

Minutes for the adjourned meeting of the San Anselmo City Council on August 15, 1972 which was called to order at 9:00 P.M. after an executive session. All Councilmen were present.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion of the Budget for 1972-73

Mayor Perry explained that after the tax rate was made known, members of the Council wanted to give the matter of the budget some further consideration. He explained that the Council had conducted a number of sessions and every item on a proposed budget was considered. He went on to explain that it is comprised of the requests from department heads and those requests have been reviewed over a series of meetings. He said the Council came to a conclusion and what they were doing at this point was re-opening the subject.

Councilman Capurro stated that the budget should not be increased but should be put back where it was last year and that San Anselmo could have a tax rate of \$2.21 instead of \$2.33 as proposed - that the time to stop is now and he is against any increase in the tax rate.

Councilman Blinder brought out that about $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the total tax dollar is spent for San Anselmo and that the tax rate may be frozen in November (due to the Watson Initiative). He also pointed out that a tax reform bill was defeated this year. Councilman Anderson stated that the property tax is the life blood of local government and that people would rather have their taxes collected and spent locally. This matter is actually a test on whether or not local government is going to survive.

Councilman Stewart agreed with Councilmen Anderson and Blinder. However, he stated that if the Council doesn't ^{set} priorities for things that have to be done, they are abdicating their responsibilities. The Council is trying to set priorities that they feel is necessary for the city -- and this is subject to interpretation. In going through the budget, Councilman Stewart was pleased with the cuts but thinks, in light of the Watson Initiative (if it passes) that the city is really going to be stuck.

Mayor Perry pointed out that the rationale of justifying a budget increase is based on theory that the Watson Initiative might pass. As Councilmen, it is our duty to do what we think is best and added that the Council made hard decisions when they went through the budget. He stated that since the Council made the effort to do the right thing in the first place, the fact that the rate is lower does not give justification to give another look at the budget and he would go along with Councilman Capurro by leaving it as it is. Councilman Anderson stated he was only thinking in terms of about 3¢.

Several items were added to the Department Budget Request sheet by members of the Council representing \$36,198 or 12¢ on the tax rate.

M/S Anderson, Blinder that \$1300.00 be added to Robson Park for Tot Lot and the Selinger Project.

Ayes: Councilmen Anderson, Blinder, Stewart
Noes: Councilmen Capurro, Perry

M/S Anderson, Blinder to add \$500.00 to Account 442-42 to increase the \$3,000 allotted for a pick-up truck for the Street Department to \$3500.

Ayes: Councilmen Anderson, Blinder, Stewart
Noes: Councilmen Perry, Capurro

M/S Anderson, Blinder to add \$2,000 to provide for a noise survey and a noise meter.

Ayes: Councilmen Anderson, Blinder, Stewart
Noes: Councilmen Perry, Capurro

M/S Stewart, Blinder to add a total of \$1591. to 471-43 which would provide for shelving in the main library and the children's library.

Ayes: Councilmen Blinder, Stewart
Noes: Councilmen Anderson, Perry, Capurro

M/S Stewart, Blinder to appropriate \$500.00 for account 471-41 for library books.

Ayes: Councilmen Blinder, Stewart
Noes: Councilmen Anderson, Perry, Capurro

M/S Stewart, Blinder to appropriate \$3,000 for Account 481-46 for the provision of purchasing Open Space.

Ayes: Councilmen Blinder, Stewart
Noes: Councilmen Perry, Anderson, Capurro

M/S Blinder, Stewart to add \$2100.00 to Account 432-43 for the purpose of a first step in acquiring a radio fire alarm system in place of the one presently used.

Ayes: Councilmen Blinder, Stewart
Noes: Councilmen Perry, Anderson, Capurro

M/- Blinder that \$6,760.00 be added to Account 481-42 for a tractor and attachments. There was no second to this motion.

M/S Blinder, Anderson that \$12,000 be added to Account 418-20 for professional planning assistance.

Ayes: Councilmen Anderson, Blinder
Noes: Councilmen Capurro, Stewart, Perry

M/S Anderson, Stewart to approve the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1972 through June 30, 1973 as submitted and that the following additional items be appropriated:

Carriage House	\$1,300
Pick-up truck	500
Noise Ordinance & Equipment	2,000

and that it be resolved that the amount of revenue from property taxes necessary to support the departments is as estimated in the budget as approved after providing for the items listed above.

Ayes: Councilmen Anderson, Blinder, Stewart, Perry
Noes: Councilman Capurro

Mr. Kaepfel read the resolution regarding the tax rate in full. (\$2.35)

M/S Anderson, Blinder to pass Resolution No. 1410

Ayes: Councilmen Anderson, Blinder, Stewart, Perry
Noes: Councilman Capurro

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M. until the next regular City Council meeting of August 22, 1972.

Helen Ragan
City Clerk