

Sacramento, California,

July 2, 1930.

The Civil Service Board of the City of Sacramento met in special session on the above date at 3:45 o'clock P.M. in the office of the Board, Room 106 City Hall, Vice-President Weisman presiding.

PRESENT: Commissioners Maloney and Weisman.
ABSENT : Commissioners Chenu.

The minutes of the special meeting of June 26, 1930, were read and approved as read.

The Board gave consideration to the case of J. C. Coyle. For the information of the Board, the Secretary read the previous correspondence relative to the appointment of J. C. Coyle as desk sergeant.. The previous actions of the Board were also read.

Hugh B. Bradford, City Attorney, and J. C. Knowles, Assistant City Attorney, were present at the meeting upon the invitation of the Board.

It was determined by the Board that J. C. Coyle who served in the capacity of desk sergeant did so due to the fact that Desk Sergeant Gamble had been detailed to a position that in reality was one for a detective sergeant. It was further found by the Board that Officer Gamble was not entitled to serve in this capacity due to the fact that an eligible list then existed for detective sergeant. Having taken Officer Gamble away from his detail for desk sergeant placed Officer Coyle as the next man to be called from the desk sergeant's eligible list. The Board further discovered that the Civil Service Department received no request for a certification of a detective sergeant, nor is there on record any report of one having been made. It was found that the pay roll of the first period of February, 1928, carried Officer Gamble in his rightful classification as desk sergeant.

Ordinance No. 81, Fourth Series, Section 1, Volume 1921-23, specifies that there shall be three desk sergeants and one relief desk sergeant, therefore, the Board determined that it was impossible for Officer Coyle to acquire tenure for a non-existing office.

Commissioner Maloney moved that the Board rescind their previous action of January 10, 1930, which allowed priority of Officer Coyle over any eligible list for desk sergeant that might be established. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weisman and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Maloney and Weisman.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Chenu.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maloney, seconded by Commissioner Weisman, and unanimously carried, the Secretary was instructed to direct a communication to the City Manager, Chief of Police, and Mr. J. C. Coyle calling attention to the fact that the action of this Board, dated January 10, 1930, with reference to the placing of Officer Coyle on the priority list for desk sergeant in the Police Department had been rescinded. This action of the Board was accomplished by an investigation of the circumstances which reveal that Officer Coyle was illegally placed in the position of desk sergeant from February 1, 1928, to December, 1928, because of the fact that five desk sergeants were employed during that period in violation of City Ordinance 81, Fourth Series, which provides that there shall be three desk sergeants and one relief desk sergeant. This action is supported by the decision of the City Attorney, dated January 9, 1930, copy of which is enclosed. Officer Coyle's original application for priority, dated November 30, 1929, was denied by this Board at regular meeting of December 4, 1929. Exam-