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bid be accepted, subject to such stipulations as appear in the City's present deed to the property. The following vote was taken and the motion passed:

Yeas 5  
Nays 0

A letter from Mr. L.E. Rankin, Jr., Manager of the Fernandina branch of the Florida Public Utilities Company, dated January 7, 1947, was read. This letter announced a reduction in electric rates for large commercial users, effective January 1, 1947. Specifically, the change constituted the inclusion of an additional rate block, providing a reduction from 3.5 ¢ to 3.0 ¢ per KWH for all power consumed by any commercial user in excess of 750 KWH per month. The Commission indicated its approval of this rate reduction as described in the letter.

A discussion on the pros and cons of adopting the parking meter system resulted in the Commission instructing the City Manager to open negotiations for the installation of parking meters.

Commissioner Ingram moved, and Commissioner DeVette seconded, that "the proper City officials be authorized to prepare the necessary deed of conveyance to the assignee under that certain contract between the City of Fernandina and John L. Haverstick dated January 24, 1946." This contract refers to Marshlands lying North of Atlantic Avenue extended. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yeas 5  
Nays 0

A movement for adjournment was carried unanimously.

*Garland J. Butler*  
MAYOR-COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

*Edmund W. Meisenhelder III*  
CITY AUDITOR AND CLERK.

Fernandina, Florida,  
January 22, 1947.

A regular meeting of the City Commission was held in the City Hall at 8:00 P. M. on January 22, 1947.

Present were Mayor-Commissioner Butler, Commissioners Corbett, DeVette and Ingram; City Attorney Fishler, Police Chief Decker, and City Manager Meisenhelder. Absent was Commissioner Oxley.

The Minutes of the meeting of January 8, 1947 were read and approved.

The City Manager read a letter from the Fernandina Park Board relative to the present status of its activities and funds. A request by the Board that the City re-paint the metal swings and help maintain the play facilities was approved by the Commission. The Commission directed the City Manager to obtain a further report from the Park Board outlining in detail its recent and present financial situation.

referred to the City Attorney for checking for compliance with City Ordinances and then was to be returned to the City Manager for posting at the City Hall.

The City Manager presented a revised list of City-owned property to the Commission, which then instructed him to check, together with the City Attorney, each property against the County records.

The Commission read a petition against the installation of parking meters, which was signed by approximately 54 residents of the City. The City Manager presented the Commissioners with a tabulation of characteristics of each of the seven types of parking meters on which he had information. In order to study this tabulation and also to allow for a further expression of public opinion, the Commission decided to defer the decision on the adoption of parking meters for Fernandina.

A movement for adjournment was passed unanimously.

*Garrison J. Butler*  
Mayor-Commissioner.

ATTEST:

*Edmund W. Meisenhelder*  
City Auditor and Clerk.

Fernandina, Florida,  
February 12, 1947.

A regular meeting of the City Commission was held in the City Hall at 8:00 P. M. on February 12, 1947.

Present were Mayor-Commissioner Butler, Commissioners Corbett, DeVette, Ingram and Oxley; City Attorney Fishler, Police Chief Decker, and City Manager Meisenhelder.

The Minutes of the meeting of January 22, 1947, were read and approved.

A delegation of South 8th Street businessmen appeared before the Commission to ask the continuation of the services of a night patrolman to check the doors and locks on that street. The City Manager explained that Patrolman Harold Jones was relieved from this night police duty and reassigned to daytime street work upon the recommendation of two local physicians. He explained further that the 1947 budget did not contemplate an extra full-time night policeman, and that Jones had been drawing merely his street salary while on night duty, and that no one had replaced him in his daytime job.

Upon being asked their preference on the proposed widening of the South 8th Street, the delegation appeared unanimous in preferring the full 43-foot width of pavement rather than a lesser amount.

Dr. John W. McClane, City Health Officer, and Mr. Ira Hall, Health Inspector, appeared before the Commission to present a

report from the State Board of Health on the percentage of Fernandina rats that are typhus carriers; the proposed plans for City-State cooperation in rat-proofing buildings; and a discussion of improving building and plumbing inspection chiefly from a rat-and-termite-proofing standpoint. The typhus report indicated that all the factors necessary for a typhus epidemic were present in Fernandina.

A letter of appreciation from a group of residents of South 17th Street, expressing thanks for improvements to that street made in recent months, was read and noted by the Commission.

The Commissioners agreed to meet in the near future with representatives of Smith and Gillespie, Engineers, to discuss in detail the plans for the rehabilitation of the sewer system.

In respect to the proposed Community Recreation Building, the Commissioners agreed to go ahead with the preparation of the complete plans and specifications on the basis of the revised preliminary plan prepared by Prentiss Huddleston, Architect, on January 17, 1947, providing the Federal Works Agency would approve this substitution of plans.

Commissioner DeVette moved, and Commissioner Ingram seconded, that "the matter of purchasing parking meters be postponed indefinitely." The motion was carried unanimously.

A letter was read to the Commission from Mr. Wayne F. McJunkin, of the McJunkin Truck and Bus Line, advising that he was interested in a franchise for operating an intra-city bus line, and was now engaged in working out a schedule that would be satisfactory to the local mills and citizenry. The Commission directed the City Manager to obtain further information from Mr. McJunkin.

Commissioner DeVette moved, and Commissioner Ingram seconded, that "the City Manager be authorized to permit garbage collections outside the City limits but within a reasonable radius of the regular garbage route, this to be within the discretion of the City Manager; and, further, that the charges for such garbage collection be the annual sum of \$15.00, payable in advance." The motion was carried unanimously.

A request for the resale back to the City of eight (8) cemetery lots, owned by Mrs. George W. Boring, was denied by the Commission.

A motion for adjournment was approved unanimously.

*George J. Butler*  
Mayor-Commissioner.

ATTEST:

*Edmund W. Meisenholder, Jr.*  
City Auditor & Clerk.