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CITY WILL VOTE ON SIX AMENDMENTS

City Charter Changes Go To Voters October 20—Six Propositions Included For Citizens Approval.

WATER WORKS SYSTEM CHANGE

Two Amendments Would Permit Operation Water Works Outside Limits And Transfer of Surplus Funds.

Six amendments to the City Charter were approved by the City Commission at the recessed meeting Tuesday afternoon and will be submitted to the voters of the city October 20.

The text of these amendments is published in full elsewhere in this issue of The Reporter.

The purpose of amendment No. 1 is to clear up the charter with respect to the sale of street paving bonds, should the voters of the city decide to issue any bonds for that purpose. The charter, in its present condition, is said to be somewhat indefinite in this regard, at least in so far as bond buyers are concerned.

Amendment No. 2 provides that the City Water Works may be operated inside or outside of the city limits as it may seem to the best interests of said city and amendment No. 3 provides that any surplus funds from the water works may be transferred to pay current expenses of the city or for street work.

Amendment No. 4 provides for the raising of the tax limit from the present 80 cent rate to a limit of \$1.30 within the discretion of the City Commission.

Amendment No. 5 raises the salary of the Street Commissioner from \$25 per month to \$100 per month with the provision that the street commissioner devote his entire time to the work instead of the present arrangement.

The last amendment provides for a citizen's auditing committee to pass upon the expenditures of the City Commission.

GOES ONE BETTER.

By The United Press. AUSTIN, Aug. 22.—This time it is trained drunkards!

Austin, lagging behind some other Texas cities in respect to trained animals in zoos and parks, has gone them one better and has a trained drunkard. Straggling into police headquarters recently, his reeking breath and flushed face, additional evidence of his condition, a local resident pulled a whiskey bottle from his shirt front and begged to be placed in jail. Investigation showed he had paid a taxi driver to drive him to the station.

BOOST EAST TEXAS FAIR.

Special to The Reporter. TYLER, Texas, Aug. 22.—The first of four trade excursions into this section of East Texas to boost the East Texas State Fair to be held here September 25 to 29, was scheduled to leave here today.

Other excursions will leave on the 24th, 29th and 31st. Practically every town of any size will be visited by the excursionists.

The excursions are under the auspices of the Tyler Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Webster and children have returned from a visit in Fort Worth, Dallas and Cisco.

BABY MURDERED

Houston Police Search For Two Men Discovered Digging Shallow Grave—Was Slain By Violence.

By The United Press. HOUSTON, Aug. 22.—Police today are searching for two men seen burying the body of a baby in a shallow grave in a field about four miles north of town.

The men were discovered in the act of burying the baby by some boys, who they drove away by threats. Later the boys returned, discovered the grave and notified authorities.

There were two marks on the body indicating heavy blows and that the baby had been slain by violence. The body of the baby was encased in a rude coffin and unclothed.

AIR MAIL SUCCESS.

Great Beacons Guided Flyers From Cheyennes to Chicago.

By The United Press. Guided by great flaming beacons that blazed a pathway through the darkness, the government mail planes today completed the flights that gave 28-hour mail service between New York and San Francisco.

Night flying proved to be less difficult than expected, postoffice officials told the United Press today.

The first trip was made on schedule time and the second plane left San Francisco this morning enroute east. The second plane left Mineloa at noon enroute west.

Night flying is done between Chicago and Cheyennes, Wyoming, a distance of 800 miles.

PIONEER BURIED

Mrs. M. J. Millsapps Taken to Roby For Interment Following Death Tuesday Evening At Home.

Mrs. M. J. Millsapps, age 73 years, died at her home on Lamar street Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock after a lingering illness. She is the widow of C. J. Millsapps, who died and was buried at Roby, Texas, about twenty years ago.

The family moved to this country thirty years ago and settled in Fisher County, near Roby. Mr. Millsapps was one of the first men to demonstrate that this part of the country was fitted for agriculture and he aided in the upbuilding and developing of Fisher and Nolan Counties. Mrs. Millsapps moved here twenty years ago and had been a resident of Sweetwater since that time. She was well known in Sweetwater and Nolan County and while living here made many friends who will mourn her death.

Mrs. Millsapps is survived by nine children, seven girls and two boys, and all were present at the funeral.

The daughters are Mrs. S. Terrell and Mrs. Irma M. Weakley, both of Post City; Mrs. W. A. Blount of Roby, and Mrs. E. L. McCaulley, Mrs. Gerald Fitzgerald, Mrs. H. J. Heath and Mrs. C. A. Ingram, all of Sweetwater. The sons are John W. Millsapps and William J. (Bud) Millsapps of Sweetwater.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Moore at the family residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon and interment was made in the Roby cemetery.

\$2,073 REFUNDED.

Fort Worth Power & Light Company Pays County Overcharge.

By The United Press. FORT WORTH, Aug. 22.—A ten year electricity overcharge, amounting to \$2,073 has been paid to the county by the Fort Worth Power & Light Co. Since 1913 the county has been paying for electricity that has been going through two meters.

An electrician inspecting the wiring in the court house discovered the two meters operated by the same current.

DOLLAR DATED 1876.

By The United Press. VAN ALSTYNE, Texas, Aug. 22.—A "trade dollar"—now found only in museums or treasured as relics—is in possession of J. B. Bailey, local business man. It was minted in 1876 and contains a fraction over 432 grains of silver.

Mrs. Benford Brown has returned from Quanah, where she was called by the serious illness and death of her brother, H. C. Wilson, of Paducah.

HOME FOR AGED WOMEN.

Special to The Reporter. SAN ANTONIO, Aug. 22.—A home for aged women is provided by the will of E. B. Chandler, local philanthropist, who died in Gloucester, Mass., July 9. The Chandler homestead is set aside for the home. The state Mr. Chandler left is valued at \$500,000 and relatives are to receive annuities from the income on the property.

COOL HEAD AND STRONG ARM.

DALLAS, Aug. 22.—A cool head and a strong arm saved C. E. Extier, aerial acrobat, from plunging to his death while performing a "breakaway" stunt from an airplane here. Extier swung off from the lower wing of the speeding plane and his safety belt broke. Grasping the slender wire, he clung to the ship until a rope ladder could be lowered by the pilot and Extier clambered back to safety.

POINCARÉ REPLY COAL MINERS TO VERY SARCASTIC QUIT SEPT. FIRST

France Maintains Attitude On Ruhr And Reparations Questions And Rejects All The English Suggestions.

President Coolidge Faces First National Crisis of His Term of Office When The Fuel Supply Is Threatened.

NOTE IS NOT CONCILIATORY

MAY CALL A CONFERENCE SOON

Scouts Idea That France Occupation Ruhr Is "Illegal" And Rejects Reparation Commission.

Federal Arbitration May Be Offered—Miners Arrange Total Suspension of Work On September First.

By The United Press. PARIS, Aug. 22.—France stands pat.

In the reply to Great Britain by Premier Poincaré, made public today, the French policy toward Germany is inflexibly upheld.

No evacuation of the Ruhr will be considered until reparation payments are made and there is flat rejection of any proposal looking toward a reduction of the German debt.

The reply contains little that can be considered conciliatory in tone and in many passages is bitterly sarcastic.

Premier Poincaré said: "I regret that we cannot understand British disclaimers which are secretly due France. Great idea that the treaty of peace must be executed."

"Our policy on reparations has been repeated a hundred times—not to remit one centime of the reparations which are sacredly due France. Great Britain has taken no heed of the fundamentals and France is not to be reminded of her duties."

The lack of accord with Great Britain is regretted, referring to the British comment that the Ruhr occupation was "illegal."

Premier Poincaré dismissed the idea of referring the German reparations question to the Court of the Rhine, saying, "We have no need to refer to Great Britain or anybody regarding our debts."

The charge that the French occupation of the Ruhr was endangering the peace of Europe was scouted.

"We have destroyed nothing in the Ruhr. Its industrial capacity is stronger than ever," he said.

By The United Press. WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—President Coolidge today faces his first national crisis—the impending strike in the hard coal region.

In the tense anxious atmosphere at the capitol, the president is calm and self possessed and talks like a man who knows what he is about and is determined to see it through. But beyond an announcement by his advisers that public opinion would be depended upon, no hint has been given regarding the presidential course of action.

It is possible that both the miners and the mine operators will be called to Washington for a conference and Federal arbitration offered on the disputed points.

MINERS READY.

By The United Press. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 22.—The leaders of the miners union today made final arrangements for the suspension of work in the anthracite coal fields September 1.

Following the collapse of the conference, union leaders rushed arrangements incidental to the walkout to completion. A total of 155,000 miners will go out, it is said.

No further orders will be necessary to the men, the suspension being in effect September 1 without further orders.

President Lewis of the United Mine workers said that his men would leave work in a body as a protest against the failure of the mine operators to recognize the miners' union, to grant a 20 per cent increase in wages and the check-off system.

TOYS ARRIVE FROM HOLLAND.

350 Tons Joy From European Factories Dock At Galveston.

By The United Press. GALVESTON, Aug. 22.—Over four months too early "Santa Claus" arrived here last week from Amsterdam Holland on the steamer Cody.

Three hundred and fifty tons of Christmas toys from the mammoth European factories were stocked aboard the Cody when she docked at the local wharf.

Perusal of the shipping lists disclose that the German firms are now branching out from their traditional dolls and china toys into the manufacture of ingenious mechanical toys, heretofore almost exclusively American.

VIA SWEETWATER

Abilene Trade Trippers Traveling In Special Train, Will Pass Through Sweetwater Three Times.

Business men of Abilene, 125 of them, now conducting a trade trip in West Texas, via special train, will be in Sweetwater Thursday, August 23 for the first of the three times they have passed through this city on their route.

The first day they went to Cisco, Breckenridge and Ranzer. The second day they visited Brownwood, via Dublin and intervening points. Then they travel up the Santa Fe to Tuscola and down to Ballinger and west to San Angelo, which they leave Thursday morning at 9:05, arriving here at 12:35. They transfer here to the Santa Fe and travel north to Lubbock.

Leaving Lubbock at 11 p. m. Thursday night, they travel during the night via Sweetwater to Big Spring. Leaving Big Spring at 8 a. m. they arrive in Sweetwater for the third time at 11:40 a. m. and travel north over the Owen, leaving here at 12:10 enroute to Hamilton, then to the Katy to Stamford and back to Abilene via the Wichita Valley.

Abilene trade trippers, 125 strong, headed by Simmons College Cowboy Band and travelling in a special train of eight pullmans, reached Comanche this morning on their second leg of their four-day journey. The first day out was marked by big parades and many enjoyable entertainment features. Tonight will be spent in Ballinger with Sweetwater scheduled for 12:55 Thursday afternoon. The train will remain there until 1:40 p. m.

STOLE CHILD.

Man Arrested At Oklahoma City Depot With His Daughter.

By The United Press. TULSA, Okla., Aug. 22.—W. P. Miller of Oklahoma City, was arrested at the Frisco station with his six year old daughter, Naomi and placed in the city jail here.

Miller admitted kidnapping the child from its grandmother last night after a struggle with the aged woman. No divorce had been granted Miller and his wife, who is now in Dallas, he said, adding that he had more right to the girl than the mother. No charges were placed against him.

CLERKS ORGANIZE.

By The United Press. BRECKENRIDGE, Aug. 22.—Retail clerks of this city have organized the Retail Clerks Union. The purpose of the organization will be to secure uniform and more satisfactory closing hours of stores, it is explained.

TO HAVE MEETING.

H. E. Roberts and George Slatter of Dallas will address a meeting at the Odd Fellows' hall Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock, which is being held under the auspices of the Carpenter's Local. Union men and Farmers are invited to attend.

PROLONG AGONY.

George Sheppard says he don't mind the outright theft of his car so much as losing it a bit at a time. He hates to have them prolong the agony that away.

TODAY'S RADIO WEATHER.

By Sweetwater Vulcanizing Co. West Texas tonight and Thursday cloudy, probably showers. Cooler tonight; warmer Thursday.

RAIN BRIGHTENS CROP PROSPECTS

Precipitation in Sweetwater 1.11 Inches, Bringing August Total to 2.44—20.86 Inches For Year.

FALL IS HEAVY TO THE NORTH

Snyder, Roby, Hamlin, Knox City Are Drenched—Light West of Big Spring With None at Brent or Abilene.

Rain once more visited this territory with a precipitation amounting to .95 shortly before 8 o'clock and coming in addition to the rain of last week puts this country in perhaps the best shape it has known since 1920 in so far as cotton and feed crops are concerned. Water holes were filled and a good stand of grass and weeds for fall pasture materially aided.

The rain was light at Big Spring and did not seem to extend far beyond that point but Roscoe and Colorado each reported one inch and one half inch at Westbrook and Coahoma.

The Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific railroad reported a good rain over its entire system with a good rain at Snyder and at Lubbock, Roby, Rotan and Hamlin all reported good rains and Knox City reported a "young flood."

Neither Merkel nor Abilene reported rain, but Eskota had a very heavy rain and so did Blackwell and Maryneal. Bronte, however, failed to receive any nor did San Angelo. The territory around San Angelo, however, received a good rain Monday afternoon.

The total rain in Sweetwater at 10 o'clock amounted to 1.11 inches, according to the official rain gauge kept by M. C. Monroe, volunteer weather observer. This brings the total for August to 2.44 inches and for the year to 20.86 inches.

REGULATION OF MARRIAGES.

By The United Press. FORT WORTH, Aug. 22.—Regulation of marriage to eliminate dependants is favored by County Judge E. Moore, who advocates publication of the names of contracting parties for 30 days prior to the wedding date. Health certificates also should be required, he said.

"During the war I saw marriage licenses issued here to soldiers who had to turn around and ask the girl what her full name was," said Judge Moore. "In marriage of that kind, you can always expect degenerates."

MARRIED AT BONHAM.

Miss Sarah Carmichael of Bonham and Chilton B. Ratcliff, manager of Woolworth's store of Sweetwater, were recently married at Bonham by Rev. F. H. Ford in Bonham's Old Man eten.

Miss Carmichael was born in Scotland and has lived in Bonham for fifteen years. Mr. Ratcliff was formerly manager of the Woolworth store at Bonham but has made his home in Sweetwater for the past few months. Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliff will make their home here.

TEACHERS FROM FARMS.

DENTON, Aug. 22.—Judging from enrolment records at the North Texas State Teachers College, those who are in the future to teach young Texas, come from farm homes. Of the total of 1,713 attending the college, 1,029 come from homes where the head of the family is a farmer.

THE COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK COTTON. Open High Low Close Close Yesty.
Oct. 24.40 24.40 23.95 23.95 24.49
Dec. 24.25 24.27 23.88 23.88 24.35

NEW ORLEANS MARKET. Open High Low Close Close Yesty.
Oct. 23.60 23.72 23.37 23.37 23.86
Dec. 23.60 23.72 23.37 23.37 23.86

THE SPOT MARKET.

Houston 24.25.
Galveston, 24.56.
Dallas, 23.55.

CHICAGO GRAIN.

Wheat—Sept. 100.5; Dec. 105.1.
Corn—Sept. 85.1; Dec. 87.3.
Oats—Sept. 39.5; Dec. 41.1.

THREE SPEEDS FORWARD

MR. BUSINESS MAN.

Do you lead it at the muzzle
When you want a shot or two?
Do you wind it with a watch key
Like your father used to do?
How'd you like to hop a horse car
Like you did long yoes ago?
Don't the auto beat the ox-cart?
Well, I rather reckon so.
Don't the wireless way of sending
Put the other out of sight?
Don't you think the incandescent
Beats the candle for light?
Do you trim a goose-quill neatly
When you want the ink to flow?
Don't you think there's been improvement
In the last decade or so?
THEN!
Tell us, are you advertising
In the same old foolish way
That your grand-dad did before you,
And persist, "It doesn't pay"?
Think the whole world knows your address?
'Cause it hasn't changed in years.
Wouldn't the paths of such logic
Drive a billy-goat to tears?
"Just a card" is all you care for,
Hidden, lonesome and unread,
Like the sign upon a tombstone
Telling folks that you are dead.
Wake up, man, and take a tonic,
Bunch your hits and make a drive,
Run a page and change your copy,
Advertise and keep alive!

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF SWEETWATER.

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT NOTICE BE GIVEN OF THE INTENTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, UPON ITS OWN MOTION, TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS.

Whereas, it is the opinion of the Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, that Section 1, of Article XV, Sections 1 and 3 Article XVII, Section 1 of Article XII, Section 14 of Article XIX; and Section 11 of Article IV of the existing Charter of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, are deficient in many respects, and that such Sections should be amended and other provisions added thereto and substituted therefor, so as to meet present conditions and to the end, that said City of Sweetwater may be more efficiently and satisfactorily governed, and to allow the making of necessary improvements; and

Whereas, the Charter of said City has not been altered by amendment within two years next preceding this date;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Commission of Sweetwater, Texas: That in accordance with the provisions and requirements of an Act of the Legislature of the State of Texas, authorizing cities of more than five thousand (5,000) inhabitants to adopt

or amend their charters, approved April 7th, 1913, notice is hereby given to all to whom it may concern, that the Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, acting upon its own motion, and by virtue of the powers granted to said Act, intends to pass an ordinance on the 20th day of September, A. D., 1923, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said City, an election to be held thereafter for that purpose, substantially the following amendments to the existing Charter of the City of Sweetwater, Texas:

AMENDMENT NO. 1.

To amend Section 1, Article XV of the Charter of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, so as to hereafter read as follows: "Section 1." (a) The City of Sweetwater shall have exclusive domain, control and jurisdiction in, over and under the public streets, avenues, alleys, highways, boulevards, and public places and grounds of said City, and shall have power to provide for the improvements of any public streets, avenues, alleys, highways, boulevards, or places of paving, widening, raising, grading, filling, repaving or re-surfacing, or otherwise improving same, and the construction thereon of sewers, drains, curbing, gutters and sidewalks, including engineering work and supervision and other incidental costs, charges, and expenses in connection therewith. The word "highway" as used herein shall include all streets, alleys, avenues, boulevards and public places in the said City. The City of Sweetwater shall have the right and power to assess against the property abutting highways or sections thereof improved, and against the owners thereof, the whole costs of constructing curbs and sidewalks, and not exceeding three-fourths (3/4) of the remaining costs of said improvements. The City Commission of said City shall have the power to apportion the cost payable by the respective parcels of abutting property and the owners thereof, and to fix a lien against such abutting property therefor, which lien shall be superior to all other claims, liens or interests, except city, county and state taxes, and to fix a charge and personal liability against the owners of such property.

The portion of the cost assessed against abutting property and owners thereof may be payable in deferred installments and the Commission shall have power to fix the time and terms of payment, but the last installment shall mature not later than five years from the date of the completion and acceptance by the city of the improvements for which assessments are levied, and assessments shall bear interest at the rate of eight per cent (8 per cent) per annum. Said assessments shall include reasonable attorney's fees and costs of collection. If incurred, and the city shall have full authority to issue assessable certificates in evidence of the assessments levied.

(b) The City of Sweetwater shall have the power to assess and shall assess against the owners of steam

railways and street railways occupying or crossing any highway, or portion thereof improved, the entire cost of making such improvements, including, besides other work, any extra or additional work or improvement necessitated thereby between and under the rails, tracks, switches, or turnouts and for two feet on each side thereof, which, when assessed shall be paid by the owners of steam railways or street railways occupying or crossing any highway or portion thereof improved, and the amount so assessed shall be secured by a lien assessed upon the roadbed, rails, ties, tracks, franchise, and other property, real, personal or mixed, used in the operation of said street railways or steam railways, which lien shall be superior to all other liens, claims or interests in or upon said property, except ad valorem taxes.

The City shall have full power to levy such assessments in accordance with the terms hereof.

Said assessments shall include reasonable attorney's fees and the costs of collection. If incurred, and the ordinance making same shall provide for the time and terms of payment and for interest upon deferred payments as herein provided.

(c) No assessment shall be made against any abutting property or owner thereof or against any railway or street railway or owner thereof until after hearing given to said owners and to all others interested before the Commission preceded by notice of the time and place of such hearing addressed generally to such owners and others interested, without the necessity of specifically describing their names or specifically describing their property, which notice shall be published in some newspaper of general circulation in the City of Sweetwater, Texas, at least three times before the date fixed for such hearing, and the first of which publications shall be at least ten days before the date of such hearing.

The City Commission shall have power for additional notice in its discretion, but said published notice shall be sufficient and binding upon all interested parties notwithstanding that other and additional notice may be provided for and not given, or if given should be faulty, erroneous or defective for any reason.

At said hearing the owners of abutting property and of said railways and street railways, and all other parties interested, shall have the right to contest said assessment either as to the benefits to abutting property or as to the amounts of assessments, or as to any error therein or any error or invalidity in any proceeding with reference thereto, or with reference to the apportionment of the cost of the improvements, and shall have the right to produce testimony and summon witnesses in support of such contest, and the City Commission shall, after said hearing determine the amounts, if any, to be assessed, and

shall make said assessments by ordinance.

No assessment shall be made against any abutting property or owner thereof in excess of the special benefits to such property in the enhanced value thereof by means of said improvements as determined at said meeting. Said assessments when levied may be enforced either by suit in any court having jurisdiction brought by the City for the benefit of the owner and holder of any such assessment or of the certificate issued in evidence thereof, or brought by the said owner and holder, or by the sale of the property assessed in the same manner, as near as possible, as is provided for the sale of real estate for municipal ad valorem taxes. The lien of the assessments shall relate back and take effect as of the date of the ordinance or resolution ordering the improvement.

(d) Nothing herein contained shall empower the City to fix an assessment lien against any property exempt by law from the lien of special assessments for street improvements. But the owners of such exempt property shall nevertheless be liable for the pro rata cost of such improvements which would be a lien upon such property where it is not so exempt, and such costs shall be assessed against such owners and become a personal liability of such owners. The fact that any improvement is omitted in front of any property so exempt or claimed to be so exempt shall not invalidate the lien assessed against other property or the owners of other property.

(e) The City shall have the power to issue in its name assessable certificates in writing declaring the liability of abutting property and the owners thereof for the payment of assessments, and to fix the terms and terms of payment and conditions of deferred payments and the maturity thereof.

If any such certificate shall recite that all proceedings with reference to the improvement therein referred to have been regularly had in compliance with law, and that all prerequisites to the fixing of the assessment lien against the property therein referred to and the personal liability of its owner have been performed, such recitals shall be prima facie evidence of such facts and of other pertinent facts recited, and no further proof thereof shall be required in any court.

(f) Subject to the terms thereof, the Commission shall apportion on the costs of improvements among the parcels of property, or owners thereof, abutting the highways or sections thereof improved in accordance with the front foot rule, but if in particular cases the application of this rule would, in the opinion of the Commission, result in injustice or inequality, the Commission shall adopt such rule as shall effect substantial justice and equality, having in view the benefits received and burdens imposed.

(g) No error, mistake or invalidity in the ordinance levying assessments or in any proceeding prerequisite thereto shall invalidate the same, but it shall be the duty of the Commission to correct the same at any time. No error in describing any parcel of abutting property or in giving the name of the owner thereof shall invalidate any assessment, but such assessment shall have full force and be an effect against the premises and the real and true owners thereof.

The Commission shall at any time by ordinance make correction of any error or mistake in the description of property owners in any preceding ordinance. The fact that more than one parcel of property may be included in one assessment, or that property assessed may be jointly owned, shall not affect or impair the validity of the assessment levied.

Whenever, in the opinion of the Commission, any error, mistake or invalidity exists in any proceeding with reference to said improvement or assessment, it shall correct the same and shall have power to make a re-assessment against said property and the owners thereof with reference to which such invalidity exists, and it shall be its duty to do so when requested by the person or persons entitled to compensation for making said improvements or by the holder of any assessable certificate issued therefor. Such re-assessment shall be made after notice of hearing in the manner and for the length of time herein provided for original assessments and not in excess of the benefits in enhanced value to the property assessed, and otherwise as near as possible in accordance with the provisions hereof with reference to original assessments.

and the Commission shall have the power by ordinance to fully provide any and all rules and regulations necessary to carry into effect the provisions hereof relative to assessments and re-assessments.

After such re-assessments, the City shall have the power to issue assessable certificates evidencing the same as hereinbefore provided, and the conditions of said certificates and the recitals thereof shall, as near as possible comply with the provisions hereof relating to, and have the same force and effect as certificates in evidence of valid original assessments.

No re-assessment shall be made unless proceedings therefor are begun within three years from the date of the completion of the improvements and acceptance thereof by the City for which the original assessment had been levied, but if the validity of any assessment shall be involved in litigation, the period of litigation shall not be considered in computing said three years.

(h) Any property owner, or railway or street railway, or anyone else interested or affected and against whom or whose property an assessment has been made, shall have the right within twenty days thereafter to bring suit in any court having jurisdiction, to set aside or correct the same either in whole or in part for or on account of any error, irregularity or invalidity in the amount thereof or in any proceeding with reference thereto, but thereafter such owner and all others in anywise interested or affected shall be barred and estopped from any such action and from in anywise contesting the validity or enforcement of any such assessment or re-assessment in any action in which the same may be brought in question. If such suit be brought, the construction of the improvements may be suspended until the final determination thereof.

(i) The Commission shall have the right to determine the nature and extent of the improvements to be made, and the materials, methods, plans and specifications under which the same shall be constructed and shall have the right to let the work in making same by contract, and shall have the right to specify different or alternative materials, methods or plans.

(j) Except as herein expressly provided the owners hereby granted shall not repeal any power or right of the City given by general law, or other provisions of this Charter, but the powers hereby granted shall be cumulative and in addition to such other powers and rights.

AMENDMENT NO. 2.

To amend paragraph 2 of Section 1 of Article XVII of the Charter of Sweetwater, Texas, so that said paragraph No. 2 shall, in future, read as follows:

To buy, own, construct or lease, maintain and operate, within or without the City limits, a system or systems of water works, sewer plants, hospitals, parks, gas plants, electric lighting plants, telephones, street railways, and such other public utilities as may be proposed by the Commission and submitted to a vote of the people under this charter, and to demand and receive compensation for services furnished for private purposes, or otherwise, and to exercise the right of eminent domain as hereinafter provided for the appropriation of lands for rights of way that may be proper and necessary to efficiently carry out said objects; and after any such system or systems of water works or sewer plants shall have once been installed and in operation then the Commission, upon its own motion, may extend the same in or outside the City limits and provide for the sale of water or the privileges of such system, inside or outside the City limits; and provided, further, that in the event of a lack of sufficient funds in the city treasury to pay for such extensions, the City Secretary shall, when so directed by the Commission, issue treasury warrants to pay for such extension or extensions.

AMENDMENT NO. 3.

To amend Section No. 3, of Article XVII of the Charter of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, so that said Section shall in future, read as follows: "Municipal Services.—The rates charged for service furnished by any of the municipal utility plants shall be just and equitable, and there shall not be allowed to any person, firm or corporation, or to any officer or employee of said City, any service free of charge, except it may provide free service for buildings owned or operated by the City. That in determining the rates to be charged and collected for such service, the cost of operation, maintenance, deprecations, replacements, betterments, interest charges, and the creation of a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal and interest of any bonds issued for the procurement, construction or improvement of any such public utility, shall be taken into con-

sideration. That the revenues derived from the operation of any such public utility plants shall, first, be appropriated and used for the payment of operating expenses, for maintenance, interest and depreciation accounts, for replacements and betterments and the payment of interest and providing a sinking fund for any outstanding bonds or indebtedness created or assumed for the purpose of the purchase, construction or improvement of any such plant, together with at least three per cent (3 per cent) on its gross earnings to be applied to an emergency fund for the sole use and benefit of said utility plant; and after such application of the revenues of such utility plant, if there be any surplus, the City Commission may then, in its discretion, apply any part or all of such surplus or revenues to the payment of the current expenses of the City, or to the improvement of the streets in the City.

That the rates of service may be so regulated so to produce sufficient revenue to pay when due, the charges required herein.

That no person shall be employed in the service of the City with reference to the public utility plants, in any position requiring skill and technical knowledge peculiar to the operation and conducting of any utility plant, who is not competent and who has not had practical and actual experience in a same line of work.

The Commission shall have the power to make rules and regulations governing the furnishing of service by such utility plants to patrons thereof, and for payment for such service, and to provide for a penalty for failure to pay for such service, when due, and to provide a penalty for violation of the rules and regulations, for the use of the service of such utility plant without the consent and knowledge of the proper City authorities, and to provide for penalties for all interference, trespassing or injury to any municipal plants, appliances or premises.

AMENDMENT NO. 4.

To amend Section No. 1 of Article XII, of the Charter of the said City of Sweetwater, so that the same shall, in future, read as follows:

Section 1.—Power to Levy.—The City Commission shall have the power, by ordinance, to levy and collect, within the City, an annual tax of not exceeding one dollar and thirty cents on each one hundred dollar's (\$100.00) worth of property as assessed for taxes, for general revenue, streets, and bridges, and to pay the annual interest and provide for a sinking fund for all outstanding bond issues and other valid obligations owing by the City at the time of the adoption of this Charter. The Commission shall have the power to levy and collect such additional amount of annual tax as may be necessary to pay interest and provide sinking funds for such additional issues of bonds for City purposes, authorized by the laws of the State of Texas and by this Charter or any amendment thereto under Sections of this Charter, when said proposed bond issues and tax levies shall have first been submitted to a vote of the people and shall be adopted and approved; and the Commission shall have power to levy such additional taxes for city purposes, which shall first be authorized by a vote of the people.

AMENDMENT NO. 5.

To amend Section No. 14 of Article XIX, of the Charter of Sweetwater, Texas, so that the same shall, in future, read as follows:

Section 14.—Compensation.—The Mayor shall receive as compensation to be paid from the City Treasury an amount to be fixed by the Commission which shall not exceed the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars per annum. Commissioner No. 1 shall receive, as compensation for his services as such Commissioner, the sum of Twenty-five Dollars per month, to be paid from the City Treasury; and said Commissioner No. 1 shall, in addition to his duties as Commissioner, be in charge of the construction and operation of all water works systems and sewer systems owned and operated by the city, and shall receive, as compensation for such additional services, such compensation as may be provided by the Commission, not to exceed One Hundred and Fifty Dollars per month.

Commissioner No. Two (2) shall be in charge of all street construction and improvements, and shall devote his whole time to such services, and shall receive, as compensation for such services, the sum of One Hundred Dollars per month, to be paid out of the city treasury.

AMENDMENT NO. 6.

To amend Section 11 of Article IV, of the Charter of Sweetwater, Texas, so that in future the same shall read as follows:

Section 11.—Auditing Committee.—The Commission may, upon the first regular meeting in August of each year, appoint a committee of three persons, which shall be styled, "Auditing Committee," to examine and audit all expenditures and funds paid by the Commission or any of its officers.

The State of Texas, County of Nolan, City of Sweetwater:

I, W. H. Bartlett, City Secretary of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original, as now on file in my office.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, this August 17th, A. D., 1923.

(Seal) W. H. BARTLETT, City Secretary, City of Sweetwater, Texas.

Adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commission, this, August 18th, 1923.

Approved, JOE H. BOOTHE, Mayor.

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FOR SALE—10 shares capital stock of the Texas Bank & Trust Co.; book value \$2,000. Will sell for \$1,500 cash. Dr. P. T. Quast. Address Box 248, Sweetwater, Texas, or 704 Main street, Fort Worth, Texas. 171t6c

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FOR SALE—2 international trucks, first class condition in every respect. Sweetwater Colton Oil Co. 170t4c

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Mrs. J. T. McKissick went to Floydada Tuesday where he will conduct a revival meeting.

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Mrs. M. E. Mitchell is visiting in Big Spring.

Mrs. J. M. Arnold and daughters, and Miss Ruth Johnson will leave Wednesday for Galveston to spend the week end.



NOTICE!

I am now at the Pollard Grocery, and I will continue to handle a full line of flour, meal and feed, both wholesale and retail. I have been with the Sweetwater Milling Company for the past three years, and on account of the fire, I am now here. I thank you for all your past business and want to continue to serve you.

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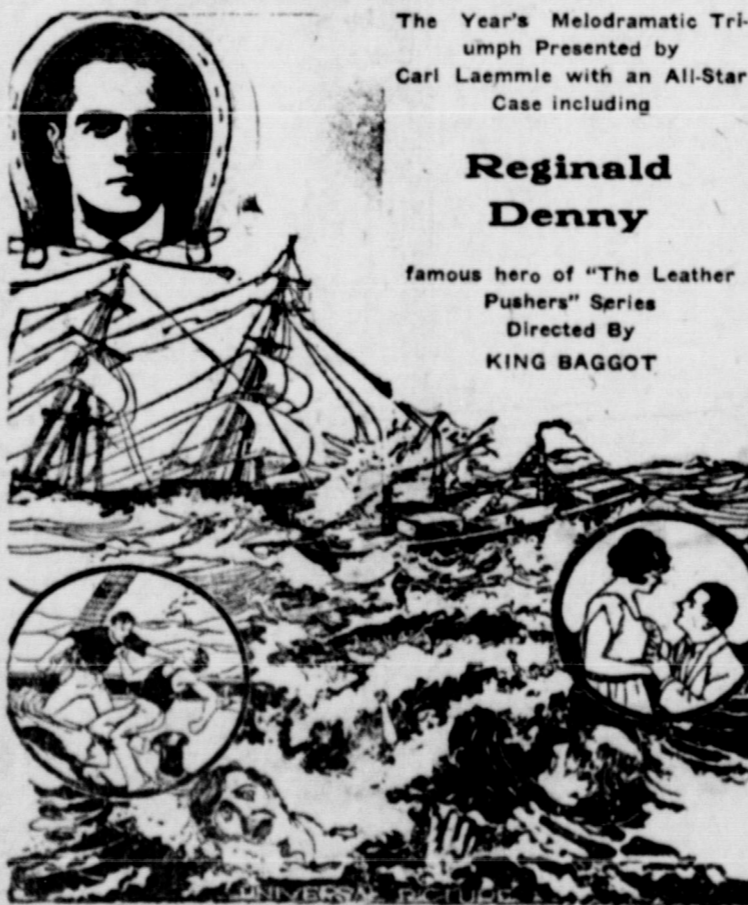
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