

Stephenville, Texas
April 4, 1961.

The City Council met in regular session on the above date with Mayor Evans presiding and the following Aldermen present: Virgil Dickerson, I. D. Reynolds, Chas. Riggins, Burl Lawrence, Albert Graves, Raymond Anderson, Scott D. Reed and J. P. Hedrick.

Others present were Water Supt. Gann, St. Supt. Collins, Chief Cornell and City Atty. Chandler.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

Mr. Taylor Almon appeared before the Council and presented a resolution approving final estimate of City Electric Company. It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman Graves, to adopt a resolution approving final estimate of City Electric Company for construction of water works improvements. Motion carried (said resolution being attached to and becoming a part of these minutes).

Alderman Dickerson introduced an ordinance and made a motion that it be passed. The motion was seconded by Alderman Graves. The motion carrying with it the passage of the ordinance prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Aldermen Reed, Dickerson, Reynolds, Hedrick, Lawrence, Riggins, Graves and Anderson. NOES: None. The ordinance is as follows:

ORDINANCE

Authorizing the issuance of City of Stephenville Refunding Bonds, in the amount of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand (\$175,000.00) Dollars, bearing interest at the rate of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % per annum, maturing serially throughout the years 1962 to 1970, both inclusive, for the purpose of refunding One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand (\$175,000.00) Dollars of Time Warrants, Series 1960; Levying an Ad Valorem Tax to pay the principal as it matures and the interest as it accrues and ordaining other matters relating to the issuance and exchange of said Refunding Bonds.

Messrs. Sam Monroe and E. H. Burk appeared before the Council to present a proposal for subdividing lots 23, 24 and 25 of Block 143, City Addition. After discussion, the Council did not accept this proposal since it would have a dead end street, however, if these persons can secure land to give an out-let to these proposed lots the Council will consider at a later date.

Alderman Reed asked the Council's consideration of placing Emma Marshall on charity water. It was agreed for Alderman Reed to handle this matter.

Alderman Reed also reported that a party wants to buy 2 acres of land near the West End Cemetery for the purpose of building a rest home. It was agreed not to sell this land.

Alderman Graves reported several complaints of stray dogs. It was asked that the Chief of Police try to hire a dog catcher.

Alderman Graves also asked that a policy be made on the cost of sewer line from Dale Avenue, and in Blocks 3 and 4 of the Groesbeck Addition. It was agreed that property owners in Blocks 3 and 4 pay .75¢ per foot plus a \$15.00 sewer tap fee. These persons to receive a refund of one-half the cost of sewer line when lots west of them are connected to this line.

Alderman Dickerson reported there is only one lot between the Fort Worth Highway and East Long Street, along the Bosque, which the City does not own. This lot can be purchased for \$300.00. It was moved by Alderman Dickerson, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, to purchase Lot 6, Block 51, City Addition for \$300.00. Motion carried.

Alderman Anderson reported that Charlie Hook had asked the City for two weeks vacation pay, claiming he had no notice of being fired. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Hook would not be given any additional pay.

It was moved by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Graves, to offer the City owned land across the Bosque from the Park to the Little League to use as an additional baseball field. Motion carried.

City Secretary Cates reported the Topographical Survey of the Bosque was complete. It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman Graves, to pay the firm of Freese & Nichols for this Topographical Survey. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, to grant Mr. A. B. Hutchison permission to use the City owned property north of Block 39, Frey Addition, for entering and leaving his property in said Block 39, Frey

Addition. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman Graves, to accept a plat of lots 2A, 2B, 2C, Subdivision of Lot 2, Block 103, City of Stephenville; and lots 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, Subdivisions of the South 5 feet of Lot 2, all of lots 3 and 4, and the North 10.5 feet of Lot 5, and Lots 6A and 6B, subdivisions of the North 7 feet of Lot 5, and all of Lot 6, of Block 3, Milligan & Ott Addition in the City of Stephenville, on the John Blair Survey in Erath County, Texas, with a 30 foot wide street through same as shown on plat. Motion carried.

Presented at this time was a bid from Reeves & Gregory, consulting engineers, to furnish engineering service to the City on a retainer basis. Discussed but no action taken.

It was reported that John T. Heaton wanted to buy a 30 foot strip of land near the airport well. It was agreed not to sell this land.

The Council discussed some Speed Zone Ordinances as prepared by Texas Highway Department. No action was taken until this can be looked into further.

The City Secretary asked the Council to consider the following salary recommendations for assistant cashier in the water department. To start at \$175.00 per month, then if work satisfactory to receive \$25.00 per month at the end of six months, then another \$25.00 per month at end of the following six months, then periodic raises to \$240.00 per month. It was moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Dickerson, to accept the above salary recommendations as set out by the City Secretary. Motion carried.

The Council considered applications for assistant cashier in the water department. It was moved by Alderman Reed, seconded by Alderman Graves, to hire Mrs. LaVern Long as assistant cashier in the water department. Motion carried.

It was moved by Alderman Graves, seconded by Alderman Riggins, to transfer \$2000.00 to the R & B Fund from the General Fund. Motion carried.

Mayor Evans appointed Aldermen Anderson, Riggins and Reynolds as a committee to canvass the results of the City Election. This committee reported the election returns in order and the candidates received the following votes:

O. C. Parham, 538 Alderman Ward 1
Virgil Dickerson, 771 Alderman Ward 1

Wm. O. Croft, 1322 Alderman Ward 2

W. S. Alsup, 545 Alderman Ward 3
Albert L. Graves, 782 Alderman Ward 3

W. H. Stem, 702 Alderman Ward 4
N. B. Jeans, 149 Alderman Ward 4
J. P. Hedrick, 458 Alderman Ward 4

Adoption of Home Rule Charter 767 For
Against Adoption of Home Rule Charter 577.

It was moved by Alderman Riggins, seconded by Alderman Reed, that the report of the committee be accepted and the payroll for holding the election be approved. Motion carried.

The candidates receiving the highest number of votes being: Virgil Dickerson in Ward 1; Wm. O. Croft in Ward 2; Albert L. Graves in Ward 3; and W. H. Stem in Ward 4. These candidates were declared elected, a motion put to a vote carried unanimously. (Said election returns being attached to and becoming a part of these minutes).

Whereas, the returns of the election held for the adoption of a City Charter for the City of Stephenville which election was held April 4, 1961, show at such election there were cast 1344 votes of which number there were cast For Adoption of the Charter 767; Against adoption of the Charter 577, and it appearing that a majority of the qualified voters of said City voting in said election voted in favor of said proposed Charter and that said Charter was adopted by the duly qualified voters of the City of Stephenville; therefore it was moved by Alderman Dickerson, seconded by Alderman Riggins, that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the proposition to adopt a charter for the City of Stephenville was sustained and at such election above mentioned such charter was adopted by a majority of the qualified voters of said City voting at said election and that said charter became and is now hereby recognized and declared to be the charter of the City of Stephenville, Texas.

Said resolution being put to a vote carried unanimously at the regular meeting of the City Council held on April 4, 1961.

It was moved by Alderman Dickerson, seconded by Alderman Riggins, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the City Attorney, Joseph A. Chandler, be, and he is hereby directed to file suit in condemnation for State Highway on land in the City of Stephenville against Mrs. A da McElroy, a widow, as to 3.901 acres of land by her and being described in the Highway Right-of-Way Deed submitted to her execution with said suit to be filed by the City Attorney on behalf of the City of Stephenville to acquire the fee simple title to said land and the City of Stephenville by and through its City Council at this meeting is hereby expressing its decision to take the fee of said land to be condemned as provided in Art. 10 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.

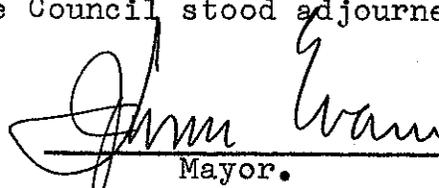
Be it further resolved, that the City Attorney, Joseph A. Chandler, be, and he is hereby directed to file a suit in condemnation to acquire an easement for a highway pruposes across a part of the William Motley Survey, Abst. 515, cornered by Mrs. Ida Blue et al to Mrs. Ada McElroy by deed dated March 15, 1939, and recorded in Vol. 257 at Page 379, of the Deed Records of Erath County, Texas, the easement being for drainage channel purposes and being on and upon 1.468 acres of land described in said deed and said land being fully described in the instrument for drainage channel purposes submitted to Mrs. Ada McElroy for execution, reference being hereby made thereto for all purposes.

Said motion being put to a vote and carried unanimously.

Mayor Evans expressed appreciation to Aldermen Riggins and Hedrick for their good work while on the City Council.

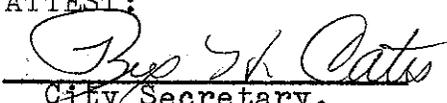
It was moved by Alderman Riggins, seconded by Alderman Graves, that the books and accounts be allowed and ordered paid. Motion carried.

There being no other business at this time, the Council stood adjourned subject to the Mayor's call.



Mayor.

ATTEST:



City Secretary.

JOSEPH A. CHANDLER
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
NEBLETT-KING BUILDING
STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS
June 29, 1961

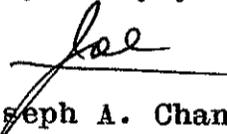
Mr. Rex Cates
City Secretary
Stephenville, Texas

Dear Rex:

Enclosed is certificate of the Secretary of State of Texas reflecting the filing and recording of the Charter adopted by the City of Stephenville, Texas, in the office of the Secretary of State.

This certificate should be kept among the permanent records of the City, preferably with the official copy of the City Charter. I believe that I recommended to you that you obtain some heavy, or substantial, binder for one of the copies of the Charter and that you keep that among the permanent record books for any future reference or court proof of the contents of the Charter that might be necessary. I believe it would be well to place this certificate in the same book.

Very truly yours,


Joseph A. Chandler

JAC:rcg
Encl.