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BELMONT CITY TAX PRIOR TO 1929 CANCELED

Action Taken To Free Title Records Of Encumbrance 1-8-31

BELMONT, Jan. 8.—Belmont city taxes levied previous to 1929 were ordered canceled last night by the city council at its regular meeting in order to relieve property within the city limits of this encumbrance on title records.

The taxes set aside were levied but never collected during the period in which the incorporation of Belmont was questioned and also when the city was for a time disincorporated.

City Attorney Albert Mansfield was ordered by the council to prepare a new business licence ordinance to provide for lower licence fees.

This action was taken after D. St. George, Belmont real estate man, protested to the present level of licenses. Other complaints have also been previously made.

Members of the council discussed the possibility of taking court action against several gardeners who are asserted to have refused payment of business licence fees.

The assessment roll for the improvement of eight streets in Belburn Village was approved by the council on its presentation by George A. Kneese, city engineer.

Repairs were ordered to be made in Ralston avenue near Notre Dame College. Some damage to the street in that district has been reported following the recent heavy rains.

The city has borrowed \$1000 to pay a portion of the back salaries due city officials, it was reported at the meeting.

BELMONT TAX RATE REMAINS AT \$1.00

BELMONT, Sept. 3.—Belmont's tax rate for the year 1931-1932 was fixed at a \$1 per \$100 assessed valuation at the regular meeting of the city council held at the school house auditorium last evening. The rate is the same as last year.

Three resolutions sent to the council by the woman's club of Belmont, the Belmont Parent-Teacher Association and the Belmont Chamber of Commerce, opposing the establishment of a dog racing course in Belmont, and the annexation of any territory to be used for racing purposes, were ordered filed. Councilman Louis C. Vannier objected to the contents of the resolution from the Parent-Teacher Association, stating that he had been informed from "very good authority" that only six members of the association had signed the resolution out of a membership of 30, and that the resolution should be referred back to the association for more authentic verification. City Attorney Albert S. Mansfield reminded the members of the board that the issue would come up before the people on September 16 for their decision either for or against the proposition, and Councilman Vannier withdrew his suggestion. The three resolutions were ordered filed on motion of Councilman Halloran, seconded by Councilman Vannier.

A permit was granted to Hideo Kariya for the erection of a flower stand on El Camino Real north of Ralston avenue. Kariya is a grower of rare flowers in Belmont, and on approval of Building Inspector Fred Johnson Sr. he will be granted permission to erect the building, estimated to cost \$600.

Permission was granted to the San Carlos Chamber of Commerce to erect two signs directing the traffic to San Carlos. One sign is to be placed at the intersection of Ralston avenue and Alameda de las Pulgas, and the other adjacent to the boys' school at Belmont.

On motion of Councilman C. I. Messner of the finance committee the usual salaries and incident expenses incurred during the month of August were ordered paid.

City Judge S. J. Cook filed his report during the collection of \$55 from traffic violators.

H. F. M'NEIL TREASURER AT BELMONT

Appointment Made by
Council; Succeeds
J. W. Herringer

BELMONT, Sept. 22.—Harold F. McNeil of Belle Monti was named last evening by the council as city treasurer of Belmont to succeed John W. Herringer who resigned his post on September 8. McNeil's appointment as city official was brought about on motion of Councilman Clifford Lusler, seconded by Councilman Louis C. Vannier. Other applicants were Capt. A. T. Hasbrouck and F. Llewelyn.

No appointment was made to fill the post of police officer. This position was also vacated by Herringer. The city officials believed in view of the economic situation they would not appoint a third police officer at the present time. Chief of Police Irvin Hansen and William Neilson will handle the affairs of the police department.

Auditor Named

The contract for auditing the city's books was awarded to Walter Poppin of San Mateo who was present at the meeting.

For the safety of the patients at Twin Pines Sanitarium, Dr. William H. Rebec recommended that a pedestrian crossing be established between the main building and the annex. Dr. Rebec also suggested that a sign "quiet" be erected in front of his institution. The matter was taken under advisement.

A. F. Donovan of Redwood City asked permission to blast and excavate his property in Belle Monti. The matter was referred to the street commissioner for consideration.

George Roussel of Sixth avenue appeared before the board complaining that an intersection sign at the corner of O'Neil and Sixth avenue had been broken and was replaced in the wrong position, which was misleading to the motorist. The matter was referred to City Engineer William Hendricks.

Road Repair Asked

A property owner residing in the Laurel creek area asked that the road in this section be repaired. The city council has no jurisdiction over this area which is located outside of the city limits. City Engineer Hendricks was authorized to confer with the board of supervisors, recommending this work be done.

William Marston was appointed as a member of the city planning commission to replace Horace Duckenfield, who resigned his post some few months ago.

BELMONT SANITARY BOARD IS SEATED

BELMONT, Mar. 12.—Clifford Lussier, Clarence Johnson and Bertrand Johnson, newly elected members of the Belmont District Sanitary Board, were seated at the reorganization meeting last night. Lussier was elected as chairman, and Clarence Johnson as secretary.

Henry Higgs, former secretary, who was defeated for re-election, seated the incoming members. Holdover members of the board are M. J. McDonough and A. J. Canata.

George Roussel, former president, who failed to win re-election Monday, was absent at the reorganization meeting. Higgs and Herman Kohlmoos, other defeated members, were present to greet the incoming board.

Belmont Tax Rate Will Remain Same

BELMONT, Aug. 19.—The tax rate of the city of Belmont has been set at \$1 by the city council. The rate is the same as that of last year.

Mrs. A. C. Schmall of the old county road appeared before the council and asked for a renewal of her dog kennel permit. Mrs. Schmall explained that she planned to keep 50 dogs.

CANATA, MARRA IN BELMONT VICTORY

BELMONT, Mar. 8.—J. A. Canata, incumbent, and Waldo J. Marra were elected to fill two positions on the Belmont sanitary board, and H. F. McNeil was elected assessor of the sanitary district, in voting here yesterday.

Marra polled 225 votes and Canata 182. The other incumbent member of the board, M. J. McDonough, received 77 votes.

McNeil succeeds Richard R. Rodrigue as assessor.

Jordan Retained As Belmont Mayor

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BELMONT, April 19.—Mayor Chris L. Jordan was retained as mayor at an adjourned council meeting last evening. The motion was made by Councilman James P. Halloran and seconded by Councilman Louis C. Vannier.

C. J. Messner, prominent business man of Belmont, received the highest number of votes cast for councilman at the city election on April 11, when the absent votes were counted last evening. The vote stands: C. J. Messner, 31 absent votes, making his total 312; James P. Halloran, 8 absent votes, total 297; Clifford Lussier, 6 absent votes, total 277; Waldo J. Marra, 8 absent votes, total 207; George Roussel, 26 absent votes, total 135; Keene Fitzpatrick, 26 absent votes, total 178. Registrations totaled 630 and 524 votes were cast.

INCUMBENTS IN

BELMONT, Apr. 12.—James P. Halloran and Columbus J. Messner, incumbent councilmen, and Clifford Lussier, a newcomer, who ran as a ticket-mate of Councilman Halloran's, were elected by the voters at the polls here yesterday.

Waldo J. Marra, third member of the Halloran-Lussier ticket, Keene Fitzpatrick and George Roussel, were defeated. The vote stood as follows:

Halloran, 284.
Messner, 272.
Lussier, 266.
Marra, 174.
Fitzpatrick, 185.
Roussel, 98.

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BELMONT SEEKING LINK WITH SPAN; OTHER PLANS UP

BELMONT, Jan. 22.—On suggestion of D. St. George, the city council went on record last night as being in favor of the continuation of Ralston boulevard to connect with the bridge head of the San Mateo-Hayward bridge.

St. George brought out the fact that the new boulevard would reduce by four miles travel for a certain portion of the county.

Ray G. Kelly, city clerk, was authorized to write to all civic and social organizations asking endorsement of this project and City Attorney Albert Mansfield was instructed to draw up a resolution recommending the proposition to the county board of supervisors.

A. Morrison, of the planning committee, reported arrangements had been completed for the erection of a single tennis and basketball court on Belmont public school grounds. All organizations have contributed funds to this project.

Twenty-two hundred dollars was collected through county taxes at Redwood City, and out of this sum \$1000 goes to the Bank of America at San Carlos for back salaries of former Chief of Police H. C. Caldwell, City Clerk O. Callen and Police Judge S. J. Cook.

City Councilman James Halloran reported on the progress of the new business license tax. City Attorney Mansfield is working on this. The tax of many merchants has been reduced.

A permit was granted to the Belle Monti Country Club to erect a sign near El Camino advertising Hillcrest Golf Course.

PARIS, Jan. 22 (AP)—A 10-year-old Russian girl is a ballet star at the opera. The Russian colony calls Irene De Trbery "the little Pavlova." She has the leading role in "Jane's Fan."

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