

Minutes of the regular meeting of the San Anselmo City Council held Feb. 9, 1965

Present Councilmen: Clute, Capurro, Reichmuth, Smith, Franchini
Mayor Franchini, presiding

Councilman Clute moves approval of minutes of January 12th and 26th. Councilman Capurro seconds same. Passed unanimously

PUBLIC HEARING: on application of San Anselmo Yellow Cab Company. Warren McGuire representing Mr. Youngberg, San Anselmo Yellow Cab asked permission of council for Mr. Youngberg to address council.

Mr. Youngberg stated Mr. Jennings and Mr. Cole who operates San Rafael Cab Co. knew every move made by his company and did not object to using name Yellow Cab. Stated he has checked on complaints, some have been taken care of and more checking will be done in order to give best possible service. Company received first permit in 1963 with 2 cabs and were compliments on service rendered, now have 4 cabs kept in San Anselmo and if there is need for more will purchase same. Company has nine regular drivers, 3 relief men, receive an average of 700 calls a week. Mr. Youngberg presented petition signed by 235 residents and businessmen who are satisfied with service. Some complaints are justified, existing service is going to be corrected but same will take time and respectfully requests City Council to renew license for 1965 with provision that for six months watch operations, if service is not satisfactory then make change.

Mr. McGuire stated San Rafael Cab Company have stated San Anselmo Yellow Cab Co. is monitoring calls from them, and introduced Mr. Hunt of Kline TV who explained it was impossible to monitor calls from San Rafael Cab.

Stephen Kaufman representing San Rafael Yellow Cab Co. stated Mr. Youngberg did contact men from San Rafael but only regarding selling of his company, also monitoring has been done by Mr. Youngberg himself.

Mr. Leitzell asked what is planning for improving service. Mr. Youngberg stated good equipment and improvement in personnel will be the answer to good service. City Attorney suggested council take San Anselmo Cab Co request under submission and hear from San Rafael Cab Co., after hearing from both then make decision. Application from San Rafael Cab Co to operate in San Anselmo presented, Mr. Kaufman representing same stated they can give immediate service and Chief of Police of San Rafael can be contacted to verify there have been no complaints on their service in San Rafael. Mayor Franchini feels it would be a good idea to renew franchise on six month basis and if San Anselmo Cab can't correct their mistakes then give franchise to another company. Council's opinion to go along on six month trial basis.

Councilman Smith moves to grant franchise to San Anselmo Cab Co on six month trial basis. Councilman Clute seconds same. Passed unanimously

Councilman Reichmuth moves to keep on file for six months application of San Rafael Cab Co. Councilman Smith seconds same. Passed unanimously

Application of James Gallagher to split lot on Center Road near Camino de Herrera, Planning Commission denied this application/

John Mooney whose property adjoins this lot stated to divide this lot would make two sub-standard lots and asked council to deny petition. Mr. King also a resident of area spoke against lot split.

Mr. Lang representing Mr. Gallagher stated slope policy not created for older property but for long range developing. Mr. Gallagher said lot is same size as Mr. Mooney's, believes slope policy for virgin land being developed for sub-divisions.

Councilman Reichmuth moves to uphold decision of Planning Commission and deny application. Councilman Capurro seconds same. Motion passed on following vote:

Ayes Councilmen: Capurro, Reichmuth, Smith, Franchini
Abstaining " Clute

Union Oil Company: Application to rezone from R-1 to C-3 property located at 926, 928 and 934 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Rezoning approved by Planning Commission. Letter from Planning Commission to consider including in change of zone property of Max Martin on Sonoma Avenue. City Administrator said matter of Max Martin's property could not be considered tonight but council could on their own rezone property.

Robt. Newell representing Union Oil Co. stated they have entered into contract with owners of above property to purchase if rezoning is approved. They will then apply for use permit. These three lots and lot of Max Martins are only R-1 lots in that area, and with proposed shopping center in this area these homes would become useless. Howard McKinley, member of school board would like to express concern of school board regarding welfare of children going to and from school.

Mayor asked about width of Sonoma Avenue and need for taking some part of property to widen same.

City Administrator said developers of Sunnyhills have retained Wilsey, Ham & Blair to make a study of area, road needs etc., which would involve not only school children and user's of Memorial Park but a street that will serve school, Sunnyhills up to the Cedars and connect with 5th Ave. in San Rafael.

City Attorney reminded council if property is zoned C-3 and application for Service Station is turned down any future owner of property could build right up to property line. Councilman Clute feels should rezone same subject to master plan of area. Councilman Reichmuth said as long as most of the property is commercial, balance should be rezoned.

Councilman Capurro should see what portion school district wants, what part city will want, if changed to commercial zone cost to city would be higher.

City Administrator stated Wilsey, Ham & Blair should have a street plan for Sunnyhills property ready in two weeks. Council decided to wait until plan is presented before rezoning.

Mayor Franchini feels rezoning of Max Martin's lot should go before Planning Commission. Chairman of planning Jerry Lloyd said it was the feeling of the commission that Mr. Martins lot should be rezoned.

Street encroachment request by Harlan Flloyd on Spruce Ave.

Councilman Smith moves approval to request. Councilman Reichmuth seconds same. Passed unanimously

Street encroachment request of W. DeCook on Spring Grove Ave.

Councilman Smith moves approval to request. Councilman Reichmuth seconds same. Passed unanimously

Request from Mr. Meyer for city to remove tree in front of 15 San Rafael Ave. City Administrator checked same and found sidewalk is raised, no damage to curb or street. Mr. Meyers said people have tripped on raised area of sidewalk, curb is damaged. Councilman Capurro checked same and feels real dangerous for people, maybe one root could be cut off and sidewalk repaired. Councilman Smith said this is problem of property owners. Mayor said if city crew remove limbs would owner fix sidewalk, same agreed. City Administrator to take care of gutter.

Letter from John Oglesby regarding culvert at Center & Forest Avenue and fill that is being dumped there. City Administrator said city had put some fill there and also Sanitary District had dumped there and have been contacted to stop further dumping. Ground has been levelled off, City Engineer has looked at same and feels no danger, but if council would like more dirt removed city crew can do so. Councilman Capurro said word of engineer OK with him and letter should be sent to John Oglesby thanking him for his interest.

Library windows: City Council awarded contract to Glass & Sash of San Rafael, this company stated they do not install windows just furnish material, after checking with City Attorney on same he advised to drop matter and City Administrator recommends council award contract to Von Rotz for \$878.00.

Councilman Clute moves approval to Von Rotz doing work. Councilman Capurro seconds same. Passed unanimously

Transportation for Recreation Director. Councilman Smith moves to allow monthly allowance of \$50.00 for using own car. Councilman Reichmuth seconds same. Passed unanimously

City Administrator reported on street project, continuation of Sir Francis Drake, contract could be let for spring or summer for work from Tunstead to Ross Ave. Councilman Capurro stated there is going to be a problem if work stops at Ross Avenue, and feels should wait until work can be done all the way to Ross City limits, in the meantime put in Ross Avenue culvert. Council agreed to wait and do all of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. at once.

Letter from Mrs. West regarding oak tree. City Administrator reported Mr. Martinelli agreeable to doing some work, city crew under supervision of Sohner's have done some work- Jack Phillips stated everything has been done to this tree at this time - cabling and spraying not satisfactory to do at this time - \$187.00 to do work probably in May - amount does not include spraying. Councilman Smith moves to authorize City Administrator to go ahead when time comes. Councilman Clute seconds same. Passed unanimously

Council approved City Administrator attending meeting in Sacramento Feb. 16, 17, 18 and 19th.

Resolution No. 1041 Claims and Demands for the month of January. Councilman Reichmuth moves adoption. Councilman Clute seconds same. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 10:15 P.M.

Anita Gannon, City Clerk