon the table until a full session may be celebrated.

JA-81

Mr. Van Ness offered the following ordinance: Be it ordained

That the Mayor be authorized to order swept and cleaned the public plazas before or on Saturday the 22 of the present month and that he may draw upon the Treasurer for the money to pay for it and also that he may draw for the amount that may be needed to pay the cartmen who remove or takeaway the rubbish from the streets on that day.

Approved

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JA-82

Mr. Navarro moved that a committee be appointed to raise an Ordinance against the Dogs of the City, as also one preventing or stopping the Shooting of Guns at all times without any necessity, Mess. Blow Van Ness and Rodriguez were appointed said

committee

Adjourned untill next term

R. Garza

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

Sec.

Febby 27th 1840

The Council met, no quorum present adjourned

March 5th 1840

The Council met present J. W. Smith Mayor Arciniega Blow Rodriguez McMullen y Navarro, Aldermen Perez Ruiz y Van Ness not in attendance the minutes being read and approved, James Goodman's petition continued

The Mayor laid before the body six receipts from the Treasurer colected for Balls an equal sum of dollars entered in the Treasury

The Mayor also presented an account of fifteen dollars, paid to the Cartmen & workmen who cleaned the squares & helped to carry off the rubbish from the streets approved

JA-83

The Corporation of San Antonio ordered & decreed----

That from and after this date the rubbish colected in the streets only will be carried away every Saturday of each week, instead of Wednesday's and Saturday's heretofore accostumed

Mr. Blow part of the committee appointed to raise an Ordinance against the Dogs of the City &c. informed the council that he was not ready, the Mayor granted him to present them on Saturday when this Council is to meet

JA-84

Mr. Navarro proposed that an additional sec. should be published in the Police ordinance so that the citizens may understand that within thirty days's counted, shall each and every one clean and ORDER to carry off from their lots or enclosures all the rubbish those being not embraced by the sec's 1st and 2d of said ordinance, which are carried off at the expense of the Corporation

aproved

Adjourned untill next Saturday

R. Garza

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

Sec.

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Mr. Navarro proposed that a committee be named to formulate an Ordinance against the dogs of the City and also one that shall put a stop to the unnecessary discharge of firearms at all sorts of times, which commission was put upon Messr. Blow, Van Ness and Rodriguez. approved

The meeting was adjourned until the next regular day

R. Garza, Sec.

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor

Meeting of the 27 day of February 1840

The Corporation being met and there being no quorum, meeting was adjourned.

Meeting of 5th day of March 1840

The Corporation met, present J. G. Smith Mayor; Arciniega, Blow, Rodriguez, McMullen and Navarro Councilmen; absent Perez, Ruiz and Van Ness; read and approved the minutes of the previous meeting, the petition of Santiago Goodman was continued over:

The Mayor handed over six receipts of the treasurer collected for Dances held an equal number of pesos having been paid into the treasury.

The same gentleman presented an account of fifteen pesos paid to the carters and laborers who cleaned up and helped to throw away the rubbish from the streets.

Approved

JA-83

The Corporation of San Antonio Ordains and decrees:

That from today on all rubbish collected in the streets shall be taken up only on all the Saturdays of each week in place of Wednesdays and Saturdays as was the custom.

Mr. Blow, one of the committee named to formulate an Ordinance against the dogs of this City &c., advised that it was not ready, The Mayor gave him until next Saturday, when the Council will meet, to present it.

JA-84

Mr. Navarro proposed that an additional section to the police Ordinance, be published in order that the Citizens may understand that within a term of 30 counted days, each one should clean and dispose of the rubbish from their corrals or lots, because such rubbish is not included in articles 1 and 2 of the said Ordinance, which is removed at the expense of this Corporation.

Approved

Meeting was adjourned until Saturday the 7th

R. Garza, Sec.

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor.

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March 7th 1840

The Council met agreeable to adjournment and there being no quorum present adjourned

R. Garza

Secty

26th

The Council met present J. W. Smith Mayor Ambrosio Rodriguez John McMullen C. Van Ness Miguel Arciniega Franco A. Ruiz George Blow and Jose Antonio Navarro Aldermen the minutes of the former session being read and approved

The Mayor laid before the Council ten receipts collected for ball's made since last session equal sum of dollars entered the treasury

\*The Mayor also informed the board that he had bought thirty Palos poles or logs for to build a bridge on the ditch above town

The Mayor informs the Council that he has put the water in proportioned daily share since last Sunday the 22d inst with the reservation of the 5th which belongs to the City which begins on Thursday the 26th inst a little before sun set, at an election held by the proprietors of the Labors below town Franco Ximenes was elected commissioner for the present year

Mr. Rodriguez presented to the council an account of two hundred and eighty two dollars and fifty cents in favor of the Secretary of the Corporation of 1839 which was placed in the hands of the Mayor to examine and report the amount due on it

Sr Navarro moved that the Colector be notified so as he may give his bond agreeable to law

JA-86

Mr. Navarro moved that a committee be appointed to define the duties of the Colector Mess J. W. Smith Mayor associated with Mr. Van Ness were appointed said committee

Adjourned untill next term

R. Garza  
Sec

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

\*\*\*\*\* (End, Original English) \*\*\*\*\*

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Meeting of March 7, 1840

The Corporation being met and there being no quorum, the meeting adjourned.

R. Garza, Sec.

Meeting of the 26, 1840

The Corporation being met present Juan G. Smith Mayor, Ambrosio Rodriguez, Juan McMullen, Cornelius Van Ness, Miguel Arciniega, Francisco A. Ruiz, George Blow and Jose Antonio Navarro Councilmen, read and approved the preceding session.

The Mayor handed over ten receipts collected for dances held since the last meeting, equal number of pesos having entered into the treasury.

JA-85

The same gentleman informed the body that he had placed the water from the Ditch that passes through the City on shares from Sunday the 22d of the present month reserving the fifth that belongs to the City which commences Thursday the 26th of the present month, at a little before sunset---In an election held by the proprietors of the Lower Tract of the city, Don Francisco Ximenes was elected Commissioner for the present year.

\*The Mayor informed the body that he had bought thirty timbers for the construction of a bridge above the city.

Mr. Rodriguez offered the body a bill for two hundred eighty and two pesos four reals (of silver) in favor of the Secretary of the Corporation of 1839, which was placed in the hands of the Mayor for investigation and that he may report the amount which is owed on the account.

Mr. Navarro proposed that the Collector be advised so that he may present or can furnish the bond arranged by law.

JA-86

The same gentleman proposed that a committee be named to specify the duties of the Collector and the Mayor together with Mr. Van Ness were chosen.

The meeting adjourned until next time.

R. Garza, Sec.

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor.

April 2d 1840

The Council met agreeable to adjournment the minutes of the last sitting were read and approved

The Mayor laid before the body six receipts collected for Ball's made since last session

The Mayor who was appointed at the last session to examine the account of the Secretary of last year, reports on the same due one hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents which was approved

The Mayor presented to the Council a petition from J. W. Robinson which is as follows

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio. Your petitioner would respectfully represent unto your Hon Body That he is the owner of the old mill above and adjoining your city and that he is anxious to repair and put in operation the same for his own use and for the use of the other citizens of your City and County But to fully & permanently accomplish this purpose, he prays that your Hon. body will permit authorise and allow your petitioner permanently & for ever to have and enjoy the right to so deepen and widen the ditch or ditches, saca o sacas or by whatever name they may be known by, by means of which the water has here tofore been conveyed to your petitioners mill & also your petitioner prays the priviledge as aforesaid of raising the dam across the River San Antonio so as to let through a sufficient quantity of water for the purpose as aforesaid in addition to the water necessary for the purpose of irrigation & your petitioner prays such other & further privileges as your Hon body may think proper to grant him for the purposes aforesaid & as in duty bound he will ever pray

March 19th 1840

James W. Robinson

JA-87

The Mayor presented to the board, the bond of the Collector with the following securities to wit S. Williams P Fohr and F. Gray approved

JA-88

The Mayor also informed the Council that Mr. Valdez desires to buy some of the stone lying at the wall's of the Alamo the Corporation resolved to sell him all the stone he may want at fifty cents per cart load approved

JA-89

The committee appointed to raise ordinance against the Dog's of the city presented the following to wit

Sec. 1st Be it ordained & decreed, That any person owning or keeping Dogs within the limits of the Corporation of San Antonio shall pay the following tax

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Meeting of April 2 of 1840.

The Council being met, present John G. Smith, Mayor; and Councilmen G. Blow, A. Rodriguez, M. Perez, C. Van Ness and Francisco Ruiz, read and approved the minutes of the preceding session. The Mayor delivered to the body six receipts from the treasurer for dances held since the last meeting.

The Mayor who was named at the last meeting to examine the account of the secretary of last year, reported that there was owing him the sum of one hundred twelve

pesos and four reals of silver.

approved

The same gentleman presented to the body a petition of James W. Robinson, which is as follows:

To the Honorable Mayor and Councilman of the City of San Antonio: The petitioner respectfully represents to your Honorable Body, That he is the owner of the old mill which is up there above and on the edge of the City, and that he is anxious to repair and put the same in operation for his own use and for the use of the other citizens of the City and County, But in order to accomplish this fully and permanently, he prays that your Honorable Body permit, authorize and allow the suppliant permanently and forever to have or possess and enjoy the right to deepen and widen the ditch or ditches, intake or intakes or whatever they may be called, by means of which the water has been aforetime conducted to the mill of the suppliant, and also he supplicates, asks, or prays the aforementioned privilege to raise the dam of or at the San Antonio river in order to throw a sufficient quantity of water for the said purpose in addition to the water necessary for irrigation; and the suppliant prays or requests such other and additional privileges as your Honorable Body may judge convenient to concede for the said purposes; and as in duty bound he will ever pray

March 19, 1840

James W. Robinson

JA-87

The Mayor gave to the Body the bond of the Collector with the following sureties, Samuel Williams, Pedro Fohr and F. Grey

approved

JA-88

The same gentleman also stated to the Body that the Rev. Valdez desires to buy some stone from which is in the wall of the Alamo the corporation of San Antonio agreed that there be sold to him whatever he may need at four reals per cart load.

approved

JA-89

The committee named to make an ordinance against the dogs in the City presented the following:

The Corporation of San Antonio has decreed  
 Sec. 1st Be it ordained and decreed, That any person owning a dog within the limits of the Corporation of San Antonio, shall pay the following tax:

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For every male dog fifty cents

For every female dog or Bitch two dollars

Sec. 2d It is further ordered and decreed That persons keeping dogs as aforesaid shall obtain from the Mayor a license for the same on payment of the above tax and that the name of the person the number of dogs and the amount thus received shall be registered in a book kept for that purpose

Sec. 3d It is further ordained and decreed That after the 8th day of April a copy of this register shall be furnished the constable whose duty it shall then be to kill all dogs or bitches which have not been thus licensed for which he shall be entitled to receive twenty five cents for each dog and fifty cents for every Bitch thus killed - to be furnished out of the fund collected on the licenses & on affidavit made before the Mayor of the number killed under this ordinance

Sec. 4th It is further ordained & decreed That the Constable shall be authorised to employ the necessary assistants for the performance of this duty who shall be entitled to the compensation provided in this ordinance

Sec. 5th It is further ordained & decreed That every dog or Bitch thus licensed and registered shall wear a collar with his appropriate number as appears upon the register affixed thereon on failure of which they shall be regarded as unlicensed dogs and killed, and all persons thus affixing a collar in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined in the sum of two dollars to be collected as all other fines incurred under the ordinances of this corporation

approved and order to be published

Adjourned untill next term

R. Garza  
Clerk

Jno W. Smith Mayor

April 9th 1840

The Council met agreeable to adjournment there being present J. W. Smith Mayor C. Van Ness Perez & Rodriguez there not being a quorum adjourned.

R. Garza  
Clerk

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For each Dog fifty cents  
For each female dog or Bitch two pesos

Sec. 2 \_\_\_ Be it further ordained and decreed, That everyone who may own Dogs as afore-said, shall obtain for them a license from the Mayor, paying the above mentioned tax and that the name of the person and the number of Dogs and the sum received shall be entered in a book made for the purpose.

Sec. 3 \_\_\_ Be it further ordained and decreed that after the 8th day of April a copy of this register is to be given to the Constable who shall then kill all the Dogs or Bitches that have not been licensed for which he shall receive twenty five cents for each Dog and fifty sueldos (cents) for each Bitch that he may kill which shall be paid from the funds collected for licenses and upon a sworn declaration made before the Mayor of the number that were killed under this Ordinance.

Sec. 4 \_\_\_ Be it further ordained and decreed that the Constable be authorized to employ the assistants necessary to discharge this duty, who shall receive the pay provided by this Ordinance

Sec. 5 \_\_\_ Be it further ordained and decreed That every Dog or Bitch thus licensed and registered shall wear a collar with its corresponding number as it appears in the register the ones that may have none or do not carry them shall considered as unlicensed and shall be killed and every person who may place a collar (on a dog) in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined in the sum of two pesos which shall be collected like all the other fines incurred under the Ordinances of this Corporation.

approved and ordered published

The meeting was adjourned until next time.

R. Garza, Sec.

April 9 of 1840

The Council met, present Juan G. Smith Mayor. Cornelius Van Ness, Perez and Rodriguez, but as there was not a quorum the meeting was adjourned untill next time.  
R. Garza, Sec.

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April 23th 1840

The Council met present J. G. Smith Mayor Van Ness McMullen Ruiz Navarro & Rodriguez Aldermen the minutes being read & approved

The Mayor laid before the body ten receipts from the treasurer collected for ball's made since last session

The Colector vervally informed the council of the resignation of his office which was adnited

The Corporation appointed the clerk of same as colector, who will give the requisite bond

JA-90

Mr. Navarro offered the following decree

Be it ordained & decreed That all ( ) belonging to this Corporation which are not occupied as public offices, and by disposition and consent of this body will hereafter be leased, The Mayor will inform the Council at their next meeting of said property which may be occupied without the knowledge of this Corporation and the rent that the occupants of the aforesaid property offers, for the knowledge & disposition of said Corporation

JA-91

aproved

The Mayor offered the following Ordinance

An Ordinance providing for a Market of Beef &c.

Section 1st. Be it ordained and decreed that for the establishment of a Market House in this city the westermost or lower stone house commonly known as the principal Cuartel shall be set apart and kept as a public Market House for the use of the City.

Sec. 2nd. Be it ordained and decreed that all slaughtering of Beeves shall be done on the west side of St Peters creek or on the east side of the Alamo ditch and the beef taken from thence to the Market house for sale

Sec. 3a Be it ordained and decreed that all persons killing beeves within the limits of the Corporation shall exhibit the hide with the Brand Ear marks or any other marks at the Market House from 6 A.M. until 8 A.M.

Sec. 4th. Be it ordained and decreed that no person under any pretence whatever shall be allowed to sell any mutton pork veal or beef or any part thereof as it is slaughtered within the limits of the city except at the Market House established in this ordinance

Sec. 5th. Be it ordained and decreed that for each Beef slaughtered and offered for sale at the Market House the owner or person selling the same, shall pay to the Commissioner for each Beef twenty five cents, for each Mutton or Goat six cents, & for each Hog twelve cents as a tax to be applied as hereinafter directed.

Sec. 6th. Be it ordained and decreed that the Commissioner of this Corporation shall visit the Market House every day about 8 oclock A.M. and in a book to



be by him kept for that express purpose shall make an entry of the person or persons who shall be found selling in the Market House together with the brand and other marks of the hide, all of which shall be open to the examination of any citizen at any time,  
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April 23, 1840

The Corporation being met, present J. G. Smith Mayor, Van Ness, McMullen, Navarro, and Rodriguez, the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved:

The Mayor presented to the body ten receipts from the treasurer collected for Dances held since the last session.

The Collector of the Corporation presented or made his resignation from his post, which was accepted.

The Corporation named the Secretary of the body as Collector for it--who shall give the required bond.

JA-90

Mr. Navarro proposed the following decree:

It is ordained and decreed that all the properties both urban and suburban belonging to this Corporation and which may not be occupied as public offices and by disposition or consent of this body shall be rented in future, The Mayor shall inform this body at the next meeting as to such properties as may be occupied without the knowledge of this Corporation and the rent which the occupants of said properties offer to pay after first obtaining the consent and permission of this Corporation.

Approved

JA-91

The Mayor presented the following Ordinance as a proposal:

Ordinance to provide a market for meat &c.

It is ordered by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of San Antonio in council assembled:

Sec. 1st. Be it ordained and decreed that for the establishment of a Market in this City, the building known commonly as the Guardia Principal shall be set aside and shall be used as a Public Market for the use of this City.

Sec. 2d Be it ordained and decreed That all slaughtering of cattle shall be done on the west side of San Pedro Creek or on the east side of the Alamo Ditch and from there the meat shall be taken to the Market for its sale.

Sec 3d Be it ordained and decreed That all persons who may slaughter cattle within the city limits shall expose the hide with the brand and sign or any other marks whatsoever it may have in the Market from six until eight in the morning.

Sec. 4th Be it ordained and decreed furthermore, That no one under any pretext whatsoever shall sell any steer, calf, hog, or sheep or any part of the animal, after it is slaughtered within the City limits, except in the Market House established by this Ordinance.

Sec. 5th Be it ordained and decreed that for each steer killed and placed on sale in the Market, the owner or person who sells shall pay to the Commissioner the following fee; for each steer two reals for each sheep or goat half a real and for each hog a real, as a tax which shall be applied in the manner hereinafter stated.

Sec. 6th Be it ordained and decreed That the Commissioner for this Corporation shall visit the Market every day at 9 in the morning and in a book which he shall have for

the purpose, he shall there note the person or persons who are found selling in the Market, together with the brand and other signs or marks of the hide, which book shall be open for inspection by any Citizen at any time.

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Sec. 7<sup>th</sup> Be it ordained and decreed that any person who shall slaughter any Beef within the limits as defined in the second section of this Ordinance shall on conviction be fined in the sum of Ten Dollars and be it farther ordained that any person who shall slaughter a Beef and not exhibit the hide in the manner and form as required in the third section of this Ordinance shall be on conviction fined in the sum of Ten Dollars and be made to account for the same or prosecuted as the law directs. And let it be further ordained that any person who shall be either owner or seller who shall refuse to pay to this Commissioner the amount stipulated in the fifth section of this Ordinance the Commissioner shall immediately give information to the Mayor who shall forthwith proceed to collect the tax as aforesaid and fine the delinquent in the sum of five Dollars, all the fines included in this section shall be recovered with costs.

Sec. 8 Be it ordained and decreed that the Commissioner for his services in collecting the tax as aforesaid and making an entry of the individual selling and the owner with the marks & Brands of Hide shall be entitled to one third of the tax levied in the 5th section of this Ordinance and the other two thirds shall be applied to purchasing such furniture as may be necessary at the Market House or paid into the city Treasury and the said Commissioner shall make a written report of the number of Beeves slaughtered, the amount and in what expended with the accompanying receipts at the first meeting of the Board of Aldermen in each and every month.

Sec. 9 Be it ordained and decreed that the Market House and furniture as aforesaid shall be kept clean by those who may use the same, each one in the day on concluding sales shall sweep and wash so as to leave the house in order for the ensuing day under penalty of One Dollar for neglect to be collected with costs and it shall be the duty of the Commissioner each day on visiting the Market House to see that this section has been complied with and to report delinquents

Sec.10 Be it ordained and decreed that any person wishing to slaughter a Beef for his or her own private use and consuming, can do so, and take the same to his or her residence, provided he or she exhibit the hide brand and marks at the Market House or to the Commissioner so that he can make the corresponding entry of the same.

Sec.11 Be it ordained and decreed that all fines and forfeitures under this Ordinance shall be paid into the Treasury of the Corporation and applied as other public moneys.

Sec.12 Be it ordained and decreed that the Clerk of this Corporation will discharge the duties of Commissioner as required by this Ordinance until otherwise provided for.

Approved and ordered to be published

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

JA-92

The Mayor offered the following Ordinance.

An Ordinance defining the duties of the Collector

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and decreed, that the Collector shall collect all taxes levied by the Corporation and that a copy of each Ordinance shall be past to the Collector for his government and he shall keep an account of the moneys paid to him and the kind of money whether Gold, Silver, or promissory notes and shall receipt to each individual accordingly

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Sec. 7th. Be it ordained and decreed That any person whatsoever who slaughters a steer within the limits specified in the second section of this ordinance, upon conviction shall be fined in the sum of ten pesos; moreover it is ordained that any person whatever who kills any steer and does not expose the hide in the manner and form required in the 3rd Section of this ordinance upon conviction shall be fined in the sum of ten pesos and shall be responsible for this fault and prosecuted as the law directs and moreover it is ordained and decreed that any person who sells or offers for sale any kind of meat after the time set by this Ordinance in any other place than the Market as aforesaid, upon conviction shall be fined in the sum of ten pesos and it is further ordained and decreed that any person whatsoever whether owner or dealer who refuses to pay to the Commissioner the sum stipulated in the 5th Section of this Ordinance, shall be immediately informed upon by the Commissioner to the Mayor who shall at once proceed to collect the said tax and shall fine the delinquent in the sum of five pesos all the fines imposed in this section shall be collected with costs.

Sec. 8th. Be it ordained and decreed, That the Commissioner for his services in collecting the said tax and for making the entry of the person who sells and the owner, together with the marks and brand on the hide, shall receive the third part of the tax imposed in the 5th Section of this Ordinance and the other two thirds shall be applied to the purchase of the accessories which the Market House may need or paid into the City Treasury and the said Commissioner shall make a written report of the number of cattle slaughtered, amounts collected and in what they are expended with the corresponding receipts, at the first meeting of the Councilmen in each and every month.

Sec. 9th. Be it ordained and decreed That the Market House and its appurtenances shall be kept clean by those persons who may use them, Each person upon the conclusion of his daily sales, shall sweep and wash up so that the House shall be in order for the following day upon pain of a fine of one peso for every time he forgets, which shall be collected with its costs and it shall be the duty of the Commissioner to visit the Market every day to see that this Section is complied with and to report the delinquents.

Sec. 10th. Be it ordained and decreed that any person who may desire to slaughter an animal of those mentioned in this Ordinance for his own use or consumption in his house, may do so under the provisions of this said Ordinance, in which case he shall carry the meat of the slaughtered animal to his house.

Sec. 11th. Be it ordained and decreed, That all the fines and taxes mentioned in this Ordinance shall be paid to the treasury and applied as any other public

funds.

Sec. 12. Be it ordained and decreed that the Secretary of this Corporation shall undertake the duties of Commissioner as defined in this Ordinance until some other determination is taken.

Approved and Published

JA-92 The Mayor presented the following Ordinance; Defining the Duties of the Collector.

Sec.1st Be it ordained and decreed That the Collector collect all the taxes imposed by this Corporation and that a copy of each Ordinance shall be given the Collector for his guidance and he shall be required to keep an account of the money paid him and the kind of money, if it be gold, silver or promissory notes and shall give to each individual his corresponding receipt.

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Sec.2nd Be it ordained and decreed that the Collector shall pay into the City Treasury all moneys by him collected and take a receipt for the same in the first week in each month and render a statement thereof to the Corporation making the distinction in the kind of Money and of whom received.

Sec.3rd Be it ordained and decreed that the Collector shall receive as compensation for all moneys by him collected and not otherwise provided for, Five per cent, which he may retain at any time on paying moneys into the Treasury, taking care that the fees be paid equally from the kind of moneys received.

Approved

JA-92.1

On motion of Mr. Rodriguez, it was Resolved, That the Mayor be hereby authorised to have all the public places of the City including the Churchyard swept and cleaned at the expense of the Corporation and to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of such expenses that may be incurred

Approved

JA-92.2

On motion of Mr. Navarro, it was Resolved That the Mayor be hereby authorised to appoint some day or days in any week or weeks he may think proper to have killed all unlicensed dogs and that he be empowered to employ two or three men and a cart on such day or days appointed to kill said dogs and to carry their carcasses out of the City, the expenses of which he will pay or cause to be paid out of the Dog Fund.

Approved

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

R. Garza  
Clerk

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Sec.2nd. Be it Ordained and decreed, That the Collector shall pay to the treasury of the City all monies collected by him, and shall take a receipt for it, the first week of each month and shall give an account to the Corporation showing

the different kinds of money he may receive and from whom he receives it.

Sec.3rd Be it Ordained and decreed That the Collector shall receive for all the money he collects ( ) five per cent which he shall retain or hold out at any time that he may pay money to the Treasury, taking care that the fees shall be paid in the same sort of money in which they have been received by him.

Approved

JA-92.1

On motion of Mr. Rodriguez; it was

Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to order the cleaning of all public meeting places including the cemetery and also that he be authorized to draw on the treasurer of the Corporation for the amount necessary to pay for having it done.

Approved

JA-92.2

On motion of Mr. Navarro, it was

Resolved, That the Mayor of the Corporation be authorized to set aside a day of the week for the killing of dogs which are without licenses and that he employ two or three men with a cart to remove the dead dogs on the day indicated, to a place outside the City, which shall be paid from the Dog Fund.

Approved

R. Garza, Sec.

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July 2 1840

Council met present J. W. Smith Mayor. Arciniega, Blow, Rodrigz McMullen & Perez Aldermen

The Mayor laid before the body fifty receipts of equal sum of dollars entered in the Treasury for Ball licenses & ordered to be registered

JA-93

On motion of Mr. Smith the council entered in to an election for a Constable when C. W. Egrey was unanimously elected

Jno. W. Smith

August 27th 1840

The Council met there being present J. W. Smith Mayor Arciniega McMullen Navarro Rodrigz, Blow, Ruiz, & Perez Aldermen

The Mayor laid before the body thirty one receipts equal sum of dollars entered in the treasury for Ball licenses.

JA-94

On motion an election was held for a colector when Franco X. Bustillos was duly elected

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July 2, 1840.

The Corporation being met, present Mayor John W. Smith and the Councilmen Arciniega, Blow, Rodriguez, McMullen and Perez

The Mayor presented fifty receipts for an equal number of pesos paid into the Treasury for dance licenses, which were ordered filed.

JA-93

On suggestion of the Mayor the election of a constable was proceeded with, and by a unanimous vote C. W. Egrey was elected to that office.

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor

August 27, 1840

The Corporation being met, present the Mayor John W. Smith and Councilmen Arciniega, McMullen, Navarro, Rodriguez, Blow, Ruiz and Perez,

The Mayor delivered thirty one receipts for an equal number of pesos paid into the Treasury for Dance licenses.

JA-94

The election of a Collector was proceeded with and Don Francisco X. Bustillo was elected unanimously.

JA-94.1

The Corporation encharged Messrs. Arciniega and McMullen with the mission of going to see Colonel Seguin to find out from him about the condition of the loan of five hundred pesos loaned by this Corporation to Col Neil as pay of the Texas Troop.

JA-95

The Mayor was authorized by this Corporation to put into practice the law of vagrants, and to use their labor on the repairing of the jail, each one to be paid one and a half reals. Those set to work shall be under the direction of a overseer who shall be contracted by the Mayor for this purpose at a salary of fifteen pesos per month or less if possible.

JA-96

The Mayor reported that there was a bill of seventy six pesos which this Corporation owes to

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Don Ramon Musquis for beams placed in the roof of the building in which this Corporation meets; which was approved and ordered paid in two orders on the Treasurer.

R. Garza, Sec.

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor

October 29, 1840

Being met the Corporation, present Messrs. Smith, Mayor; Van Ness, Blow, Arciniega, McMullen and Perez Councilmen; and the meeting declared opened, the Mayor delivered twenty four receipts for an equal number of pesos paid into the Treasury for dance licenses. He also presented an account of earnings of the Slaughter House up to the 2nd of September of this year, from which should be deducted the expenses and commission for collection, resulting in favor of the funds nineteen pesos forty two cents whose receipt is acknowledged by the Treasurer.

JA-97

The ruinous condition of the building of the old Slaughter House was taken into consideration, and it was decided that this matter should be taken charge of by the Mayor of this Corporation in order that the adobes and lumber of which it is constructed may be sold at the best price.

JA-98

There was also taken under consideration the time when the water of the ditch should be cut off from the ranches, and it was decided that it should be done on the 1st of January, 1841 and that it should be cleaned during the said month so that the water may be again available on Feb. 1st.

The committee appointed to obtain from Colonel Seguin the vouchers for the loan of five hundred pesos, which according to the minutes of the Corporation was made to Colonel Neil, presented but one receipt of the said Neil amounting to two hundred pesos, the only document which Colonel Seguin delivered to them.

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor.

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November 4, 1840

The Corporation being met, present Messrs. Smith, Mayor; Van Ness, Arciniega, Blow, Perez, and McMullen, Councilmen;

The Mayor announced the resignation of the Treasurer of this Corporation, and it was directed by this body that for the present the funds on hand, books and other documents which correspond to the said office, be taken charge of by Sr. Don Miguel Arciniega.

JA-99

For the security of our City and County it is very necessary that a building be erected for a jail, and in order to get sufficient funds for this purpose, the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of San Antonio decree as follows:

Sec.1st. The public land which there may be within the limits of this City shall be placed on sale, and the product set aside and used exclusively in the erection of a Jail.

Sec.2nd. The said lands shall be offered at public sale by order of the Mayor, after being surveyed and plotted as this body may direct; giving three weeks notice in one of the gazettes published in the cities of Austin and Houston at least thirty days before the day of the sales.

Sec.3rd. The minimum price of the lots of 2500 square varas, located to the East of the Main Ditch of the Alamo and West of San Pedro Creek shall be ten pesos, and broken lots at the same rate; payable on terms; the first payment cash in hand, the second in three months, and the third in six months under penalty of forfeiting what has been paid if any or some of these payments is defaulted. The purchaser shall receive a conditional certificate until delivery of title which will be given upon making the final payment.

Sec.4th As soon as the buyer presents a receipt from the Treasurer for the total amount of his purchases, the Mayor shall deliver the respective title to the buyer or his successors, in the name of this Corporation.

Sec.5th The two lots situated above the City which belong to this Corporation and which are known as the Manchaca plot shall be sold entire, and the lowest price for them shall be one hundred pesos; and all the other lots situated within the Main Ditch between the Alamo and San Pedro Creek shall be offered at public sale and the lowest price for them shall be ( ) pesos for each front vara, which sales shall be made

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upon the same conditions specified in Section 3 of this Ordinance.

Sec.6th If any of the said lots should not be sold at the expressed prices, at public sale, they can be sold by the Mayor, payment to be made to the Treasurer, of the price agreed upon, and the buyer shall have a right to a certificate for the payment, subject to the benefits and losses expressed in Section 3 of this Ordinance.

Sec.7th The prices fixed by this Ordinance are in legal money.

R. Garza, Sec.

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor

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In the City of San Antonio de Bexar on the ninth day of the month of January one thousand eight hundred and forty one; by Virtue of a notice of the Mayor of the Corporation of the last year a meeting was held in the Mayors office of this City, the following gentlemen being present when said gentlemen being duly installed Juan N. Seguin Mayor, Aldermen, Manuel Perez, Jose Ma. Flores, Marcos A. Veramendi, Pedro Flores, Francisco Gilbeau, John R. Black, Anto. Menechac and Diego A. Taylor, who having taken the oath of office as prescribed by law entered, upon the discharge of their functions, which same oath was taken by the Treasurer and Collector for the faithful performance of their duties in fulfilment of which they all signed their names in presence of the Mayor of the past year.

January the 9th 1841 - Seguin Mayor.

A quorum present the Mayor called to order and they proceeded to business.

Messrs. Menechac Veramendi, and Perez tendered their resignations which were accepted.

JA-100

On motion of Mr. Gilbeau the Aldermen proceeded to hold an election to fill the vacancies occasioned by resignation and on counting the votes it resulted in favour of Messrs. Coriano Francisco Bustillo and Augustin Barrera.

On motion of Mr. Flores (Pedro) notice was given to said gentlemen of their election so that they might enter on the performance of their duties after taking the necessary oath provided they accepted. approved

JA-101

On motion of Mr. Flores (Jose Maria) Mr. Maverick as treasurer and Mr. Delgado as collector were required to give bond & security for the faithful performance of their duties, the first in 2000 Dols. and the second in 100 dols. approved.

JA-102

On motion of Dr. Taylor the Mayor was authorised to appoint a secretary protem, with the same salary of the Secretary of last year.

On motion of Mr. Gilbeau the Board were required to meet on Thursday of every week. The Board adjourned till next Thursday.

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In the City of San Antonio de Bexar, January 9 of 1841; by reason of a notice from the



Mayor of the former Corporation, the following citizens met in the Town Hall at nine in the morning: John W. Seguin, Mayor; and Councilmen Manuel Perez, Jose Maria Flores, Marcos A. Veramendi Pedro Flores, Francisco Guilbeau, John R. Black, Antonio Menchaca and Diego A. Taylor, to whom in person and in due form was administered the oath according to law, by which the Mayor and Councilmen as well as the Treasurer and Collector who will compose the corporation during the present year of 1841, promised to fulfill their duties faithfully and legally, and in confirmation signed in the presence of the Mayor.

Meeting of January 9th; Mister Seguin presiding

The Corporation having met, and there being a quorum, the Mayor declared the meeting opened.

Messrs. Menchaca, Veramendi and Perez presented their resignations for expressed reasons, which having been accepted and well discussed, were approved.

JA-100

On motion of Mr. Guilbeau, the Corporation proceeded to elect enough members to fill the vacancies, and Messrs. Don Jose Casiano, Don Francisco Bustillo and Don Agustin Barrera were elected.

Mr. Flores (Don Pedro) moved that the Mayor advise the just elected Gentlemen, who if they accept their election should enter upon their duties after the customary oath. Approved.

JA-101

Mr. Flores (Don Jose Maria) proposed: That a bond of two thousand pesos be required from Don Samuel A. Maverick the Treasurer, and one thousand pesos from the Collector Don Martin Delgado.

Approved.

JA-102

Upon a motion of Mr. Taylor, the body disposed that until the office of Secretary is filled, the Mayor can employ one at the salary paid by the former corporation.

JA-102.1

Mr. Guilbeau proposed that the body meet for its deliberations on Thursday of each week.

Approved.

Meeting adjourned until the following Thursday .

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor.

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Thursday March the 11th 1841

The proceedings of the last meeting being read and approved

The committee appointed to notify Messrs. Jaques and Rivas of their election as Aldermen reported that the 1st would not except & the last to be engaged in the grand jury.

Mr. Guilbeau notified the body that Mr. Addicks would not admit the appointment of Secretary being engaged as County Clerk.

JA-103

In consideration of the result of Mr. Gilbeaus failure with Mr. Addicks on mocion of Mr. Barrera Dr. Alsberry was appointed Secretary and the Mayor requested to notify him of his appointment.

JA-104

The Mayor manifested to the body the great utility that would result from adding

the lots on the East Side of the main ditch in the upper fobourg to "ramados propios" (private branches) so that they might be irrigated alternately with the balance of the city and pay into the Treasury the quota according to custom.

The Mayor appointed Mr. Bustillo to regulate and attend to this matter.

The Mayor appointed Messrs. Barrera & Garza D. Jose Manl. in case that the latter admitted to make out a general list of the "Ramos propios" (private branches).

The Body adjourned till the next term,

H. A. Alsberry  
Secretary.

Session of the 18th March 1841

The proceedings of the last meeting being read and approved.

JA-106

The Mayor made present to the body the necessity of appointing a Collector. Mr. Bustillo was unanimously appointed with the allowance of five per cent on all moneys collected by him.

JA-107

Mr. Guilbeau laid before the Board the necessity to levy a tax sufficient to raise fund for the support of the Expenses of this Board, for example, the payment of the Secretarys Salary, the repairing of the Court House, cleaning of the streets & other important public improvements and on motion of Mr. Flores it was Resolved that from the first day of January of the present year the tax levied by the corporation of 1837 in session 13th October shall be collected by this Board -

The Mayor made known to the Board that by a decree of the general Congress of the Government, no moneys could be collected

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Meeting of Thursday, 11th of the month of March 1841, presiding Mr. Seguin.

The committee named to advise Messrs. Jaques and Calletano Rivas reported that the former did not desire to accept the election, and that they did not advise the latter of his election as they judged that he would be too much occupied as a member of the grand jury of the district court.

Mr. Guilbeau announced to the Body that Mr. Addicks did not accept his election as secretary for the reason that he finds himself too much occupied with his position as County Clerk.

JA-103

Inasmuch as the election as Secretary of which the previous paragraph speaks was merely a mission with which Mr. Guilbeau was encharged to consult with the person named, on a motion of Mr. Barrera Mr. Alsbury was named as Clerk of this Body, and the Mayor was instructed to inform Mr. Alsbury of his appointment.

JA-104

The Mayor spoke to the Body of the great benefit it would be to the City if the un-irrigated lots situated on the east side of the Ditch on the North Side, should be charged for water rights, and taken under discussion this was approved and it was ordered that they be irrigated alternately with the remaining city lots paying their proportion, which up to date has been the custom.

The Mayor encharged Mr. Bustillo with the arranging of this matter.

The Mayor appointed Messrs. Barrera and Garza (Don Jose Manuel) should this latter accept the appointment to formulate a public notice regarding the water rights.

The meeting was adjourned until the next date; being absent Mr. Black because of absence from the City.

H. A. Alsbury, Secretary

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor

Meeting of March 18th, under the presidency of Mr. Seguin

The minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and approved

JA-106

The Mayor called the attention of the body to the importance, or the necessity there is, of appointing a Collector for this body, as there is no employee of this class to encharge with the collection of the taxes of the said Corporation; which taken under consideration resulted in a unanimous selection of Mr. Bustillo with pay of five pesos in each hundred he may collect.

JA-107

Mr. Guilbeau spoke of the obligation that this body is under to adopt measures or taxes to form a fund which will take care of the expenses of this corporation, as for example the pay of the Secretary of the Council, the repairing of the Town Hall, the payment for cleaning the streets and for other expenditures for the good of the public, which are of the utmost importance, the suggestion of Mr. Guilbeau was submitted for discussion and in order to carry the idea into effect Mr. Flores proposed that the corporation collect from the 1st day of January of this year the taxes imposed by the former corporation of the year 1837 at its meeting of October 13th. This was approved.

The Mayor informed the body that by a Decree of Congress the Cor-

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in payment of Taxes of corporate Bodies but that collected by the Republic

JA-108

in consequence of which Mr. Guilbeau proposed that the Collector be notified to collect the Equivalent of the Taxes levied in Tejas money-

JA-109

The Mayor appointed Mr. Bustillo to collect the sum of Eight dollars per month rent, from the person or persons who occupy the Barracks on the Military Square from the 1st day of January of the present year and one dollar per month for each room in the Market house, rent which this board has levied at the present meeting, not collecting any thing for the house the last year

H. A. Alsbury

Approved

Secretary.

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poration should not collect other currency in payment of its municipal taxes than that which is accepted by the Republic in payment of the taxes it imposes.

JA-108

In view of this observation Mr. Guilbeau proposed that the collector be advised that when collecting taxes he shall exact payment in silver, or in default of that, Texas money.

Approved

JA-109

The Mayor appointed Mr. Bustillo to undertake the collection of a rent of eight

pesos each month which the corporation imposed at the same session, from the person or persons who may occupy the building which previously served as headquarters for the Bejar Company; also a peso per month for each room which there is at the slaughter house site, not permitting any default in the payment for the rent of January of this year by those who may occupy the rooms at the barracks simply because rent has not been collected for their occupancy during preceding months.

Approved.

H. A. Alsbury, Sec.

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor.

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Session of the 26th April 1841

Having read and approved the acts of the last meeting

The Mayor laid before the Board a petition from W. C. Hussey praying exclusive privileges relative to the Market house which was read & laid on the Table till the next meeting

JA-110

The Mayor requested that an Election should be held to fill the vacancies, & Messrs. Callaghan & Tucker were duly elected and Mr. Flores (Dn. Jose Ma.) having resigned Mr. Urrutia was elected to fill his place all of whom accepted & took the oath according to custom.

JA-111

The Ordinance published by the Mayor on the 3rd of the present month for the prohibition of the discharge of fire arms & cock fighting within the limits of the city was approved by the Board of Aldermen.

The Committee appointed to demand of the Treasurer of the last year the Books & papers belonging to the Treasury presented a Ledger, a day Book and 49 receipts & orders.

JA-112

Resolved by the Mayor & Aldermen that James Goodman pay to this Corporation the sum of twenty five dollars per month from the first day of January of the present year, until such time as he proves that he is authorised by the Government to hold possession of the house he now occupies.

H. A. Alsbury

Secretary

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Meeting of April 26, Mr. Seguin presiding

The minutes of the previous meeting being read and approved;

The Mayor presented a communication from W. C. Hussey concerning the renting of the slaughter house or market; it was considered and remained pending until the next meeting.

JA-110

The Mayor spoke of the necessity of naming persons to fill the vacancies in the Body, and Messrs. Callaghan, Tucker ( ) were named as candidates and because of the resignation of Don Jose Maria Flores for the reason that he is living on his ranch, they proposed Mr. Urrutia; all of whom accepted their election and entered upon the discharge of their duties after taking the accustomed oath.

JA-111

The proposal of the Mayor was approved, prohibiting cock fights and the discharge of firearms within the city limits, forbidden by a public notice which was published the 3rd of this month.

The committee named to procure from the Treasurer of last year the books, and papers belonging to the Treasury, turned over a ledger of accounts, a day book and a package of forty nine receipts.

JA-112

It was resolved by the Mayor and Council that for as long as James Goodman does not prove that the Government rented him the building which he is occupying, he shall pay to the Corporation twenty five pesos rent per month from the 1st of January of the current year.

H. A. Alsbury  
Secretary

Juan N. Seguin  
Mayor

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Extraordinary Session of the 28th April 1841

JA-113

The Mayor Seguin & Aldermen, Black, Guilbeau, Urrutia, Barrera, Flores, Bustillo and Callaghan, being present and taking into consideration the urgent necessity of Raising a fund for the support of this Body together with other important matters of public utility have decreed the following municipal Ordinances.

Art. 1st All stores of dry goods shall pay for a license to retail a tax of twenty five dollars annually -

2nd All grog shops or liquor stores shall pay for an annual license for retailing a tax of twenty five dollars-

3rd Each billiard table shall pay for an annual license a tax of fifty dollars-

4th All other property shall be taxed that is liable to a government tax, by this Corporation the full amount of tax which the 13th section of a law passed the 4th of February of the present imposes on said property, as soon as this Body appoints an assessor to assess said tax-

5th Each tendejo (small shop) shall pay a tax of twelve dollars & 4 bits for an annual license for retailing

6th All town and public Boarding houses shall pay an annual tax of twenty five dollars-

7th The tax levied heretofore on Fandangoes (public dances) & on the Market house shall be collected as formerly-

8th All other taxes (except the Corporation property) that have been levied heretofore and not mentioned in this act are hereby repealed.

9th This decree shall take effect on the 1st day of next month ( ) of May-

H. A. Alsbury  
Secretary

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Special Meeting of the 28th of April

JA-113

The Mayor Seguin and the Councilmen being present, Black, Gilbeau, Urrutia,

Barrera, Flores, Bustillo and Callaghan, having in mind the urgent necessity of the Corporation to find means to pay its regular expenses and for other matters of benefit to the public, has seen fit to decree the following Municipal Ordinance:

Art. 1st Clothing and dry goods stores shall pay to the Corporation a selling license of twenty five pesos.

2nd Liquor stores also shall pay a license annually of twenty five pesos for a retail license.

3rd Billiard tables shall pay for an annual license the sum of fifty pesos

4th Other properties of the City which may be subject to pay to the Republic the taxes which this (the Republic) imposes upon them, shall pay to the Corporation those which are its due according to the provisions of Section 13 of the decree of February 4 of the current year, when the Corporation appoints an Assessor to collect said fees.

5th Small shops shall pay a tax of twelve pesos and four reals for a license to sell.

6th Public eating-houses or taverns shall pay an annual tax of twenty five pesos.

7th The tax on public dances, and the assessment on meat remain in force and effect.

8th The other taxes (except the perquisites of the Corporation) which were established previous to this Ordinance, and which are not mentioned herein, are hereby annulled and of no effect.

9th This Ordinance shall go into effect the 1st day of the coming May.

Approved

H. A. Alsbury, Secretary

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor

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Session of the 6th of May 1841

Present the Mayor and a Majority of the Aldermen Mr. Lockmar who was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Tucker took the oath and his seat.

The petition of the Butcher W. Hussey that was laid over the last meeting was read rejected.

JA-114

On motion of Mr. Urrutia W. W. Alsbury was elected Constable with a salary of 15 dollars per month & perquisites of office.

JA-115

Resolved by this board of Aldermen that the Mayor of this City, in their opinion is fully authorised and empowered by this act incorporating said city to execute and carry into effect all laws passed by this body and they hereby vest him with full Executive powers to that effect.

JA-116

On motion of Mr. Callaghan Mr. Trueheart was appointed assessor to assess the taxes levied by the 4th article of the decree of this body on the 28th last month-

JA-117

The Mayor appointed a committee composed of Messrs Black, Callaghan, Gilbeau, and Bustillo to form laws for the by-laws as Government of this body.

The Treasurer Mr. S. A. Maverick came forward and received the books belonging to this Treasury.

On motion of Mr. Callaghan the Board adjourned till next Thursday

H. A. Alsbury , Secretary

Approved

JA-118

Mr. W. W. Alsbury elected Constable for this body came forward and took the oath of office according to law and signed his name this 7th day of May 1841

H. A. Alsbury

Secretary

JA-119

In consequence of the resignation of W. W. Alsbury from the office of Constable Mr. James Dunn was appointed with the same salary & under the same conditions this 22d day of May 1841

H. A. Alsbury

Secretary.

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Meeting of May 6th, 1841

The Mayor and a majority of the Councilmen having met, the meeting was declared opened; Mr. Lockmar who was elected to fill the vacant seat of Mr. Tucker, accepted, presented himself, and was sworn as is customary.

The petition of the butcher W. C. Hussey regarding the renting of the market which had remained pending from the last meeting was read and refused.

JA-114

On a motion of Mr. Urrutia W. W. Alsbury was appointed Constable with a salary of fifteen pesos per month--

JA-115

Resolved by this body that they are of the opinion that the Mayor has, by the law incorporating this city all the requisite faculties for carrying out the collection of the taxes imposed by said Body, and by the same is authorized to make the said collection.

JA-116

On a motion of Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Trueheart was named to assess the properties taxed by Article 4 of the Ordinance passed the 28th of last month.

JA-117

The Mayor named a committee composed of Messrs. Callaghan, Black, Gilbeau and Bustillo to formulate a regulation for the government of this Body.

The Treasurer Mr. S. A. Maverick presented himself and received the Treasury books.

On motion by Mr. Callaghan the meeting was adjourned until next Thursday.

H. A. Alsbury, Secretary

Approved

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor.

JA-118

In consequence of the corporation having named Don Guillermo W. Alsbury as Constable of the Corporation for the current year of 1841, with a salary of 15 pesos per month and his perquisites, he presented himself on this day and date of May 7, gave the usual oath and entered upon the discharge of his duties, and signed with me as a confirmation

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor

Wm. W. Alsbury

JA-119

Inasmuch as Mr. Wm. W. Alsbury has resigned as constable of this corporation, Mr. James Dunn was appointed to fill the office with the same salary and under the same conditions, and in confirmation signed with me in Bexar May 22, 1841.

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor

James Dunn

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Session of the 13th May 1841 -

JA-120

Present the Mayor & a majority of the Aldermen W. Black offered his resignation which was accepted. The Mayor proposed to allow the assessor five per cent for assessing the town property which was adopted.

JA-121

Having received information that the president of this Republic is expected to visit this city Be it resolved by this body that he be received with a salute of twenty one guns and that the citizens be requested to sweep the streets in front of all their houses and that the Mayor be authorised to draw on the Treasury for the amount necessary to defray the expenses of said salute-

JA-122

On motion of Mr. Flores a committee was appointed to examine into the limits and other public lands or lots belonging to this City so as to establish said limits and Messrs, Gilbeau, Urrutia & Flores were appointed said committee.

JA-123

Resolved that the Collector be authorised to receive from those individuals who cannot procure Texas money to pay their taxes its Equivalent in Silver and receipt accordingly-

The meeting adjourned until next Thursday-

H. A. Alsbury

Approved

John N. Seguin

Secretary.

Mayor

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Meeting of May 13th of 1841

The Mayor and a majority of the Councilmen having assembled, the meeting was declared opened.

Mr. Black presented his resignation which was accepted.

JA-120

The Mayor proposed that the assessor be assigned five per cent of the city taxes which was adopted

JA-121

Having received notice of the arrival of the President of this Republic on a visit to this City, The Corporation passed a resolution that he shall be saluted by an artillery salvo of 21 shots upon his arrival at the same time the citizens shall be invited by The Constable to sweep the fronts of their houses (the streets) voluntarily and the contractor shall be ordered to collect the rubbish and dump it outside the city.

JA-122 On a motion of Mr. Flores a committee was appointed to examine the public



lands and other real estate of the city which up to this time have not been inspected, and Messrs. Guilbeau, Urrutia, and Flores were named.

JA-123

(Note: This paragraph is entered in the Journal in English) Resolved that the Collector be authorized to receive from those individuals who cannot procure Texas Money to pay their taxes its equivalent in Silver & receipt accordingly -

The meeting was adjourned until next Thursday.

The preceding minute was approved.

H. A. Alsbury, Secretary

John N. Seguin, Mayor

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July 2d 1841

JA-124

Mr. Seguin the Mayor of the Corporation having to leave the City (for Mexico) called an extraordinary meeting for the purpose of electing a Mayor Pro Tem when Francisco Guilbeau was unanimously elected by the Aldermen present

Juan A. Urrutia  
Agustin Barrera  
Anton Lakmer  
Franco X Bustillos  
Pedro Flores

July 29th 1841

The Council met present Guilbeau, Mayor, Urrutia, Barrera, Lockmar, Bustillos & Flores. Aldermen the minutes of the former being read approved the Board proceeded to business

JA-125

On Motion of Mr. Urrutia Crisanto Casanova was elected constable of this Corporation Mr. Dunn having offered his resignation & accepted who was duly sworn & was to give his bond afterwards

The Mayor offered the following decree

JA-126

Be it Ordained and decreed, That for every (or each) beef slaughtered within the limits of the Corporation and offered for sale at the Market house the owner or seller of the same shall pay to the Commissioner of this Corporation a tax of a dollar in silver instead of twenty five cents heretofore accustomed which was taken into consideration and after being well discussed was approved and ordered to be publish taking effect eight days after its publication

published 6th day of August 1841

JA-127

Mr. Flores offered the following Ordinance. Be it Ordained and decreed by the Aldermen of the City of San Antonio Sec. 1st It is hereby decreed, That each Cart which introduce any sort of Merchandise within the limits of this town (or take out any goods) will pay one dollar each one the waggons twelve reals  
Sec. 2. The Carts which will bring or introduces stones will pay each one of them six and a quarter cents for each load  
Sec. 3. The Horses & Mules loaded will pay at their entry in town fifty cents each per load & they will also pay going out of town if loaded  
Sec. 4. The Mayor of this Corporation will see that this Ordinance is carried into

effect from to day.

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Meeting of July 2nd of 1841

JA-124

In consequence of his approaching departure Don Jn. N. Seguin, Mayor, called a special meeting to name a Mayor pro tem, and we, the Councilmen have named Don Francisco Guilbeau as we certify by our signatures.

Juan A. Urrutia  
Agustin Barrera  
Anton Lakmer  
Franco X. Bustillo  
Pedro Flores

Meeting of July 29th of 1841

The Corporation being met; present Mr. Guilbeau, Mayor Juan Antonio Urrutia, Agustin Barrera Antonio Lockmar Franco X. Bustillos and Pedro Flores, Councilmen, and read and approved the minutes of the previous meeting, the session was declared opened.

JA-125

On a motion of Mr. Urrutia The Citizen Crisanto Casanove was named constable of the Corporation replacing Mr. Dunn who resigned his position, from whom was taken the accustomed oath and his bond remains to be given.

Approved

JA-126

The Mayor presented the following proposal of a decree:

Be it ordained and decreed, That for each steer killed within the City limits and offered for sale in the Market, the owner or person who sells, shall pay to the Commissioner of this Corporation as a tax, one silver peso instead of the two reals as was the custom; which was taken into consideration and after having been discussed was approved and it was ordered published and to go into effect eight days after its publication

Published August 6, 1841

JA-127

Mr. Flores offered the following decree:

The Mayor and Councilmen of the City of San Antonio decree:

- 1st. All carts which carry goods of any description whatsoever and which may be brought within the City limits (or carried out of the City) shall each pay one peso, and the Wagons twelve reals.
- 2nd. Carts which bring stone shall each one pay half a real for each trip.
- 3rd. Mules or cargo animals shall each pay four reals upon their entry and shall pay the same upon their departure if carrying cargo.
- 4th. The Mayor of this Corporation will see to the carrying out of this decree from this day and date.

Approved and Published.

JA-128

On motion of Mr. Guilbeau it was Resolved That Rafael Garza will act as Secretary of this Corporation, with the wages of twenty five dollars in Silver\* who was duly sworn and took the seat of office \*per month approved.

August the 5th 1841

The Council met present Guilbeau Mayor Pro Tem Urrutia, Barrera, Flores Bustillos, Lockmar, Aldermen, when L. Smithers appeared through an invitation made by the Corporation, who accepted the office as Alderman who being duly sworn, then proceeded to business

JA-129

Mr. Barrera offered the following decree

Be it Ordained and decreed, by the Mayor and Aldermen of this Corporation in council assembled, That the Mayor be, and is hereby authorised to employ one or more lawyers, should they be needed to defend the Corporation in any difficulty what some ever she might be involved and also be authorised to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of the Costs which was approved

JA-130

Mr. Flores offered the following Ordinance

The Corporation of San Anto. has decreed, That all persons owning cultivated lands and lots within the limits of the City shall have their fences in fine order said fences shall be five feet high of solid fence

Sec. 2. It is further decreed, That any person who shall not have their lots in the order required by the former section of this Ordinance, and shall receive damages from any sort of animals, Cattle Horses or Hogs and shall wound or kill any of this shall pay the slaughtered animal and also be fined from one to six dollars agreeable to the judgement of the Mayor of this Corporation which will be collected in silver

Approved and ordered to be published

F. Guilbeau

Mayor, interin

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JA-128

On motion of the Mayor Citizen Rafael Garza was admitted as Secretary of this Corporation with a salary \* of twenty five silver pesos; to whom the oath was administered and entered upon the discharge of his duties \*monthly

Approved

R. Garza, Clerk

F. Guilbeau

Mayor pro tem.

Meeting of August 5, 1841

Being met the Corporation, present Guilbeau, Mayor pro tem Councilmen Juan Anto. Urrutia, Barrera, Bustillos, Flores, and Lockmar, Mr. L. Smithers presented himself by invitation of the Corporation accepted the position of Councilman, took the accustomed oath of office, and the session was declared opened; being read and approved the previous minutes Mr. Barrera offered the following decree:

JA-129

Be it Ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Councilmen of the Corporation of

San Antonio in council assembled, That the Mayor be authorized, and by this act he is authorized to employ one or more lawyers, if necessary, to defend the Corporation in every class of difficulty in which it may find itself; and at the same time this authorizes him to draw against the treasurer for the amount of the expenditures which this may cause.

Which was approved

JA-130

Mr. Flores proposed the following decree:

Sec. 1st. Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Councilmen in council assembled: That every proprietor of cultivated tracts and lots within the City limits, shall have his fences in good shape and these shall be five feet high and of solid construction.  
Sec. 2nd. It is also ordained That anyone who has not his properties in the condition required by the preceding section of this Ordinance and who may receive any damage from any class of animals whatsoever, be they Bovine, Equine, Hogs etc. and should kill or wound one of them, shall pay for the dead animal, and shall besides be fined from one to six pesos according to what may be judged proper by the Mayor of the Corporation, which shall be collected in a summary manner, and in silver.

Approved and ordered published

R. Garza, Clerk.

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August 19th 1841

The Council met present F. Guilbeau Mayor, A Barrera F. Bustillos L. Smithers J. Anto. Urrutia & Anto Lockmar Aldermen, the minutes being read and approved

The Mayor laid before the body twenty six receipts from the Treasurer being an equal sum of dollars entered in to the Treasury for Ball's made

JA-131

The Mayor also laid before the body five drafts against the Market Commissioner amounting to seventeen dollars and fifty cents as also an order against the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Dunn Constable of this Corporation for fifteen dollars as also a draft of ten dollars against the Treasurer in favor of the Clerk

Approved

The Mayor offered for various motives (or reasons) which he exposed (or manifested) before the Hon. body. his resignation which was

Approved

JA-132

The Corporation taking into consideration the Mayor's resignation, they proceeded to an election when L. Smithers was unanimously elected, Mayor. Pro Tem Mr. Trueheart was elected also a Member of this Corporation who being duly sworn took his seat

JA-133

Mr. Urrutia offered the following decree

Sec. 1st Be it Ordained and decreed by the Mayor & Aldermen of the Corporation of San Antonio in council assembled, That the Market house be authorised to purchase two pair of stilliots (Steelyards) for the use of the Market House.

Sec. 2d Be it further ordained and decreed that any person who shall slaughter any Beef and offer it for sale at the Market House shall sell the meat at three pound for twelve and a half cents the person selling said beef will sell the bones agreeable to his convenience and any person failing to comply with this ordinance shall be

fined in the sum of five dollars which will be collected in a summary manner in silver approved and ordered to be published

JA-134

The Corporation has decreed that the Market Commissioner shall be entitled to receive for his services twelve and a half per cent (instead of eight per cent heretofore allowed) Collector ten per cent instead of five

approved

L. Smithers, President, Prot

R. Garza

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Meeting of August 19, 1841

The Corporation being met, present Franco Guilbeau, Mayor; Agustin Barrera, Franco Bustillos, L. Smithers, J. A. Urrutia, Antonio Lockmar, Councilmen; being read and approved the minutes of the previous meeting, the session was declared opened.

JA-131

The Mayor delivered to the body 26 receipts from the Treasurer there being an equal number of pesos deposited in the treasury collected for dances held. approved. The same gentlemen presented some drafts against the Corporation Market Master amounting to 17.4 likewise an order against the Treasurer in favor of Mr. Dunn former constable for this Corporation to the value of 15.Ps. also an order from the clerk for ten pesos, approved.

The Mayor stated to the Body that for various reasons which he expressed he wished that they would accept his resignation, which was accepted.

JA-132

Mr. Juan A. Urrutia offered the following resolution:

That Mr. L. Smithers, the Body taking into consideration the resignation of Mr. Guilbeau proceeded to an election, and Mr. Smithers was elected Mayor pro tem. Mr. Trueheart was accepted as a member of this Corporation to whom the oath of office was administered.

JA-133

Mr. Urrutia offered the following decree:

Section 1st. Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and councilmen of the Corporation of San Antonio in council assembled: That the Market Master be authorized to purchase two pairs of steelyards for the use of the Market House.

Section 2nd. Be it also ordained and decreed: That any or whatever person who shall offer to sell meat in the Market of this City, is obliged to give three pounds of solid meat for a real, being at liberty to sell the bone as he pleases; and the person who violates this ordinance shall for each infraction pay a fine of five pesos, which shall be collected in silver.

Approved and ordered published.

JA-134

The Corporation has decreed that the Market Master shall receive for his services twelve and a half percent, in place of eight per cent as formerly, and the Collector ten per cent in place of five.

Approved

R. Garza, Clerk

L. Smither, Mayor pro tem

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August 26th 1841

The Council met agreeable to adjournment and the roll being called there appeared Mess. L. Smithers Mayor Pro Tem J. A. Urrutia Trueheart Barrera, Bustillos & Lockmar Aldermen the minutes being read and approved

JA-135

The Mayor informed the council, That a Mr. Edwd. Hernandez offered himself to howl (Note- "howl" is OK) out of town the rubbish that may be collected in the streets at twelve reals per day (of those appointed) it was resolved that should the Cartmen now employed by this Corporation will offer to do it for the same he will have the preference on the contrary it shall be given to said Hernandez

approved

JA-136

The Corporation and Aldermen of San Antonio Resolved That the 2d section of an Ordinance approved on the 29th day July be and it is hereby repealed.

approved

R. Garza

L. Smithers Presd. Prot

Srio.

September the 7th 1841

The Council met present, John N. Seguin Mayor Mess Trueheart, Smithers, Barrera, Urrutia, Bustillo, and Callaghan

JA-137

The Mayor & Aldermen in council assembled, has decreed, That the Constable shall be authorised to take up & lodge in jail any Vagrant, or drunken men given information of the same to the Mayor who shall in a summary manner make the corresponding explanation & shall either discharge or convict them

JA-138

The Mayor appointed Mess. Trueheart & Barrera a Committee to raise a notice of all Vagrants or men whose employment is unknown in the 1st District of this City, Mess Sallaghan Lockmar, & Urrutia will make or raise an other such a list in the 2d & 3d Districts Mess, Bustillos & Smithers in the 4th District y el Sr. P. Flores in the 5th District said notices shall be presented at the first meeting of this Council

The Mayor informed the Council That it was absolutly necessary to take into consideration the state of ruin which the Bridges of the River are found in and consequently he begged that on the next Thursday they would present a project to raise a tax on such information taken on the subject.

Approved

R. Garza

John N. Seguin Mayor

Srio.

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August 26, 1841

The Corporation being met, Mr. L. Smithers Mayor pro tem and Councilmen J. A. Urrutia, Trueheart, Barrera, Bustillos and Lockmar; read and approved the minutes of the preceding session, the meeting was declared opened.

JA-135

The Mayor stated to the Body, That Mr. Eduardo Hernandez offers to dump the rubbish

collected in the streets, outside of the City for twelve reales per day on the days indicated for it; for which reason it was disposed That if the Carter now employed by this Corporation will offer to do it for the same amount that he will be given the preference; if not the work will be given to the said Hernandez.

Approved

JA-136

The Mayor and Councilmen of San Antonio have agreed: That Section 2 of the Municipal Ordinance passed on the 29th of July, is hereby abrogated.

Approved

R. Garza, Clerk

Juan N. Seguin

Meeting of September 7th, 1841

The Corporation being assembled, present J. N. Seguin, Mayor and Messrs. Trueheart, Smithers, Barrera, Urrutia, Bustillo and Callaghan

JA-137

The Mayor and Councilmen, in council assembled have disposed: That the Constable be authorized, and by this he is authorized to take, and to put in the jail, vagrants and scandalous drunks, advising the Mayor, who in a summary manner shall make the corresponding investigation sentencing them to such punishments as the case may merit.

Approved

JA-138

The Mayor commissioned Messrs. Trueheart and Barrera to write a report on vagrants or those who have no known means of support in the 1st Ward of this City; Messrs Callaghan, Lockmar and Urrutia to make another list of the same kind in Wards 2 and 3; Messrs Bustillo and Smither in the 4th Ward and Mr. Pedro Flores in the 5th Ward, which lists shall be presented at the first meeting of the Council.

Approved

The Mayor stated to the council, that it was of the utmost necessity to take into consideration the ruinous state in which the bridges of the River now are, and for that reason he begged them to present next Thursday a proposal for raising a tax that according to the information they obtain, may be necessary to repair them.

Approved

R. Garza, Clerk

John N. Seguin, Mayor

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September the 9th 1841

The Council met agreeable to adjournment there being present Mess. J. N. Seguin Mayor J. A. Urrutia A. Barrera, L. Smithers B. Callaghan F. Bustillos & Antonio Lockmar Aldermen the minutes being read and approved

The Committee appointed to make the lists of Vagrants manifested to the Council of their not having had sufficient time to present them the Mayor granted them untill next meeting so to do.

JA-139

Mr. Smithers offered the following decree

Sec. 1st. Be it ordained and it is hereby decreed by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of San Antonio, That in all cases where any person coming to this City shall present himself or herself to the Mayor of this City immediately after his arrival and for a failure to comply with this Ordinance shall be fined at the discretion of the Mayor

Sec. 2d. Be it further decreed that this Ordinance shall not extend to the Inhabitants of this Republic..

Sec. 3d. Be it further ordained, That any citizen harboring any person of suspicious carracter in his or her house in this City on conviction before the Mayor of this City shall pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars nor less than twenty five at the discretion of the Mayor to be collected by the Constable on an execution issued from the Mayor of this City

Approved and Ordered to be published

JA-140

The Mayor appointed Mess. Smithers Callaghan & Bustillos associated with himself to hold a committee of conference with the Masons of this City to make a ( ) of the cost of a permanent bridge (across the river) for the use of the City in the most suitable street

JA-141

The council authorised the Mayor to have repaired the buildings belonging to the Corporation on account of the public funds of the City

approved

JA-142

The Mayor appointed a Committee of Mess. Barrera & Urrutia to examine an account presented by the clerk of former Corporation & report accordingly

approved

R. Garza

John N. Seguin

Clerk

Mayor

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Meeting of September 9, 1841

Being met the Corporation, present the Mayor Don Juan N. Seguin and the Councilmen J. A. Urrutia, A. Barrera, L. Smithers, B. Callaghan, F. Bustillos, and Antonio Lockmar, read and approved the minutes of the previous session, the meeting was declared opened

The committees named to make the lists of the vagrants stated to the body that they had not had sufficient time to submit them, the Mayor gave them until the next meeting to present them.

JA-139 Mr. Smithers proposed the following decree:

Sec. 1st. Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Councilmen of the Corporation of San Antonio in council assembled: That all persons who arrive in this City shall present themselves immediately after their arrival to the Mayor of the Corporation and the person who fails to do so or to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined at the discretion of the Mayor

Sec. 2nd. Be it also ordained and decreed that this Ordinance does not include citizens of the Republic

Sec. 3rd. Be it also ordained and decreed, That any Citizen whatsoever who shelters any sort of a person of doubtful character in his house in this City, upon conviction before the Mayor of the Corporation shall pay a fine which shall not exceed one hundred nor be less than twenty five pesos which shall be collected by the Constable on an execution issued by the Mayor himself.

Approved and ordered published



JA-140

The Mayor named Messrs Smither, Callaghan and Bustillos to interview with him, the masons of this City about making an estimate of the cost of a permanent Bridge over the River of this City at whatever street may be most convenient.

JA-141

The Council authorized the Mayor to proceed with the repairs to the buildings of the council and its jails, for account of the funds of the City.

Approved

JA-142

The Mayor named Messrs Barrera and Urrutia a committee to examine a bill presented by the Clerk of the former Corporation and to report on it at the next session.

Approved

R. Garza, Clerk

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor

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October 8th 1841

The Council met agreeable to adjournment present. Jno. N. Seguin Mayor Barrera, Bustillos, Callaghan Lockmar Urrutia & Pedro Flores Aldermen the minutes of the former being read & approved

Mr. Callaghan presented to the Council L. Smithers resignation which was admitted

Mr. Barrera a part of the committee appointed to present the Vagrant's list presented the following to wit

Doroteo Hernandez, Franco. Gonzales, Ignacio Prada, Jesus Zepeda Jose M. Navarro, Jose Ma. de la Garza Tomas Aduna Jose Gomez Jeronimo (alias "The Prince") Eduardo Flores, Francisco Ibarro Tomas Lane Manuel Ximenes y Fernando Curbier

The Mayor stated to the body he had conferred with the mason about the bridge and by decision of the council it was disposed that this matter remain pending until the next session

Approved

The committee named to examine the account at the Secretary of the last Council presented an account of a hundred and fifteen pesos paid by the Treasurer of the Council, and this deducted from two hundred ten silver pesos the said Secretary claims, leaves a debt of ninety five pesos, which account remained in the hands of the President for further investigation.

Be it ordained & decreed, That all persons found drunk and disturbing the Public peace shall be put in confinement and fined at the discretion of Mayor and Aldermen without respect to person

JA-143

Mr. Callaghan requests the Corporation of San Antonio to find out what property belongs to the Corporation and sell said property for the purpose of raising money to repair or improve the Public Square and other necessary Public works for the benefit of the Public in consequence of this request, the Mayor appointed a committee of Mess. Bustillos, Flores, Callaghan & Urrutia to examine & find out said property belonging to said Corporation having to report at the next meeting

Approved

JA-144

Mr. Flores offered the following decree

Sec. 1st. Be it Ordained & decreed by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of Bexar that

all persons slaughtering Beeves within the limits of the City & offer them for sale at the Market house shall pay four reals per head to the Commissioner of this Corporation Sec. 2d. Be it further ordained That any person selling beef at said Market-house shall be compelled to give five pounds of meat & bone for a real and any person failing to give the same shall be delt accordingly to the Municipal Ordinance providing for a market-house

Sec.

3rd. This Ordinance repeals the 1st Sec. of an Ordinance approved on the 29th day of July taxing a dollar per - head for each beef killed & offered for sale at the Market-House as also the 2d section approved on the 19th

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Meeting of October 8, 1841

The Corporation being met, the Mayor Don Juan N. Seguin and the Councilmen Messrs. Barrera, Bustillos, Callaghan, Lockmar and Urrutia and Pedro Flores, being read and approved the minutes, Mr. Callaghan presented to the body the resignation of Mr. Smithers as Councilman of this Corporation; Which was accepted.

Mr. Barrera, one of the committee named to make up the lists of vagrants, offered the following, to wit:

Doroteo Hernandez, Francisco Gonzales, Ygnacio Prada, Jesus Zepeda Jose Maria Navarro, Jose Maria de la Garza Tomas Aduna ( ) Jose Gomez Geronimo (known as ("Infant")) (NOTE-an alias) Eduardo Flores Francisco Sharro Tomas Lane Manuel Ximenes and Fernando Curbier.

\*The Mayor (this paragraph is in English in the book; on the opposite page the paragraph is written in Spanish; the two paragraphs are transposed) informed the council that he had spoken to the Mason about the bridge but by disposition of this body it was ordered that this should be left for the next meeting.

Approved

\*(Note-this is another transposed paragraph) The committee appointed to examine the account presented by the Clerk of the last Corporation presented an account of one hundred and fifteen dollars paid by the Treasurer which deducted of two hundred and ten dollars in silver claimed by said clerk leaves an ammount of ninety five dollars in his favor; said account was placed in the hands of the Mayor for further examination.

Approved

Mr. Callaghan offered the following resolution as a proposal:

Be it ordained and decreed by this Corporation that all persons found drunk or disturbing the public peace shall be placed in arrest and fined according to the judgment, or at the discretion of the Mayor and Councilmen without distinction of person.

JA-143

The same gentleman begged and encharged this Corporation that they examine and discover the properties belonging to the said Corporation and sell these properties, with the object of raising money for improving the public Plaza and for other public works which are very necessary acceding to this request the Mayor named a committee composed of Messrs Bustillos, Flores, Callaghan and Urrutia to examine the properties which belong to this Corporation & to report upon them at the next session.

Approved

JA-144

Mr. Flores offered the following decree:

Be it ordained and decreed by the Corporation of San Antonio: That any person who slaughters cattle within the City limits and offers them for sale in the Market shall pay four reals per head to the Commissioner of this Corporation.

Sec. 2d. Be it further decreed: That any person selling meat in said Market House shall give five pounds of meat and bone to the real and the person who does not do this shall be judged in conformity to the Municipal Ordinance which establishes said Market.

Sec. 3d. By this act, Sec. 1 of the ordinance of July 29 which places a tax of one peso per head on cattle which are sold in the Market is annulled; as is likewise annulled the 2nd Section of August 19 which compels the dealer in meat to give three pounds for

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day of August compelling the seller of beef to give three pounds for a real this will be carried into effect from its publication

Approved and Published on the 9th day  
Oct 1841

The Mayor presented to the council a communication sent from the Secretary of Vigilance of the City of Victoria, which was read and the council disposed to answer it favorable

JA-145

On motion of Mr. Urrutia The Council resolved that the Collector be authorised to exact through the legal form untill collected or received all municipal taxes from such persons refusing to pay the same

approved

JA-146

Mr. Lockmar tendered before the Hon. body his resignation which was accepted.

In consequence of this vacancies The Mayor charged the Aldermen particulary to fill such vacancies with any persons willing to serve as aldermen

approved

Adjourned untill next term

R. Garza  
Clerk

John N. Seguin  
Mayor

October 14th 1841

The council met agreeable to adjournment present Jno. N. Seguin Mayor Bryan Callaghan, James Trueheart, Juan A. Urrutia & Agustin Barrera & Franco. Bustillos the minutes being read & approved

The Mayor presented to the council a list of the Vagrants who have been(employed) or put to work with various citizens & also of those who proved to have an honest way of living to wit Manuel Ximenes employed three months by Manl. Montalvo Thomas Aduna employed six months by Ma. Mancha, Antonio Sanchez a soldier in Cap. Hays's Company Jose Ma. de la Garza employed at Antonio Navarro's Jesus Zepeda employed in Agriculture Franco. Sharro ( ) works at Mr. Davis Fernando Curbier has property and is building a house Foroteo Hernandez can not be found Jose Gomez left for the Ranches Jno. Lane left for Goliad Agustin Garza out of town

The Committee appointed to examine the town property asked for further time the

Mayor granted them until next meeting

JA-147

The Mayor informed the Council that on the night of the ( ) inst he was informed of a quarrel betwixt two persons and that one of them was nearly killed by cuts or mortal wounds that in consequence of said information he ordered the Constable to assist to the riot & to arrest the infractors of the same that the Constable discharging his duty as an officer brought on the preceding morning, a man by the name of Quino as principal causer of the riot whom by the information received by the Constable on the same morning it appeared (or resulted) had given some mortal wounds to Manl. Billegas and not finding the

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one real this shall have effect from the day it is published.

Approved and Published on October 9, 1841

The Mayor gave to the body a communication directed to this Corporation by Mr. G. Everette, Secretary of Vigilantes of the City of Victoria, which was read and the body ordered it answered in favorable terms.

JA-145

On a motion of Mr. Urrutia, The Corporation resolved to authorize the Collector to exact by legal means the payment of the municipal taxes, until he has collected from those persons who refuse to pay.

Approved

JA-146

Sr. Antonio Lockmar presented his resignation to the Hon. Body, which was accepted in consequence of there being two vacancies, the Mayor encharged the Councilmen that they should take steps to fill them with persons who may wish to undertake the duties voluntarily

Approved

Meeting adjourned until next time.

R. Garza, Clerk

Meeting of October 14th of 1841

The Corporation being met, present Don Juan N. Seguin, Mayor and Councilmen B. Callaghan, Santiago Trueheart, Juan A. Urrutia, Agustin Barrera and Franco Bustillos; read and approved the minutes of the preceding session; the Council proceeded to business.

The Mayor presented to the Body a list of the vagrants who have been put to work in charge of private citizens; and of those who have shown that they have an honest way of making a living; to wit; Manuel Ximenes has three months work with Manuel Montalvo; Tomas; Aduna is bound out for six months with Maria Mancha, Antonio Sanchez enlisted in the Company of Capt. Hays, Jose Maria de la Garza working for Don Antonio Navarro, Jesus Zepeda occupied in agricultural work and taking care of his family, Francisco Sharro working for Mr. Davis, Fernando Curbier is a property owner and is busy building himself a house, Dorotec Hernandez is unknown, Jose Gomez went out to the ranches Juan Lane went to Goliad, Agustin Garza is missing. The Committee appointed to examine the Corporation properties requested more time. The Mayor allowed them until the next meeting.

Approved

JA-147

The Mayor stated to the council that at about ten o'clock on the night of the 9th of this month, he received word that two men were fighting and that one of them was almost dead of stab-wounds, and in consequence of the information, he sent the Constable to investigate the disorder and to arrest the guilty parties; that the said Constable, complying with his duties had brought to him the morning of the next day a man named Quino as the principal fomenter of the disorder, and according to information he received that same morning, it resulted that Quino had given several knife thrusts or mortal wounds to Manuel Billegas; and that not finding the excuses offered by Quino legitimate, the Mayor had sent him until today to

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discharges made by Quino sufficiently just I ordered him to jail untill today to present him before the Council as I do it in conformity with the determination made by this Council

The Council agreeable to the Mayor's information has determined that the prisoner remain in jail untill the wounded be out of danger according to a Doctor's judgement, after which through a Bond which he will have to give to be and appear before the Hon. the District Court of this County of Bexar, at the next meeting he will be set at liberty

JA-148

The body has agreed that the woman now in jail shall be released and placed at a house for correction so she may be able to live by her labor

Mr. Callaghan offered the following Ordinance Sec. 1st Be it Ordained and decreed, That all owners of houses and lots within the improved part of the City shall be required to make Paved foot-ways of stone or brick of two and a half varas width before all said houses and lots fronting on the Public Streets and keep the same in good repair.

Sec. 2d That it shall then be their duty to do so within one month after Public Notice is given or be subject to have it done by the Corporation and the costs made recoverable according to law

and after being well discussed it was resolved that it should lay on the table untill next term

Mr. Callaghan laid before the body a plan to raise a Bridge across the river in the Commerce street which runs to the Alamo the Council resolved that the plan should lay on the table untill tomorrow ten o'clock when an other for the same purpose shall be ready ordered to be made by the Mayor so as to consider on both of them and then determine on the best suitable for said purpose

Approved

Adjourned untill to morro at ten o'clock

R. Garza  
Clerk

John N. Seguin  
Mayor

The Council met agreeable to adjournment the roll being called there appeared Messrs. N. Seguin Mayor B. Callaghan James Trueheart A. Barrera, F. Bustillos & J. A. Urrutia the minutes being read and approved

The Council took into consideration the affair of the Bridge as on account of not

finding R. F. Higgenbothom one of the principal contractors of the same it was resolved that the Council meet at three o'clock this afternoon

adjourned

R. Garza  
Clerk

John N. Seguin  
Mayor

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the lockup, in order to bring him before the council, as he has done, according to the dispositions of this same council.

The Council, in view of what the Mayor stated in the preceding paragraph decided that the culprit should remain in the calaboose until the wounded man should be considered out of danger in the Judgment of the Doctor, after which, by means of a bond which shall insure his appearance before the Honorable District Court, he shall be set at liberty.

JA-148

The Council has seen fit to dispose that the Women who is now in the jail, shall be placed in a house of correction, so that she can earn her own living.

Mr. Callaghan presented as a proposal the following Ordinance:

Sec. 1st. Be it ordained and decreed; That all persons who are proprietors of houses or lots in the more improved part of the city, shall be required by this act to make stone walks two and a half varas wide in front of their respective houses and lots that front on Public Streets, and to keep them in good repair.

Sec. 2nd. Be it further decreed; That it shall be the duty of the aforesaid persons to make the walks within one month after the publication of a notice to the effect, and the person who fails to fulfill the provisions of this Ordinance shall have the work done for him by the corporation and there shall be collected from him the expenses and costs which may originate on this account; after being well discussed it was decided to leave this matter pending until the next meeting. The same Gentleman presented a plan for building a bridge which shall facilitate crossing the river by Commerce Street which begins at the Alamo, and it was decided by the Council to leave this plan pending until ten o'clock tomorrow at which time another plan which the Mayor had made with the same object, will be ready, so that by studying well the two, the Council may decide which is better suited to the good of the public.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow

Approved

R. Garza, Sec.

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor.

The Corporation being met according to its adjournment, being present Don Juan N. Seguin, Mayor and Councilmen Callaghan, Urrutia, Bustillo Trueheart and Barrera; read and approved the minutes of the preceding meeting; the meeting was declared opened.

The Council having taken into consideration the matter of the bridge, and it having been impossible to find Mr. R. F. Higginbotham one of the contractors, it was disposed that the matter be tabled until three of the afternoon, when the Council will re-assemble.

Approved

R. Garza, Sec.

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor

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October 16th 1841

The council met agreeable to adjournment J. N. Seguin Mayor there being a quorum present proceeded to business

JA-149

And after well examined both of the Plans presented to raise the Bridge it was resolved that the Plan presented by Roderick F. Higginbotham should be adopted

Adjourned untill tomorrow ten o'clock

R. Garza  
Clerk

Juan N. Seguin  
Mayor

The Council met agreeable to adjournment present John N. Seguin Mayor and Aldermen F. Bustillos B. Callaghan James S. Trueheart J. A. Urrutia & A. Barrera the minutes of the former being read and approved

JA-150

The Council took into consideration the affair of the Bridge now pending before the body and after being or having approved the plan presented by Roderick F. Higginbotham agreeable to the former act being the most suitable, the Council authorised or empowered the Mayor to contract with the said R. F. Higginbotham the Building, of the Bridge aforesaid ( ) the costs with the town property

JA-151

The Council resolved that the Prisoner now in jail be left at the entire disposition of the Mayor of this Corporation

adjourned

R. Garza  
Clerk

John N. Seguin  
Mayor

The Council met present J. A. Seguin Mayor & Aldermen A Barrera B. Callaghan F. Bustillos J. S. Trueheart & J. A. Urrutia the minutes being read and approved

The Mayor informed the council that the affair betwixt James Goodman and this Corporation had been decided in favor of said Corporation but the deffendant appealed to the District Court

JA-152

The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio taking into consideration the deplorable situation of her citizens and wishing to avoid their evils natural effect of repeated taxes to cover the compromises entered into with the builder of a good & permanent bridge to afford the passage of her citizens & travellers has determine to decree in today's session the following

1st. Be it Ordained and decreed That the Mayor be authorised to collect all monies due to the branch of water rights up to the present year by the different owners of lots who irrigate or have irrigated with the 5th of the water appertaining to the Saca of the Labors below town franted for the benefit of the town since the foundation of said Saca

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The Council having met in accordance with the previous minutes, Mr. Seguin presiding, and there being a quorum; the meeting was declared opened.

JA-149

And after thoroughly examining the plans submitted as proposals for making a bridge, the plan offered by Mr. R. F. Higginbotham was adopted; upon which the Council adjourned until tomorrow at ten.

R. Garza, Sec.

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor

October 16th, 1841

The Council being met in accordance with the previous minutes, being present Juan N. Seguin Mayor and Councilmen F. Bustillo B. Callaghan James L. Trueheart Juan Antonio Urrutia and Agustin Barrera, and there being a quorum present, proceeded to business.

JA-150

Having taken into consideration of the still pending matter of the Bridge, and after having approved the Plan presented by Mr. Roderick F. Higginbotham, as stated in the previous entry because it appeared to be the most convenient, the Body authorized the Mayor to contract with the aforesaid Mr. Roderick F. Higginbotham for the construction of the said Bridge, guaranteeing the expense with City properties.

JA-151

The Council disposed that Sr. Quino, who at present finds himself in the calaboose, be left at the entire disposition of the Mayor of this Corporation, upon which the meeting was adjourned until the next regular date.

R. Garza, Sec.

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor.

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Meeting of the 28th day of October, 1841

The Corporation having met, present Juan N. Seguin Mayor and Councilmen Agustin Barrera Bryan Callaghan F. Bustillos James L. Trueheart and Juan Antonio Urrutia, being read and approved the minutes, the session was opened.

The Mayor informed the Council by word of mouth that the matter pending between the Corporation and Santiago Goodman had been decided in favor of the Corporation but the defendant appealed to the District Court.

Mr. Callaghan presented the following Ordinance:

JA-152

The Mayor and Councilmen of the City of San Antonio, taking into consideration the deplorable condition of the residents and desiring to avoid any increase in their distresses, the natural effect of repeated taxes; in order to cover the costs of the covenants which it has entered into with the builder of a good bridge which will add to the comfort of residents and travellers of this city, has determined on this day and date to decree the following:

1st. Be it ordained and decreed, and by this act the Mayor of the Corporation is authorized to enforce the collection, of what up to the present year is owed to the section of Water-rights by the owners of the various lots which are irrigated or have been irrigated with the Fifth of the water which passes through at the spillway of the lower tract, which was set aside for the benefit of the City since the installation of the said spillway (SACA)

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2d. Be it further ordered & decreed That the Mayor will also exact the payment of two



reales per annum for each & every dula (or day of water) of those comprehended in the different irrigating ditch inlets of the San Antonio River by virtue of an act passed by the Legislature of Coahuila & Texas No 198 dated 1st May 1832, the vote being taken it stood thus Mess Callaghan Urrutia & Barrera were in favor Mess. Trueheart & Bustillos were against it consequently the ordinance was adopted,

Mr. Booker M.D. presented the following account,

The Corporation of Bexar Dr for medical services rendered Manuel Billegas from the 8th to 24th of October inclusive 16 days @ \$5.00 per day--\$80.00

left on the table for consideration untill next meeting

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2nd. Be it further decreed; That likewise, there shall be exacted the annual payment of two reals for each water-share (Note: "day of water") allotted to each of the different irrigation ditches taking water from the San Antonio River, according to the disposition of the decree of the legislature of Coahuila and Texas No. 198 of May 1st of 1832; which being offered for discussion was, in a roll-call vote, approved by Messrs Callaghan Urrutia and Barrera and rejected (or voted against) by Messrs Bustillo and Trueheart and consequently the Ordinance was approved

Doctor Booker presented the following account:

The Corporation of San Antonio Dr. for professional services to Manuel Billegas from the 8th to the 20th of October; being 16 ( ) days at 5 pesos per day, which is 80 pesos; which remains pending until the next meeting.

Agustin Barrera, Councilman of the Hon Corporation to the said body proposes that there shall be taken under deliberation the absolute ignorance in which the native Citizens of this City find themselves, of the general laws of the Republic because there is no compilation of them in the Spanish language; and in consequence that it be ordered, if this should be the pleasure of the Council, that a respectful petition be forwarded to the Honorable Congress or the government of the Republic, reminding them of that which is already ordered by the Laws concerning the matter, and the grave errors which are committed because those who do not understand the English language in which the laws are written, have no way of arriving at them.

The Mayor called to the attention of the council the complaint of various residents of the Villita section, begging that they be given the free use of the public street located between Dona Guadalupe Ruiz and Dona Concepcion de Casas (the Mayor) instructed Councilman Don Agustin Barrera to attend to their just claims, availing himself for the purpose of the services of the surveyor that the City has under contract; and it having resulted from the survey which the engineer made, locating the street which they claim is public, that the larger part of the said street is within the properties of Dona Guadalupe Ruiz and Dona Concepcion de Casas, and this matter being considered of grave importance by the Mayor, he offered it for consideration by the body, which after various prudent reflections, determined to leave it pending until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned until next regular date

R. Garza, Sec.

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor.

Meeting of November 15, Senor Seguin Presiding.

JA-153

The previous minutes being read and approved, the Mayor reported the resignation of the Secretary Don Rafael Garza; after having accepted which, the Council named for the

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of that post, Don Jose Antonio Menchaca, who opportunely requested it.

JA-154

The Mayor also brought up two petitions of the inhabitants Francisco Esparza and Isavel Seguin, soliciting from the Council, inasmuch as their titles to the properties on which they are at present residing have been lost during the revolutions from which the country has been suffering, an instrument with which they can at all times prove their right to the said properties, and on account of these petitions, the Council resolved that the suplicants bring before the Council two witnesses who can uphold the truth of the statements in their petitions, after which, the Mayor in the name of the Corporation shall issue such documents as shall be necessary to serve the purpose the parties state in their communications; and that this decision be published by order of the Mayor so that all other persons who find themselves in the same case may be included.

Approved

Meeting of November 18th, Senor Seguin presiding.

Being read and approved the minutes of the preceding meeting, the Council proceeded to its accustomed business.

The newly named Secretary was present and was administered the following oath: I, Jose Antonio Menchaca solemnly swear that I will comply with and fulfill the duties which as Secretary of the Corporation of the City of San Antonio (for which I have been named said Corporation) are imposed by law to the best of my loyal knowledge and understanding: so help me God.

JA-155

Mr. Urrutia proposed the following resolution: the mayor of the Council is authorized to receive upon any day of the week the evidences offered by the interested parties proving the rights they may possess over the properties for which they solicit titles -

Approved

JA-156

On motion of Mr. Callaghan the Council disposed that the Mayor consult a reliable lawyer from among those living in the City, as to whether the council has the right to collect its municipal taxes in silver.

JA-157

Mr. Trueheart proposed: That the Mayor announce to the Public in the customary way that Dona Isabel Seguin has solicited a title of possession of a property which she has for many years owned without interruption, by inheritance from her deceased parents; so that in case there is no legal objection, within fifteen days, the document she solicits shall be issued.

Approved

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The Mayor administered the customary oath to Don Jose Manuel de la Garza and Don Guadalupe del Toro and Don Melchor Leal, who declared, in virtue of the oath they gave, That Francisco Esparza and Isabel Seguin own the properties on which they live and to which they solicit titles, without interruption during many years, as did their

forefathers, from whom they acquired them by inheritance

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

JA-158

On the first Monday, the third day of January there will be held a municipal electoral assembly, for the election of a Mayor eight Councilmen, a treasurer and a collector, who will compose the Corporation of the City of San Antonio. The meeting will be held in the Hall of Sessions of the Corporation and will be open from nine in the morning until four in the afternoon; In conformity to the law governing the matter. City of San Antonio, December 25, 1841 Jose Antonio Menchaca, Clerk.

JA-159

Special Meeting of December 15, Senor Seguin presiding

Read and approved the previous minutes: The Mayor informed the Council that the first promised payment had not been paid to the contractor who built the Alamo bridge, and motivated the present special meeting so that the Corporation take the matter up, and provide sufficient funds to cover the said obligation. The Council resolved that the collection of what is owed to the Corporation, according to the lists of water rights and daily water shares, should be made effective, and that the money collected be destined to cover the said payment

JA-160

Mr. Callaghan stated; that in his opinion the tax on cargo animals entering this City is altogether excessive, and requested that the Council take this important matter under consideration, proposing that instead of four reals, amount of present tax on such animals, the amount be reduced to two reals each and after being well discussed this was unanimously approved and ordered published.

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The Mayor appointed Mr. Barrera to take charge, in his absence of the Town Hall and the Jail.

He also reported to the Council that according to the municipal decree, he had issued titles of possession to the following persons. Dona Consolacion Leal de Garza, Dona Ignacia Leal de Urrutia, Dona Maria Josefa Seguin, Don Juan Rodriguez, and Dona Catarina Zepeda, which is confirmed by the entires in this same book.

The meeting was adjourned; Mr. Flores did not assist.

Special Meeting of December 29th. Mr. Seguin presiding

Read and approved the previous minutes, routine business was proceeded to.

JA-161

The Commissioners for the collection of the list of daily-water-shares and water rights of this City reported that the major part of those obligated to make the payment according to the said list, objected to paying the six years which is due for collection, for which reason the Council decided that there should be exacted from them that which is due for the years 1840 & 41.

The contractor for the construction of the bridge in the Alamo section of the City, asked of the Council; That in view of the fact that he has not been paid until now, the first payment which the Council owes him for which reason he has found himself

short of cash for paying the workmen, that from the day on which he is made the first payment, they allow him six weeks time to finish the said bridge. After receiving this request and sufficiently discussing it, it was unanimously approved.

Special Meeting of February 1st, Mr. Seguin presiding

JA-163

Read and approved the minutes of the last meeting, the report was taken up of the committee named to receive the bridge constructed across the river of this City where Commerce Street runs to the Alamo Section; which report reduced itself to a statement to the Council that the bridge is not, according to the plan and contract made for its construction, in condition to be accepted.

The Council approved the statement of the said Committee.

Mr. McMullen proposed that a committee be named composed of the Gentleman proposed that a committee be named composed of the Mayor and Messrs Callaghan and Maverick who, with the contractor for the construction of the bridge should agree on the most prudent manner of putting the bridge into condition for general use.

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The same gentleman proposed that there shall be sold at public vendue property of the City in sufficient quantity to cover the sum of 1500 pesos which is the cost of construction of the bridge of which mention has been made, and that the Mayor be empowered to employ a surveyor who shall occupy himself in the measurement of the properties, which in accordance with this resolution are to be sold, and which consist of 150 square varas.

Approved.

JA-165

Mr. Callaghan spoke to the Corporation of the obligation in which said body is bound to comply with the provisions of the law which incorporated the City of San Antonio, for which reason he proposed that there shall be elected enough persons to fill the vacancies now existing in the Corporation, and after the said proposition was approved, on the motion of the Mayor Mr. Dwyer was named Councilman, and on motion of Mr. McMullen there was also named Mr. ( ) The Mayor appointed Messrs. McMullen and Rivas to inform Messrs Dwyer and ( ) of their appointment, and if they accept, that they come to the next meeting to give the required oath and enter upon the discharge of their duties the session was adjourned until the next regular date Mr. Garza did not assist.

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April 18th 1842

To the Hon. Chief Justice of the County of Bexar

Sir The disorderly state in which our unfortunate County is actually placed in binds remitt you my resignation of Mayor of the City of San Antonio

I am Your obt. servant John N. Seguin Mayor

Republic of Texas)  
County of Bexar )

To the Sheriff of the County

A vacancy having occurred in the office of Mayor of the City of San Antonio, by the resignation of John N. Seguin Esqr you are hereby required to notify, John McMullen, Antonio Urrutia and Bryan Callaghan Esqrs. Aldermen of said City that an election to fill said vacancy has been ordered to be held at the City Hall on Monday the 25th of April inst. and that they are appointed to superintend the same, under the provisions of an act of 14th January 1842 entitled an act to incorporate the City of San Antonio, and you will return to me how you have executed this precept, Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of April 1842

John S. Simpson, Chief Justice Bexar County (SEAL)

Votes taken at an election held in the City of San Antonio this 25th day of April 1842 for Mayor, John N. Seguin resigned Resulted as follows

Mr. John W. Smith	seventeen	17
Bryan Callaghan		4

We the undersigned hereby certify that the above is a true statement of the election held this 25th day of April 1842 in the City of San Antonio---John McMullen Bryan Callaghan Anto Urrutia Regidores Aldermen -- judges of the election

San Anto. 25th April 1842

John W. Smith Esq.

Sir-- At an election this day held for Mayor of the Corporation of the City for the unexpired time of John N. Seguin Esq. resigned in pursuance of a writ of a election issued for that purpose, you are duly elected to that office----

Very respectfully

John S. Simpson,  
Chief Justice B. C.

I do solemnly swear, that I will truly honestly and faithfully discharge the duties of Mayor of the City of San Antonio, without favor or partiality, to the best of my skill and ability, and that I will support the constitution of the Republic--So help me God--John W. Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 27th day of April 1842 - John S. Simpson Chief Justice Bexar County

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April 18, 1842

To the Honorable Judge of the County of Bexar

The disordered state in which this unfortunate county finds itself at the present moment, obliges me to remit to Your Honor my immediate resignation of the office of Mayor of the Corporation of the City of San Antonio

Your Obedient Servant

Juan N. Seguin, Mayor.

Republic of Texas)  
Bexar County )

To the Sheriff of the County

There being a vacancy in the office of Mayor of the City of San Antonio, caused by the resignation of Don Juan N. Seguin, you are required by this communication to notify Don Juan McMullen, Antonio Urrutia and Bryan Callaghan, Councilmen of said City, that it is ordered that an election be held in the Town Hall on Monday the 25th day of April of this year for the purpose of filling said vacancy, and that, by the provisions

of an act of January 14, 1841, entitled an act for the incorporation of the City of San Antonio, they are to act as overseers of the said election; and you will report as to the manner in which this charge has been executed

Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of April 1842

John S. Simpson, Chief Justice B.C. (SEAL)

Votes cast in the City of San Antonio this 25th of April 1842 for Mayor of the Corporation, because of the resignation of Juan N. Seguin Esq. To Wit:

Juan G. Smith....17 votes  
Bryan Callaghan.. 4 " 21

We the undersigned certify that the preceding is the true result of the election held on this day and date in the City of San Antonio. Juan McMullen, Bryan Callaghan, Juan Antonio Urrutia, Councilmen and Judges of Election.

Juan G. Smith Esqr.

San Antonio, April 25, 1842

Sir:

In the election of yesterday for Mayor of the Corporation of the City for the unexpired term of Juan N. Seguin Esq. (who resigned) held according to a notice of election published to the effect, you were duly elected to fill the office.

Very respectfully,

Juan S. Simpson, Chief Justice,

Bexar County

I solemnly swear that I will honestly, faithfully, and truly fulfill the duties of Mayor of the Corporation of the City of S. A. without partiality or favor to the best of my understanding and ability; and that I will uphold the Constitution of the Republic; so help me God.

(Signed to oath on preceding page)

Juan G. Smith

Sworn to and signed before me this day and date of April 27, 1842

Juan S. Simpson,  
Chief Justice B. C.

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At a called session of the Corporation of the City of San Antonio this 23d day of May 1842 present J. W. Smith Mayor J. McMullen, B. Callaghan, J. A. Urrutia E. Dwyer & C. Rivas aldermen a quorum present

JA-168

Resolved That untill this Corporation shall appoint a clerk E. Dwyer shall discharge the duties of said office as the law does direct

\*to the body When the Mayor explained \*the object of the meeting where the following resolutions were adopted to wit

JA-169

Resolved that John W. Smith be authorised to repair the City Jail and make the same as secure as the nature of the case will admit for which the sum of thirty dollars of the first money that may come to the hands of the treasurer is appropriated and subject to the proper order to draw the sum

adopted

JA-170

Resolved that the individuals of this Corporation shall day in turn discharge the duties of overseers all vagrants and in ginilal to take charge of the jail

adopted

JA-171

Resolved that as the appropriations required by second resolution may have to be taken from money heretofore appropriated it is hereby provided that the same shall be replaced in some other way as soon as possible

Adopted

JA-172

Resolved That the Census of the City be taken, and that in doing so that a complete enrollment be made of all persons Males & females children and servants within the limits of the Corporation. And that the person appointed to take the Census extend the list so as to embrace all persons in the county and their residence. And that one copy be archived with the Corporation and another copy delivered to the commander of our frontier western

Adopted

JA-173

Resolved that the services of the Mayor to make the Census list gratis be accepted who shall discharge the duties required of him so soon as possible and within the month of June

Adopted

JA-174

Resolved That the Mayor proceed immediately and organize and send out a patrol of ten men to pass up and down the San Antonio River for the purpose of keeping order & reporting to the authorities of this City any matters of importance that may occur And that said patrol be renewed weekly untill otherwise ordered

Resolved that the tax of two dollars shall be collected from all persons making a public dance

Adopted

Adjourned untill Saturday next

John W. Smith Mayor

Edoard Dwyer  
Secty. pro Tem.

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At a called session of the Corporation of the City of San Antonio this day May 23, 1842; present Juan G. Smith, Mayor; Juan McMullen, B. Callaghan, J. A. Urrutia, E. Dwyer & Cayetano Rivas, Councilmen; there being a quorum, the meeting was opened

JA-168

It was ordered that until this Corporation appoints a Clerk, Edward Dwyer will discharge the duties of said office as the law requires

The Mayor explained to the Hon. Body the object of the meeting, and the following resolutions were adopted, to wit:

JA-169

Be it ordained that Juan G. Smith is authorized to order repaired the City Jail, and that it be made as secure as the nature of the case permits; for which the sum of thirty pesos from the first money received in the public funds is appropriated and can be drawn on his own order.

Adopted.

JA-170

Be it further decreed that each member of the Corporation will take his turn as overseer of the vagrants and in general take care of the jail.

Adopted.

JA-171

Be it further decreed; That inasmuch as the money required by the second resolution may be taken from funds already appropriated, this act provides that the same shall be replaced by some means, as soon as it may be possible.

Adopted.

JA-172

Be it also resolved that the Census of the City be taken, and that in doing it there be made a complete register of all the persons, Men, Women, Children and Servants within the Corporation limits, and that the person named to take the Censes extend the list to include all the persons in the County and their residences, and that a Copy be filed with this Corporation and the other Copy be delivered to the Commanding Officer of our Western Frontier...

Adopted.

JA-173

Be it further decreed; That the services of the Mayor, which he offers gratis to make the Census list, be accepted and that he shall discharge this duty as soon as possible and within the month of June.

Adopted.

JA-174

Be it further decreed that the Mayor proceed immediately to organize and to send out, a patrol of ten men to go up and down the San Antonio River to preserve order, and to advise the authorities of this City concerning anything of importance that may occur, and that the said patrol be relieved each week until some other disposition is made.

JA-174.1

And it is further decreed That the tax of two pesos shall be collected from all persons who hold public balls.

Adopted.

The meeting adjourned until the coming Saturday

Edward Dwyer, Sec. pro tem

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor

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Session the 28th May 1842

The Corporation met agreeable to adjournment present J. W. Smith Mayor J. McMullen E. Dwyer Rafael Garza J. A. Urrutia B. Callaghan Aldermen and the minutes of the last session was read and approved

JA-175

Resolved by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of San Antonio That from this date untill otherwise provided for the Corporation licence and other taxes to be raised by the Corporation shall be one fourth of the Tax collected by the Republic which shall be receivable in gold & silver only

Adopted

JA-176

Resolved That the Mayor require the collector & treasurer to make returns of their a/s as such officers with the Corporation & that the treasurer be required to give another security, as one of the securities to his bond has since become a member of this body

Council adjourned untill Saturday

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

Edward Dwyer  
Secty pro Tem



Sesion June 5th 1842

The council met agreeable to adjournment present J. W. Smith Mayor McMullen, Dwyer, Garza, Urrutia, & Callaghan Aldermen and the minutes of the last session being read and approved

The Mayor presented the a/ of Wm. H. Ottiwell for making and repairing, chairs amt. \$10.75/100 which same was laid on the table

JA-177

The Mayor is authroised to purchase one beef at Twelve dollars for the maintenance of the vagrants and to draw upon the Treasurer for same

JA-178

Be it ordained by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of San Antonio that the Mayor proceed & have the lots surveyed which are situated on the east side of the Alamo ditch agreeable to the plan under which the sale of part of said lots was made

JA-179

Be it further ordained that the Mayor of the City be & he is hereby authorised to proceed and make the deeds & conveyances to purchasers of lots sold by the Corporation on the 10th day of February 1842 as by law see Page 77

Be it further resolved that the Mayor proceed to the collection of any balances that may be due on the lots sold as refered to in the previous section and on receiving payment therefor the purchasers are entitled to deeds agreeable to the terms of sale

The Council Resolved That the services of Rafael Garza be received as Secretary pro tem to this Corporation receiving pay twenty dollars (silver) pr. month in place of E. Dwyer who resigns the appointment

R. Garza Clerk pro tem.

Adjourned untill next term

John W. Smith Mayor

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Meeting of May 28, 1842

The Corporation being met following adjournment, present the Mayor Juan G. Smith, and Councilmen Messrs McMullen Dwyer Garza Urrutia and Callaghan, being read and approved the minutes, the meeting was opened

JA-175

Be it decreed by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of San Antonio: That from this date until other dispositions be taken the license issued by this Corporation and any other taxes imposed by this Corporation shall be a quarter part of the taxation collected by the Republic, and shall be received in gold and silver.

Adopted

JA-176

Be it further decreed that the Mayor require the collector and treasurer to make reports of their accounts as employees of the Corporation and That the treasurer be required to offer another bondsman because one of his guarantors has been elected a member of this body. The meeting was adjourned until next Saturday.

Edward Dwyer

John W. Smith Mayor

Secretary pro tem.

Meeting of June 5, 1842

The Corporation being met, following adjournment, present Juan G. Smith Mayor; McMullen Dwyer Garza Urrutia and Callaghan the Councilmen, read and approved the

minutes of the previous meeting, they proceeded to business.

The Mayor presented to the body the account of William H. Ottiwell for making and repairing some chairs, amounting to 10 pesos six reals which was tabled.

JA-177

The Mayor is authorized to purchase a steer for twelve pesos for the feeding of the Vagrants and to draw upon the treasurer for the money.

JA-178

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of San Antonio; That the Mayor proceed to order a survey of the lots situated on the east side of the Alamo Ditch according to the plan by which the sale of a part of the said properties was made.

JA-179

It is further ordained that the Mayor of the City be authorized, and by this he is authorized to proceed to make the deeds and conveyances to purchasers of properties sold by the Corporation February 10, 1842 according to the law on Page 77.

Moreover it is ordained That the Mayor proceed to collect whatever balance may remain for the lots sold as above referred to and upon receipt of said payments the buyers will be entitled to their deeds according to the terms of sale.

JA-180

The Council decreed that the services of Rafael Garza be accepted as Clerk pro tem of this Corporation, receiving the payment of twenty pesos in silver per month, in place of E. Dwyer who resigned

Meeting adjourned until the next regular date

R. Garza, Sec. pro tem

John W. Smith, Mayor

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Session del dia 11 de Junio 1842

The Council having assembled: present J. W. Smith Mayor J. A. Urrutia B. Callaghan E. Dwyer J. McMullen & Rafael Garza \* quorum present the minutes being read and approved  
\*Aldermen

JA-181

The Council appointed Jose Manl de la Garza commissioner of the water (propios) in town and that said commissioner be instructed to regulate the water in such manner as may be equal

JA-182

Be it Resolved that the representation of John Smith now verbally presented is duly considered and the Licence fee reduced to twelve & a half dollars for his licence for selling liquors; provided the said Smith desist from any futher selling of liquors.

JA-183

On motion of the Mayor appointed Mess Dwyer & Callaghan a committee to examine for papers belonging to the Corporation and report the same

Approved

Adjourned untill next term

R. Garza

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

Secty

June 18th 1842

No meeting held on a<sup>o</sup> of Bad weather

R. Garza  
Secty

June 21st 1842

The Council met at the requisition of the Mayor & the roll being called there appeared Mess. J. W. Smith Mayor J. A. Urrutia B. Callaghan E. Dwyer R. Garza C. Rivas & John McMullen the minutes of the former session being read & approved the council proceeded to business

JA-184 the following Ordinance

Regulating the Treasury Department of the City of San Antonio

Sec. 1st Be it Ordained & decreed by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in council assembled, that the Mayor, in no instance shall draw on the treasurer, without expressing the time when the order of the Corporation passed for payment of the same

Sec. 2d. Be it further ordained that the foregoing section of this Ordinance shall not effect special appropriations for the completing of objects, ordered by this Corporation to be carried into effect.

Sec. 3rd. Be it further ordained that all ordinances \*conflicting with this, be and the same is hereby repealed \*or parts of ordinances

approved

the following Ordinance

For the Government of the Mayor & authorities in the management of Vagrants &c.

JA-185

Be it Ordained by the Mayor & Aldermen, that there shall be issued to each Vagrant two pounds of dried beef or three of green beef during the time there may be beef alone to issue, and that each Vagrant shall receive when there is no beef to furnish them twelve & half cts per day and that so far as the vagrants can be hired out it shall be done at two reals per day

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June 11th, 1842

The Council met pursuant to adjournment (entered in English) present Juan G. Smith Mayor G. Callaghan E. Dwyer R. Garza John McMullen and Juan Antonio Urrutia Councilmen; there being a quorum, the previous minutes were read and approved.

JA-181

The Council appointed Don Jose Maria de la Garza as Water Commissioner for water rights in this City and ordered that he be instructed to arrange the water in such a way that it will be equitably shared.

JA-182

The body having taken into consideration the verbal representations of Mr. Juan Snaith it was resolved that his license to sell liquor be reduced to twelve pesos four reals, provided that the said Snaith desist entirely from the sale of liquors.

JA-183

On motion of the Mayor a committee composed of Messrs Dwyer and Callaghan was named to search for and examine the documents belonging to this Corporation and report on them.

Approved.

Meeting was adjourned until next regular date.

R. Garza, sec.

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor.

June 18, 1842

There was no meeting on account of bad weather.

R. Garza, Sec.

Meeting of June 21, 1842.

The Corporation being especially called together by the Mayor, there were present Juan Antonio Urrutia Bryan Callaghan E. Dwyer R. Garza C. Rivas and Juan McMullen Councilmen; read and approved the minutes of the former session, the meeting was declared opened

The following Ordinance

JA-184

Regulating the Department of the Treasury of the City of San Antonio

Sec. 1st Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of San Antonio in council assembled; That the Mayor shall in no case draw upon the Treasurer without stating when the Corporation passed the order for paying such draft.

Sec. 2nd. Be it further ordained that the preceding section does not affect any special appropriations for the completion of work which has been ordered done, which this Corporation is doing.

Sec. 3rd. It is further ordained That all ordinances or parts of ordinances contrary to the provisions of this one, are annulled

Approved

The following Ordinance

JA-185

For the guidance of the Mayor and authorities in the handling of Vagrants

Sec. 1. Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Councilmen in council assembled, That to each vagrant there shall be given two pounds of dry meat or three of fresh during the time that there is nothing but meat to distribute and that each one of the vagrants shall receive one real when there is no meat for distribution and if it be possible to rent out the said vagrants that shall be hired for two reals per day the half to be paid to

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one half to be paid to the Corporation the other half shall be paid to the Vagrant as his support any person desirous of hiring the Vagrants shall apply the day previous to the Mayor who shall set apart and in the evening order the jailer to deliver on the following morning to the applicant the Vagrant or Vagrants so applied for

Sec. 2d. Be it further ordained, That the sum of twenty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated & set apart as a fund for the support of Vagrants

Sec. 3d. Be it further ordained that the clerk of the Corporation make and deliver to the Treasurer of the same a copy of this Ordinance.

Sec. 4th. Be it further ordained that when necessary the Mayor shall issue a warrant for one or two days at a time in favor of the Constable, for the support of Vagrants only, taking care to only draw the amount necessary for subsistence

Sec. 5th. Be it further ordained That persons desirous of hiring the Vagrants, shall when they make the application for services pay twelve & half cts to the Mayor and the other 12-1/2 cts. to the vagrant during the day or furnish the provisions to said vagrant as they may agree

Sec. 6th. It is further ordered that the Mayor shall keep a regular account and render the same to the Corporation at each session & pay the same to the treasury weekly adjourned till 4 o'clock afternoon

approved

JA-186

pursuant to adjmt. The Mayor laid before the body an account of repairs to jail

five bushels lime of Franco Rivas	€ \$1 ea	\$5.00	two days work macon	€ \$1.50	pr day-	
						\$ 8.00
one door hasp for main door 50¢	three large rivets in cross barr	€ 25¢				
	ea. 75¢					1.25
one staple to lock chain 25¢	one fetter for the ankle	\$1.00				1.25
			Money paid out			10.50
Monies received John Smith licence	\$12.50	Lucan Mancha fine	\$1.00			13.50

approved

Whereas representations by the committee to examine for papers, have been made to this Corporation That in the month of February and March last, there was considerable amounts subscribed by the Citizens of the City of San Antonio, and paid for the purpose of paying Spies and provisioning Volunteers that had been called to this City at that time and that no distribution of the subscriptions has not as yet been rendered.

JA-187

Be it resolved. That the Mayor of this Corporation appoint a committee of two, to call on the person who had the disposition of the money aforesaid, to render account of the distribution and that said committee be authorised to receive all reports in writting from any persons interested and report to this Corporation, and also that said committee take evidence in the matter as to refunding the said subscriptions, by the Corporation of this City.

The Mayor appointed Mess Dwyer & Callaghan said committee and instructed the clerk to hand them a copy

On motion

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the Corporation and the other half shall be paid to the Vagrant for his subsistence; any person who may desire to hire some vagrant shall make application the day before to the Mayor, who will select him and in the afternoon will give orders to the jailer who will, on the following morning deliver the vagrant or vagrants who have been asked for.

Sec. 2nd. Be it further ordained: That the sum of twenty pesos shall be set aside, and by this act is set aside as a fund for the subsistence of the vagrants.

Sec. 3rd. Be it further ordained: That the Clerk of the Corporation give a copy of this part of the Ordinance to the Treasurer.

Sec. 4th. Be it further ordained: That whenever it may be necessary, the Mayor shall make a draft on the Treasurer in favor of the constable, for one or two days at a time only, for the maintenance of the vagrants, being careful to draw only the amount necessary for their subsistence.

Sec. 5th. Be it further ordained: That any person or persons desirous of hiring a Vagrant, when they make application for his services shall pay to the Mayor one real and the other real shall be paid to the Vagrant during the day (or he shall be given his food) according to whatever agreement they enter into.

Sec. 6th. It is further decreed: That the Mayor shall keep an exact account and render it to the Corporation at every regular meeting and shall pay the same to the Treasury weekly (meeting was adjourned until 4 in the afternoon)

Approved.

JA-186

The Corporation having again met; the Mayor delivered to the Corporation an account for repairs made to the jail: 5 fanegas of lime bought of Don Francisco Rivas a peso two days of work by the Mason at twelve reals a haps for the large door four

reals three large bolts for the cross-bars at two reals each a staple for the chain of the padlock two reals a pair of manacles one peso in all amounting to ten pesos four reals paid out..Money received by the Mayor for the license of Juan Snaith twelve pesos 4 reals, fine of Mancha 1 peso, or 13.4.

Approved

JA-187

The committee which was appointed, having stated to the body That in the months of February and March just past there were considerable sums subscribed by various Citizens of the City of San Antonio and paid in for the purpose of paying Spies and to provision the Volunteers called to the City at that time and that no account of its distribution has been rendered to date of such subscriptions.

Resolved:

That the Mayor of this Corporation appoint a committee of two persons to go to the person or despository who disposed of the said subscribed money so that he can give an account of the distribution; and that the said committee shall have authority to receive all information in writing, of the interested persons, of which they will give an account to this Corporation, and the said committee will take all necessary evidence in the matter with regard to whether the Corporation of this City should re-pay the said subscriptions.

The Mayor named for this committee Messrs Dwyer and Callaghan and instructed the Clerk to give them a copy of this resolution.

On a motion

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Mr. McMullen was appointed committee to draft an Ordinance Regulating the Bath of the City.

Adjourned untill next term

R. Garza

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

Secty

June the 25th 1842

The Council met pursuant to adjournment the roll being called there appeared Mess J. W. Smith, Mayor B. Callaghan, Urrutia, Garza, Dwyer, & McMullen Aldermen not in attendance C. Rivas Maverick and Bradley the minutes being read & approved, The Mayor rendered the following a/c of Vagrants hired out &c

June the 23th one the 24th two & 25th one (man hired) the balance at work on the ditch cleaning	received.....\$	00.	50¢
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JA-188

Whereas the City jail has been repaired at the expense of this Corporation and without any attention from the County Court It is therefor considered by the Corporation, and direct that the Mayor of this City take charge of the key untill an arrangement shall be made by the County Court who may at any time furnish a lock with two keys one which delivered to the Mayor so that access to the jail may be had by each part without an enterferance.

JA-189

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in Council Assembled that the Mayor be and he hereby is authorised to employ Vagrants at all times when not otherwise employed in opening a channel along San Peters creek commencing about opposite to the lot of the late Juan Antonio Padilla running up said creek

approved

JA-190

Mr. McMullen committee appointed to draft an Ordinance for the Regulation of the Bath of the City presented the following

Sec. 1st. Be it Ordained and decreed by the Mayor & Aldermen in common council assembled, That from the publication of this Ordinance it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to Bathe in the river of said City within the view of the Public, to wit. from the extreme bend of George Nixon's lot above the bridge to the extreme bend of Manl Yturry's lot opposite the Quinta and all persons that shall be found bathing in day light within said limits shall be subject & pay a fine of one dollar or one weeks public labour if the offender be a male, if a female one dollar fine or one weeks confinement in some respectable house of the City, one half of said fine to go to the informer & the other half to the City funds.

Sec. 2d. And it is hereby made the duty of the City Constable to be vigilant in detecting and bringing before the Mayor or any other Magistrate of this County all offenders against this Ordinance after a long discussion was

approved

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Mr. McMullen was appointed as a committee to formulate an Ordinance regulating the Bathing in this City.

The meeting was adjourned

R. Garza, Clerk

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor.

Meeting of June 25, 1842

The Corporation being assembled; present Juan G. Smith, Mayor; B. Callaghan, Urrutia, Garza Dwyer and McMullen Councilmen, Messrs Rivas Braddy and Maverick absent; read and approved the minutes of the preceding meeting; the session was declared opened.

The Mayor reported to the body the following disposition made of the Vagrants: Francisco Uriegas and Pedro hired one day (24) Uriegas the (23) Pedro the (25) of June 1842; Francisco Trevino and one other employed during this time on public works; received for hire \$00.50¢

JA-188

As the jail of this City has been repaired at the expense of this Corporation and without any aid from the County Court, the body takes note of this and directs that the Mayor of this City take charge of the key until the said court makes a ( ) and that it may at any time provide a lock of padlock with two keys one of which shall be given to the Mayor so that both parties without any difficulty may have ( ) to the jail.

Approved

JA-189

Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of San Antonio in Council assembled: That by this act the President of the Corporation is authorized to at all times employ the Vagrants in opening a channel in the San Pedro Creek when they are not otherwise engaged commencing almost in front of the property of the deceased Juan Antonio Padilla, and from there working up the said creek.

Approved.

JA-190

Mr. McMullen of committee named to formulate an Ordinance Regulating the Bathing

in the City presented the following for the consideration of the body:

Sec. 1st. Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Councilmen in council assembled:

That from the publication of this Ordinance, no person or persons shall bathe in the river of the City in sight of the Public: that is, from the farthest bend of Nixon's property above the bridge to the farthest bend of the Hurry property in front of the Quinta, and anyone found bathing during daylight within the said limits shall be fined one peso or a week on the public works if the evildoer should be a man; if a woman she shall pay one peso or one week shut up in some respectable house in the City; half the fine shall be for the informer and the other half for the City funds.

Sec. 2nd. Be it further ordained: That by this act it is made a duty of the Constable of the City to be vigilant and to bring before the Mayor or any other Magistrate of the County all persons who commit infractions of the provisions of this Ordinance, which was approved by a roll-call vote, being in favor of it Messrs. Callaghan Garza and McMullen and against it Messrs Urrutia and Dwyer.

Approved

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Mr. Dwyer represented that whereas various verbal representations made to this Council relative the licence to sell liquor &c. and motioned that the licence to be reduced to one half the present sum, which motion was lost

Adjourned untill 8 o'clock Saturday next

R. Garza

Jno W. Smith Mayor

Srio.

July 2d 1842

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, present J. W. Smith Mayor B. Callaghan E. Dwyer R. Garza, J. McMullen & J. A. Urrutia the minutes of the last session being read and approved

JA-191

Mr. Garza moved that the Publishing of the bathing Ordinance be suspended for the present which motion was sustained and carried

The Mayor rendered an account of the disposition of the vagrants 27-28-29-30th & 1st of July as the receipt of the treasurer for \$1.25¢ paid in to the treasury on account of vagrants.

Mr. Guilbeau presented for the consideration of the Board the two following accounts viz one for fourteen dollars & seven reales in favour of Mr. Jose Armilla for chairs sold to this Corporation which same was laid over for further examination the other is in favour of E. Hernandez in the sum of twelve real for carrying out of town the rubbish collected in the streets

admitted

Mr. Montes presented to the Board the following petition

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio---Gentlemen I respectfully beg you to take in to consideration an affair now pending betwixt me and your Hon. Body--The Hon. Mayor has thought proper to impose a fine upon me in the sum of thirty dollars (with costs to the amount of four) for slaughtering a Beef within my premises selling a picayune or a bitts worth of meat & also for not having presented the ear marks & brand of the hide-- I beg you Gentlemen to dispense me of the fine, or at least that you modify it agreeable to your judgement for which I will receive grace-- I further protest to you that I did it not knowing to be contrary to your Corporation laws; I hope you will favour me for this time for I will ever prey.

Yours &c. &c.



JA-192

The Council took into consideration the above petition & Resolved that the fine be reduced to one half & that six dollars of the same be appropriated to the payment of clerk & the balance to go to the City funds

JA-193

The Mayor presented to the Board an aq of F. Rolan Overseer in the sum of two dollars & fifty cents which was admitted & a warrant ordered to issue payable out of the fine of Montes

The petition of Mr. Davidson was duly considered by the Council and rejected

Adjourned untill next term

Rafael Garza

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

Secty.

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Mr. Dwyer proposed that in consequence of several verbal representations made to the Council that there be a reduction in the licenses for the sale of liquor etc. to one half of the present tax; which was disapproved after being well discussed.

Adjourned to next regular date.

Rafael Garza, Clerk.

John W. Smith, Mayor

Meeting of July 2nd, 1842.

The Corporation being met, present Juan G. Smith Mayor, B. Callaghan E. Dwyer R. Garza J. McMullen and Juan Antonio Urrutia Councilmen; read and approved the minutes of previous session the meeting was opened.

JA-191

Mr. Garza proposed; That the publication of the Ordinance on Bathing be suspended, which proposal was adopted.

The Mayor gave account of the disposal of the Vagrants on the 27-28-29-30 and 1st day of July, with a receipt from the treasurer for ten reals paid to the treasury on the Vagrant account.

Mr. Guilbeau submitted to the consideration of the Body the two following accounts one in favor of Jose Ormilla amounting to 14 pesos and seven reals for chairs sold to this Corporation on date of ( ) and the other for twelve reals in favor of E. Hernandez for disposing of rubbish collected in the streets; this last was accepted, the first was tabled for further examination.

JA-192

The Sr. Montes directed the following petition to the Body:  
To the Honorable Mayor and Councilmen of the City of San Antonio:  
Gentlemen:

I beg that you will please take into consideration a matter which exists between the Corporation and me The Honorable Mayor has seen fit to fine me 30 pesos (and four more for costs) for having slaughtered a steer in the courtyard of my house, sold a real or so of meat and because I did not exhibit the hide with its brand and other marks. I beseech you Gentlemen, to please pardon me this fine or at least to reduce it according to your judgment, which will be a charity. Also I protest to you that I did it without knowing that it was against the laws of the Corporation; I trust that you will do me this favor. I shall be most grateful;

Your most attentive and sincere servant, who kisses your hands, Juan Montes.

Having taken into consideration the preceding petition the Council decided that the fine imposed be reduced by one half and that six pesos of it be appropriated to the salary of the Clerk and the balance deposited in the treasury.

JA-193

The Mayor turned over to the body a bill in favor of Francisco Rolen(overseer) for two pesos four reals which was accepted and it was disposed that the Mayor make a draft to pay it out of the fine of Montes

The petition presented by Mr. Davidson was duly considered by the body, but was refused.

Meeting adjourned to next regular date

R. Garza, Clerk

Jno W. Smith, Mayor

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July the ninth 1842

The council met pursuant to adjournment present J. W. Smith Mayor B. Callaghan R. Garza J. A. Urrutia J. McMullen & E. Dwyer aldermen the minutes of the former being read & approved

The Mayor rendered an account of the disposition of the Vagrants 4th. 5.6.7.8.& 9d inclusive paid to treasurer as pr receipt nine reals

JA-194

Mr. ( ) offered the following Ordinance

JA-194

To suppress quarrelling, and bad language in the streets

Sec. 1st Be it ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in council assembled, that all persons quarrelling, or using ill language one to another in the streets of this City shall be considered as disturbers of the peace; and on conviction before the Mayor shall be fined in a sum not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for the benefit of the Corporation with costs of suit

Sec. 2nd Be it futher ordained that this ordinance shall not be construed so as to have the effect when the party or parties may be chargeable under the laws of the Republic

Sec. 3d. Be it futher ordained that this ordinance shall take effect from and after the publication

adopted

To the Corporation of the City of San Antonio

Your petitioner begs leave to represent that sometime since your petitioner purchased two lots of ground situated in the tract between the main ditch of this City & Saint Peters Creek West of the City of San Antonio, between which said lots there is a street of thirteen and one third varas,

Your petitioner would futher represent that one of the said lots bounds on the South side on another lot of suerte now belonging to W. I. Riddle

Your petitioner comes before your Honorable body and prays permission to be permitted to open the street on the South side of his lot instead of between the two lots as aforesaid, and that your petitioner by leaving the street open on the South & between him & Mr. Riddle be permitted to inclose in one field the lots as aforesaid

and as in duty bound will &c. J. W. Smith

JA-195

The petition of J. W. Smith being taken into consideration, It is decreed by the Corporation here that the prayer of the petitioner be granted for the present reserving the right to the Corporation at any time when the City for the benefit of its population or for the extention of the City may require the street as aforesaid to be opened,

and at which time the petitioner may then enjoy the benefit of the street on the south side of the lot now directed to be opened.

On motion the affair of the Subscription in March last was taken up & after considerable debate the council resolved that the papers be delivered to the collector & treasurer of said subscriptions as they thought the Corporation had nothing to do in the matter.

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July and ninth day, of 1842

The Corporation being met, present Juan G. Smith Mayor and Councilmen B. Callaghan E. Dwyer J. McMullen J. A. Urrutia and Rafael Garza, read and approved the minutes of previous meeting,

The Mayor reported on what had been done with the Vagrants since the fourth to the ninth inclusive; paid to the treasurer according to his receipt nine reals

JA-194

Mr. ( ) presented the following Ordinance:

To suppress Quarrelling and Bad Language in the Streets.

Sec. 1st. Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Councilmen in council assembled: That all persons who fight or use bad language one toward the other in the streets of this City, shall be considered as disturbers of the Peace and upon conviction before the Mayor shall be fined in a sum not to be less than one peso nor in excess of five pesos for the benefit of the Corporation, with costs of the case.

Sec. 2nd. Be it further ordained That this Ordinance shall in no wise be invoked with persons who may be liable under the laws of the Republic.

Sec. 3rd. It is further decreed that this Ordinance will become effective from the date of its publication.

Adopted

JA-195

To the Corporation of the City of San Antonio:

The petitioner respectfully states that some time ago he bought two lots, situated in the tracts between the Main Ditch of this City and San Pedro Creek on the west side of the City of San Antonio, between which said lots there is a street of thirteen and one third varas.

The petitioner also desires to state that one of the said lots marches on the south side with another lot or property belonging to Mr. Riddle.

The suppliant appears before your honorable Body and prays that permission be given him to open the street on the south side of his Lot instead of leaving it between his two lots and that the suppliant, leaving open the street on the south between himself and Mr. Riddle be permitted to enclose in one tract the two above mentioned lots.

And with due respect will always remain your grateful

Juan G. Smith.

The petition of Juan G. Smith having been taken under advisement The Corporation decreed that the petition of the suppliant be permitted for the present, reserving the Corporation's right, whenever the City for the public benefit or because of its growth, to require that the said street shall be opened, at which time the suppliant may enjoy the use of the street on the south of his lot, which is now ordered to be opened.

Upon motion the matter of the subscriptions made last March was brought up and

after some considerable debate, The Council resolved that the documents be turned over to the collector and depositary of said subscriptions, because it is their opinion that the Corporation has nothing to do with the matter.

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Mr. Callaghan moved that the licence on Stores & liquor establishments be reduced to one half of its present tax

which motion was laid on the table  
adjourned untill next Saturday

Rafael Garza Secty

Jno W. Smith Mayor

July 16th 1842

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the roll being called there appeared Mess. J. W. Smith Mayor E Dwyer, Urrutia McMullen Rivas & Garza & Callaghan Aldermen quorum present the minutes of the former session being read and approved

JA-196

The Mayor presented for the consideration of the council the following account viz work done for repairing jail 30 feet of plank for door two dollars making same two dollars one pair hinges & screws one dollar & twenty five cents total amt. \$5.25¢ approved

The Mayor also rendered a¢ of the disposition made of the Vagrants 11th. 12. 13th. 14th. 15th. & 16th inclusive paid to treasurer as pr. receipt twelve rials  
approved

JA-197

On motion the question was put whether Mess Bradley & Maverick should be considered any longer members of this body, the ayes & nays being called for the vote stood thus- Mess. Garza Rivas and Urrutia voted in the affirmative & Mess Dwyer McMullen & Callaghan in the negative the Mayor then decided that as they were no longer within our limits or county that their seats ( )

The Council proceeded to an election for the purpose of filling such vacancies when Mess John Towhig & F. Granado were offered as candidates the ayes and nays being called for stood thus, Towhig three Dwyer McMullen & Callaghan Granado three Garza Rivas & Urrutia the Mayor declared F. Granado elected, again the vote was taken to fill the next vacancy Mess. Geo. Van Ness & Towhig offered as candidates the ayes and nays being called for stood thus Rivas McMullen Dwyer & Callaghan for Towhig Garza & Urrutia for Van Ness. Mr. Towhig was declared elected, notice being sent to them of their appointment they both appeared Mr. Towhig for various motives which he vervally exposed to the council did not accept his appointment Mr. Granado being duly sworn took his seat

On Motion an other election was ordered when Mess. Van Ness & James Goodman were offered as candidates the ayes and nays being called for stood thus Granado, Garza, Urrutia, & Rivas voted for Van Ness, McMullen Dwyer & Callaghan for Goodman Mr. Van Ness was declared elected notice being sent to him of his election, and appearing was duly sworn & proceeded to discharge the duties as Alderman

JA-198

Mr. Callaghan moved that the licence tax on stores & liquor establishments be taken up Mr. Dwyer observed that he desired the vote should be taken separate the question being put it was carried.

Mr. Callaghan moved that the licence on Stores be reduced to six dollars & a quarter the ayes & nays being called for stood thus Dwyer Rivas McMullen

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Mr. Callaghan proposed: That the licenses for stores and establishments for the sale of liquor be reduced to one half the present tax, which proposal was tabled.

The session adjourned until the coming Saturday.

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor

Meeting of July 16, 1842

The Corporation being met, present the Mayor Juan G. Smith and Councilmen Dwyer Urrutia McMullen Rivas Garza and Callaghan; there being a quorum, the preceding minutes were read and approved; the session was opened

JA-196

The Mayor presented for consideration of the Hon. Body the following account for work done on the city jail; to wit : 30 ft. of lumber at seven cents (sueldos) are \$2.00 for making a door two pesos and a pair of hinges with their screws ten reals; sum total \$5.25¢

approved

He also gave an account as to the disposition made of the Vagrants since the 11th to the 16th inclusive; paid to the treasurer according to receipts twelve reals.

Approved

JA-197

It was proposed that the inquiry be made or that the question be put: If Messrs Maverick and Braddley were to be still considered members of this body; a vote being taken it resulted as follows: Messrs Garza Rivas and Urrutia voted in its favor, and Messrs Dwyer McMullen & Callaghan voted against it. The Mayor decided that as they are not within the limits of this county that their seats are vacated.

The Council proceeded to an election to fill the vacancies; Messrs Towhig three Dwyer McMullen and Callaghan; Granado three Garza Rivas and Urrutia. The Mayor declared Francisco Granado elected; a second vote was taken to fill the other vacancy, Messrs Van Ness and Towhig being candidates, which vote resulted as follows Towhig four Rivas McMullen Dwyer and Callaghan; Van Ness two Urrutia and Garza. Mr. Towhig was declared elected; it was ordered that they be advised of their election and both the two appeared. Mr. Towhig for various reasons which he gave verbally told the Body he did not accept the election. Mr. Granado was regularly sworn and took his seat.

Upon motion another election was ordered, Messrs Goodman and Van Ness being candidates, and having taken the vote, it resulted as follows Van Ness four Granado, Garza, Urrutia and Rivas; Goodman three McMullen Dwyer and Callaghan. Mr. Van Ness was declared elected; he was advised of his election and appearing was regularly sworn and proceeded to discharge his duties as Councilman.

JA-198

Mr. Callaghan proposed that the matter of licenses of stores and establishments for the sale of liquors be taken up for consideration. Mr. Dwyer stated that he would like the vote to be taken for each class separately; and the question being put it was carried into effect.

JA-198.1

Mr. Callaghan proposed that the licenses for warehouses should be reduced to six pesos two reals; the vote having been taken it resulted as follows: Dwyer, Rivas McMullen

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Urrutia Callaghan Granado & Van Ness voted in the affirmative Garza in the negative

motion carried

Mr. Dwyer proposed that the licence on stores be reduced entirely the ayes & nays being called for stood thus Dwyer & Callaghan voting in the affirmative Garza Urrutia Rivas McMullen Granado & Van Ness in the negative proposition lost

Mr. Bryan Callaghan obtained leave of absence

Mr. Dwyer moved that the licence on liquor establishments be reduced to twelve dollars & a half the ayes & nays being called for stood thus Dwyer Granado & Urrutia voting in the affirmative Garza Rivas McMullen & Van Ness in the negative ( ) motion was lost

JA-199

Mr. Urrutia moved that the tax on Beeves slaughtered within the limits of this Corporation be reduced to one half motion carried Dwyer voted against it

JA-200

Mr. Rivas moved that the tax levied on Carts introducing goods to this City be reduced to one half the ayes & nays being called for the vote stood thus Garza Urrutia Rivas & Granado voting in the affirmative McMullen Dwyer & Van Ness in the negative motion carried

Mr. Dwyer moved that the licence on public dances be reduced to five reals the ayes and nays called for stood thus Granado Van Ness & Dwyer voting in the affirmative Rivas Garza Urrutia & McMullen in the negative motion lost

JA-201

The Corporation ordered a warrant to issue in favour of clerk amt six dollars to complete his pay of the month of June

R. Garza Crio.

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

July 23d 1842

The council met in pursuant to adjournment present J. W. Smith Mayor & Aldermen the minutes of the former session being read & approved

The Mayor informed the council that he collected one dollar fine from Manuel Chavez & applied it in credit of the \$2.25 ballance of repairs to jail leaving \$1.25 still due

Mr. Dwyer moved 1st That licences be collected quarterly at the year ratio 2d. That no licence tax be collected untill the general tax list be assessed and collection ordered thereon so as to prevent litigation in the collection of these various taxes laid on the table

To the Mayor & Aldermen of Bejar, Gentlemen I beg leave to resign my office as Alderman

Mr. Van Ness moved that the collector be instructed to suspend the collection of all taxes for ten days

approved

JA-202

The Corporation resolved that the Mayor issue a draft for eleven dollars against the Treasurer for the payment of a Beef purchased as pr. Ordinance 5th June inst. see page 81 the Mayor informed the council that the hide would bring the dollar lacking to complete the value of Beef at \$12.00

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Urrutia, Callaghan Granado and Van Ness voted in favor and Mr. Garza against it.

adopted

Mr. Dwyer proposed that the licenses for stores be reduced entirely; having taken the vote it resulted thus: Dwyer and Callaghan in favor and against it Garza, Urrutia Rivas McMullen Granada and Van Ness which proposal was rejected.

Mr. Callaghan obtained permission to absent himself.

Mr. Dwyer proposed that the licenses for Liquor establishments be reduced to two pesos four reals; having taken the vote it resulted thus: Dwyer Granada and Urrutia voted in favor, and McMullen, Garza, Rivas, and Van Ness against; which proposal was rejected.

JA-199

Mr. Urrutia proposed that the tax be reduced on cattle slaughtered within the city limits to one half; adopted; Dwyer voted against it.

JA-200

Mr. Rivas proposed that the tax imposed on Carts which bring goods into the City be reduced to the half and having taken the vote it resulted thus: Garza, Rivas, Urrutia and Granada voted in favor of the measure and McMullen Dwyer and Van Ness against it.

Adopted.

Mr. Dwyer proposed that the license on Dances be reduced to four reals; having taken the vote it resulted thus: Granada Van Ness and Dwyer in favor of the proposal, and against it were Rivas, Garza, Urrutia and McMullen. The proposition was rejected.

JA-201

The Council disposed that there be issued a draft for six pesos on the treasurer to complete the Clerk's salary payment for the month of June.

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor

Meeting of July 23, 1842

The Corporation being met, present the Mayor and Councilmen; read and approved the minutes of the previous meeting, the session was declared opened

The Mayor stated to the body that he had collected one peso of fine imposed on Miguel Chavez which peso was used in payment of the balance for repairing the jail

Mr. Dwyer proposed 1st. That the licenses be collected quarterly at yearly rate. 2nd That no license tax be collected until the general tax list should be assessed and ordered collected, in order to avoid suits in the collection of the different taxes.

To the Mayor and Councilmen of Bejar: Gentlemen Please accept my resignation as Councilman in this body.

Mr. Van Ness moved that the collector be advised to suspend the collection of all taxes for the space of ten days.

JA-202

The Corporation disposed that the Mayor draw against the Treasurer to the value of eleven pesos for payment for a steer bought in accordance with a resolution of June 5 of the present year see page 81. The Mayor informed the body that the hide would be sold for one peso which was lacking to complete the price of the steer which was twelve pesos

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JA-203

The Corporation of San Antonio to F. Rolin Dr. 23th July 1842 to one months service as Constable \$10.00 received \$2.50 due \$7.50 approved

adjourned to Tuesday 20 August

Rafael Garza  
Clerk

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

August 5th 1842

The Council met present J. W. Smith Mayor McMullen Van Ness Callaghan Urrutia Granado & Garza Aldermen the minutes of the last session being read & approved

The Mayor at the last session informed the council That on the following days 18th. 19.20.21.22 & 23 inclusive there was no disposition made of the Vagrants in consequence of the bad weather, some times employed in the ditch app.

JA-204

On motion the Mayor was authorised to hire out the Vagrants by the week and receive the paymt. at the end of the work approved also last session

JA-205

Mr. Higginbotham bridge contractor present, When the finishing of the bridge across the San Antonio River was taken into consideration and the following agreement for the abutments was made to wit the abutment on the East side of the River shall leave the bridge on a level untill it strikes the main bank, & the abutment on the west side shall be built with the decent of one foot in three from the end of the bridge untill the abutment shall strike the main land in its present situation the walls of each abutment shall be maid of stone laid in lime mortar, and sufficiently thick to be in proportion, and on each abutment when the same is raised to a level with the bridge there shall be a hewed log of timber about thirteen inches wide set up on its edge as a guard on the same and each abutment shall be so built as to open out and take in near the entire width of the street, at the same time opening equally or nearly so, all of which to be done in a workmen like manner by the first day of September next and that Mr. Callaghan with the Mayor form a committee to attend to the completing and receive the bridge when concluded, & report the same to this Corporation approved

Adjourned untill next Friday

R. Garza Secty

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

August 13th 1842

The Council met present J. W. Smith Mayor & Aldermen McMullen, Vivas, Callaghan, Granado, Garza, Urrutia & Van Ness the minutes read & approved

The Mayor verbally informed the Council that there has been no disposition made of the Vagrants up to date since his last accounts

JA-205.1

The Corporation Resolved that the Surveyor designate and mark the lots on the East side of the Alamo ditch to the 5th street as marked on the Plot

JA-206

Be it futher resolved that he the said Surveyor be entitled to compensation for his services two dollars for each lot to be paid out of the City funds

approved

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JA-203

The Corporation of San Antonio--to F. Rolen Dr. July 23, 1842--for one month of service as Constable \$10.00 received \$2.50¢ being owed seven pesos four reals

approved

The meeting was adjourned until Tuesday the 2nd day of August

R. Garza, Clerk

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor



Meeting of August 5

The Corporation being met, present Juan G. Smith Mayor and Councilmen Van Ness McMullen Callaghan Granado & Garza read and approved the minutes of the last meeting, the session was opened.

At the last meeting the Mayor told the body that on the following days 18-19-20-21-22 & 23 there was no disposition of the Vagrants because of the bad weather; they worked some in the creek.

Approved

JA-204

On motion the Mayor was authorized to hire out the Vagrants by the week and that he should receive the pay at the conclusion of the work

Approved in the last meeting.

JA-205

Mr. R. F. Higginbotham, Contractor of the bridge, appeared and the matter being considered it was arranged that The abutment on the East side of the river should leave the bridge so that it shall touch or reach the bank solidly at the level of the Bridge; and that the west side shall be constructed to a grade of one foot in three until it reaches solid ground at the point it now touches; the walls of each ramp shall be of stone and mortar and shall be of a proportionate thickness. And at the top of each approach where they reach the level of the bridge, there shall be placed a hewed timber of ( ) 13 inches wide as a barrier, and each approach shall be of practically the entire width of the street, at the same time being of equal or almost equal width; all of which shall be done in a workmanlike manner by the 1st of the coming September, and Messrs Callaghan and Juan G. Smith shall constitute a committee to attend the completion and to receive the bridge when it is finished and to advise the Corporation when this is done.

Approved

Rafael Garza, Clerk

The meeting adjourned until next Friday

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor

Meeting of August 13

The Corporation being met present the Mayor and all the Councilmen, read and approved the minutes of the previous meeting, the session was declared opened.

The Mayor stated verbally that no disposition had been made of the Vagrants since his last accounting up to date.

JA-205.1

The Corporation disposed that the Surveyor outline and mark the lots on the east side of the Alamo Ditch as far as 5th Street, as they are marked on the Plan.

JA-206

It was also disposed That the Surveyor shall receive in recompense for his work two pesos for each lot, which shall be paid from the City funds.

Approved.

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JA-207

Whereas certain lots situated on the East side of the Alamo Ditch has been publicly sold, the minutes of this body touching the same, was destroyed and lost when the Mexican troops had possession of this City in March last and to carry into effect the purchases made in good faith this Corporation does direct as follows  
Sec. 1st Be it ordained by the Mayor & Aldermen of this City of San Antonio, that the existing plan or plot of the lots aforesaid be entered of record in the minutes of this

Corporation

Sec. 2d. Be it futher ordained that the collector, who acted as auctioneer at the sale of said lots be required to report to this body, the lots sold, the amount for which they sold, and also to whom they were sold, including the amt. paid by each purchaser at the time of purchase

Sec. 3d Be it futher ordained that so soon as the surveyor shall make a plot & return the same, the report of the surveyor together with the report of the Collector be recorded in the minutes of this Corporation

Sec. 4th Be it futher ordained that so soon as the Surveyor shall make return of the survey of the lots the Mayor shall notify the purchasers who shall have the term of five days from the notice to make out their deeds & present time for signing and on failure to present the deed or deeds as afore said within the time specified, the Mayor shall then proceed & make the deeds at the cost of the purchaser

Sec. 5th Be it ordained that the Mayor shall be allowed the sum of two dollars for each deed made asaforsaid.

Sec. 6th Be it ordained that this ordinance shall take effect from & after the passage  
Vote being taken it was approved.

JA-208

On motion an election was held to fill Mr. E. Dwyer's vacancy when Mr. Thos H'os Addicks was duly elected & notified appeared & sworn took his seat

On motion the council adjourned untill next Friday

Jno. W. Smith Mayor

Rafael Garza Secty

August 23th 1842

At the request of the Mayor the council met ful meeting present - The Mayor laid before the council the Plan or plot as returned by the surveyor

approved

The Collector respectfully submits the following report of Lots sold &c &c.

LOTS		LOTS	PURCHASER	AMMOUNT
" No. 1 & 2	S. A. Maverick			\$10.00
" " 17.	" " "	No. 23	L. Colquhoun	\$10.00
" " 33 & 34	" " "			26.00- <del>\$56.00</del>
" " 10	James Robinson	" 24	" "	12.00
" " 11	" "	" 26	" "	16.00
" " 12	" "	" 31	" "	10.00
" " 18 & 25	" "	" 32	" "	10.00- <del>\$58.00</del>
				20.00- <del>\$58</del>

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JA-207

Inasmuch as some of the lots located on the east side of the Alamo Ditch were publicly sold the records of this body touching the matter having beendestroyed and lost when the Mexican troops had possession of this City in last March and in order to complete the sales made in good faith by this Corporation; it is ordered:

Sec. 1st Be it ordained by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of San Antonio; That the plan now existing of the aforementioned lots be recorded in the minutes of this Corporation.

Sec. 2nd Be it further ordained That the Collector, who served as Auctioneer for the

sale of these lots be requested to inform this body, concerning the lots which were sold, the sum in which they were sold, and also to whom they were sold, including the amount that each buyer paid at the time of the purchase.

3rd. Be it further ordained That as soon as the Surveyor makes the plan and delivers it, his report jointly with that of the Collector shall be entered in the minutes of this Corporation.

4th. Be it further ordained That as soon as the Surveyor delivers the measurement of the lots, the Mayor will notify the buyers, who will be given the term of five days from the day of receipt of the notice to make their deeds and present them for signature; and if they fail to present the document or documents within the specified time, then the Mayor will proceed to make the titles out at the expense of the buyer.

Sec. 5th. Be it ordained That the Mayor shall be entitled to charge two pesos for each title that he may make of those mentioned.

Sec. 6th. Be it further ordained that this Ordinance be carried into effect immediately upon approval. Having taken vote, it was approved.

JA-208

On a motion an election was held to fill the vacant seat of Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Addicks was unanimously elected; was given the customary oath and too his seat.

Meeting was adjourned until the coming Friday

R. Garza, Clerk

Jno. W. Smith, Mayor

Session of August 23, 1842

Summoned by the Mayor the Corporation met all members being present, read and approved the minutes of the former meeting the Mayor presented the List of the Lots &c as turned over by the Surveyor.

Which was approved.

The Collector respectfully submits the following report on the Lots sold &c. &c.

NOS. OF THE LOTS	BUYER	PRICE	NOS. OF THE LOTS	BUYER	PRICE
Nos. 1 & 2	S. A. Maverick	\$10.00	Nos. 23	L. Colqhoun	\$10.00
" 17	" "	10.00	" 24	" "	12.00
" 33 & 34	" "	26.00- <del>\$56.00</del>	" 26	" "	16.00
" 10	James Robinson	10.00	" 31	" "	10.00
" 11	" "	17.00	" 32	" "	10.00- <del>\$58.00</del>
" 12	" "	11.00			
" 18 & 25	" "	20.00- 58			

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LOTS	PURCHASERS	AMT.	LOTS	PURCHASERS	AMT.
No. 42 & 41	W. B. Jaques	\$34.00	No. 49 & 50	B. Callaghan	\$ 25.00
" 40	" "	15.00	" " " 48	" "	10.00
" 39	" "	10.00- <del>\$59.00</del>	" " " 47	" "	10.00 - \$45

Amount of sale two hundred & seventy six dollars- one half of which has been paid by the purchasers & by me paid in to the Treasury. The other half is owing & due as per notes held by me. James L. Trueheart Collector of the Corporation of San Antonio August 18th 1842

JA-209

The moneys that may be paid into the treasury on account of lots sold, it is ordered that the Mayor draw for the same in favor of R. F. Higginbotham so soon as the

same may be paid in to the Treasury except a proportionable part of thirty dollars to be paid to J. C. Hays for surveying and in all cases the party receiving shall file a receipt for the amount so received with the treasurer.

approved

JA-210 (On motion the following ordinance was adopted)

Sec. 1st Be it ordained by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of San Antonio that Monday & Tuesday next shall be set apart by all citizens and persons eligible to vote within the limits of this City and shall be employed in filling up the hollow on this side of the bridge to a level

Sec. 2d. Be it futher ordained that all persons having carts shall furnish them one day with a Yoke of Oxen to hawl dirt & rubbish from wherever the same may be found in an unnecessary quantity, and that every loose man shall present himself with a pick hoe or spade

Sec. 3d Be it futher ordained thatatthe middle of each day Mr. Callaghan shall attend at the Bridge aforesaid & take a list of all persons who may be found aiding in the work aforesaid & for which work each - person shall be allowed the sum of one dollar for a cart & pair of oxen and for each single person the sum of fifty cents per day which shall pass to their credit in the first tax assessed for the use of the Corporation

Sec. 4th. And it is futher ordained that all owners of carts will furnish hides with their carts to hawl either rubbish or dirt

JA-211

Mr. Addicks offered the following ordinance

Be it ordained by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of San Antonio that the Secretary of said body be required to execute an Index of all the Ordinances & decrees passed by this Corporation and that the Mayor instruct him in the performance of the same

Approved

To the Hon. body

The Mayor of the City of San Antonio begs leave to present the following protest against the disposition of the public lots of ground &c and the application of the proceeds of such sales to the payment of the contractor for building the Bridge,

Sec. 1st The law chartering the City of San Antonio as passed and approved 14 Decre. 1837, sets apart in the 8th sec the public lots and parcels of land &,c. and

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LOTS, NOS.	BUYER	PRICE	:	LOTS NOS.	BUYER	PRICE
42, 41	W. B. Jaques	\$ 36.00	:	42, 50	B. Callaghan	\$25.00
40	" " "	15.00	:	48	" "	10.00
39	" " "	10.00-59.00	:	47	" "	10.00-45.00

Sum total of the sale \$276.00/ the half of which was paid me by the buyers and I deposited it in the treasury, the other half is owed according to the notes which are in my hands and are now complete. Santiago L. Trueheart, Collector of the Corporation of the City of San Antonio, August 18, 1842

JA-209

Be it ordained that of the monies received by the treasury by the sale of Lots, the Mayor draw on them in favor of R. F. Higginbotham as soon as they are received by the

treasury, except the sum of thirty pesos to be paid in proportion as it is collected to J. C. Hays for his surveying work; and in all cases the person receiving payment shall make a receipt for the amount received which shall be given to the Treasurer.

Approved

JA-210

On motion the following Ordinance was adopted:

Sec. 1st. Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of San Antonio; That Monday and Tuesday of the coming week be designated so that all Citizens and eligible voters within the City limits be employed in filling up to grade the hollow on this side of the Bridge.

Sec. 2nd. Be it further ordained that all persons owning carts shall furnish them with a yoke of oxen to cart dirt and rubbish from anywhere it may be found in unnecessary quantity, and that every unoccupied man, or a lone (NOTE. without cart and oxen) present himself with a pick, hoe or shovel.

Sec. 3rd. Be it further ordained that at noon of each day Mr. Callaghan go to the said bridge and make a list of all the persons he finds there helping in the said labors, and that for such labor each person will receive the sum of a peso for his cart and yoke of oxen and for each person only, the sum of 4 reals per day, which shall be discounted from the first taxes imposed in benefit of this Corporation.

Sec. 4th. And be it further ordained that every person owning a cart shall supply hides to carry dirt or rubbish.

JA-211

Mr. Addicks offered the following Ordinance:

It is ordained by the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of San Antonio: That the Clerk of this body be required to make an Index of all the Ordinances and Decrees approved and passed by this Corporation and that the Mayor instruct him as to the manner in which he should do it.

Approved.

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the proceeds of such sales to be appropriated to the erection and repairs of a court-house Jail, and other such public edifices as may be deemed most fit, and to the erection and endowment of a public school

In the aforesaid law the 6th section provides for paving and cleaning the streets, regulating the markets, removing nuisances, and procuring for the city a supply of wholesome water; for these & such other like purposes, they are authorised to levy equitable and moderate taxes,

The framers of the law incorporating this City, thought proper to make two classes of funds, and their appropriations that may be raised by this body and the funds which the 6th sec. authorises this body to raise, is the same, from which the price or payment for building the Bridge must be taken

2d. The contract for the building of the Bridge, having been made under the law of 1837, the same law should regulate the mode of making the paymt for the work, and not the law of 1842, at least the ordinances past in December last, or in the year 1841 could be governed by no other law than that of 1837

3d The public lots & C. belonging to the City, for the disposition of which an ordinance was passed 4th Novr. 1840 - which said ordinance established or regulated the menimum price for the lots of a certain size, no ordinance of a subsequent date

appears in any shape untill the 1st February 1842 when an Ordinance was passed authorising a sale, but no change appears as to the menium price, although the ordinance authorises the sale of them at nine times the size of the lots as regulated by the ordinance passed 4th November 1840

Presented this 23th August but rejected Yours &c.

Adjourned untill Wednesday a week

R. Garza Clerk

Jn. W. Smith Mayor

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Republic of Texas )  
County of Bexar ) San Antonio 30th March 1844

In consequence of the disorganized state of this County during the last two years, there was no election held for officers of the Corporation untill the 23rd of the present Month, when an Election was held in conformity with an order from The Honble. David Morgan Chief Justice of this County, given in accordance to a Law passed by the Honble. Congress and approved by the President the 14th of Jan 1842.- when the following was the result, as shown by the returns of said Election and Certificates of the Honble Chief Justice

Viz.-----

- MAYOR - Edward Dwyer.
- ALDERMEN - Rafael Garza )  
Ambrosio Rodriguez )  
Juan A. Urrutia )  
Antonio Menchaca )  
Jose M. Flores )  
James Goodman )  
Robert Lindsay )  
Thomas Whitehead )
- TREASURER - William Elliot
- COLLECTOR - Martin Delgado

Saturday March 30th This day the Council met by order of the Mayor when the following members answered to their names viz.- E. Dwyer-A. Rodriguez - Juan A. Urrutia.-Thos Whitehead. R. Lindsay.- James Goodman.-The Mayor announced a quorum present The Board proceeded to business.-

JA-212

On the motion of Mr. Urrutia Thos Whitehead was appointed to act as Sec. for the present

JA-213

On motion it was ordered by the Board that the Mayor be empowered to demand all, Books & Papers belonging to the Corporation wherever they may be found.-----

JA-214

It was resolved by the Council that it is expedient as soon as possible to ascertain the bounds of the Corporation in order that the lines might be surveyed and suits instituted against whosoever might have located lands within the said lines.-----

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Messrs. Urrutia & Rodriguez were appointed by the Mayor a Committee to enquire for and find Witnesses who might know the limits of this Corporation, and to invite them to attend the next meeting of the Council.-----

On motion the Board adjourned to Saturday the 6th day of April at 3 o'clock afternoon

Thos Whitehead

Edward Dwyer "Mayor"

Seco. protem

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 Saturday 6th April No Quorum present the Board adjourned to Saturday the 13th  
 Thomas Whitehead Secy

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 Saturday 13th Apr. The Council did not meet on acct. of the rain which fell on that day

Thomas Whitehead  
 Secy.

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 Saturday 20th April.- The Board met this day and the Mayor having announced a Quorum present the Board proceeded to business Present Edw Dwyer Mayor; Thos Whitehead. Juan Urrutia. James Goodman. Jose M. Flores. Robert Lindsay Aldermen. - The Board Nominated R. Garza to fill the vacancy that occurred by his not appearing in time specified by law.-

JA-215

The Honble. D. Morgan Chief Justice of the County, presented an account for \$8.00 as compensation for his labour in ordering the Election, issuing writ, administering oaths &c to the Members of the present board which after some discussion was approved

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 JA-216

Mr. Urrutia offered the following ordinance. Viz

That all persons found, washing clothes, watering horses, or in anywise defiling the water of the main Ditch, which runs through the Public Square, shall pay a fine of one Dollar for each and every offence. This ordinance to take effect five days after publication.

Approved.

JA-217

Alderman Flores moved that a committee be appointed to frame an ordinance to raise a revenue for the necessary expences of the Year, and Mess. Flores and Garza were appointed with the aid of the Mayor.

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JA-218

Alderman Urrutia moved that all persons that may wish to haul Rock from any Quarry within the limits of this Corporation, shall tak out a Licence from the Mayor for permission to do so, and shall pay a tax of two bits for every ten Cart Loads.-Approved and ordered to be published

On Motion of R. Garza the board adjourned to Saturday the 27th Inst. -----

Thos. Whitehead Secy.

Edward Dwyer  
 Mayor

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 Thursday 25th April. The Board met in Special session by order of the Mayor, and the Names being called there appeared the following Members present. Edward Dwyre Mayor. Aldermen, Whitehead, Lindsay, Goodman, Urrutia and Flores.- A Quorum being present the Board proceeded to business

JA-219

The Mayor presented the following ordinance from the Committee appointed to frame an ordinance for raising a Revenue. Viz.- That all persons transacting business under Licences within the limits of this Corporation, shall pay Ten P Cent on the same, that is on Government tax.-----

That all Carts entering this City with Merchandize shall pay Fifty cents each, and all Waggons seventy five cents.-----

That all persons that shall kill Beeves for sale shall pay twenty five cents for each Beef so killed.-----

That all public Balls or Pandangos shall pay one Dollar for each night and obtain a licence from the Mayor.-----

That all persons living within the limits of this Corporation who do not contribute to the Corporation by the above taxes shall pay or give two days work during the Year under the orders of the Mayor. a man with cart & oxen one day to count for two days.-----

That the Collector shall receive five pr. Cent for collecting and paying over to the Treasurer, and the Treasurer two and a half pr. Cent for receiving and paying over.--

That this Ordinance take effect ten days after public -

Approved and ordered to be published.-----

JA-220

It was proposed by Mr. Lindsay and seconded by Mr. Whitehead That A Spencer Esqr. Attorney at Law be appointed to appear as Attorney for the Corporation in all cases in which the Corporation may be either Plaintiff or Defendant in any or all the Courts of this republic. The appointment was made by the Board unanimously and the Mayor empowered to contract with Spencer accordingly.

The Board adjourned to Saturday the 27th Inst.

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On Motion the Board adjourned to Saturday the 27 Inst.-

Thos. Whitehead Secy

Edward Dwyer

Mayor

Saturday 27th April.- No quorum Present

Thos. Whitehead Secy.

Saturday 4th May the Council met this day when Mr. Manchaca appeared and took the oath at the Board- The Mayor having announced a Quorum present the sescion was opened.--

The Mayor laid before the Council the propositions of Ambrose Spencer Esqr. for Compensation for certain servises required of him as City Attorney, and informed the Board that he had not been able to make any agreement with Mr. Spencer. After some discussion the Bord where unanimously of opinion that Mr. Spencers terms where inadmissible and the following ordinance was passed.

JA-221

Whereas an ordinance was passed the 25 day of April 1844 appointing a Spencer Esqr Attorney at Law, to attend to all suits in which this Corporation may be either defendent or Plaintiff, and authorizing the Mayor to contract with him for Compensation, and the Mayor having failed to do so on account of the excessively high price which Mr. Spencer asked for his services. Therefore so much of the above ordinance of the 25 of April as appoints A Spencer Esqr Attorney for this Corporation is



hereby repealed, and the Mayor is authorised to receive new propositions from Mr. Spencer or any other Attorney for the objects set forth, and present the same to the Board as soon as possible.

Approved-----

The Mayor presented to the board an old Book in M S which he had received from Thos. H. C. S. Addicks containing the Register of the fifteen Families which first founded this City under the authority of the King of Spain, and also containing other matters relating to Elections for Aldermen Alcaldes &c for this City Commencing in 1730 and ending 1756-----

On Motion the Council adjourned to Saturday the 11 inst.

Thomas Whitehead Secy  
(rubric)

Edward Dwyer  
Mayor

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Saturday 11 May - The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment when the following members answered to their names E. Dwyer, Mayor, Rafael Garza, Antonio Manchaca, Juan A. Urrutia Robert Lindsay, Thomas Whitehead. Aldermen. A Quorum being present the Board proceeded to business-----

The Mayor submitted the following Contract on the part of A Spencer Esqr for compensation for his servises as City Attorney for Certain Duties required of him and therein specified.

Whereas the Common Council of the City of San Antonio de Bexar, did, on the Eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and forty-four, decree and ordain, that the Mayor of said City, Edward Dwyer, be authorised and empowered to contract and agree with Ambrose Spencer Jr. Attorney and Counsellor at-law, to perform certain duties and functions as the legal adviser and Attorney of said City, in accordance with the proposals of the said Ambrose Spencer. Jr. heretofore submitted to the Common Council of the said Corporation, and acquiesced in by them, now, Know all men by these presents, that we Edward Dwyer, Mayor of the City of San Antonio, as representative of the same, and party of the first part, and Ambrose Spencer. Jr. of the said City, party of the second part, the one for the City of San Antonio de Bexar, and the other for himself, do agree, that for the consideration hereinafter mentioned, the said Edward Dwyer, Mayor as aforesaid, for the present Common Council, and for their successors in office, shall, have, and will employ the said Ambrose Spencer Jr. as the Attorney and legal adviser of the City of San Antonio; and the said Ambrose Spencer Jr. accepts and receives the said appointment and trust, under the terms and conditions following, viz;---

The said Ambrose Spencer. Jr. doth covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said Edward Dwyer, Mayor as aforesaid, to undertake, do and perform, all and singular each and every of such minor or ordinary business of a legal nature, as may appertain to said City, in the Courts of the Mayor of Justices of the Peace and District Courts of this Republic, whensoever and at such time or times as the Mayor of said City may thereunto request or command him so to do. At all times holding himself, on all occasions, in readiness therefor. And the said Edward Dwyer, Mayor of the City aforesaid, doth covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said Ambrose Spencer Jr. to pay for the said services, the sum of One Hundred Dollars, good and lawful money, per annum; the said sum of One hundred Dollars to be paid in two annual installments of fifty

dollars each; one at the Spring Term of the District Court for the County of Bexar, and the other at the fall term thereof. And in consideration of said services, the first payment of fifty dollars shall be made, as soon as the same may be collected in taxes by the City, to apply and be considered as the first payment of this present year, and the balance being the second payment, to be made at the next term, being the fall term of the District Court, as above specified.

And the Said Ambrose Spencer, Jr, doth covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said Edward Dwyer, as Mayor aforesaid, to undertake, do and perform, all and singular each and every of the legal business of the said City of

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San Antonio, so far as may appertain to the defining, settling and establishing the limits of said City, and the recovery of the Land or Lands claimed by the same, with the exception of the ten leagues of land, which the City now claims and owns under an undisputable title, with the preparing, translating, commencing and arguing to a final closing, all the suit or suits which it may be necessary to begin or conclude therein; and of himself, at his own charge and expense procure such translator or translators of the Castellian language, together with such Attorney or Attorneys, as may be necessary and proper, who shall be learned in the Law, for the successful, prosecution, continuing and termination of such suit or suits so begun or about to be begun for the purposes above specified.

And the said Edward Dwyer, Mayor as aforesaid, agrees, covenants and promises for the said City of San Antonio, to pay the said Ambrose Spencer. Jr. the sum of Three thousand Dollars, for the services so to be rendered, in the terms, and under the stipulations following, to wit.--.-- That is to say, if the said Ambrose Spencer. Jr. shall well and truly succeed in obtaining for the City of San Antonio de Bexar, the lands comprised within the original limits thereof, and now claimed by said City, by a decree or Judgment of the Judicial tribunals of this Republic, or in any other way, so that the title of said City to the lands in question, shall be good and valid, then the said above mentioned amount of Three thousand Dollars, shall be well and truly paid into the said Ambrose Spencer. Jr. But should the said Spencer fail so to recover the said lands, then in that case, no compensation for his said services therein, shall be either allowed or claimed therefor.

And should Death, imprisonment or captivity by the enemy or enemies of the County, frustrate or prevent the said Ambrose Spencer. Jr. from concluding or consummating the said services, as above contracted to be performed, then shall the City of San Antonio be released and acquitted from this their said obligation, so far as their said Attorney has been unable to conclude or finish his said services; the City regarding however the services which may have been rendered, up to the time of said Death, imprisonment or captivity, and making just and equitable compensation therefor, to the heirs or assigns of the said Ambrose Spencer. Jr.

And the said Edward Dwyer, Mayor as aforesaid, does for the said Council of the said Corporation of San Antonio, further covenant with the said Ambrose Spencer. Jr. that all assistance and aid, by advice, counsel, and through papers and documents in their hands, or within their reach, they, each all and every of them, will willingly and readily afford unto the said Ambrose Spencer. Jr. their said Attorney, concerning this important matter, not retaining or withholding any information, as well when they may be thereunto requested to communicate the same, as when he may be ignorant of the

existence of such information: - nor by any other act or acts, attempt or seek to throw obstacles or impediments in the way of their said Attorney, by means of which, this most difficult and embarrassing business may be retarded or compromised.

And the said Ambrose Spencer, Jr. on his part, agrees and promises, unto Edward Dwyer, Mayor of the City of San Antonio, faithfully, fairly and impartially, and

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to the utmost of his natural or acquired legal abilities, to do and perform, all and every, each and singular, the covenants and stipulations in this Agreement contained, hereby binding himself, to suffer no opportunity to escape, whereby the best interests of the City of San Antonio may be advanced.

And it is further mutually agreed, that the duration of this Agreement shall be the time, when the limits and boundaries, rights and claims of the City of San Antonio shall be finally and definitably settled and determined.

And for the true and faithful performance, of all and every, the covenants and agreements aforesaid, each of the said parties, bindeth himself: - the said Edward Dwyer as Mayor, with the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio, under the authority vested in him, and Ambrose Spencer, Jr. his heirs and assigns, firmly by these presents.

In witness whereof, the said parties, have hereunto set their hands and seals in duplicate this Thirteenth day of May, One thousand Eight hundred and forty-four.

SIGNED and SEALED

in presence of  
N. I. McClelland  
M. A. Veramendi

Edward Dwyer (SEAL) Mayor  
Ambrose Spencer, Jr. (SEAL)

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After some discussion the following ordinance was passed That the Mayor be authorized and empowered to close the above contract with Ambrose Spencer Junr. Esqr. and forthwith proceed to put him in possession, as City Attorney, of such facts and documents as he may require, for the purpose of commencing without delay the necessary steps to obtain the rights of the City

Approved

The Council then adjourned untill Monday the 13th at 10 O'clock A. M.

Thomas Whitehead Sec. -

Edward Dwyer "Mayor"

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Monday 13th. May. The Council met this day a Quorum present Viz Dwyer, Garza, Manchaca, Urrutia, Lindsay Whitehead - The Board proceeded to business and the following ordinance was passed Viz.

JA-223

That immediate steps be taken to have the limits of this Corporation ascertained by a survey of the original Boundries, in order to ascertain who may have made locations within said boundries, and that suits of ejection may immediately be commenced by the City Attorney.

The Board then adjourned to Saturday the 18 Inst.

Thomas Whitehead Secy. -

Edward Dwyer "Mayor"

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1844 Saturday 18th May the Council met this day pursuant to adjournment the following

members present E Dwyer Mayor - Lindsay, Goodman, Flores, Urrutia, Whitehead, Aldermen-  
A Quorum present the Board proceeded to business-----

Mr. Whitehead proposed that a Committee be appointed to Call upon the late  
Treasurer for the Books belonging to the Treasury department of this Corporation and  
examine the accts. and report to the next meeting of the Board-

Messrs Whitehead and Flores where appointed said committee By the Mayor.-

The Mayor suggested the propriety of appointing a Committee to have the Bridges,  
over the Main Ditch that runs through the City, repaired as cheap as possible, so as  
to prevent the water from overflowing the streets. And Messrs Whitehead & Urrutia  
where appointed said Committee

Mr. Lindsay proposed the following ordinance for Cleaning the Streets, and for  
having them kept so--

JA-224

That all persons living within the limits of the City shall be obliged to clean  
the streets in front of their dwelling at least every Saturday Morning in time for the  
Cart employed by the Corporation to carry away the rubbish. The People living on the  
public squares shall clean to the width of a Street, and all people having cattle or  
cows entering the City for the purpose of being milked or for any other purpose shall  
be obliged to clean all open spaces where such Cattle are in the habbit of Standing at  
least once a week. And all persons neglecting this ordinance shall pay a fine of 50  
cents for each offence, to be applyed to the purpose neglected, And that this ordinance  
be in force from the time of its publication.

The Mayor suggested the propriety of Publishing an additional ordinance for raising  
a revenue, supplementary to the one already published, and the following was passed and  
ordered to be published

JA-225

That ten per cent of the Government tax be levied upon all Real Estate, within the  
limits of this Corporation in addition to the Taxes already published

The Council adjourned to Saturday the 25 Inst.

Thomas Whitehead Secy.

Edward Dwyer "Mayor"

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Saturday 25th May the Council met this day. Present E. Dwyer Mayor, Aldermen Manchaca,  
Urrutia, Rodriguez, Linsay, & Goodman & Whitehead.

The Mayor called the meeting to order, when Alderman Goodman tendered his resig-  
nation, and gave the following reasons Viz. That it had been proposed by Aldermen Garza  
to give instructions to the City Attorney, to take an Appeal from the Judgment of the  
District Court for the County of Gonzales, to the Supreme Court of this Republic, in  
the Case of the City of San Antonio VS James Goodman, and to order him to prosecute the  
same to final Judgment

Mr. Goodman therefore thought it incumbent upon him to resign his seat at the board  
has he might become interested against the Corporation as Defendent in said suit-

JA-226

Mr. Goodman's resignation was accepted & Rafael Herrera was unanimously elected to  
fill his place at the Board.

The Mayor Notified the Board that he would be under the necessity of being absent  
from the City for a few weeks in consequence of having to go to New Orleans on Business,  
and suggested the propriety of adjourning untill Monday Morning at 9 O'clock in order to

obtain a full meeting of the Board, and elect a Mayor pro.tem to fill his place in his absence, and the Board adjourned accordingly

Thomas Whitehead Secy

Edward Dwyer Mayor  
(rubric)

Monday 27th May

The Board met this day pursuant to adjournment. present E. Dwyer Mayor, Aldermen Garza, Manchaca Rodriguez, Lindsay & Whitehead. absent Urrutia & Flores

Rafael Herrera presented himself & signified his acceptance of the Office of Alderman in the place of Mr. Goodman and the Mayor administered the oath when Mr. Herrera took his seat at the Board accordingly

JA-227

The Board then proceeded to elect a Mayor pro.tem when Alderman Whitehead was unanimously elected Mayor pro.tem until the return of Mr. Dwyer.-----

JA-228

It was proposed by Mr. Lindsay & seconded by Mr. Garza that a Committee be appointed to have the earth now lying in the Public Square removed to raise the street in front of Veramendi's House & such other places as may be found necessary. Messrs. Rodrigus & Herrera were appointed said Committee The Board then adjourned to Saturday the first of June.

Thomas Whitehead Secy.

Edward Dwyer Mayor

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Saturday June 1st. and Saturday June 8th and 15th. the Council did not meet in consequence of there being no quorum in Town.

Thomas Whitehead Mayor  
(rubric) pro.tem

Saturday the 22nd. June This day the Council met present The Mayor pro.tem Aldermen Urrutia Manchaca, Rodrigus, Herrera & Lindsay.-

A Quorum present the Board proceeded to business Mr. Jas. L. Trueheart Collector for the Corporation for AD 1842 presented his accounts & papers which were referred to the Committee appointed to examine the late Treasurers Accounts with the order to report to the next meeting of the board.-

JA-229

Several complaints were made against the Germans & French who are cultivating labors & Gardens for taking the water of the Main Ditch, which runs through the Public Square, when they had no right to the same, and it was ordered by the Council that the 5th Section of the Law respecting the rights of the water, be published in The French & German Languages and that after such publication the said Law shall be rigidly enforced.-----

JA-230

F L Buquor presented a memorial urging the utility of opening a Public School, and Stating that he was ready to undertake to do so if properly encouragement was given by the Council, and after some Discussion upon the subject a committee was appointed consisting of Aldermen Manchaca, Rodrigus, & Urrutia, with the assistance of the Mayor pro.tem to enquire into the present means of the corporation to open a Public School and the best plan to be adopted if the means were available.-

JA-231

It was ordered that the ordinance for cleaning the streets be immediately published

and the Mayor take proper steps to have the same carried into effect

The Board then adjourned to Saturday the 29 Inst.

Thomas Whitehead Mayor  
pro.tem

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Saturday June 29th. This day the Council met pursuant to adjournment- Present the Mayor pro tem Aldermen, Manchaca, Garza, Rodrigues, Urrutia, Flores, Lindsay, Herrera,- Quorum present the Board proceeded to Buisness.-----

The Committee appointed to enquire into the practicability of opening a Public School, and the best means of proceeding to do so presented the following report Viz.--

That your committee are of opinion that the law for incorporating this City, makes it obligatory upon the Council to encourage by every means in their power, the opening of a Public School and also to have a Court House and Jail. And your Committee beg leave of recommend the following plan for these objects

1st. That an ordinance be passed to repair the Court House and fit it up in such a manner as to serve for both Court House and School House.-----

2nd. That a committee be appointed to have the above ordinance carried into effect as soon as possible, and on the most economical plan consistant with the object in view.--

3rd. That the sum now due from the purchasers of lots, of about 80 Dollars, be appropriated to this object

4th. That a sufficient numbers of lots be sold, as soon as they will bring a reasonable price, to cover the ballance of the expences together with the outstanding debts of the Corporation.----- Signed Thomas Whitehead Chairman.

A good deal of discussion followed on the present means of the Corporation to carry into effect the recomendations of the Committee, and finally the Council adjourned without coming to any determination untill Monday at 10 O'clock A. M.

Thomas Whitehead  
Mayor pro.tem

Monday July 1st 10 O'clock A. M.

No Quorum present the Board adjd. to the regular day of Meeting

Thomas Whitehead  
Mayor pro.tem

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Monday 9th. Septr. This day the Council met in special session by order of the Mayor.- Present E. Dwyre Mayor- Aldermen-Urrutia, Manchaca, Herrera, Lindsay, and Whitehead.- A Quorum being present the Mayor called the meeting to order, and informed the Board that in consequence of the absence of Mr. Spencer the City Attorney, it was necessary to employ some other attorney to attend the suits pending in the present Court, and recommended that Thos. J. Devine be employed for the present.- After some conversation amongst the members of the Board the following ordinance was passed.-

JA-232

It is ordered & decreed by the City Council. That Thomas J. Devine be employed to attend to the Buisness of the City now pending in the District Court for this County, and that in case Mr. Spencer should not return, the Mayor is hereby empowered to Contract with Mr. Devine, as City Attorney, to Attend to all the City busness, but more particularly to institute suits for the recovery of the Lands belonging to the City,

which have been located by various individuals,

The object of the meeting being thus accomplished the Board Adjourned intill the regular day of meeting.-----

Thos. Whitehead Secy.

Edward Dwyer Mayor

Monday 30th Decr. This day the regular Annel Election for Mayor, Aldermen, Treasurer & Collector, was held in the Council Room, according to the Public Notice given by the Mayor & according to law, The Mayor & following Aldermen presiding-  
E Dwyer Mayor Aldermen Manchaca Urrutia, Lindsay & Whitehead

At the close of the Election, the votes were counted and showed the following result

FOR MAYOR	Edward Dwyer	had	60	Votes
" "	John W. Smith	"	26	"
FOR ALDERMEN	J. B. Lee	had	80	"
" "	Antonio Manchaca	"	72	"
" "	Robert Lindsay	"	79	"
" "	Thomas Whitehead	"	70	"
" "	Juan A. Urrutia	"	62	"
" "	Ambrosio Rodriguez	"	59	"
" "	Rafael Garza	"	54	"
" "	Jose Casiano	"	45	"
" "	D. C. Van Derlip	"	22	"

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FOR ALDERMEN	T. L. Tucker	had	22	Votes
" "	Ignacio Chavez	"	22	"
" "	W. B. Jaques	"	20	"
" "	Scattering	"	8	"
FOR TREASURER	William Elliot	had	81	Votes
FOR COLLECTOR	Martin Delgado	had	80	Votes

We the undersigned do hereby certify that the above is a correct statement of the result of the Election, held this day, for Mayor, Aldermen, Treasurer & Collector for the City of San Antonio Decr. 30 - 1844

Edward Dwyer Mayor

Thomas Whitehead Secy

Robert Lindsay

Antonio Manchaca

Juan A. Urrutia

1845

Jany. 1st This day, the Members elect of the Council of the Corporation, met by order of the Mayor. Present Edward Dwyer Mayor, Aldermen. Lee, Lindsay, Manchaca Urrutia, & Whitehead.-Casiano, Rodrigus & Garza, where absent, The Mayor Administered the oath of office to the Aldermen present. and the Aldermen Administered the oath of office to the Mayor elect.

JA-233

The Mayor then declared the Council in session and proposed that Thomas Whitehead act as Secretary, - Motion adopted.-----

Alderman Mandaca moved. That a fine should be imposed upon the members of the board, who should fail to attend the meetings of the Council, after being properly notified by the Constable, unless they could give a satisfactory excuse at their next attendance.-- left for consideration untill the next meeting of the Board..

JA-234

The Secretary was ordered by the Board to Notify the Treasurer & Collector of their election and request them to attend the next meeting of the Board, and have their bonds ready

The Board then adjourned to Saturday the 4th instant  
Thomas Whitehead Secy.

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Saturday Jany 4th. The Council met this day according adjurnment. Edward Dwyer Mayor. Aldermen Manchaca, Urrutia, Lee, Lindsay & Whitehead.- A Quorum present the session was opened by the Mayor taking the chair.

After the session was opened Rafael Garza presented himself & took the oath and his seat at the board. Mr. Elliot having notified the board that he accepted the office Treasurer, but could not present himself to the board on account of buisness, Messrs Whitehead and Lee were appointed a committee to wait upon Mr. Elliot and receive his oath of office. The committee returned and reported the duty performed, and that Mr. E would have his bond ready for the next meeting of the Board.-

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Martin Delgado attended, but did not accept the office of Collector and Franco Bustillo was appointed by the Board to act as Collector for the year 1845. and notified to have his bond ready for the next meeting of the board.-

JA-236

The proposal of Alderman Manchaca. to fine members for non attendance was then taken up for consideration, and after some discussion the following ordinance was adopted. That every Alderman, not attending the meetings of the Board after being duly notified. should be fined one Dollar, if not able to satisfy the Board at his next attendance that his absence was justifiable, and that the Mayor should be fined five Dollars for each non attendance under the same conditions

Approved.-----

JA-237

It was then proposed that Saturday should be the regular day of meeting of the Board and the following ordinance was adoped. That the Board of Aldermen should sit every Saturday evening at 3 O'Clock throughout the Year.-----Approved

JA-238

Alderman Garza proposed that the Mayor should be empowered to Contract for the repairs of the Bridges across the Ditch which runs through the Public Square - Resolution adopted.-----

JA-239

The following ordinance was then adopted. That the occupiers of Gardens and Labors, taking water from the main Ditch, should be notified by public advertisement to repair their respective Bridges where the water crosses any stree, or their Ditches will be filled up The Bridges to be repaired within ten days of the Public notice given

Approved and the Secretary ordered to have the Notices posted as soon as convenient.--

A Comittee consisting of Aldermen Whitehead & Lee to examine the treasurer's & Collector's Accounts for the year 1844 & report to the next meeting of the board, was appointed

JA-240

An account for ten Dollars was presented by the Secretary the same being the amount paid by him for Materials to repair the City Hall & for pens Ink & paper for the use of the Board the acct being examined was aproved by the Board and Draft ordered to issue. The Board then Adjourned to the regular day of meeting

Thos Whitehead Secy

Edward Dwyer Mayor



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Saturday 11th. Jany 1845. This day the Council met Present E. Dwyre Mayor, Aldermen. Manchaca, Urrutia Lee, Lindsay & Whitehead. The Board being called to order Messrs. Whitehead & Lee, the Committee appointed examine the Treasurer's & Collector's accounts. Reported that they had examined the accounts, and found The Treasurer's acct Correct. and a Ballance in the Treasury on the first of Jan...\$61.24. The Treasurer's Comissions not paid.- The Collector's accounts they could not determine wether Correct or not, as he had not kept any acct. of money collected from Carts or from beef, but had paid certain sums into the Treasury. but the Committee were unable to determine if all the money collected had been paid over or not, and requested further time, and authority to examine the accounts of the late Collector & Treasurer. James L. Trueheart & Ambo. Rodrigus. The report accepted and further time granted. and power to examine the acct. of the late Treasurer & Collector.-

John Twohig presented four Drafts on the Treasury of the Corporation amounting to \$77.50. Drawn in the year 1841 in favor of the Secy & Constable.- the Consideration was laid over untill next meeting.- The Board then adjourned to the next day of regular meeting

Thomas Whitehead Secy. Edward Dwyer Mayor

Saturday 18th Jany. The Board met this day, present E. Dwyre Mayor-Aldermen. Manchaca, Urrutia, Lee, Lindsay & Whitehead.

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The Board being called to order the consideration of paying the accounts, presented last week, by John Twohig was taken up, and after some discussion it was resolved to pay Mr. Twohig \$29 Dollars on Mr. Twohig promising to wait on the Corporation for the ballance untill such time as the Treasury should be in a better Condition. an acct of the Draft was ordered to be entered in the journals, and Mr. Twohig be debbited with the 29 Dollars. the Drafts as follows.

5th	Oct. 1841	Draft in favor of Constable	\$ 15.00
10th	" "	Draft in favor of Clerk	25.00
12 "	" "	" " " "	32.50
7	Nov. "	" " " " Constable	5.00
			<hr/> 77.50
		29 Dollars was paid John Twohig by an order on Colquhoun	<hr/> 29.00
		Ballance	48.50

The Board then adjourned to the regular day of meeting  
Thomas Whitehead Secy.

Edwd Dwyer Mayor  
(rubric)

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February 18th 1845

The Election held according to law, the last Monday in Decr. 1844 was contested, before the Chief Justice David Morgan & Thomas Whitehead associate Justice, for the County, according to the law regulating contested Elections, by D. C. Van Terlip & L. H. Hewitt Esqr on Friday the 5th day of Feby 1845. The result of which contest was, that the Election was set aside, and a new Election held on Friday the 14th of Feby., by order of the Chief Justice D, Morgan.

The result of the new Election was as follows according to the Certificates of the

said Chief Justice.-----

Edward Dwyer. Mayor. Alderman. Ygnacio Chavez, Cayetano Rivez, Jose Cassiano, Ambrosia Rodriguez, Francisco Bustillo, Augustin Barrero, James B. Lee & Thomas Whitehead - The oath of office having been administered by the Chief Justice. The Mayor called the Board to order and the regular buisness was gone into.-----

The Mayor Represented to the Board the necessity of engaging an Attorney to attend to the suits against the Corporation in the Coming Court for the County, and also to Institute suits

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of ejectment against the parties who have located the Town Tract. After some discussion a Committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Cassiano, Rodriguez & Whitehead to confer with Mr. Devine on the terms, for attending to the buisness of the Corporation and report to the next meeting of the Board.-

JA-244

The ordinance for raising a revinew for the present year was taken up and passed as follows

A Licence Tax on Merchants	\$10.00
" " " Retailers of Liquors	20.00
" " " Billiard Tables	25.00
" " " Liquors by qt.&up	5.00
Waggons entering the City with Merchandize	1.50
Carts " " " " " "	1.00
Public Fandangos each	1.00
Public Exhibitions each time	1.00
Poll tax 2 days Work or	1.00
Beeves killed for market each	.25
Hogs " " " "	.12 $\frac{1}{2}$

This ordinance to take effect from and after its passage and the above licences collected in the usual way by the Collector.-

JA-245

The following ordinance respecting Hogs running loose in the streets was then passed. That five days after the publication of this ordinance all Hogs found running at large in the streets of this City, shall be

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taken up by the Commissicner appointed for the purpose, and the owner made to pay a fine of 2 bits (25 cents) for each and every time, and in default the Hogs to be sold to pay the fine and expences, and Manuel Lopez is appointed by the Board to have this ordinance carried into effect & to receive the fines for his trouble.-

JA-246

The Mayor represented to the Board the necessity of passing an ordinance to prevent Public Gaming and the following was agreed to unanimously. That whereas Public Gaming is carried on to a great extent in this City contrary to law and the good order of the Citizens, it is ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen that from and after the publication of this ordinance all persons dealing the Monte or any other Banking Game shall be subject to a fine of Five Dollars for each and every time together with costs &c- and the occupants of the House wherein said gaming is carried on shall be subject to a fine of ten Dollars & Costs &c for each and every time one half of the fines to go to the person laying the information and the other half to be paid in to the Treasury of the Corporation.-

JA-247

It was then agreed that Saturday should be the regular day of the meeting of the Board. and the Board adjourned to Saturday at 3 O'Clock P. M.

Thomas Whitehead Secy.  
(rubric)

Edward Dwyer Mayor  
(Rubric)

Saturday the 22 Feby There was no Quorum present and a Special Session was called this day (by the Mayor) the 24th. Feby 1845 Present E. Dwyer Mayor, Aldermen, Bustillo Barrera, Chaves, Lee & Whitehead, a quorum being present the Mayor called the Board to order, and laid the following propositions from the City Attorney Mr. Thos. J. Devine, I will act as general Attorney or Counsel for the Corporation of the City of San Antonio, and will commence the suit on behalf of the Corporation (to establish its title to the lands within its Ancient grant) and prosecute said suit to its final termination upon the following terms. 1st A retaining fee of one Hundred Dollars pr Year untill the suit is finally terminated, the fee to be paid in instalments of fifty Dollars each, at the commencement of each term of the Court for the County of Bexar.- 2d A fee a fee equivalent to eight the appraised value of the property recovered

Signed Thos J. Devine

San Antonio Feby 22nd 1845.-

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1845.- The Mayor stated to the Board the importance of commencing the suit for the ejectment of locators on the town tract, and a good deal of discussion was had upon the subjt Alderman Whitehead proposed that an offer should be made to Mr. Devine to give a tenth part of the recovered property instead of an eighth as proposed by Mr. Devine, and finally the Board determined to meet again tomorrow morning, and then finally dispose of the subject.-----

James L. Trueheart presented the following accts for fees of Court in the suit City of San Antonio V. S. James Goodman Justices fees \$7.00 Clerks fees \$6.22, County Tax \$3.00 - \$16.22 And also a Draft on the Treasurer of the Corporation dated 25th. Augt. 1842 John W Smith Mayor, in favor of the County Surveyor John C Hays, and receipts were given him for 29 Dollars received from Mr. Colquhoun & \$29.50 from W. B. Jaques. the former being paid to John Twohig, and the latter to J. L. Trueheart for this fee Bill above mentioned & Draft in favor of Johon C Hays together with his Commissions for collecting.-----

The Board then adjourned untill to-morrow morning.-----

Thomas Whitehead Secy

Edward Dwyer  
(rubric)

Mayor

Tuesday 25th Feby. This morning the Council met according to adjournment present E C Dwyer Mayor. Aldermen Chavez, Cassiano, Barrero, Bustillo, Lee, & Whitehead.,  
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The Contract with Mr. Devine was taken up, and discussed at considerable length, and in fine the Mayor was empowered to close the Contract with Mr. Devine on the basis of Mr. Devines' proposition- The contract to be entered in this Book as usual. The Board then adjourned to the usual day of meeting.-

Thomas Whitehead Secy  
(rubric)

Edward Dwyer Mayor  
(rubric)

Saturday 15th March This day the Council met Present Edward Dwyer Mayor, Aldermen Cassiano, Bustillo, Rodriguez, Lee & Whitehead a Quorum being present, the session was opened and the Board proceeded to buisness.

The Mayor informed the Board that the Contract with Thos J Devine had been made and signed by the respective parties, for the recovery of the City lands, according to

the ancient grant and the Act of Congress Incorporating the City of San Antonio. The Contract was then read and ordered to be spread upon the Journal, and is as follows.--

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Whereas the Common Council of the City of San Antonio, and County of Bexar; did on the twenty second day of February in the year One thousand eight hundred, and forty five; decree and ordain, that Edward Dwyer Mayor of the said City "be authorized to Contract with and engage the services of Thomas J. Devine Attorney and Counsellor at law, in behalf of said Corporation, and for the prosecution of a suit to be commenced forthwith" to establish the rights of the Corporation to the lands within the limits of the Ancient Grant, as well as acting in the capacity of General Council for the said Corporation, adopting as the basis of the said Contract the proposals laid before the board by the said Devine on the twenty second day of Feby in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred & forty five.-----

Know all men therefore by these presents, that we Edward Dwyer Mayor of the City of San Antonio, of the first part, and Thomas J. Devine of said City on the second part. The one for the City of San Antonio Bexar County; and the other for himself, do agree for and in consideration of the matters herein after mentioned,. The said Edward Dwyer Mayor of the City of San Antonio for the present Common Council of said City and their successors in office contracts and agrees with the said Thos. J. Devine to act as the legal adviser and general Counsel of said City, and the said Devine agrees, and accepts of the said appointment upon the following terms and conditions "to Wit" The said Thomas J. Devine covenants and agrees with the said Edward Dwyer, as Mayor of the City of San Antonio to undertake and perform all legal buisness appertaining to the said City which it may be necessary for him to do; when so requested by the Mayor of said City. And the Mayor of said City, for and in behalf of the present Corporation, and their successors in office covenants and agrees with the said Thos J. Devine to pay him an anual fee of One Hundred Dollars: payable by installments of fifty Dollars at the commencement of each Term of the District Court of Bexar County, and a sum of money equivalent to one eight of the value of the property recovered in the suit to be instituted by said Devine in behalf of said Corporation of said City for the recovery of that Land now claimed by the said Corporation, and within the Ancient limits: saving and excepting two Leagues of Land now enjoyed by the City in undisputed possession being the two Leagues immediately adjoining and surrounding said City, and the said Dwyer Mayor as aforesaid covenants and agrees by virtue of the power vested in him that the said anual fee and the one eight contingent fee as aforesaid shall

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be paid the said Devine in the Constitutional currency of this Republic or its equivalent, and they will aid the said Devine by all the means in their power, by communicating to him whatever information they the said Corporation may possess, and obtaining for the said Devine or whomsoever he may have associated with him in the prosecution of the said Suit, all documents Public or Private appertaining to said suit, and which it may be in their power to obtain and the said Edward Dwyer Mayor as aforesaid covenants for and on behalf of the present Council and their successors in office, that they will not discontinue or withdraw said suit to the prejudice of said Counsel as aforesaid; nor will they attempt to create obstacles or throw impediments in the way of said Counsel or those engages with him in the prosecution of said suit, The said Thomas J. Devine doth

covenant and agree, to and with the said Edward Dwyer mayor as aforesaid that he will at his own proper charge and expence have all necessary translations made in the Castillian Language, and attend or cause to be attended to, the final arguing of said suit in the Superior Court of this Republic.-

The said Edward Dwyer Mayor as aforesaid on behalf of the Corporation aforesaid, further covenants and agrees with the said Thomas J Devine, that upon the successful termination of the suit relative to the lands claimed by the Corporation; either by final Judgment before a Judicial Tribunal, or in any other way by which the Corporation's title to said lands shall be deemed good and valid both in Law and Equity, then in that event the Corporation shall employ some legally authorized surveyor, who shall at the expence of the Corporation, survey the Lands included within the disputed limits and owned by the Corporation, the tract to be surveyed in lots of One Hundred Acres, marking the corners of said lots with stakes, and numbering the begining corner of each and every lot with the numerals upon the stakes of 1,2,3,4,5, &c, and entering upon a book, to be provided him by the Corporation, a Plat of the tract surveyed with the lots designated thereon, and marked by the numerals aforesaid which survey and plat shall be executed, and returned to the office of the Corporation within three months from the date of the final settlement of said suit.

The said Edward Dwyer Mayor as aforesaid further covenants and agrees, with the said Devine, on behalf of the Corporation aforesaid; that the said Corporation as-aforesaid shall upon the return of said Plat and Survey marked as aforesaid; Advertize for Sale a portion of the Land recovered, the sale to take place within three Months from the date of the return of Survey, said sale not

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to be of a less portion than the one fourth of the lands aforesaid; and the said Corporation shall appoint an appraiser whose buisness it shall be to appraise, in connection with an appraiser appointe by the said Devine, all the Lands recovered as-aforesaid; appraising all the Land surveyed as aforesaid in seperate tracts, and shall return their appraisement under their hands and Seals, at least ( ) days before the day of sale and which appraisement shall be entered upon each lot numbered upon the Plat aforesaid according to its number, and in the event of the said appraisers not being able to agree as to the appraisement of any one lot or lots of Land surveyed as aforesaid, then in that case they shall agree upon a third person who shall act as umpire, and whose desition shall be final, binding and conclusive as to the value of such lot or lots, as the aforementioned appraisers had failed to appraise, which desition shall be returned and entered upon the lots on said Plat in like manner and time as the other appraisements. Upon the return and entry of said appraisements the Corporation of said City shall issue drafts to the amount of one eight value of the appraised value of said Tract, the Drafts to be in sums of the amount of One Hundred Dollars payable to Thomas J Devine or bearer, said Drafts to be receivable in the payment of all dues or debts accruing to Corporation. Upon sale of said lots as aforesaid the proceeds shall be to the liquidation of the claim aforesaid of said Devine. After said sale said Devine shall be at liberty to enter, by writing his name upon the lot numbered and appraised in said Book as aforesaid; which have been offered for sale or advertised to be sold and a Deed shall be made to him forthwith of all lots so Advertized for sale and that may be unsold at the time of his entering the same, he being at liberty to enter as many as will amount to the value of his fee remaining unpaid at the time of entering the same. The Corporation Deeding said lands to him

at their appraised value as evidenced by the appraisement made and marked upon them by the proper parties. It being understood however by the Contracting parties, that said Devine failing to prosecute successfully said claim on behalf of the Corporation aforesaid shall in that case receive nothing for the servises performed by him saving and excepting the anuel fee of One Hundred Dollars as aforesaid Conditioned however that said anuell fee shall not continue payable for a longer time than five years from this present date; and may cease prior to that time should the suit aforementioned be concluded. It is further understood and agreed between the Contracting parties, that should Death, Sickness, or other unavoidable event prevent him from bringing to a final termination said Suit, the he his heirs or assigns shall nevertheless be entitled to an Equitable

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remuneration for the servises performed by him; the amount to be ascertained by refering the question to two Members of the Barr resident in The City of San Antonio.-----And for the faithfull performance of all and singular the Covenants aforesaid the parties bind themselves the said Edward Dwyer Mayor as aforesaid by virtue of the authority vested in him on the part of himself and the Common Council or Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio, and Thomas J. Devine his heirs and assigns firmly by these presents. In Witness whereof the said parties have hereunto affixed their hands and seals in dupli- cate this Twenty Sixth day of Feby A. D. One thousand eight Hundred and forty five.-----

Witnessed by

Thomas Whitehead  
(rubric)

Edward Dwyer "Mayor" (SEAL)  
(rubric)

Thos J. Devine (SEAL)  
(rubric)

The Mayor presented the accounts of building the Bridges over the Ditch in the Public Square, amounting to \$64.50 of which sum 45 Dollars had been paid by Draft on the Treasury, and the ballance had been paid by the Mayor and due him from the first money that shall come into the Treasury.-----

The Mayor also informed the Board that he had drawn on the Treasury for \$50.00 in favor of Thos J. Devine in Conformity to Mr. Devine's Contract with the Corporation.-  
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The Collector then presented his accounts, and reported that many persons, insti- gated by evil minded Citizens, refused to pay their taxes to the Corporation, and it was ordered by the Board that all persons refusing to pay their corporation Taxes should be sued before the Mayor and compelled to do so according to law.-----

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The Board then appointed Manuel Lopez to act as Constable for the Corporation during the present year.

The Board then adjourned to the usual day of Meeting.-----

Thomas Whitehead Secy  
(rubric)

Edward Dwyer Mayor  
(rubric)

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Saturday Decr. 20th. The Board met this day in order to appoint officers to hold the Anuel Election on the last Monday in Decr. it being the 29th Inst. Present Edward Dwyer Mayor. Aldermen Lee, Rivas, Barrera, Whitehead and Rodriguez. A Quorum present, the Mayor called the board to order, and proposed that Thos. Whitehead and Ambrosio Rodriguez, act as Sectarys and Rivas, Lee, & Barrera as Judges, and the Mayor presiding --- There being no other buisness before the Board, adjurnment was had unto the 29th Inst. at 10 O'Clock

in order to hold the anual Election

Thos. Whitehead Secy (rubric) Edward Dwyer Mayor (rubric)

Monday 29th December The Board Met this day in order to hold the anual Election, Alderman Rivas being absent The Mayor called Francisco Bustillos, Ambrosio Rodriguez Augustin Barrera. J. B. Lee. Thos. Whitehead which being a Quorum proceeded to Hold the Election for City officers for the yar 1846

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according to law Francisco Bustillos was appointed by the Board to act in the place of C. Rivas absent.-----

Thomas Whitehead (rubric) Secy. Edward Dwyer (rubric) Mayor

The Polls was then opened at 10 O'Clock A.M. and Closed at 4 O'Clock P.M. when the votes were counted out and resulted as followes

For MAYOR	Bryan Callaghan	received	50	Votes
For Alderman	J. A. McClelland	"	49	"
" "	George Van Ness	"	47	"
" "	Pedro Flores	"	49	"
" "	Ambrosia Rodriguez	"	47	"
" "	William B. Jaques	"	49	"
" "	Juan A. Urrutia	"	49	"
" "	Charles F. King	"	48	"
" "	Marcos A Veramendi	"	47	"
For Treasurer	William Elliot	"	49	"
For Collector	Manuel Lopez	"	40	"

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The Board then ordered that the Sec. Notify the above Citizens of their Election to their respective offices, and then adjourned

Thomas Whitehead secy. Edward Dwyer Mayor

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January 1st 1846

This day the members elect for the present year met at the Corporation Hall in the City of San Antonio by order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of former Corporation.

Bryan Callaghan Mayor elect having been duly sworn proceeded to organize the Council by administering the oath of office to the Aldermen present "to wit" George Van Ness A. J. McClelland J. A. Urrutia M. A. Veramendi Charles F. King Wm. B. Jaques, Pedro Flores & Ambrosio Rodrigz all being duly qualified took their seats & proceeded to business

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On motion R. C. Garza was appointed Secretary by a unanimous vote & being informed of his appointment appeared & took the oath of office

The Council then adjourned untill next Monday

R. C. Garza Secty. B. Callaghan, Mayor

Jany. 5th 1846 Monday 10 o'clock A. M.

This day the Council did not meet in pursuance to adjournment for the reason that the City Hall was not disocupied by the tenant of same althoug notice had been served by the Clerk to that effect & meeting defered untill Monday next

R. C. Garza Secty.

B. Callaghan, Mayor

January 12th 1846

The Council met in pursuance to adjournment, the Mayor took his seat and the names of Aldermen, having been called, the following answered to their names. Viz. Geo. VanNess, A. J. McClelland, J. A. Urrutia, M. A. Veramendi, Chas F. King Wm. B. Jaques. Pedro Flores. & Ambrosio Rodriguez. the board being present, the minutes read and approved.- proceeded to business. when the Mayor rose and delivered the following address.

Gentlemen

I feel it my duty to give my views as regards our duty as members of the Corporation of this Town, in the first place we ought to take into Consideration the interest of the Community at Large by defending their rights and

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adding to their comforts, which you have sworn to do, you must take into consideration the wants of your fellow citizens and procure them such comfort in the way of repairing the streets and particularly the side walks, and also in repairing the public Buildings and and have them kept in good order.

You ought to defend the property of the Town and have the proper bounderies established as soon as the Courts of Justice will permit, also regulating your Markets ect. in order to sustain your Corporation You must exact from the owners of property a Moderate Tax and also from the Merchants professors of Medicines, & particularly from the Sellers of spiritious Liquors, and Keepers of Billiard Tables. and whenever laws are past, moderate, Laws ought to be strictly Enforced, the Collector ought to be a man who would do his duty without fear of American or Mexican, and Collect all monies due to said Corporation, the Tax should be equal on every person within our limits, in order to sustain you in the way of Collecting them.

Yours Respectfully

B. Callaghan.

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On motion of Mr. Van Ness. Mr. McClelland was appointed to call on the Treasurer of the Corporation Mr. Wm. Elliot and inquire of him if any funds were in his hands belonging to said Corporation Mr. McClelland retired and returning produced to the Council the Books of said Treasurer, and upon examination of the same it was found that the Corporation was in debt to said Wm. Elliot Treasurer as aforesaid in the sum of \$26.45/100 Twenty Six Dollars and forty-five cents, for monies advanced upon Drafts issued by the Board of Aldermen of 1845.

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Mr. Van Ness moved that the Secretary of the present Board be allowed the sum of one hundred Dollars for his services for the present year. and that the payment thereof be made quarterly out of any funds in the City Treasury. which was admitted by the board and approved.



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The Collector was by order of the Board called to render an account of his Collections, for the past Year A. D. 1845. Who. appearing informed the Council that he had paid over to the Treasurer all the Monies collected

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by him except Twenty Six Dollars and Seventy five cents, which amt. he had on hand and was ready to pay into the Treasury

JA-257

On motion Mess. Veramendi, & Rodriguez were appointed a Committee to examine the Books of said Collector, and report the situation of the same by next meeting.

Mr. Urrutia moved that a Constable be appointed for the Corporation, Mr. King offered an amendment to Mr. Urrutia's motion To strike out the word (Constable) and insert (City Marshall) which amendment was adopted, and motion laid on the Table until following meeting.

Mr. Jaques suggested to the Council the propriety of appointing an assessor, Nominations having been made, it was resolved that A. J. McClelland call on James L. Trueheart & A. C. Garza and ascertain for what amount either of them would be willing to accept of the appointment and to report to the next, meeting their proposals for consideration.

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On motion of Mr. McClelland the sum of twenty five Dollars was appropriated out of the first funds in the Treasury to purchase the following articles To wit-----

One dozen chairs  
 ½ do Tumblers  
 One Pitcher  
 One Pail, one Load of  
 wood & Paper Ink & Pens for  
 the use of the Secretary's  
 office

and the Mayor was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the said sum as appropriated, and Ambrosio Rodriguez was appointed to receive the aforesaid amt. and purchase the -said Articles & Stationary for, the use of the Corporation, and to render an account of the same, as soon as said purchases shall have been made.

On Motion it was resolved that a Notice be published Taxing all Fandangos, made within the limits of said Corporation, the sum of one Dollar, provided however that all private parties shall be exempt from this resolution, and each and every person wishing to give Public Fandangos shall pay to the Collector the said sum of one Dollar. and. the Mayor is hereby authorized to issue Licences To all persons applying for the same, on presentment of the Collector's receipt for said amount.- a discussion arose and this resolution was ordered to pay on the table

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for further consideration.

Mr. Urrutia moved the following resolution-----Resolved that for each beef slaughtered and offered for sale within the limits of the Corporation, shall pay to the Collector the sum of Twenty five cents pr head, which resolution was laid on the Table for consideration----When

The Council adjourned until Wednesday 14th Inst.

R. C. Garza Secy.

B. Callaghan Mayor-

January 14th.

Council met pursuant to adjournment, present B. Callaghan Mayor, A. J. McClelland, Veramendi, King, Flores, Jaques, Alderman- Absent Rodriguez, Urutia, Came Van Ness, and Took his seat,

Minutes of former session Read and approved The Board proceeded to business. There being a Quorum present.

The Committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Collector, Report them to be correct.

JA-260

The resolution for the appointment of a City Marshall was taken up Read and Approved and the Board proceeded to the Election of a City Marshall-----

On Motion Mr. King nominated James Dunn, and Mr. Veramendi, Julio Iffla. the vote being taken Mr. Dunn Recd 3 votes and Mr. Julio Iffla .3. there being a Tie Mr. Mayor decided by declaring James Dunn duly Elected,

JA-261

Mr. McClelland who was appointed at the last Meeting, to call on Messrs. Trueheart and Garza informs the Council that Mr. Garza offered to take the appointment for \$30. and Mr. Trueheart for \$20.00. The board on consideration excepted Mr. Trueheart proposal and the clerk was instructed to notify him of the same. When the Council took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

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3. P. M. Council met Mr. Rodriguez appeared and Took his seat, the Board took up the resolution concerning Fandangos, which was read and adopted and the Secretary was ordered to publish the same, stating that it be put in full force and effect from and after the 25th day of January Inst

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Mr. Van Ness proposed that the sum of fifty Dollars be allowed the City Marshall for his services for the present Year. besides the perquisites of the said office Mr. McClelland offered an amendment to said, proposition that said Marshall receive the sum of \$10. pr. month which amendment was lost, and proposition adopted,

JA-264

Mr. Flores moved that a Committee of three Members with assistance of Mayor, be appointed to draughts the Rules & Regulations of the Common Council of the Corporate Body of this City, When Messrs Jacques, Veramendi Van Ness, & the Mayor were accordingly appointed of said Committee and and Ordered to Report said Rules and Regulations at next Meeting of said Board.

Mr. Jacques offered the following Ordinance

Be it ordained and Decreed that by the Mayor and Alderman of the City of San Antonio in Common Council assembled.- From and after the 25th day of January A. D. 1846 any hog, sow, shoat Pig or Boar, found running at large in the streets of the said City of San Antonio, the owner of said hog shall pay to the Collector the sum of one Dollar for each head, and if the owner of said hog or hogs, ect, should fail to call and claim the said hog with 48 hours said hog or hogs shall be sold for the use and Benefit of said Corporation at Public Out.cry. to the highest bidder-----

JA-265

Mr. Urutia's Resclution concerning the selling of Beef, was adopted and ordered to go into effect from and after the 25th, inst.

When the Board adjourned to meet on due notice being given.-----

R. C. Garza. Secy.

B. Callaghan Mayor

Tuesday January 28th

An extra Session of the Council being Called-----The Board met in accordance--- Present the Mayor, Jacques. McClelland- Urutia - Flores- Veramendi & King were present. absent Rodriguez & Van Ness, a Quorum being present the Board proceeded to business.-- the proceedings of pree-

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ceeding meeting being read and approved,-----

JA-266

Alderman Jaques offered the following Ordinances to the board- To wit. That from and after the 1st day of March - all Beeves. shall be slaughtered east of the Alamo ditch, or west of the San Pedro Crk or  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile North and South of the public square. Further that a Licence Tax of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents be and is hereby exacted for each and every head of hog or sheep slaughtered and offered for sale within the Limits of this Corporation. which was approved and ordered to be published.

JA-267

The Chief Justice appeared and presented an account purporting to be fees due him for organization of the Board of Alderman - which was accepted and approved and ordered that the same be paid out of the first funds in Treasury.

JA-268

Mr. McClelland offered the following Ordinances to the Board- That all persons retailing merchandise, shall pay a Licence of \$10 per annum. That all persons retailing spirituous Liquors in Quantities less than a Quart, shall pay a Licence of \$25 per annum. That all persons selling Liquors in Quantities of one Quart and upwards shall pay a Licence of \$6 $\frac{1}{4}$  pr. annum. That all keepers or owners of Billiard Tables shall pay a Licence of \$25, pr annum. That all owners or keepers of Nine or Ten pin Alleys. shall pay a Licence of \$12 $\frac{1}{2}$  pr annum. which were approved and ordered to be published,

JA-269

Mr. King then proposed the following Ordinances That all Keepers of Public Houses of Entertainment Livery Stables, Bakeries, ect, pay each a Licence Tax of \$10 pr annum. That all Boarding houses where more than five persons Board shall pay a Licence of \$5.00 pr annum. That all public exhibitions shall pay the sum of one dollar for each and every Exhibition which were approved and ordered to be published and it was further decreed by the board That all persons wishing to obtain all or any of the above Licenses, shall first pay to the City Collector the amount of specified in said Ordinances for his Licence and upon the receipt of said collector The Secretary of the Corporation shall issue the Licence

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or Licences agreeable to said Collector's receipt, which Licences shall be countersigned by the Mayor and for each and every licence so issued the said Secretary shall receive the sum of fifty cents to be paid by the person obtaining said Licence or Licences.-----and that no additional pr centage shall be exacted from persons wishing to obtain Licences for 4 or 8 months, and it was further resolved That the Secretary shall in a Well Bound Book keep a Record of all Licences issued by him,

It was further Resolved that all persons following any business requiring any of

the Licences aforesaid, shall for each and every week that he may pursue any of the aforesaid callings without having obtained as Licence for the same, shall pay a Fine of 5, \$ for each and every week so offending.

Be it further resolved That upon information being Lodged before The Mayor of such person or persons neglecting to take out Licences as aforesaid, It shall be his duty to issue a Citation, commanding the person or persons to be Cited to appear before him and show cause if any he or they may have, why he or they should not be compelled to pay the fine as aforesaid

Be it further resolved - That it shall be the duty of the City Marshall. to report to the Mayor at the Earliest practicable period The names of all persons violating the aforesaid Ordinances, and upon the recovery of the fines as aforesaid, one half shall be paid into the Treasury of the City, and the other half go to the Marshall, or any other person giving the necessary information,

JA-275

Be it further Ordained and Decreed That an Ad-valorem Tax of one fourth of one pr centum, as a City Tax. be and is hereby levied, upon all Real Estate, to be collected by the City Collector

JA-276

Be it further resolved that the City assessor be and is hereby required, to make a return of his assessment of the Taxable Property as aforesaid on or before the 10th day of March. next 1846. to the Collector of the Corporation, said assessment to be made in accordance with the existing Laws.-----

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It is further resolved and decreed That, the City Collector upon the return of the Assessment within five days shall give public Notice by posting up an advertisement in Each precinct, within said Corporation. notifying all persons to come forward and pay the Amt. of their taxes at the expiration of one month from the posting up of said Notice and at such places as he may assignate for his Office and upon the failure of said persons failing to pay their Taxes by the Time required by this Ordinance, said assessment List shall have the force and effect, of an execution which shall be delivered Over, to the City Marshall whose duty it shall be to levey upon the property of all delinquents, and advertise the same in three public places in the City for at least 60 days and sell the same or so much thereof, as will pay the Taxes and Costs, of advertisement, ect, to the highest bidder for Cash, on the first Tuesday and ensuing days in the month next ensuing. after the expiration of said 60 days.

JA-278

Be it further resolved that all persons owning the property so sold for Taxes shall have power to redeem the same within the Term of one Year from the date of the Sale of said property upon paying to the purchaser or purchasers, thereof or to the City Treasurer for their use the amt. paid by him or them with 25 pr cent added thereto & costs. which was approved and ordered to be published

When the Board adjourned until Monday February 2nd A. D. 1846.

B. Callaghan

Monday 2nd Feb.

Board met pursuant to adjournment Present Mayor- Alderman-McClelland, Urutia Veramendi - Van Ness. Rodriguez. Jaques. King and Flores.-----All being present the Board proceeded to business- The proceedings of the preceeding having been Read were approved,

Mr. King Moved that all persons who does not pay a City Tax or Licence. be and are hereby required

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to Pay a Poll Tax of 50 cents, or give one day's labour in Lieu thereof, and it was ordered and decreed that, every person owning or keeping dogs, within the limit of this Corporation pay the following Tax, Viz-

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For every Male dog 50 cents, - For every female dog or Bitch \$1.00,-----It is further ordered and decreed That all persons keeping dogs as aforesaid shall obtain from the Mayor a Licence for the same-----and This ordinance to be enforced 10 days from the day of advertisement in the same way and Manner. as an ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen April 2nd 1840. which said ordinance is hereby adopted and revived by this Board ----- Approved and ordered to be published - Page 48-----

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Be it Further Ordained and Decreed That a Tax of \$5, be and is hereby exacted of all Lawyers Doctors and all other professional Men as Licence which was approved and ordered to be published.

JA-281

On Motion of Mr. Rodriguez The Vagrant decree approved September the 9th A. D. 1841. is hereby adopted and revived by this Board, and ordered to be published--- Page 68.-----

JA-282

On Motion a Committee Composed of Messrs- Van Ness- McClelland- and Rodriguez were appointed to call upon the City Counsel - and draw up a Resolution Concerning the donation of a parcel of Land To the Army of the United States through Col Harney conditionally---and Report to this Board on Wednesday at 10, oclock.--A. D.

The Committee appointed to Draught Rules and Regulations for the Council of the Corporate body of the City of San Antonio, would respectfully recommend the following Rules ect for the adoption of said Board.

1st. That each and every member of this Board after being duly Notified to appear at any regular or Special meeting of said Board, and shall neglect or refuse to attend at said meetings, shall be fined the sum of Three Dollars, for each offence emless excused by said board for good motives shown.

2nd. That any Member who after having Taken his Seat at any Special or regular meeting of Said Board

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shall absent himself without leave Shall pay a fine of one Dollar. The aforesaid fines shall be collected in a Summary Manner by the Mayor and shall go To the City Treasury.-----

When Council adjourned until Wednesday 10 oclock A. M.

Wednesday February 4th. 10: am.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment Present Callaghan Mayor.- Aldermen McClelland - Urutia - Rodriguez- Jaques.- Flores & Van Ness. There being a Quorum present the board proceeded to business.---

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the City Counsellor - appearing presented the following Ordinance for the

consideration and adoption by the Board which ordnce being read Was adopted and approved To, wit-- Be it resolved and decreed by the Mayor and Board of Alderman -- that the corporation of the City hereby agree to pay all reasonable expences incurred by the City Attorney in obtaining Certified Copies of Titles tending to establish the Claim of this City, to the Tract now in dispute as well as the Surveying of said Land, and the Obtaining an Authenticated Copy from Mexico of the Grant of said lands, to this City.-----

The Committee appointed to draw a resolution Concerning the Donation of a Parcel of Land to the U. S. Troops through Col Harney. presented a resolution framed for that purpose and which resolution was ordered to be presented to said Col. Harney. for his acquiescence----and to be referred to this Board for its passage at a Subsequent Meeting.-- When the Board adjourned Thursday February 11th 1846.

A meeting of the Board of Alderman was this Day Called by the Hon Mayor--For the purpose of Electing a City Marshal -vice- James Dunn resigned.

Present B. Callaghan Mayor--Messrs McLelland Van Ness-Rodriguez-Urutia-& Flores.

Alderman

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On Motion of Mr. Urutia, Mr. P. L. Buquor was proposed for said office,--there Being no opposition-- and the vote being taken. Mr. Buquor

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was duly Elected City Marshal for the City of San Antonio, by a unanimous vote of said Board,- Mr. Buquor Being duly Sworn - Qualified and proceeded to Discharge the duties devolved upon him as such Officer----there being no further business before the board they adjourned until duly Convened by Mayor.

Feb. 20th 1846.

This day the Council met by Order of Mayor.-----Present---B. Callaghan Messrs Van Ness - King - McLelland - Urutia & Rodriguez the proceedings of former meetings being read and approved the Board proceeded To business  
JA-185 Mr. Urutia who was appointed to purchase furniture ect. for the use of the Corporation, reported the following purchases. To wit:- given to the secretary for the purchase of stationary \$4-- one pitcher, one pail - 4 Tumblers at. \$3.62½-chairs to the Amt. of \$.15.00. which atts. were approved

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The following resolution was then Taken up and Adopted and Approved; -- viz --

Whereas it is incumbent on those entrusted with the management of the Interests of a Community to advance by all reasonable and legal means the Interests so committed to their Care In view of this consideration the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of San Antonio believing, that the proposal of Col, Harney, the Officer Commanding the United States Troops near the head of the San Pedro Springs would greatly tend to the enhancing the value of Real Estate the increase of Population and the advancement of the best interest of this City, therefore be it and it is hereby resolved and Decreed by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of San Antonio in Council assembled, that Col Harney as the Officer in Command of the U. S. Troops, in this vicinity and representing the United States is authorised and empowered to take possession of and occupy for the uses

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and purposes and upon the conditions, hereafter expressed One hundred acres of Land to be selected out of the vacant Lands of this City in manner and form as follows-----

( B l a n k )

it is further understood to be the meaning and intention of this Resolution, that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Aforesaid cede to said Col Harney and his successors in Command for the use of the United States Government upon the following terms and conditions To Wit, --

Said Tract of Land shall be occupied and used by the U. S. as a Military Station and for no other purpose and that the Officers in Command at said post shall not permit, those under their command to dig away the Rock or Stone in the immediate vicinity of Sand Springs or stream. ordered that a Transcript of this Resolution be handed to Col Harney--Board adjourned.

March 2nd. A. D. 1846

The Board met by Order of Mayor. Present B. Callaghan. Mayor. Messrs. Jaques - Van Ness. King. Veramendi, Urutia & McLelland - Alderman--there being a Quorum present the Board proceeded to Business.

The Petition of Mr. John McCullough was read & laid on the Table --

JA-287

Mr. McClelland moved that the Commanding Officer of the U. S. Troops at this Post pay for each cord of wood cut within the boundaries of said City of San Antonio or Corporation the sum of \$2.00. which was adopted and approved.--

Mr. Jaques moved that a Committee be

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appointed to see that the grant made to Col Harney be surveyed - the board appointed, the Mayor Messrs Rodriguez and Van Ness.--

JA-288

Mr. J. L. Trueheart having resigned his appointment of Assessor for the City Mr. McLelland, moved that R. C. Garza. be appointed assessor for the Corporation vice J. L. Trueheart resigned and that the said R. C. Garza receive the sum of \$40.00 payable out of any monies in the city Treasury which motion was adopted and approved this 2nd day of March A D 1846. when the Council adjourned.

B. Callaghan Mayor

Saturday April 4th 1846

This day the Board met - Present B. Callaghan Mayor - A. J. McLelland, Jaques, - Van Ness - Urutia King - & Veramendi - Alderman

There being a Quorum present the Board proceeded to business- and the following ordinances were passed - To wit.

JA-289

Be it ordained and decreed By the Mayor & Board of Alderman in Council assembled. That all persons convicted of Killing Beeves or other animals of same class, within within the Limits prohibited by an ordinance passed Jan 28th 1846. Shall pay a fine of not less than ( )dollars Nor more than ( )dolls. and failing to pay the same they shall be imprisoned in the City Jail for a term of not less than ( ) months nor more than ( ) months. and it is hereby made the duty of the City Marshal to report to the Mayor at the earliest practicable period the name of all persons violating the same and that this ordinance take effect from and after its passage.

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It is further ordained and decreed that the City Marshal be and is hereby authorized and required to notify all persons that now or hereafter encumber the Streets of this City with encumbrances of any description to remove the same - and on their failing so to do after ( ) days notice being so notified they shall upon conviction thereof pay a fine of not more than ( ) dollars not less than ( ) Dollars to be recovered before the Mayor of this City, for the use and benefit thereof - provided that nothing in this ordinance shall apply to persons while using materials for the construction or repairing of buildings on their keeping said materials close to the side walk and within a reasonable space this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

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It is further ordered and decreed that all house holders within the limits of this City shall collect the rubbish in their yard and in front of their lots and Dwellings into piles in front of said lots or Dwellings on or before every ( ) morning and for each time that they may neglect the same they shall upon conviction go before the Mayor - pay a fine of 50 cents - the proceeds arising from said fine is to be expended in addition to such reasonable amts of the city funds as the mayor may deem necessary in the clearing the streets and alleys of this City - this Ordinance to take effect from and after the notification thereof by the City-Marshal.

JA-292

It is further decreed that the mayor be and is hereby empowered to contract with some suitable person for the cleaning & repairing the streets and alleys of this City at least once a week - in accordance with this provision, of the preceding resolutions and that the City-Marshal be and is hereby required to superintend the cleaning of the city as aforesaid, the rubbish to be removed to the west of San Pedro Creek - or East of the Alamo Ditch this ordinance to take effect from and after its passage.

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It is further ordered and Decreed that the Collector is hereby required to pay

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over to the City Treasurer all monies collected by him on behalf of the City on or before the first Monday in each month, and on his failing to pay over the funds so collected or failing to exercise due diligence in the collecting the dues of this City-- it shall be the duty of the Mayor to notify him to appear before the Board and show cause why he has not made his return or used due diligence to collect the dues as aforesaid to the satisfaction of the Mayor & board and on his failing to appear and show cause then and in that event his office may be declared vacant and the Collector shall be appointed by the ( ) who shall enter upon the duties of the office upon his giving approved bond in the customary manner within ( ) days after his appointment - said Collector to hold his office for the unexpired portion of the year and in event of the removal as aforesaid it shall be the duty of the Counsel for the City to institute suit upon the bond of said Collector this ordinance to tak from and after the first Monday in May next.

JA-294

It is further ordained and decreed that the Mayor be authorized to issue Licences for fandangos or for Public exhibitions. The Licence for Public Exhibitions to be not more than Ten Dolls nor less than one Dollar - in entering the No of said Licences in a bound Book kept by him for that purpose and on the presentation to him by the Collector of said Licence so issued he shall pay over to the Collector the Amt. Recd by him for said Licence. This ordinance to take effect from and after its passage

B. Callaghan Mayor



June 17th 1846.

The Board met by order of Mayor present - Hon Mayor .A. Rodriguez.  
P. Flores. M. A. Veramendi - J. A. Urutia. Chas.F. King. Alderman.

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There being a quorum present the board proceeded to business when the following ordinance was passed and ordered to be published

JA-295

1st. Be it ordained and Decreed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in Council Assembled. That all persons who may erect stacks of Hay, or other Combustible Materials in the immediate vicinity of any Shed or building, within the Limits of this City, shall upon the complaint of any person interested before the Mayor - and proof being made of the danger likely to arise from the collection of such Combustible Material as aforesaid - such person or persons so offending shall pay a fine of not less than twenty five nor more than fifty Dollars to be paid into the City Treasury for the use and benefit of The City.

2d. It is further ordained and Decreed that all persons upon being Notified by the City Marshal to remove the aforesaid Materials, shall for each and every day he may fail to remove the same, pay a fine of not less than ( ) nor more than ( ) Dollars, the same to be recovered in the most Summary Manner before the Mayor of this City - it is further Ordained and Decreed that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage.

JA-296

Be it further Ordained and resolved That the Mayor of this City - pay out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the following accounts and claims This day allowed by the Board --- To wit.

The claim of John James Dept surveyor of Bexar County - for the searching and running the lines of the City Tract

B. Callaghan Mayor

JA-297

Mr. Veramendi offered his resignation & was accepted. When Mr. Urutia moved that the Council elect two Aldermen to fill the vacancies of McClelland & Veramendi: the vote being taken S. S. Smith & Jose Faciano were duly elected Sam Smith appeared took the oath & entered to discharge the duties of said office

R. C. Garza Clk.

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October 1st 1846.

B. Callaghan the Mayor having to leave the City for Mexico called a Meeting for the purpose of electing a Mayor Protem, when Charles F. King was unanimously elected by the Aldermen Present

George Van Ness  
Juan A. Urrutia  
Ambrosio Rodriguez  
Wm. B. Jaques  
Charles F. King  
Saml.S. Smith

R. C. Garza Clerk

B. Callaghan Mayor

JA-298

On Motion of Mr. Jaques Sidney Van Bibber was appointed City Constable in the place of P. L. Buquor also on Motion of said Mr. Jaques Sidney Van Bibber was appointed unanimously City Collector in the place of Manuel Lopez when the Board adjourned

R. C. Garza Clk.

B. Callaghan Mayor

Decr. 28th 1846

This day the Mayor appointed the following Alderman to preside as Judges of the Election to be holden this same day for city officers for the year 1847 to wit Geo Van Ness S. S. Smith & J. A. Urrutia the Mayor B. Callaghan appeared & took the necessary oath to the Judges and Clerks of said Election & opened the Polls according to law being 9 oclock A. M. & were closed at 4 P. M. when the votes were counted out and results as follows

For Mayor	Charles F. King	received	61 Votes
For Alderman	S. S. Smith	"	86 "
" "	Wm. G. Crump	"	86 "
" "	C. B. Brackett	"	57 "
" "	Igno Chavez	"	84 "

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For Alderman	J. A. Urrutia	received	86 Votes
" "	Ambrosio Rodriguez	"	82 "
" "	Rafael Herrera	"	56 "
" "	M. Trumble	"	6 "
For Treasurer	Wm. Elliot	"	74 "
For Collector	N. Mallon	"	75 "

The Mayor then ordered the Clerk to notify the above citisens of their election to their respective offices.

R. C. Garza Clk  
C. C. S. A.

B. Callaghan Mayor

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January 1st 1847

This day the Members elect for the present year met at the Court House in the City of San Antonio agreeably to the Certificates issued to them by the Late Mayor

Present Charles F. King Mayor Wm. G. Crump A. Rodriguez S. S. Smith A. B. Bracket M. Trumble R. Herrera J. A. Urrutia who being duly qualified proceeded to the discharge of their duties.

Ignacio Chavez one of the Aldermen elect being unable to attend from Sickness

On Motion the Board adjourned until tomorrow Morning at 10 O. C. A. M.

C. F. King Mayor

January 2nd 1847

Board met pursuant to adjournment Present Chas. F. King Mayor, Alderman Crump Rodriguez Smith Strumble Herrera and Urrutia. Absent Bracket and Chavez a Quorum being present the Mayor declared the Board open and proceeded to an election of Clerk of the

JA-299

Corporation when R. C. Garza was unanimously elected. Mr. Smith Moved that the Board go into the election of a City Marshall for the present year

When N. R. Mallon was unanimously elected to that office

Mr. Crump Moved that the Ordinance passed by the Board of last year be read by the Clerk for the information of the present board which Motion was carried and the Clerk

proceeded read the Same

JA-300

On Motion of Mr. Trumble a resolution adopted and approved February 20th 1846 granting a peice or parcel of land to the United State through Col Harney for a Military post or station the terms and conditions of the Same Not haveing been complied with by Said Officer of the United States the Same is hereby decreed by the present board to be Null & Void

On Motion of Mr. Crump the board adjourned untul Monday the 4th 1847

C. F. King

Mayor

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January 4th 1847

Counsel met pursuant to adjurnment

Mayor in the Chair and a Qorum being present the Minutes of the former session being read and approved the board proceeded to buisness.

R. C. Garza appeared and qualified and proceeded to discharge the duties of Clerk N. R. Mallon came forward and took the oath of office and proceeded to the discharge of his duties as City Marshall.

On Motion of Mr. Smith the Council adjurned until ( ) O. C. P. M.

Counsel met pursuant to adjurnment

A qorum being present the Mayor called the board to order

On moution of Mr. Smith the following resolution was offered for the consideration of the board

JA-301

As many of the Members of the present board are unacquainted with the existing Laws and Ordinances of the Corporation it is requisite and Necessary that in the first place that before we can proceed regulary to Municipal buisness that there Should be a Committee appointed to examine into the ordinances that have been passed in former years and that are now in force and to report to the board thereon as Soon as practicable. It is presumed that Said Committee will find upon examination Laws and Ordinances Now in force and existance that will Cover all or Nearly all the wants and demands of the Citizens for the present year, by altering correcting and reviseing the Same to Suit the present time, which was adopted

On Motion of Mr. Brackett the Mayor appointed Messrs Smith Crump & Rodriguez a Committee to examine said Ordinances

On Motion of Mr. Smith the Mayor was added to the Said Committee and they were instructed to report at the Next Meeting of the Board

JA-304

On Motion of Mr. Smith a Committee was appointed to report an Ordinance regulating the Taxes and revenues for the present year

Where upon the Mayor appointed Mesers Brackett Trumble and Urrutia a Committee to report on the Same

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JA-305

An Mr. Smith Moved that the Collector be ordered to proceed forthwith to collect the back Taxes & all other demands due the City--which was adopted

Board adjourned till Friday evening 6 o'clock

Chas F. King

Mayor

Jany 7th 1847

Council met pursuant to adjournment a quorum present the minutes of former session being read and approved the board proceeded to bussiness

JA-306

The Board took into consideration the salary of the Clerk and on Mr. Crump's motion it was resolved that the sum of One hundred and sixty dollars be allowed to him for his services for the present year payable monthly

The Committee appointed to examine Ordinances passed by former corporation made the following report

JA-307

To the Honl. Mayor and Alderman of the City of San Antonio. \_\_\_\_\_ Gentlemen \_\_\_\_\_ The Committee who were appointed by the Honl Board to examine into the Decree and Ordinances passed in former years Beg leave to offer the following report thereon for the consideration of the Board. That an Ordinance passed Jany 17 1840. page 37 for the better regulation of the water devoted to the Irrigation of the City of San Antonio and its vicinity after examination by your committee it was resolved that it should be recommended for the adoption of the present Board with the following alterations and amendments viz. \_\_\_\_\_ in Sec 1st adopt all to the word depth (and add after) and width (the remainder strike out) Sec 2d that after the word that (in first line strike out words (Mayor of this City and insert (Commissioner) A. Rodriguez the remainder of the section to adopt. \_\_\_\_\_ Sections 3d 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th and 10th adopt in full section 9th strike out. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec 11th leave out 1840 in last line the ballance to adopt in full. Section 12th strike out \_\_\_\_\_ Section 13th insert after the word object 7th line page 39 R. Herrera. \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. 14th and 15th adopt in full. \_\_\_\_\_

JA-307.1

An further that an Ordinance passed Feby 15th 1840 for the Regulation of Cleaning and Sweeping the streets and squares &c of this City. after examination by your Committee it was resolved that the same should be recommended for the adoption of the present Board, with one alteration only leaving out (Wednesday &) in Sec 1st and leaving it to read on Saturday of each and every week. \_\_\_\_\_ Your Committee would further recommend that the Mayor be authorised to have the Public Squares swept and cleaned on or before the 20th of this month and to draw on the Treasurer for the money to pay for the same and also to draw for

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the amount that may be required to pay the Cartmen for removing the Rubbish from the street and Squares on that day and to make a report of the same to this Board.

JA-307.2

Session 1844 page 101 A motion made that all persons that may wish to procure Rock from any quarry belonging to the Corporation shall first obtain a licence

Your Committee would recommend its adoption with such alterations as the Board may think proper to make.

JA-307.3

Session 1845 page 109 A contract between Edward Dwyer as Mayor and Thos. J. Devine Attorney Your committee would respectfully represent that they have examine the above contract and would recommend that the same should be acknowledge by the present Board to be in full force and effect. Your Committee after having examined all the Ordinances passed in former years and Having selected those which they thought were applicable to the present time for Publication and strict observance they would respectfully suggest that all ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the above be repealed and

further that in their opinion it is unnecessary to repeal all and every ordinance and decree in toto. All of which your committee would respectfully submit to the consideration of the Board and Beg to be discharged accordingly from the further consideration of the same

C. F. King Chairman

which report having been read & amended it was received and approved

The Committee to report an ordinance regulating the taxes and revenues made the following report

JA-308

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of San Antonio Gent. Your Committee to whom was referred the finance for the present year respectfully beg leave to report as follows. 1st Your Honl. Body have power by your charter and existing laws to levy sufficient taxes to meet all necessary wants of the City in its Corporate Capacity secondly your Committee would recommend to your honorable body the Enacting such ordinances as would secure to the use of the City the following anual sources from the following sources for the present year

That all persons retailing merchandize within said City shall pay a Licence of \$10.00 pr annum. All persons retailing spirituos Liquors \$15.00 pr annum. All person selling spirituos liquors of one quart and over shall pay a licence of \$6 $\frac{1}{4}$  pr annum. And all keepers or owners of Billiard Tables shall pay a licence of \$15.00 pr annum for each and every table--and all owners of keepers of nine or ten pin alley's shall pay a licence of \$20.00 pr annum. That all persons keeping

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Livery Stables Public Houses of Entertainment - Bakeries or Restaurats shall pay a licence of \$10.00 pr annum. That all Boarding house keepers where more than five persons Board shall pay a licence of \$5.00 pr annum. All public exhibitions shall pay one dollar pr day or night, That a tax of one dollar pr night on public Fandangoes. That an advalorem tax of 1/5 of one pr cent upon the real Estate of said City. A Poll tax of 50 cents upon residents citizens. That an auctioneer for sale merchandise \$25. pr annum, and futher that all Lawyers and Doctors residing within the limits of the Corporation and practising their professins therein shall pay an annual tax of \$5.00

Which report was received and approved & the Clk directed to publish the same with the requisions of an ordinance passed by former Corporation in session Jany 28th 1840  
JA-309

On motion it was resolved by the Board that no person be allowed to dig out any rock fifty yards from any of the springs within the limits of the Corporation

On Mr. Crump's Motion the Board adjourned untill Friday evening 6 o'clock

Charles F. King

Mayor

Jany 15th 1847

Council met pursuant to adjournment a quorum being present the Board proceeded to bussines the minutes of former Session being read and approved

Mr. Rodriguez who was appointed commissioner to call on all the owners of the Labor below town concerning the cleaning of the Ditch informed the council that he was not ready to make his report & asked for futher time, which was granted

JA-310

On motion of Mr. Brackett it was resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby

authorised to employ a suitable person to superintend on the work to be performed on the main ditch from Jose Caciono's House to Nathaniel Lewis corner & that He the Mayor contract at the same time for a sufficient number of poles which may be required to bank up said ditch & also to cause the water to be stopped up from the same and that he draw on the treasurer for the amount required to cover all that may be expended & to report to this body

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also on Mr. Brackett's motion

The Mayor appointed a committee of the following gentlemen Viz Mess. Smith Brackett and Rodriguez to enquire into the expediency of erecting a Market House said committee to make out an estimate of the amount required for the same & committee instructed to report by next meeting

On Motion the Council adjourned to Monday evening 6 o'clock

Chas F King

Mayor

Jan'y 27th 1847

Board met in Special session

Present Chas F King Mayor & Alderman Smith Trumble Rodriguez Herrera & Brackett

Chas F King suggested that the Board elect a Mayor protem he having occasion to leave the City

JA-312

On Mr. Trumble's motion the Board elected unanimously S. S. Smith Mayor Pro tem for the present year

JA-312.1

Also on motion of Mr. Trumble an appropriation was made of ten dollars, to purchase wood stationery & candles & that the Mayor draw on the treasurer for the same

carried

On motion the Board adjourned

C. F. King

Mayor

Feb'y 18th 1847

This day the Council met by order of the Mayor Present the following Gentlemen.

C. F. King Mayor & Alderman J. A. Urrutia, Trumble, Brackett, Rodriguez & Herrera

The minutes of former session being read & approved the Board proceeded to bussiness,

The Mayor suggested to the Council the propriety of having a Bridge Built on the San Pedro Creak to afford the passage to the Citizens of Castroville and others

JA-313

and on Mr. Urrutias motion the Mayor was authorised to have said Bridge built on said Creek in Commerce street, & that he draw on the Treasurer for the sum required to pay the same & inform the council thereof

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JA-314

also on motion of Mr. Urrutia an ordinance passed by former corporation (page-----) preventing the washing of clothes in the Ditch was ordered to be published & that the

fine be altered to \$5.00 instead of one dollar

Council adjourned till Monday next 6 o'clock

Chas. F. King

Mayor

Feby 22nd A. D. 1847

Board met pursuant to adjournment Present C. F. King Mayor. Aldermen J. A. Urrutia. M Trumble A. Roderigus and C. B. Brackett. & S. S. Smith

A quorm being present and the Minutes of the former session haveing been read and approved. The Mayor presented to the board the following Petition

San Antonio Feby 20th 1847

To the Honl. Mayor and Aldermen of the City of San Antonio

The undersigned would respectfully represent that since the first of January 1847 he has occuied the room in the rear of the Court House by permission granted by the Board of County Commissioners with the priviledge of retaining the Same for at least one year and all nessary repairs to be Made at his own expense

He has learned since that the property is claimed by the City Corporation-- and he would therefore Solicit from you the prividge of occupying the room for the time above Mentioned and on the same Conditions. He would further State that he has expended about \$50 already in repairs and that it will cost about the Same Amount More to place it in a Condition Suitable to be occupied as a School

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt-

John McCulloch

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which petition haveing been read and duly considered it was resolved that it be granted under the following Conditions. That the petitioner keep the Said room in good repair and have a new Set of doors made and put in and that he keep possession of the Same until the first day of January 1848 at which time he shall deliver it up in good repair

On motion of Mr. Smith that the Mayor be authorized to receive proposals for the building of a Public Market House according to the Specifications to him designated by the Board

Board adjourned until the 4th March

Charles F. King

Mayor

March 4th 1847

Board Met pursuant to adjt.

A quoram not being present the Board adjourned until Next day 5th March

Charles F. King

Mayor

March 5th 1847

Board met pursuant to adjournment

A quoram being present the Minutes of the former session haveing been read and approved

JA-316

The Mayor laid before the Board the following proposals for building a Market House to Wit Mess. S. Reppstine & Deister offered to build the Same for \$400-70 .

Mr. J. N. Fisk offered to build the Same for \$350.00 and Mess Phillip.Huner( )  
 offered to build the Same for \$285<sup>00</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ which proposals after haveing been duly con-  
 sidered by the board it was resolved that the proposal of Mess Phillip & Huner be received  
 they being the lowest bidders

On Motion of Mr. Crump the Mayor was authorized to enter into an agreement with said  
 Mess Phillip & Huner for the building of Said Market House and that they be required to  
 give Security for the performance of the Said Work

The Mayor presented the fol-

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lowing Petition to the board

State of Texas )

County of Bexar )

The undersigned would respectfully suggest to your Honl Body the  
 propriety of extending your benevolent Jurisdiction as far as that part of your Corpora-  
 tion known as the Villita there to put a Stop to an evil which may prove disastrous not  
 only to your petitioners but to the Community at large of our City\_\_\_\_Your Honl. Body  
 undobtly bear in Mind the pestilence experienced in the hart of this town last Summer and  
 Fall occasioned by the butchering of beef &c at Mr. Riddles premises and there you may  
 Judge of this situation of those Citizens resideing within fifty or one hundred yards of  
 the Slaughter pen therefore your petitioners most earnestly pray that Some Measure be  
 adopted without delay by your Honl. Body to put an immediate Stop to the Slaughter of  
 Beef and &. at the place mentioned or at any place within those limits where it may prove  
 no offensive as also to cause those individuals hauling dead Horses Cows dogs &c to take  
 them to a respectfull distance from our healthy City all of which your petitioners pray  
 and will receive relief thereby

To the Honl. Mayor and Board )	P. L. Buquor
)	R. Herrera
of Aldermen of the City of )	D. Devine
)	J. M. Devine
San Antonio	GuadaloupeSmith -T. J. Smith

JA-318

Which petition haveing been read and considered by the board it was resolved that So  
 much of an ordinance passed in former years regulating the Slaughtering of Beef &c be  
 amended and republished so as to read four hundred yards East of the Main Alamo ditch com-  
 mencing at the roads going to Seguin and down said line pararell with the ditch and that  
 this resolution take effect from and after the first day of April next-

JA-319

On Motion of Mr. Smith the Clerk was ordered to publish the Section 6th

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of an ordinance regulating the Sweeping and Cleaning of the Streets

JA-320

Also on motion of Mr. Smith Alderman Roderegus was authorized to procure Sufficient  
 Number of China trees to set in the Public Square in front of the Main Ditch and Public  
 Buildings of the City and to purchase a Sufficient Number of polls to picket them round  
 and to lay before the board the account of the cost of the Same to be audited.

JA-321

On the motion of Mr. Crump it was resolved that the Mayor be authorized to draw on  
 the Treasurer for the amount of the first quarter for the officers this Corporation



Adjourned until the 1st April 1847

Charles F. King

Mayor

April 1st 1847

This day the Board of Alderman met in the Council Hall & there being no quorum present to proceed to business adjourned

April 5th 1847

This day the Board met in special session there being present S. S. Smith Mayor Protom & Alderman Rodriguez, Herrera, Trumble Urrutia Brackett & Crump a quorum present the minutes of former session being read and approved the Board proceeded to business  
JA-322

Mr. Brackett offered the following

It is ordered and decreed by the Mayor and Board of Alderman that the City atty be and he is hereby required to commence suit against all persons that may be holding any Buildings belonging to this City without the consent of this Corporation and that he prosecute said suit in whatever Court may be necessary for the recovery of said property

Unanimous Adopted

JA-322.1

Mr. Crump offered the following ordinance

All persons owning Lands entitled to the water privilege of water of the ditch, and have not performed or paid for their proportionable part of the expenses of repairing the azequia (ditch) this year have forfeited their

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water to the City for the whole of this year Now therefore be it ordained and decreed and it is hereby ordained and decreed by the Board of Alderman in Common Council assembled that All persons who are entitled to said water privilege shall hereafter have the full benefit of the same by applying to the Mayor of the City and paying their proportion of expenses incurred in repairing the Ditch and that within twelve days from date if such water privilege is not taken & paid for by those owning the same, it will be sold to any person or persons wishing to purchase the same for this year

This ordinance to take effect from its publication

Mr. Rodriguez offered the following Ordinance

JA-322.2

Be it ordained and it is hereby decreed by the Mayor & Board of Alderman in Common Council assembled That from and after the 1st day of May next - 1847 - any hog sow, shoat, pig, or Boar, found running at large in the streets of this City the owner of said Hog shall pay to the City Marshall the sum of ( ) Dollar for each head taken up by said Marshall & if the owner of said Hog or Hogs &c. Should fail to call & claim the said Hog within 48 hours said Hog or Hogs shall be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder fifty cents to go to the city Marshall for each head taken returned or sold & the balance for the use & benefit of the Corporation

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This ordinance to take effect from 1st May A D 1847 on motion of Mr. Crump

The Election of an assessor for this year was taken into consideration N.R. Mallon being the only applicant was by the Board unanimously elected City assessor for the present year

Board adjourned to 1st May

R. C. Garza Clk                      Saml. S. Smith    )                      C. F. King  
    Mayor Pro Tem    )    Mayor

May 1st A D 1847

This day no meeting was held for the want of a quorum present to proceed to bussines

R. C. Garza

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May 15th 1847

Council met this day being present C. F. King Mayor & Alderman Urrutia Trumble Rodriguez, Smith, Brackett & Crump a quorum present the Board came to order & proceeded to bussines

JA-324

When Mr. S. S. Smith offered the following

Be it ordained and it is hereby decreed by the Mayor and Board of Alderman in common council assembled That the water of the main ditch running throug town having been regulated by the commissioners appointed for that purpose this is to inform all interested, that from and after the 1st day of May the water commenced in proportioned daily shares the labor's being entitled to four successive days from the first at sun set, the fifth day it is for the use of those entitled to the same in the City that is to say for every four days it runs free through the town for the labors, the fifth for the City & so on through the year. It is also a duty incumbent upon those entitled to water in the City to meet & elect a Person from among their number to divide the time between the different gates so that every person can know their time when they are entitled to the water as by this method all difficulties can be avoided

approved and published

JA-325

Resolved by the Board of Alderman that the Clerk of this body publish sections 5th and 8th of an ordinance regulating the water of the main ditch of this City approved  
 (                      ) 1840

JA-326

Mr. Rodrigues offered the following ordinance

Be it ordained and decreed by the Board of Alderman in Council assembled That all streets alleys or other Public passages, heretofore known as "Calles nacionales, Callejones ect" the public passage of which may be stoped or obstructed by any citizen within the limits of this Corporation adjacent to said street or alley be and is hereby declared opened and that all persons so obstructing are hereby required to remove all such obstructions impediments of fences without delay and that should in any instance the emergency accruing from this ordinance require the assistance of a Public Surveyor that he be and he is hereby required to survey or delineate the same Provided always that in such emergency it shall be at the expense of the person or persons so offending and that this ordinance take effect from after its passage

Approved and ordered to be published

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JA-327

Mr. Crump moved that Mess Samuel S. Smith & Marcus Trumble together with the Clk be appointed a committee to draught an ordinance regulating the Market House of this City carried

Adjourned till Monday evening 7 o'clock

Charles F. King  
 Mayor

May 17th 1847

Council met pursuant to adjournment there being present C. F. King Mayor & Alderman S. S. Smith Wm. G. Crump Ambrosio Rodriguez M Trumble J. A. Urrutia & O. B. Brackett a quorum present the minutes of former session being read and approved the council proceeded to bussiness

JA-328

When Mr. Smith offered the following ordinance

Whereas there has been a general complaint of the citizens of the bad state of the streets occasioned by persons attempting to irrigate their Gardens without first repairing their branches and bridges at the crossing of the streets thereby causing great inconvenience to the citizens generally and also the same is considered detrimental to the general health of the City by the water remaining in pools and becoming stagnant and impure and thereby becoming a public nuisance

Therefore be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Alderman of the City of San Antonio in common council assembled that in order to remedy the evil complained of. That all persons who may wish to have the use of the water out of the main ditch shall on or before the first day of June next have their branches or leads put in good repair and wherever the same may cross streets have good & substantial bridges made or repaired as the case may be (or require) to the satisfaction of the Corporation

And it is futher ordained & decreed that after the first day of June next that all persons who have neglected to comply with the foregoing requirements shall forfeit their water, and the City Marshall is hereby ordered and required to close their Branches or leads at their source from the main Ditch

Approved and ordered to be published

JA-329

On motion The Mayor was authorised to have the Market-House

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finished by purchasing stalls &c &c & also was authorised to draw on the Treasurer for the sum required to fulfill this motion which was unanimously adopted

The Mayor presented to the Board the following proposition made by R. F. Higginbotham Esqr which is a true copy as follows

I will put a stone Bridge across the river where the Dam or stone of the Dam of the Mishon of Consention lies and serves in part as a foot way and will take in pay for the same some un appropriated and unimproved lands of the Corporation subject to keep the Bridge in order for a hundred years - signed R. F. Higginbotham which proposition after some discussion was laid on the table for consideration til next meeting

Mr. Crump moved that the Board proceed to an election for one Alderman in the place of Mr. Ignacio Chavez who did not qualify & there being his seat vacant

JA-330

When the same gentleman nominated Daniel Devine Esqr who was by the Board unanimously elected & the Clk instructed to inform him of his election in order that he might come forward and qualify himself as such an Alderman of this Corporation

JA-331

Resolved by the Mayor & Board of Alderman that the City Marshall N. R. Mellon be and he is hereby appointed No 3 Market Master & that the clerk inform him of his appointment carried

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Market House, beg leave to offer the following for the consideration of the Board.-----Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Market House.-----

JA-332

Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in Common Council assembled.-----That for the Regulation of the City Market the following Rules and Regulations have been adopted by the Board.

Section 1st. Be it ordained and decreed that there shall be a Market Master elected by this Board, whose duty it shall be to oversee and take charge of the Market House generally.

Sect. 2nd. Be it further ordained and decreed that the stalls in the Market House for the vending of fresh meat shall be rented at five Dollars per month, payable in advance, in size

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the size of the stalls to be hereafter defined by this Board.

Section 3rd. Be it further ordained and decreed, That any person or persons who may wish to rent a stall, in the Market House for the purpose of vending fresh meat, can do so by applying to the City Collector, and paying him five Dollars, whose duty it shall be to issue to the applicant a Licence, signed by the Mayor and countersigned by himself, and in no case shall a Licence be issued for a less Term than One month.

Section 4th. That for the benefit of those Citizens who are not regular Butchers, who may wish to slaughter a beef, veal, Hog, sheep or Goat, and to bring the same to the Market House - Therefore-----

Be it further ordained and decreed, that any person exposing for sale in the Market house, Beef, veal hog, sheep or goat shall pay to the Market Master the following tax-- viz-- For each beef or veal so exposed for sale - five dimes pr. head, for each hog two dimes, for each sheep or goat one dime; and further as soon as it shall be practicable there shall be set apart a certain portion of the Market house for this class of vendors.

Sect. 5th. Be it further ordained and decreed, That any person exposing vegetables for sale in, or near the Market house or on the Market square shall pay to the Market Master one dime pr. day for each table or stand, and it shall be the duty of the Market Master to designate the place or stand of this class of vendors. All tables, stands & for the sale of coffee, chocolate, pies, cakes, &c. shall be included in this Section and pay the same tax.

Sect. 6th. And be it further ordained and decreed that no person under any pretence whatever (except the supplying of soldiers) shall be allowed to sell any beef, veal, hog, sheep or goat or any part thereof as it is slaughtered within the limits of this City, except at the Market house. And any persons violating this ordinance, shall on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay to the City five Dollars for each and every offence, the same to be collected in a summary manner with costs.

Sect. 7th. Be it further ordained and decreed that all persons slaughtering beeves, within the limits of this Corporation, shall exhibit the hides with the Brands, ear marks or any other marks they may have, at the Market house or to the Market Master, so that he can make the corresponding entry of the same.

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Sect. 8th. Be it further ordained and decreed, That any person wishing to slaughter a beef for his or her private use and consuming, can do so and take the same to

his or her residence, provided that he or she exhibit the hide, brand and other marks at the Market House or to the Market Master, so that he can make the corresponding entry of the same.

Sect. 9th. Be it ordained and decreed that it shall be the duty of the Market Master, to visit the market house every day at 8 O'clock A. M. and in a book to be by him kept for that express purpose shall make an entry of the person or persons who shall be found selling in the Market house together with the Brands and other marks of the hides, all of which shall be opened to the examination of the Citizens at any time.---

Sect. 10th. Be it ordained and decreed that the Market house and furniture, shall be kept clean by those who may use the same, each one in the day on concluding sales shall sweep and wash so as to leave the Market house in order for the ensuing day, under penalty of Two Dollars for neglect to be collected with costs, and it shall be the duty of the Market Master each day on visiting the Market House to see that this Section has been complied with, and to report all delinquents to the Mayor.

Sect. 11th. And be it further ordained and decreed, That any person who shall slaughter a beef and not exhibit the hide in the manner required by the Section of this Ordinance, shall on Conviction thereof fined in the sum of Ten Dollars and costs, and be made to account for the same or prosecuted as the law directs.-----

Sect. 12th. Be it further ordained and decreed that any person who shall be either owner or sales who shall refuse to pay to the Market Master the amount stipulated in Section Fourth of this Ordinance, the Market Master shall immediately give information to the Mayor who shall immediately proceed to collect the tax aforesaid and fine the delinquent in the sum of five Dollars and Costs.

Sect. 13th. And be it further ordained and decreed that all fines and forfeitures, Rents &c. under this ordinance shall be paid into the Treasury of this Corporation and applied as other public money.

This ordinance will take effect from, and after its passage---adopted---Council adjourned

R. C. Garza Clk

Charles F King

Mayor

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June 5th 1847

Council met this day there being present C. F. King Mayor & Alderman Rodriguez TRumble Smith Brackett & Crump. Quorum present Minutes of former session being read and approved the Board proceeded to business.

On motion of Mr. Crump the petition of Mr. Higginbotham which remained on the table at the last meeting for consideration be now taken up and after some discussion was rejected.

The Mayor informed the Council that Mr. Daniel Devine who was elected at a previous session Alderman to fill the vacancy of Ignacio Chavez refused to accept the appointment.

JA-333

On Mr. Smith's motion Mr. Antonio Menchaca was nominated as Alderman and was by the Board duly elected and the Clerk instructed to inform him of his appointment.

JA-334

The Mayor having informed the Board of the late Treasurer's death (Mr. Wm. Elliott,) suggested the propriety of appointing one in his stead, when Mr. Devine was nominated and duly elected Treasurer of this Corporation, and that he be required to give Bond

and security according to Law in the Sum of ( ) Dollars.

JA-335

On Mr. Crump's motion a portion of the Corporation Hall was rented to Chas. F. King for the sum of twenty Dollars pr. month from the ( ) day to the first of Jan'y. 1848, Mr. King allowing the Board of Aldermen to meet at said Hall whenever they thought proper so to do.

JA-336

On motion it was resolved that the Mayor cause the Corporation Hall to be repaired and that he draw on the Treasurer for the amount necessary to cover the import of said repairs.

On motion the Board adjourned to meet on the 1st day of July 1847.

R. C. Garza Clk.

Charles F. King  
Mayor

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Oct. 29th 1847

The Board met this day there being present Chas. F. King Mayor, and Aldermen S.S. Smith, R. Herrera, O. B. Brackett, J. A. Urrutia and Antonio Menchaca having been duly qualified took his seat, There being a quorum present the Board proceeded to business--The former Minutes having been read & approved on a requisition of the City Attorney the following resolution was passed

Whereas Thos. H.C.S. Addicks proposes to furnish the City with a properly authenticated copy of the ancient grant of Lands to the City from the Spanish Government for the sum of Four Hundred Dollars; Therefore be it

JA-337

Resolved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in Council assembled, that the sum of Four Hundred Dollars is hereby guaranteed to the aforesaid Thos. H.C.S. Addicks by the Corporation of the City and will be paid to the said Addicks or order upon his delivering or causing to be delivered to the Attorney of the City of San Antonio a properly authenticated copy of said ancient grant or Concession from the Spanish Government and the secretary of the Corporation is hereby required to furnish said Addicks with a copy of this resolution; which being read was unanimously adopted.

On motion the following resolution was offered

JA-338

Whereas it is expedient and highly important to the City of San Antonio that the boundaries of the Tract of Land granted to the Town of San Fernando in the Province of Texas and New Phillipines, (now City of San Antonio, Bexar County and State of Texas) by the Government of Spain be ascertained and defined and as the documentary evidence of said grant or concession has been destroyed or mislaid during the various struggles and hostile occupation of this City by the Texan or Mexican forces, Therefore

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio, That the American Minister at the Court of Madrid be requested to procure for the City of San Antonio a certified copy of the grant or concession of Lands from His Majesty the King of Spain to this City formerly known as the town of San Fernando in the Province of Texas and the New Phillipines and

JA-339

Be it further resolved, that the Secretary of

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the Corporation forward to the Minister of the United States at Madrid a Copy of these Resolutions, which was by the Board unanimously adopted.

Adjourned

R. C. Garza Clk

Charles F. King

Mayor

December 27th 1847

Council met this day there being present Charles F. King Mayor & Aldermen Antonio Menchaca R. Herrera S. S. Smith J. A. Urrutia & Ambrocio Rodriguez minutes being read & approved the Board proceeded to bussiness

JA-340

On motion of Mr. Antonio Menchaca the Board appointed the following gentlemen to act as Judges & Clerks of the annual election Mess Herrera & Urrutia as Judges & Ambrocio Rodriguez & S. S. Smith as Clerks & the Mayor Presiding Officer & adjourned

R. C. Garza Clk

Charles, F, King

Mayor

Monday 27th 1847

The polls having been opened at ( ) A.M. and closed at ( ) P.M. & the votes being counted the result was as follows

CHARLES F. KING - For Mayor received one hundred & thirty three votes -----  
----- 133 Votes

A. A. LOCKWOOD - For Mayor received ninety one votes----- 91 "

S. S. Smith	for	Alderman	received	141	"
Bryan Callaghan	"	"	"	140	"
Antonio Menchaca	"	"	"	134	"
Ambrocio Rodriguez	"	"	"	138	"
James N. Fisk	"	"	"	130	"
J. A. Urrutia	"	"	"	212	"
A. St Martin	"	"	"	149	"
R. W. Peacock	"	"	"	134	"
S. Maverick	"	"	"	96	"
R. Herrera	"	"	"	89	"
Wm. Vance	"	"	"	79	"
Ignacio Chavez	"	"	"	87	"
J. M. Devine	"	"	"	86	"
N. Lardner	"	"	"	83	"
M. R. Evans	"	"	"	67	"

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FOR TREASURER	James M. Devine	received	133 Votes
" "	Thos. Whitehead	"	85 "
FOR COLLECTOR	Nathaniel R. Mallen	received	143 Votes
" "	James N. Fisk	"	79 "

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December 31st 1847

The Council met this day in order to dispose of all accounts due for this year there being present Charles F. King Mayor & Aldermen Wm. G. Crump Ambrocio Rodriguez R. Herrera J. A. Urrutia & S. S. Smith a quorum being present the Board proceeded to bussiness

JA-341

When Nathaniel R. Mallon Collector presented to the Board the following report - To the Honorable the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of San Antonio, The Collector would respectfully represent that he has collected and paid into the Treasury for the year

1847 the following amount of money.

Taxes for 1846-----	\$108.20
Merchants & Others-----	466.82-2/3
Fandangoes-----	560.00
Quarter Master department for rent-----	150.00
Rent of Stalls in Market-----	145.00
Seventy three beeves killed & sold @ 50¢ each-	38.00
	\$1468. 2-2/3

The Collector would further represent to your Honorable Body that in consequence of the Collector for the State & County having to collect for the years 1846 and 47 and was doing so at the time I was ready for the Corporation I deemed it best to let him get through before I commenced.

Respectfully Your Obt. Servant

Nathaniel R. Mallon Collector

Which report on motion of Mr. Smith after being examined was adopted

JA-342

The Mayor presented to the Board the following accounts for their approval or rejection viz

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|--|----------|
| 1st. The Corporation of San Antonio to Nathaniel R. Mallon Dr to work done at the Ditch and cleaning the square at various times &c  | \$15.00  |
| (2) The Corporation to Hendrick Arnold Dr To building stall in the Market by order of acting Mayor Smith   | \$15.00  |
| (3) Corporation to J. M. Devine Dr for stationary as pr Bill filed   | \$ 6.65¢ |
| (4) The Corporation to R.C. Garza Dr for Book candles stationary &c  | \$ 7. "  |
| (5) Due by the Corporation to assessor of the City   | 35. "    |
| (6) The Corporation to Marcus Trumble Dr for medicine furnished one J. C. Conley while sick and under the charge of Dr. Gilmore as pr Bill filed including servants attention to said Conley | \$10. "  |

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7. There is due the undersigned by the Corporation of San Antonio \$33.85/100 said amount being due for several years and no interest being claimed by the undersigned he now respectfully request that the present Board pay the same or cause it to be paid

San Anto. Decr. 29th 1847

Jno Twohig

All the above accounts having been examined by the Board & considering them just & right-Therefore be it resolved that the Mayor be & he is hereby authorised to draw on the Treasurer for the payment of said accounts & that the last account be also paid out of any money now in the Treasury

The Treasurer of the Corporation presents the following report San Antonio Decr. 31 1847

To Charles F King Mayor - In below will be found a statement of the monies received & paid out by me as treasurer of the Corporation of San Antonio

Money received from the Collector-----	\$562.25
ditto paid out by various orders-----	305.45
Cash on Hand-----	256.80

Signed James M. Devine Treasurer C. S. A.

which report was accepted & received

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January 1st 1848

This being the day prescribed by law for the meeting of the members of the Corporation in and for the City of San Antonio the following members elect for the present year met at the Council-Hall - Charles F King Mayor taking the Chair



When the following gentlemen presented their certificates of election took the oath of office & their seats

Charles F King	Mayor
Samuel S. Smith	Alderman
R. W. Peacock	
James N. Fisk	
Juan A. Urrutia	
Ambrosio Rodriguez	
Augustin Martin	
Antonio Menchaca	
Bryan Callaghan	

James M Devine Treasurer appeared & took the oath- prescribed by law & was required to give bond in the sum of ( ) Dollars for the faithful performance of his duty.

Nathaniel R. Mallon Collector appeared & took the oath prescribed by law & was required to give bond in the sum of ( ) Dollars for the faithful performance of his duty

JA-346

The Board being organized Mr. Rodriguez moved that a Clk for the Corporation be elected when R. C. Garza was nominated & duly elected Clk for the present year

JA-347

On motion the Board proceeded to an election for City Marshall Nathaniel R. Mallon being the only nominee was duly elected

When the Board adjourned

Charles F King Mayor

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Jany 4th 1848

Council met this day there being present C. F. King Mayor & Alderman B. Callaghan, Urrutia, Menchaca Peacock, Fisk, & Rodriguez a quorum present minutes of former session being read and approved the Board proceeded to bussiness, Smith appeared & took his seat

When R. C. Garza appeared took the oath of office & proceeded to discharge the duties of Clerk of the Corporation for this year 1848

N. R. Mallon appeared took the oath of office & proceeded to discharge the duties of City Marshall

JA-348

On Mr. Urrutia's motion the Clerks salary was taking into consideration & after some discussion on the subject he was allowed fifteen dollars pr month being \$180.00 pr year to be paid monthly by this Corporation

JA -349

On Mr. Callaghan's motion the Salary of City Marshall was taken into consideration & was allowed one Hundred & twenty dollars pr year

Mr. Smith offered the following Resolution

JA-350

At a meeting of the Citizens of the City of San Antonio had on the evening ( ) It was resolved that the remains of the late Capt S. H. Walker should be interred by the side of the lamented Cap' R. A. Gillespie with civil & military Honors, therefore in order to assist in honoring the remains

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Alderman of the City of San Antonio in common council assembled that we will as a body, join our fellow citizens in the funeral

ceremonies to be had in honor of the late Capt S. H. Walkers remains on Saturday the 8th of January next and that the Board will meet at the Council House at the hour that will be designated by the Chief Marshall for the forming of the procession, and proceed and take the place that will be assigned for us in the Programme of the proceedings of the day

On the motion of Mr. Callaghan the resolution was adopted

JA-351

Mr. Callaghan moved that the Ordinance regulation licence-tax &c passed by former Board be read by the Clk & sufficiently discussed by the Board the following amendments  
1st Be it resolved That the licence tax on all Boarding Houses where more than five persons Board pay a licence tax of ten dollars pr annum instead of \$5.00 and also the tax on all auctioneers be reduced to \$12½ twelve & a half dollars instead of \$25.00 and also it is further resolved

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that the portion of said law taxing Lawyers & Doctors be repealed & that the Clk publish said Ordinance page - as approved with the amendments offered all of which was sanctioned by the Board

JA-352

On motion of Mr. Callaghan it was resolved that a notice be published calling all owners of the Labors below town (agents &c) & to meet at the Council House on Monday the 10th Inst for the purpose of electing a commissioner to regulate the water privilege of said Labor &c.

Approved

JA-353

On motion of Mr. Urrutia a committee of the following gentlemen Mess Smith Callaghan & Rodriguez with the assistance of the Mayor were appointed to examine into former Ordinances & frame such ordinances as they may think fit to report by next meeting of this Board

On motion of Mr. Rodriguez the City Marshall was instructed to inform Mess Samuel H. Lucky D. C. Vanderlip Ira L Hewit & Thos J. Devine that the Board had appointed them as a committee to frame a charter for this city & report thereon to this Board

Adjourned

R. C. Garza Clk

Charles F. King Mayor

Jany 11th 1848

Council met this day there being present Charles F. King Mayor & Alderman Smith Fisk Menchaca Urrutia Callaghan & Peacock a quorum being present the minutes of former session being read & approved the Board proceeded to bussiness

When the Committee appointed at last meeting for the purpose of examining into Ordinances &c informed the Board that they were not as yet ready to make the final report & asked for futher time which was granted them

JA-354

The Mayor suggested to the Board the propriety of electing some suitable person as a commissioner to superintend the work to be performed on the main Ditch which runs through the City

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And on Mr. Smith's motion the Board appointed Antonio Menchaca said Commissioner for the

purpose aforementioned

Mr. Vanderlip one of the Committee appointed to frame the City Charter appeared & offered the following for the consideration of the Board which after being read was laid over for futher consideration & the Clk instructed to file the same

The Mayor presented to the Board the following petition To the Hon Mayor & Alderman of the City of Bexar - The undersigned Parish Priest in charge of the Catholic Congregation in San Antonio submits to the Hon Mayor and Alderman of this City that the Grave Yard now in use on account of its small size and the length of time it has been a place of interment has been filled to such a point that it is sometimes impossible to dig a new grave without disinterring some of the bones formerly buried He would therefore petition your Hon Body that it be pleased to sell him a sufficient quantity of the vacant lands lying to the West & North of the present grave yard to make with the said an area of 4 acres, In case it would not suit to dispose of the ground above referred to, the same amount on the West Side of the San Pedro Creek anywhere sufficiently near the City would answer the purpose equally with much respect - Your Humble servant - signed - E. Estany C. M. San Anto Jany 7 1848 which petition being read was laid over for futher consideration.

JA-355

The Mayor presented to the Board an account of fifty eight dollars & fifty cents being an amt expended in the repairs of a Bridge built on the Alamo Ditch & other work done to the street &c. which account was examined & allowed & the Mayor was authorised to draw on the Treasurer of the City for said amount to pay said expenses

JA-356

Mr. Smith moved that Mr. Menchaca as commissioner notify all persons owning property immediately in front of the main Ditch to clean out their respective portion of said Ditch & that the Clk publish the sections ( ) of the ordinance regulating the Ditch for the information of said parties interested

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and that the Commissioner repair or cause to be repaired such portion of said Ditch as appertains to the City & that the Mayor be authorised to draw on the City Treasurer for the amt. to be expended on said repairs & to render an account of the same to this Board

Approved

Mr. Callaghan moved that Mess Fisk & Smith together with the Mayor call upon Mr. Giraud & inquire of him whether he will accept the appointment of City Surveyor & to report to this Board

Motion adopted

Adjourned untill Saturday next

R. C. Garza Clk

Charles F. King

Mayor

January 15th 1848

Council met this day in pursuance of adjournment- present Chas F. King Mayor- and Aldermen Smith, Menchaca, Rodriguez - San Martin - Peacock and Fisk- Minutes of former session being read and approved - the Board proceeded to business -

JA-358

when the Mayor presented to the Board Mr. Whitehead's account for the sum of Eleven Dollars for interrogatories taken by said Whitehead in the suit now pending in the District Court of ( ) County in the suit of the "City of San Antonio VS Samuel el al - which account was approved and the Mayor authorised to draw on the

Treasurer for the payment of the same -

JA-359

On motion of Mr. Smith the Board proceeded to the Election of Market Master & Mr. Nathaniel Mellon being the only nominee was elected unanimously Market Master for the current year -.

JA-360

Mr. Peacock offered the following resolution- Resolved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio that the Market Master receive a compensation of fifty dollars per annum - which was carried -

JA-361

Mr. Fisk offered the following amendment to Sec. 7. of an ordinance regulating the Market house (to read thus) after the word same in ( ) line add that he shall record the color of said hide - which was carried

JA-362

On motion of Mr. Manchaca the City Marshall was instructed to republish and to enforce the "Hog Law" by the twentieth day of the present month- On motion of Mr. Fisk adjourned till the 25<sup>th</sup> inst.-

R. C. Garza Clk

Charles F. King

Mayor

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March 8th 1848

Council met this day by order of the Mayor there being present C. F. King Mayor & Alderman Smith, Urrutia, Callaghan, Sn Martin & Fisk a quorum present the minutes of former session being read and approved the Board proceeded to bussiness-

The committee appointed to call on Mr. Giraud to ascertain of him wether he would accept the appointment of City Surveyor reported that he would willingly accept if elected

Mr. Smith offered the following

JA-363

Whereas great uncertainty exist<sup>in</sup> reference to the boundaries of a large number of town lots and much inconvenience results to the vericus owners from their being no documents to refer to for the purpose of ascertaining said boundaries - the only evidence of the same being aged persons testimony and whereas it is necessary and proper to afford the public all information that can be obtained on this subject as well as for the purpose of embodying a map or Plat of the Lots, streets squares, Lanes &c of this City and in view of the necessity existing at present for a surveyor to survey the streets, alleys and public lots of this City - Therefore

Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in common council assembled and it is hereby ordained & decreed That a city surveyor shall be selected by this Board whose duty it shall be to survey all town lots, out Lots, labors &c, upon application by the owners or agents, the price being the same for all surveys made by him either for the City or individuals as is charged by surveyors for the same class of work - And it is futher crdained and decreed That it shall be the duty of said surveyor to record all surveys made by him of City lots &c &c together with a correct plat and field notes of the same, said surveys Plats and field notes to be recorded in a Book to be furnished by the City said Book of records to remain with the archives of the City and be the property of the City said surveyor shall issue a certified copy of the field notes and plat of any survey to any person applying for the same for recording he

shall receive from the owners the same as is paid for recording done by the County Clerk - for Issuing certified copy and plat he shall receive ( ) Said Surveyor shall hold

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his office untill the 1st day of Jany A. D. 1849 or as soon thereafter as his successor shall qualify (unless removed by the Board for good cause shown) and shall enter into Bond in the sum of one hundred dollars to be approved by the Mayor conditioned for the faithful performance of all the duties required of him as City Surveyor

Which ordinance after sufficiently discussion was adopted

JA-364

And on motion Mr. Giraud was by this Board selected City Surveyor & elected unanimously for that office for the present year 1848 & the Clk was instructed to notify him of his appointment

JA-365

Mr. Smith moved that the petition from the Parish priest (left for futher consideration) be now taken up & read & after being sufficiently discussed it was resolved that a committee be appointed to examine the Lands adjacent to the present burrial ground with instructions to report by the next meeting of this Board

The Mayor then appointed the following gentlemen to compose said committee to wit Mess Callaghan Smith & Urrutia & on motion the Mayor was added to said committee & that the City Surveyor be called upon to act in conjunction with said committee

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April 3rd 1848

The Council in and for the City of San Antonio met this day at the Corporate Hall there being present, Charles F. King Mayor, and Alderman S. S. Smith, R. W. Peacock, B. Callaghan James N. Fisk and Augustin S' Martin the minutes of former session being read and approved the Board proceeded to bussiness

When the committee appointed by this Board to examine the lands adjacent to the Burial ground (Campo Santo) made the following report -viz-

JA-366

To Charles F. King Esq.-----Mayor-----Your committee to whom was refered the petition of the Rev. Mr. ( ) C. M. or Parish Priest of San Antonio praying for the Priviledge of purchasing from the Corporation a sufficient quantity of Land to lay out a new, or extend the old Campo Santo or Catholic Burrial ground &c &c Beg leave respectfully to report that they find upon examination the statements made by the Rev. Mr. ( ) correct -, that it is impossible to open a new grave, without disintering the remains of those previously intered Your committee therefore, in Conjunction with Mr. Giraud, the City Surveyor have proceeded to examine the land adjacent to the present "Campo Santo" and also the land in the vicinity of the ground that is now used as a public burial ground, and find - ing it to be the property of the Corporation- do recommend that the present Campo Santo, or Catholic burrial ground be enlarged as per plat of the City Surveyor which plat accompanies this report and your committee beg that said plat may be considered a part of this report, and the said land so laid-off & bounded as per plat they your committee would recommend should be sold or donated (as the Honorable Council may determine) unto the Catholics or their Pastor, and to be by them or him reserved, set apart and used as a Campo Santo, or Catholic Burial ground forever.- And your committee would futher respectfully represent, that they have designated and defined the lines & corners

of the present Public Burial Ground, as per plat of the City Surveyor accompanying this report, which they beg may be considered as a part of this report - Both Plats inclusive making a square of ground, containing about eight acres (including the old Burrial grounds) or two hundred and ten varas on each

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line the dividing line running through the centre from East to West.- And your committee have also caused a street to be laid off on each of the sides of twelve varas in width - And your committee would recommend to your Honorable Body, That the ground contained in the Plat designated and marked "Public Burrial-ground" be set apart and appropriated for that express purpose for-ever and that a decree shall issue, declaring the said ground to be appropriated and set apart for a Public Burrial-ground Forever- and also that an ordinance may be passed naming said four streets and declaring them open for the use of the Public.- And futher your committee would suggest to the Hon, Council That whereas a number of Interments have been made in the ground now included in the Plat designated "Campo Santo or Catholic Burrial - ground" and the impossibility of enlarging the "Campo Santo without including that portion of graves made outside of the west-wall Therefore your committee would recommend that if said ground is donated or sold as advised above that the Deed shall Issue, conditioned, That all graves now included within the said lines, shall be respected, and remain inviolate and unmolested forever &c. and that any person, under the direction and authority of the Mayor, shall have the right and privilege to erect or build any monument, wall, Fence or enclosure around or about any or all of the above mentioned graves and such other conditions as your Hono. Body may deem fit and proper for the protection of the same &c &c. all of which your committee would respectfully submit for your consideration and beg to be discharged from the futher consideration of the same (signed) C. F. King - Chairman which report being duly considered was received and adopted

Mr. King Mayor of this Corporation informed the Council that he desired to make a trip to Mexico and asked the Board of Alderman for leave of absence which was granted JA-367

On motion S. S. Smith was unanimously elected Mayor Pro-tem of this Corporation  
When the Board was adjourned

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May 31st 1848

Corporation met this day there being present S. S. Smith Mayor Pro-tem & Alderman James N Fisk J. A. Urrutia A. St. Martin R. W. Peacock & Bryan Callaghan a quorum present the Minutes of former session being read & approved the Board proceeded to bussiness

When Mr. N. R. Mallon for reasons which he exposed informed the Council that he wished to resign the offices which he held under the Corporation of this City "to wit" City Collector City Marshall & Market Master which resignation were accepted & said offices were declared vacant by this Board

On Motion of Mr. Callaghan a committee was appointed composed of Mess Fisk, Peacock, St. Martin & Urrutia to examine Mission Street between the lots of Mr. Evans & the heirs of John W. Smith & to report thereof at the next meeting of this Board

JA-368

On motion it was Resolved by the Board of Alderman that the Mayor issue no

licence to any person wishing to make fandangos on any of the Public Squares of this City

JA-368.1

On motion of Mr. Peacock Mr. H. M. Pittman was nominated & unanimously elected Collector of this Corporation

JA-369

On said motion the Board unanimously elected said H. M. Pittman City Marshall of this Corporation also on said motion the said H. M. Pittman was unanimously elected Market Master of this Corporation

JA-370

On motion it was Resolved that the same salaries and immunities be allowed to Mr. H. M. Pittman as Collector City Marshall & Market Master as were allowed to the former incumbent of these offices & that he be required to give Bond & Security to law when the Board adjourned

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April the 5th 1848

Council met this day Present C. F. King Mayor & Alderman S. S. Smith, Menchaca, Callaghan, Fisk & St. Martin a quorum present the Board was declared in session minutes of former being read and approved the Board proceeded to Business

JA-371

When Mr. Smith offered the following resolution Be it ordained and decreed by the Mayor and Alderman of the City of San Antonio in common Council assembled and it is hereby ordained & decreed That so much of the Corporation or City Land as lies and is contained, within the Metes and bounds of the survey made by Mr. Giraud the City surveyor and designated and marked "City Cemetery"/("Catholic Cemetery") (as per Plat recorded in City Book of records of surveys and a certified copy filed - Is by the authority vested in them, appropriated and set apart as a Cemetery or Burrial ground forever - and futher it is hereby ordained and decreed, that so much of said land as is contained within the lines designated and marked Catholic Cemetery (on said Plat refered to above are hereby especially appropriated and set apart for the sole use and benefit of the Catholics as a Cemetery or Burrial ground forever with this reservation, that so much of said Ground as has been previously occupied and used as graves (say some forty feet more or less outside of the west wall of the Old Campo Santo) shall not be used for the opening of new graves but shall remain unmolested and inviolate forever- so that the friends, or others may have the right and priviledge to erect any monument enclosure Wall &c around about or over said graves mentioned above on the outside of the west wall of the old Campo Santo which resolution was approved

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Mr. Smith also offered the following ordinance

Be it ordained and it is hereby decreed by the Mayor and Alderman of the City of San Antonio in common council assembled. That so much of the Corporation lands as lies within the metes and bounds of the survey made by Mr. Giraud the City Surveyor and designated "streets" and occupying the four sides of the Burial-Grounds (as per plat returned by said City Surveyor Be appropriated and set apart- and they are hereby appro-

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riated and set apart as Public Streets & futher the streets shall be designated the one

running upon the East side of the Burrial grounds "East Street" The one upon the West side "West Street" the one upon the North side "North Street" and the one upon the South side "South Street" which ordinance was approved

Board adjourned

Nov. 22d.- 1848

This day the Board met. There being present S. B. Smith Mayor Pro Tem and Alderman J. N. Fisk, A. St. Martin, B. Callaghan, J. A. Urrutia and John Bowen (formerly R. W. Peacock). A Quorum being present the minutes of former session Read and approved, when the Board proceeded to Business

The Mayor presented the following communication "To Wit".

State of Texas )

County of Bexar )

To the Honl Mayor and Aldermen of the Corporation of the City of San Antonio

In obedience to an order of the Honl. County Court of said county had this 21st day of November 1848:

I herewith furnish you with a copy of the following Resolutions-----Whereas it appearing to the Court That The immediate erection of a County Jail is not only expedient but highly necessary for the maintenance of good order-----Therefore be it resolved by the Court That The money appropriated in the hands of the County Treasurer and every other step necessary for the immediate erection of said Jail will be taken by this Court.

Be it further resolved, That the assistance of the Corporation of the City of San Antonio be solicited to take into consideration the matter aforesaid, and that said Corporation be requested to act in unison with the County Court in erecting a Jail---- Be it further resolved, That said Corporation be requested to act in the matter and report to this Court at an early a date as practible, and that the said Corporation be furnished with a copy of the proceedings of this Court-----

San Antonio Nov. 21st 1848)

James L. Trueheart Clerk

County Court Bexar County

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On Motion of Mr. Callaghan the following resolution was adopted. Resolved, That the Board accept the proposition of the County Court. and that the Board will cordially act in conjunction with the County Court for the Erection of a Jail for the Joint use of both City and County-- and further that this Board will appoint a committee to act in conjunction with a similar committee of the County Court in conducting the preliminaries necessary for the furtherance of the above object.

The Secretary ordered to furnish the County Court with a copy of the above Resolution.-----

The Mayor presented the resignation of H. M. Pittman the City Collector, Marshal and Market Master; his resignation received--On motion of Mr. Fisk the Board went into the Election of Collector, City Marshal & Market Master- to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Pittman

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Mr. John Crawford being nominated, and there being no other candidate, he was declared duly elected to fill said vacancies and ordered to qualify as the charter directs.



Mr. Crawford appeared, qualified, and entered upon the discharge of his duties--  
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On motion of Mr. Bowen--Resolved that a committee of four be appointed to devise the best method to raise the necessary funds, and to recommend the best plan to be adopted by the Board in the erection of the Jail, Likewise to take into consideration the expediency of the City assisting the County in the erection of a Court House, Council House &c. said committee to be requested to report at next meeting--whereupon the following Aldermen were appointed said committee Messrs. Bowen, Urrutia, Fisk and Menchaca. And on motion, The Mayor was added to said committee----On motion the Board adjourned

Saml S. Smith Mayor Pro Tem.

November 24th 1848

This day the Board met. There being present S. S. Smith Mayor Pro Tem and Aldermen J. N. Fisk A. St. Martin B. Callaghan, J. A. Urrutia, John Bowen and J. A. Menchaca. A Quorum being present, the minutes of former meeting read and approved-- The Board proceeded to Business---

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T. J. Devine Esq. City Attorney presented the account of George Cupples Notary Public for taking interrogatories in the Land suit of the City versus ( ) et al amount of said account accepted and The Mayor authorized to pay the same.-----

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The Mayor as chairman of the committee appointed at the last meeting; on Jail, Courthouse &c. submitted the following report "To Wit" To the Honorable, The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio. Gentlemen. Your committee, to whom was referred the subject matter, relative to the erection of a good and substantial Jail, and also, to devise the best method to raise the necessary funds &c. for said purpose----Through their Chairman, would respectfully beg leave to report. That they have had the subject matter under consideration, and that they are of the opinion, That it would be to the best interests, of both City & County, that the Jail should be erected on the North side, and on the same lot with the Market House, it being the most central position for both City and County.- And your committee would recommend that so much of said Land, adjacent and adjoining the Market House on the North side, as may be required, for said Jail, be set apart and donated for said purpose.

And further your committee, would suggest, that Whereas, the Court House, Council House, County and District Clerks offices are in a state of ruin and delapidation, so much so that it is utterly impossible for the District Court to hold its sessions therein, especially in rainy seasons, and the great inconvenience of the Clerks, they having no suitable offices for the safe keeping of the Archives and Records of their respective Courts, and Whereas. The County Court have expressed their desire to cooperate with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. In the erecting of a suitable building, large enough for both City and County purposes. And Whereas. The County Court has by its decree, appropriated all the funds that they may have in, and all the funds that may hereafter come in to the Treasury of the County, for the erection and completion of a Court House and Jail &c. and have called upon the Board to act with them jointly in the matter by appointing a committee of three of their number to act with the full power and strength of the County Court, and have invited the Board to appoint a simmlar committee with like powers &c &c.

Therefore, your committee would recommend, that so much of that piece of Lot of land at present occupied by the Calaboso or Jail, Council House, Court House, District and County Clerks offices and other Buildings, be appropriated and set apart as a Site for a Council House Court House &c. and that the Rock and other material now in the Old Building be appropriated for the use of the New Buildings.

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and for the purpose of raising funds necessary for the completion of the above objects, on the part of the City.- Your committee would recommend, that all that Land belonging to the Corporation, lying and being situated on the West side of the Aroyo San Pedro, or so much thereof as may be required, be surveyed and divided into Blocks and Lots of a convenient and suitable size for building and other purposes.-

And further- Your committee would recommend that the City Surveyor be employed, immediately, to survey and partition off said Land, in a systematic and regular order of Blocks, streets and Squares. And the Blocks to be subdivided into Lots, and the streets to intersect each other at right angles running East & West and North & South, or as nearly so as may be practicable. And after said survey has been completed and the Plat or map of the same, duly returned to the Board The Blocks and Lots to be offered for sale at Public Outcry, to the highest bidder, for Cash (or credit, as the Council may determine) after due and legal notice is given, by publication in the Western Texian a Newspaper published in this City and such other notice as the Board may think requisite and proper. And the proceeds of said sale or sales, your committee would especially recommend, should be exclusively appropriated for the Erection of said Jail, Court House, Council House &c. And further, after the sale of Lots, has been opened, Your Committee would suggest that the sale continue from day to day, (either at public or private sale, as the Board may hereafter determine, if at private sale, the lots to be offered at a fixed and regular price, said price to be determined on by the Board after the first public sale) until a sufficient amount of money be obtained for the foregoing objects and all expenses incidental thereto.--All of which your Committee would respectfully submit for your consideration and beg leave to be discharged.-----Sam S. Smith Chairman of Jail(City of San Antonio November 23 A. D. 1848) -----& Court House Committee-----

On motion of Mr. St Martin the report was received, and committee discharged

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Whereupon Mr. Callaghan offered the following Resolution

Be it Resolved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in common council assembled and it is hereby decreed That all the Land belonging to the Corporation, lying and being situated on the West side of the Aroyo San Pedro (or so much thereof as may be required) be surveyed, sectionized and sold. as recommended

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by the Committee, in their report on the Jail, Court House, Council House &c. And the proceeds of said sale or sales, to be set apart, and they are hereby set apart,

and expressly appropriated for the Erection of a Jail, Court, Council House, &c. and the expenses incidental thereto

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of San Antonio in Common Council assembled. and it is hereby decreed. That so much of that Piece or Lot of Land at present occupied by Jail, Council Room, Court House and other Public Buildings, be set apart and appropriated, and it is hereby set apart and appropriated as the SITE for the erection of a Court, Council House, Jail &c. to be erected Jointly by the CORPORATION

and COUNTY for the Joint use and Benefit of both City and County- The City retaining her title to the Land- And be it further Resolved That the Rock and other material, now in the public Buildings on the Ground above named (except the Market House) be appropriated, and they are hereby appropriated for the use and Benefit of the New Jail, Court, Council House and other public buildings.

Be it further Resolved that a Committee of Three (3) be nominated and appointed by this Board, and that said Committee shall be delegated with full and ample power, and They are hereby delegated with full power to act for, and in the name of the Board to meet in conjunction with a similar committee appointed by the County Court with like powers, to select and decide upon the best Plan for the Jail, Court and Council House offices &c. And likewise to contract for the building of the same - Their subject to the approval of the Board---And be it further Resolved That the above committee of three on Jail, Council House, &c Be, and they are hereby authorized to contract with and employ the City surveyor (Mr. Giraud) to survey, sectionize and make a map or Plat, of the aforementioned Land on the West bank of the San Pedro Creek, under the immediate control and direction of said committee.--The following Gentlemen were nominated and appointed said committee The Mayor S. S. Smith, Aldermen Bowen & Menchaca--The foregoing resolutions offered by Mr. Callaghan were unanimously adopted.

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On motion of Mr. Callaghan, Mr. Fisk was requested to repair the Bridge across the San Antonio River, under the direction of the Mayor, and present his Bill to the Board--On motion the Board adjourned

Sml. S. Smith Mayor Pro Tem

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City of San Antonio Dec. 25th 1848

Board met this morning at 9 o'clock.

Present S. S. Smith Mayor Pro Tem, and Aldermen Callaghan, Bowen, Fisk, St. Martin and Urrutia a Quorum being present, the Board proceeded to Business, when the Mayor stated that today was the regular day for the electing of City Officers for 1849 and that Legal notice of 10 days had been given of the same, and that it is incumbent on the Board to select such of its members as they may think proper to assist the Mayor in holding said City Election- Whereupon

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on Motion of Mr. Callaghan. Mr. St. Martin & Mr. Urrutia were appointed assistant Judges, and on motion of Mr. Bowen. Mr. Fisk & the Secretary Mr. Garza was appointed clerks of said Election-On Motion the Board adjourned

Saml. S. Smith

Mayor Pro Tem

The Mayor Pro Tem then proceeded to organize and open the Polls for the Election of a Mayor, Eight Aldermen, one Treasurer & one Collector for the year 1849 - Mr. Smith Mayor Pro Tem was first sworn in as presiding officer by Mr. Justice Fisk, after which the presiding officier, administered the proper oaths to the Judges and Clerks and then declared the polls open for the reception of Votes, and on closing the Poll at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past four the following result was exhibited.

## FOR MAYOR or PRESIDENT of the Corporation

J. M. DEVINE received 253 Votes. A. A. LOCKWOOD received 134 Votes.

## FOR ALDERMEN

Bryan Callaghan	received	243 Votes.	S. A. Maverick	received	145 Votes.
Geo. F. Howard	received	253 Votes.	R. Herrera	received	132 Votes.
J. A. Urrutia	received	235 Votes.	Thos. Whitehead	received	147 Votes.
S. S. Smith	received	239 Votes.	Geo. M. Martin	received	121 Votes.
William Lytle	received	270 Votes.	M. G. Cotton	received	128 Votes.
Nepomuceno Flores	received	331 Votes.	L. Zork	received	146 Votes.
James N. Fisk	received	241 Votes.	J. M. Flores	received	43 Votes.
Antonio Menchaca	received	336 Votes.	Scattering Votes	received	12 Votes.

## FOR TREASURER

John Bowen received 240 Votes  
F. L. Paschal received 144 Votes

## FOR COLLECTOR

John Crawford received 235 Votes  
N. R. Mallon received 147 Votes

We the undersigned, Judges and Clerks appointed by the Board, do hereby Certify that the foregoing is a correct statement of the result of the Election held in the Council House this day, for Mayor, Aldermen, Treasurer and Collector for the City of San Antonio, December 25th. 1848

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R. C. Garza  
Jas. N. Fisk

CLERKS

Juan A. Urrutia

JUDGES

Sml. S. Smith  
Presiding Officer

## Treasurer's Report

San Antonio Texas Jan 1st. 1849

Mr. S. S. Smith

Mayor Pro Tem

Sir: Below is a statement of my account as City Treasurer for the Year ending December 31st. 1849 - which is respectfully submitted

J. M. Devine

City Treasurer -

## STATEMENT

Cash on hand Jan 1st 1848	256	80	Cash paid out from Jan 1st			
as per report of that date			1848 and Dec 31st 1848 inclusive			
Cash from City Collector			as per Vouchers annexed	\$1540	51	
as pr						
Receipts in his hands	\$	1409	41	Cash on hand This day	125	70
	\$	1636	21			\$1666.21

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO JANUARY 1st 1849

This day the following members elect for the present year, met at the Council House, By order of the Mayor & Board of Aldermen of last year. 1848. (as the Charter directs) for the purpose of organizing. James M. Devine the Mayor Elect having been duly sworn, as the Law directs, proceeded to organize the Council by administering the Oath of office to the following Aldermen elect present "To Wit" S. S. Smith, James N. Fisk, Bryan Callaghan, J. A. Urrutia and Antonio Menchaca who after being qualified took their seats. The Mayor declared a Quorum and the Board organized, and ready to proceed to Business. On Motion (the former Secretary being absent,) Alderman Smith was appointed Secretary pro-tem until an election of a regular Secretary for the Year.

John Crawford the Collector elect appeared, took the oath of office, and proceeded

to the discharge of the duties of said office.

On motion the Board adjourned until tomorrow evening.

Saml. S. Smith Sec Pro Tem

J. M. Devine Mayor

Tuesday January 2d. 1849

This day the Board met pursuant to adjournment present J. M. Devine Mayor and Aldermen Smith, Fisk, Callaghan, Urrutia, Mr. Wm. Lytle Alderman elect came forward, presented his certificate of election, and being duly qualified, took his seat in the Council -- The Mayor declared a quorum present and the Board proceeded to Business. The minutes of former meeting read and approved.---Mr. John Bowen the Treasurer elect, came forward took the oath of office, filed his Bond &c as the Law directs and entered on the discharge of his duties as City Treasurer for the Year A. D. 1849--Mr. Crawford presented his Bond. Approved and filed.--

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On motion of Mr. Lytle the Board proceeded to the election of a Secretary, Mr. Lytle nominated Geo. Van Ness as Secretary of the Board, there being no other nomination, Mr. George Van Ness was unanimously elected Secretary for the Year A. D. 1849--and on motion the City Marshal was requested to wait on Mr. Van Ness and inform him of his election and request him to come for-

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ward and qualify--On motion of Mr. Fisk the Board went into an Election of City Marshal and Market Master, Mr. Fisk nominated John Crawford to fill said offices. There being no other nomination, Mr. John Crawford the City Collector, was declared duly elected to fill said offices and to qualify according to the ordinance creating said offices, and in conformity with the Charter

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On motion of Mr. Lytle the Board went into an election of City Assessor for the years 1848 & 1849- Mr. Lytle nominated John Crawford for said office, there being no other nomination Mr. John Crawford was duly elected Assessor for the City of San Antonio for the years 1848 & 1849-----

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On motion of Mr. Callaghan, the Board went into an election of City Surveyor. Mr. Callaghan nominated ( ) Gireaud the present incumbent, as City Surveyor, there being no other nomination ( ) Gireaud was duly re-elected City Surveyor of the Corporation of the City of San Antonio for the Year 1849--On motion of Mr. Callaghan the Secretary was requested to notify Mr. Crawford and Mr. Gireaud of their appointments and request them to come forward and qualify as the Law directs--On motion of Mr. Lytle--Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to contract for a suitable number of Printed Licenses, in Blank, for Market, Pandango and other licenses-- and present the account to this Board--

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Mr. Callaghan Presented a petition from Don J. Antonio Navarro praying that the Council would take into consideration, the propriety of the Councils erecting a Bridge across the San Pedro at the junction of Calle Nueva and said Creek &c-- On motion of Mr. Callaghan, The Mayor and Mr. Lytle were appointed to report at next meeting the probable cost of said Bridge, and the Petition ordered to be filed -

On motion the Board adjourned until 6 O'clock Jan 3d. 1849

Saml. S. Smith Sec Pro Tem

J. M. Devine Mayor

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Republic of Texas )

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Know all men to whom these presents may come that I, Juan N. Seguin, President of the Council of the City of San Antonio, in the said Republic and County: In virtue of a decree of the said Council given the 18th day of November of the current year of One thousand eight hundred forty and one, by which it is ordered that Dona Isabel Seguin be put into possession of the property in which she is living, because it has been confirmed by Messrs Don Jose Manuel de la Garza, Don Melchor Leal, and Guadalupe del Toro as witnesses sworn by me before the aforesaid Council, that she has possessed the property and her forefathers before her for a long time without any claim being made to the contrary; and to comply with what I was ordered to do by the said decree; with two witnesses I entered upon said property which is located in the northern part of the city and consists of twenty eight varas front and sixty four of depth; its limits are: on the east the Street of the Carts, on the north the property of Antonio Arocha, on the west Soledad street and on the south the property of Juan Rodriguez; in this location and boundaries in the presence of two witnesses, I declared to Dona Isabel Seguin, that in the name and by the authority of the Council of the City of San Antonio, I put and placed her in possession both real and personal of the said lot, with all its uses, customs, rights, and services for her, her children, heirs and successors to whom the Corporation of this City cedes and conveys in favor of her and of them all, the right and dominion which she has or may have over the said land; that she may from this day on use it at her will as her own. And as a protection and that it may serve as a title to the interested party, I give and sign the present document in the City of San Antonio on the 10th day of the month of December of One thousand eight hundred forty and one--Juan N. Seguin---  
Jose A. Menchaca. -----Witnesses

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Republic of Texas )

County of Bexar )

Be it known to all who may see the present: that I, Juan N. Seguin, President of the Council of the City of San Antonio, in the Republic and County aforesaid: In virtue of a decree of the said Council given on the fifteenth day of the month of November of the current year of one thousand eight hundred and forty and one, by which it is laid upon me to place in possession of all owners of lands which are within the limits of this corporation and which is proved is their property, and having presented herself Dona Maria Consolacion Leal de Garza and having proven by the Senores Don Ignacio Garada and Don Alejandro Godari witnesses sworn by me, as well as by an authentic documents signed by Don Cristoval Dominguez, that she is the owner of

a lot of land located in the street of the Alamo, consisting of forty and six and three quarters varas front and one hundred seven varas of depth, its boundaries being, on the west the Main Street of the Alamo, on the north the property of Jose Maria Martinez; on the east the Alamo Ditch; and on the south the street of the Alameda; her witnesses also proved before me that there also belongs to the same Senora Dona Consolacion a small plot of ground located in the same street cross-corner from the already described land, with Alameda Street running between, which consists of seven varas front and thirty and nine varas depth, marching on the west with the said Main Street of the Alamo; on the north with Alameda Street; on the east for five and two thirds varas, with Don Ignacio Texeda; and on the south with Juan Jose Texeda; which two lots of land, with the boundaries mentioned, it having been proved, as it has been, before me, that they are since long ago the property of the said Senora Dona Maria Consolacion Leal de Garza, I made it known to her in the presence of two witnesses that the Corporation of this City cedes and conveys to her, her children, heirs and successors all right and dominion over the said land which she has or may have, and that she may use it as is most convenient to her according to her will. And as a protection and that it may serve the interested party as a Title, I give the present document which I subscribe and sign in the city of San Antonio on the fourteenth of the month of December of one thousand eight hundred forty and one-----Juan N. Seguin -----Witnesses: Manuel Perez----Jose A. Menchaca.

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Republic of Texas )  
 County of Bexar )

Be it known to all to whom these presents may come, that I, Juan N. Seguin, President of the council of the City of San Antonio in the Republic and the county aforesaid, in virtue of a Decree of the said council given the fifteenth day of the month

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of November of the current year of one thousand eight hundred and forty one, by which I have been ordered to put in possession persons who are owners of lands which they prove are theirs within the boundaries of this Corporation; and having come before me Dona Maria Ignacia Leal de Urrutia and proved by Don Antonio de la Garza and Don Francisco Rivas who took oath before me, that she has owned for many years a lot of land situated on the north side of the City, and in compliance with that which I was ordered to do by the said - -decree I went with two witnesses to the lot of land aforesaid, and being there, the Surveyor measured S. 89° E. ninety six varas frontage to the land which runs from Soledad street to the river and from there running a line N. 33° E. there were measured off ninety six and a half varas marching with lands of Don Erasmo Seguin, and from thence running a line on a bearing N. 70° W. there were measured off one hundred seven and a half varas marching with land belonging to the interested party and to Manuel Soto, and thence running a line on a course S. 4° there were measured one hundred twenty seven varas to the point of departure marching with land of Don Vicente Trevino, and after the said operation, in the presence of two witnesses I made known to Dona Maria Ignacia Leal de Urrutia that in the name and by the authority of the Council of the City of San Antonio, I put and placed her in real and personal possession of the said lot of land with all

its uses, customs, rights and services, for her children, heirs and successors to whom the Council of this City cedes and conveys to her and to them all rights and dominion that she has or may have, so that from today on she may use it as her very own; and in confirmation and as a safeguard for the interested party I give and sign the present document, which shall serve her as Title; in the City of San Antonio on the seventh day of the month of December of one thousand eight hundred and forty one. -----Juan N. Seguin-----Witnesses:---Manuel Perez-----

---Jose A. Manchaca.

Republic of Texas )

County of Bexar )

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Know all who may see the present: That I, Juan N. Seguin, President of the Council of the City of San Antonio, in the Republic and County aforementioned: in virtue of a decree of the said Council given on the 15th day of the month of November of the current year of one thousand eight hundred and forty one, by which I am ordered to place in possession all persons possessing lands within the limits of this Corporation, and who prove ownership; and having presented herself Dona Maria Ignacia Leal de Urrutia and proven by Don Antonio de la Garza and Don Francisco Alivas who were sworn by me, that she has possessed for many years a lot of land situated on the north side of the populated part of this City, and in order to comply with that which the aforesaid Decree ordered me to do, I went with two witnesses to the said lot, and being there, the Surveyor began at the southeast corner of the tract of Don Manuel Zoto measured off ninety four and one fourth varas on a course N. 70° W.

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and thence running a line S. 33° E. measured off ninety one varas, and thence running a line N. 70° W. measured off ninety four and a fourth varas, and thence running a line S. 31° E. measured off ninety two varas with which the survey closed at the point of departure; the boundaries are, on the north with the road which runs between two lots of the Upper Tract; on the west with the land of Don Manuel Zoto, on the south with a lot belonging to the interested party, and on the east with land of Don Erasmo Seguin; and after the said operation, in the presence of two witnesses, I made known to Dona Maria Ignacia Leal de Urrutia that in the name and by authority of the Council of the City of San Antonio, I put and placed her in both real and personal possession of the said lot of land with all its uses, customs, rights and services, for her and her children heirs and successors, to whom the Corporation of this City cedes and conveys to her and to them all the right and dominion over the said land that she has or may have, so that from today on she can use it as her own property, and in confirmation and as a safeguard for the interested person, I give and sign this present document which shall serve as Title: In San Antonio de Bexar on the seventh day of the month of December of one thousand eight hundred forty one----Juan N. Seguin-----Manuel Perez-----Jose A. Manchaca----Witnesses.



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Republic of Texas )  
County of Bexar )

Know all men by these presents, that I, Juan N. Seguin, President of the Council of the City of San Antonio in the Republic and County aforesaid: By virtue of a decree of the said Council given on the 15th day of the month of November of the current year, one thousand eight hundred forty one, by which I am ordered to put in possession all persons owning lands within the limits of this Corporation which they prove to be their property; and having presented herself Dona Maria Ignacia Leal de Urrutia and proven by Don Antonio de la Garza and Don Fco. Rivas, witnesses sworn by me, to have possessed for many years, she and her forefathers, a lot situated on the north of this City and consisting in frontage and depth on its four sides of fifty and nine varas; its boundaries being on the south a lane which runs from the Cart Road to Soledad Street, to the east with Soledad Street, to the north with the land of Catarina Zepeda, and on the west with the Street of Carts; based upon which boundaries, width and depth, in the presence of two witnesses I made known to the said Dona Maria Ignacia Leal de Urrutia that in the name and by the authority of the Council of the City of San Antonio, I put and placed her in real and personal possession of the said lot, with all its uses, customs, rights and services for her and her children, heirs, and successors, to whom the Corporation of this City cedes and conveys in favor of her and of them all right and dominion over the

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said land she has or may have, so that from today on she can use it according to her will as a thing which is her very own; and in confirmation and as a safeguard for the interested party, I give and sign the present document so that it may serve her as Title. City of San Antonio on the seventh day of the month of November of the year one thousand eight hundred forty and one-----Juan N. Seguin-----  
Manuel Perez-----Jose A. Manchaca----Witnesses.

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Republic of Texas )  
County of Bexar )

Be it known to all who may see the present: That I, Juan N. Seguin, President of the Council of the City of San Antonio in the Republic and County aforesaid: By virtue of a decree of the said Council given the 15th day of November of the current year of one thousand eight hundred forty and one, by which I am ordered to place in possession all persons owning lands within these Corporation limits of this City, having presented herself Dona Maria Josefa Seguin and proven by Don Ambrosio Rodriguez and Don Manuel Perez, witnesses, that the said Senora Dona Maria Josefa Seguin and her forefathers have for a long time and without any claim to the contrary owned the lot of land upon which she has a house established, located in the main street of the Potrero and consisting of seven varas fronting on the said street and of a depth which runs to the river; its boundaries being, on the south the said street; on the east with land of the heirs of Dona Luisa de Luna; on the north with the San Antonio River; and on the west with the house and land of the heirs of Don Antonio Carvajal; based upon

these boundaries and with the width and depth aforesaid and in the presence of two witnesses, I made known to Dona Maria Josefa Seguin that in the name and by the authority of the Council of the City of the City of San Antonio, I put and placed her in real and personal possession of the said lot with all its uses, customs, rights and services for her and her children, heirs, and successors, to whom the Corporation of this City cedes and conveys to her and to them all right and dominion over the said land she has or may have, so that from today on she may use it at her will as a thing which is her very own; and in confirmation and as a safeguard for the interested party I give and sign the present document that it may serve her as Title in the City of San Antonio December seventh of one thousand eight hundred forty and one.

Witnesses:

Juan N. Seguin

Manuel Perez  
Bruno Huirar

Dec. 18, 1841.

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Republic of Texas )  
County of Bejar )

Be it known to all to whom these presents may come that I, Juan N. Seguin, President of the Council of the City of San Antonio, in the Republic and County aforesaid: By virtue of a decree of the said Council given on November eighteenth of the current year one thousand eight hundred forty one, by which I am ordered to put in possession the proprietors of lands which they prove to be theirs within the limits of this City, and having presented himself Don Juan Rodriguez and proven by Don Francisco Mesa and Don Manuel de la Garza witnesses sworn by me, that he and his forefathers for many years without any claim to the contrary, possessed a lot of land situated on the north of the populated part of this City, consisting of Forty eight and a quarter varas frontage and ninety varas of depth, his limits being on the east, the street of Las Flores, on the north the land of Rufino Rodriguez on the east and south lands of Don Jose Antonio Navarro; upon the site indicated and within the boundaries mentioned and in the presence of two witnesses I made known to the said Don Juan Rodriguez that in the name and by authority of the council of the City of San Antonio I put and placed him in real and personal possession of the said lot of land with all its uses, customs, rights and services for him, his children, heirs and successors, for which the Corporation of this City cedes and conveys to him or to them all right and dominion which he has or may have over said land, that from this day on he may use it as a thing of his very own. And to protect and serve as Title to the interested party I give and sign the present document in the City of San Antonio on December tenth of one thousand eight hundred forty one--Juan N. Seguin-----Jose A. Menchaca-----

-----Francisco Bustillos-----Witnesses.

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Republic of Texas )

County of Bexar )

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Know all men by these presents that I, Juan N. Seguin, President of the Council of the City of San Antonio in the Republic and County aforesaid : By virtue of a decree of the said council given the eighteenth of November of the current year of one thousand eight hundred and forty one by which I was ordered to place in possession the owners of lands which they proved to be theirs within the limits of this City; having presented herself Dona Catarina Zepeda and proved by Don Manuel Ximenes and Don Jose Alamedo witnesses sworn by me, that she and her forebears for many years had owned without claim to the contrary two lots of land with PAGE 157: twenty four hours of water (Note-right to irrigate) located to the south of this city on the east bank of the San Antonio river, whose boundaries and dimensions are shown on the accompanying plan made by the Surveyor of this County, - at which location and within the said bounds and in the presence of two witnesses I made known to the said Dona Catarina Zepeda that in the name and by the authority of the Council of the City of San Antonio, I put and placed her in real and personal possession of the said two lots of land with twenty four hours of water with all its uses customs and services for her, her children, heirs and successors for which the Corporation of this City cedes and conveys to her or to them all right and dominion over the said land that she has or may have, so that from today on she may use it as her very own. And as a protection and that it may serve the interested party as Title, I give and sign the present document in the City of San Antonio on the eighteenth of December of one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Republic of Texas )

County of Bexar )

Know all by whom these presents may be seen that I, Juan N. Seguin, President of the Council of the City of San Antonio in the Republic and County aforesaid: By virtue of a decree given by the said Council the eighteenth of November of the current year of one thousand eight hundred forty and one-----  
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By my authority,

JPH. MARIA SAMBRANO

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