

Ella J. Pieper

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 24th, 1931.

The City Council of the City of Edcouch convened in regular session November 24th, 1931 at the City office, with the following members present, to wit: Mayor C. G. Hartt, Ella J. Pieper Secretary, W. C. Pearsey, Sam Johnston, A. J. Stephens, councilmen, W. K. Galbreath city attorney. S. E. Hopson was also present.

Minutes of the meeting of November 10th 1931 were read and approved.

The building ordinance was read at this time and several requirements gone over regarding the buildings that are to be allowed in the fire limits.

Several complaints having been made regarding the Mexicans living on the west side of Llano Grande Street an ordinance was introduced prohibiting the Mexican people living on the west side of Llano Grande ave. Motion was made that this ordinance be adopted, motion by Sam Johnston, seconded by W. C. Pearsey. Vote called for with Stephens voting aye, Johnston voting aye, and Pearsey voting aye, there being no naye vote motion unanimously carried.

A. J. Stephens brought up the matter of repairing the City Jail. Mr Stephens was instructed to find out the cost of steel cots, the matter of repair was left to Mayor Hartt and councilman Stephens.

Motion to adjourn, seen by W. C. Pearsey, seconded by A. J. Stephens. Carried.

ATTEST

Ella J. Pieper
Secretary

C. G. Hartt
Mayor.

An Ordinance establishing a line dividing the Spanish or Mexican portion of the City of Edcouch from the American portion of the City of Edcouch, and making it a misdemeanor for any person of Spanish or Mexican race to occupy any building located on the American side of the dividing line of the Spanish or Mexican Portion of the City of Edcouch and the American Portion of the City of Edcouch, either as a business house or a dwelling house, except, when serving as a waiter or maid in a home, and prescribing a penalty for the violation of this ordinance or any part thereof.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDCOUCH, TEXAS.

That a division line dividing the Spanish or Mexican Portion of the City of Edcouch from the American Portion of the City of Edcouch be established and designated as a line separating the Spanish or Mexican Portion from the American Portion, and that the line designated and established shall be the Highway on Mile Three beginning at the North boundary line of the City of Edcouch and running South to the intersection of the Highway on Mile sixteen and one half (16 1/2); thence East along the Highway on mile sixteen and one half (16 1/2) to East Boundary line of the City of Edcouch, the Spanish or Mexican Portion of said City being designated as that portion lying and being located on the East and North side of said dividing line, and the American Portion of the City of Edcouch being designated as that portion lying and being located on the West and South side of said dividing line.

It shall be a Misdemeanor for any person of Spanish or Mexican Race to occupy any building on the American side or Portion of the City of Edcouch, either as a business house or a dwelling, except as a servant or maid in a home, and any person violating this ordinance or any part thereof and found guilty shall be fined not less than One (\$1.00) dollars nor more than One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

On motion the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three several meetings of the City Council were suspended and said ordinance placed on its second reading. On motion the rules were again suspended and the ordinance placed on its third reading and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and posting.

Approved 9th day of Dec. , 1931.

Attest: Ella J. Pipkin
City Secretary.

G. H. ...
Mayor.