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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, April 12, 1950, with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry Jordan and Wilkinson present.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF NEGRO REPRESENTATIVE TO PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REQUESTED BY CHARLOTTE BRANCH, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

A request for Negro representation on the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission was made by Mr. Kelly Alexander, and Dr. E. E. Blackmon, representatives of the Charlotte Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. They urged the appointment of the Reverend James F. Wertz, Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, to the office.

Mayor Shaw advised the Council would make the appointment later in the meeting. He also expressed his appreciation for their interest in the appointment.

REQUEST FOR BETTER TRAFFIC CONTROL ON PLAZA ROAD REFERRED TO TRAFFIC ENGINEER FOR RECOMMENDATION.

A delegation of residents of the Plaza Road section were present in the interest of better traffic control within the area of Plaza Road School. Mr. Jarvis Warren presented a petition bearing 250 signatures requesting a traffic light at East 36th Street and Plaza Road, blinker lights on each side of the School, and road markings to indicate the maximum speed within the school zone. Mrs. F. W. Newman and Mrs. Howard Baker stated the present signs, recently erected, are too near the school and too obscure to give the proper protection to school children, three of whom have been struck by cars within the past year.

Upon the suggestion of Councilman Aitken, the matter was referred to the Traffic Engineer for investigation of the condition and recommendations to the Council.

REQUEST FOR SIDEWALKS ON SELWYN AVENUE FROM BRANDYWINE ROAD SOUTH REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.

Mr. Ben Wellons requested the construction of sidewalks on the west side of Selwyn Avenue, from Brandywine Road south. He stated that 90% of the property owners had signed a petition for the sidewalks, which are badly needed due to the hazardous traffic conditions on Selwyn Avenue both to adults and school children. During the discussion, the City Manager advised that funds for such construction are not available at this time, however the work could be done if paid for by the property owners and later refunded.

Upon the suggestion of Councilman Boyd, the matter was referred to the City Attorney and City Manager to work out some method with Mr. Wellons whereby the construction may be financed.

COUNCIL INVITED TO ATTEND OPENING OF REVIVAL MEETING AT ARMORY APRIL 18th.

Mr. T. W. Wilson and the Reverend Severs extended an invitation to the Council to attend the opening session of a Revival Meeting at the Armory-Auditorium on Tuesday evening, April 18th, which will be conducted by Dr. Hyman Appelman, and at which Mayor Shaw will welcome Dr. Appelman to Charlotte.

WIDENING OF PECAN AVENUE AT INTERSECTION WITH INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD REQUESTED.

Mr. J. R. Thomas requested that consideration be given the widening of Pecan Avenue at its intersection with Independence Boulevard prior to the resurfacing of Pecan Avenue.

SALE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY PROPERTY TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Mr. Frank Jones, Realtor, appeared before Council with regard to the sale of the Public Library property on North Tryon Street. He asked if his client would make an offer of \$200,000.00 for the property would it be for sale by the City? He advised his client might be interested in the erection of a 1000 car parking building on the site, which would relieve the parking situation in the uptown area.

The matter was taken under consideration by the Council, for discussion with the Board of Trustees of the Library, and the City Attorney was directed to advise the Council as to the legality of the property sale by the City.

APPOINTMENT OF E. P. FAULKNER TO PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION.

Councilman Boyd moved the nomination of the Reverend J. F. Wertz for appointment to the Park & Recreation Commission for the unexpired term of Mr. Sterling Hicks, resigned. Councilman Albea nominated Mr. C. J. Pridgen for the office; Councilman Daughtry moved the nomination of Mr. R. P. Steffey and Councilman Wilkinson nominated Mr. E. P. Faulkner.

Councilman Coddington moved that nominations be closed, which was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

The vote was taken on the motion of Councilman Boyd for the nomination of the Reverend J. F. Wertz, and did not receive a second, and was lost.

The vote was then taken on the motion of Councilman Albea for the nomination of Mr. C. J. Pridgen, and did not receive a second, and was lost.

Councilman Coddington moved that the vote be taken by the entire Council on the remaining two nominees, Messrs. Steffey and Faulkner. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

The vote was taken on the motion of Councilman Daughtry for the nomination of Mr. R. P. Steffey, and was lost, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilman Daughtry, Jordan and Albea.
NAY: Councilmen Aitken, Boyd, Coddington and Wilkinson.

The vote was next called for on the motion of Councilman Wilkinson for the nomination of Mr. E. P. Faulkner, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Aitken, Boyd, Coddington and Wilkinson.
NAY: Councilmen Albea, Daughtry and Jordan.

Councilman Albea then moved that the vote be made unanimous for the election of Mr. Faulkner, which was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, and Mr. Faulkner was appointed to the Park & Recreation Commission for the unexpired term ending on March 21, 1951.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH A. T. WITHROW TO TAP ONTO AIRPORT WATER AND SEWER LINES TO SERVICE FIVE HOUSES.

Mr. Joe Grier, Attorney, appeared before Council and again requested that his client, Mr. A. T. Withrow, be permitted to tap onto the Airport water and sewer lines to serve 44 residences, said request having been refused on January 25, 1949. Mr. Grier stated that five houses had been erected by Mr. Withrow on property he had purchased from the Eaton Estate and which he understood would be supplied with water previously allowed Mr. Eaton by the Council; however, he now found this is not true.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Boyd, the unanimous consent of Council was given to consider the request.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the taps be permitted to serve the 44 residences as requested, subject to the usual restrictions in similar contracts. Motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and did not carry, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Boyd, Jordan and Wilkinson.

NAY: Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Coddington and Daughtry.

Mr. Grier then requested that Mr. Withrow be permitted to tap onto the water and sewer lines to serve the five houses already erected.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the request be granted. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN BOYD LEFT MEETING, AND MAYOR PRO TEM PRESIDED FOR REMAINDER OF THE SESSION.

Mayor Shaw, and Councilman Boyd, left the meeting at this time, and Mayor pro tem Aitken presided for the remainder of the session.

RESOLUTION ABANDONING STREET RIGHTS IN A PORTION OF BILLINGSLEY ROAD THROUGH PROPERTY OF J. M. WALLACE, ADOPTED.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Abandoning Right-of-Way Of Billingsley Road Leading from Crescent Avenue Extension in a Southeasterly Direction and Accepting a New Right-of-Way", was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Jordan, was unanimously adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 272.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the following streets were taken over for maintenance:

(a) Parson Street, from Catawba Avenue to Everett Place.

(b) Union Street, from Catawba Avenue to Everett Place.

BROWN STREET TAKEN OVER FOR LIMITED MAINTENANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, taking over Brown Street, from Crockett Street to Long Street for limited maintenance.

TREE REMOVAL AT 1201 MYRTLE AVENUE.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the removal of a tree from the planting strip at 1201 Myrtle Avenue, which interferes with a power line, as requested by Mr. R. E. Agnew. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

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PERPETUAL CARE DEED ON CEMETERY LOT AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Deed with Mrs. W. R. Clark, for Perpetual Care on the South Half of Lot No. 17-Fraction, in Section M, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$72.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Layman
City Clerk