

1 367 A SHORT RANCH SUB 2. Mr. Dye stated that inasmuch as the house is only  
2 half in the City and was built by himself and was of very poor quality,  
3 that the assessed value of the improvements was in excess of what he thought  
4 was fair. Mr. Dye requested to furnish the Assessor with a copy of a Tax  
5 Valuation protest and Assessment and Valuation Declaration which had not  
6 been filed. It was also brought to the attention of the City Council that  
7 this structure had been in existence since 1927 and had never been assessed  
8 on the City Tax Rolls. City Council members to investigate and advise Mr. D  
9 Dye as to what adjustment might be made.

10 TAX VALUATION PROTEST RECEIVED FROM J.T. LAIS, 1 SANTA BARBARA AVE. Mr.

11 Lais requested that his property appeared to have been assessed to include  
12 the area of the garage in the living area of the house, and requested that  
13 a \$ 600. assessed value adjustment be made. Adjustment granted on the motion  
14 of Councilman Knoles and seconded by Councilman O'Mara.

15 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 P.M. TO FRIDAY, JULY 13, 1951.

16 Read and approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1951.

17 Michael Scoggins  
18 City Clerk

19 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JULY 13, 1951.

20 An adjourned regular meeting of the San Anselmo City Council was held at  
21 the City Hall, San Anselmo on Friday, July 13, 1951 at 8:00 P.M.

22 Present: Councilmen: Skinner, Knoles, O'Mara, Smith, Booth

23 Absent: Councilmen: None

24 Mayor Booth presiding.

25 ACQUISITION OF BURTCHAELL PROPERTY

26 City Attorney Buresh advised that the value of the BurtchaeLL heir's pro-  
27 perty had been set by the three appraisers hired by the city, Mr. Nipper,  
28 Mr. Merriman, and Mr. Kent at \$58,000. He advised also that the BurtchaeLLs  
29 had hired two competent appraisers who had placed the value of the same  
30 property at \$67,000. As a result of further investigation as to the reason  
31 for the difference in the appraisals, Mr. Buresh said that he had found that  
32 appraising is not an exact science and that values are usually based on  
33 recent sales of property in the same area or rental values of other prop-  
34 erty in the area. Mr. Thomas Kent, who had appraised the property for the  
35 Town of San Anselmo concurred in all that Mr. Buresh had advised and that  
36 a difference between the opinions of appraisers even if as much as ten  
37 percent would not be out of line. He also added that he would be willing  
38 to accede to the appraisal made by the BurtchaeLL's appraisers and would

be willing to report to this effect in writing to the City Council. Clerk to request letters from all appraisers for the city as to their opinions in this matter. After study of the map of the property to be acquired it was resolved by the City Council on the motion of Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Smith that the total or all three parcels as shown on the map as belonging to the Burtchaell heirs be acquired by the Town of San Anselmo at a cost not to exceed \$ 62,500. It was further resolved on the motion of Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Knoles that Parcels 2 & 3 be purchased immediately for cash in an amount not to exceed \$ 40,500.

PERRY PROPERTY APPRAISALS:

Ray Nolan and David Cohn selected as appraisers for the property belonging to Donald Perry, which lies adjacent to the property to be acquired from the Burtchaell heirs on the motion of Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Knoles.

RESOLUTION # 531 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXCHANGE OF EASEMENTS WITH PAUL E. POFAHL AND MRS. PAUL E. POFAHL. ADOPTED on the motion of Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Knoles. Exchange necessary to gain better access to San Anselmo Creek with equipment for purposes of cleaning the creek.

PURCHASE OF FENCE FOR THE BALL PARK AUTHORIZED at about \$458.00 from the Anchor Post Fence Co. on the motion of Councilman Skinner and seconded by Councilman Smith. (Fence to be 110 x 10 feet.)

LOT BURNING PAY FOR FIREMEN AUTHORIZED on the motion of Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Skinner at the rate of \$2.00 per hour.

COST OF TRANSPORTATION OF METAL POSTS TO BE PURCHASED FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY AUTHORIZED on the motion of Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Skinner.

HIRING OF TWO FIREMEN FOR JANITOR WORK IN OFF DUTY HOURS @ \$1.25 PER HOUR AUTHORIZED on the motion of Councilman O'Mara and seconded by Councilman Knoles.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10 P.M. to July 24, 1951 at 8:00 P.M.

Read and approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 1951

W. L. Scaggins  
City Clerk

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