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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, August 4, 1948, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, Lambeth and McKee present.

Absent: Councilman White.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Ernest L. DeLaney, Jr.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meetings on July 21st and 28th were approved as submitted.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1948-49.

An ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the City of Charlotte for the Fiscal Year 1948-49 and Levying a Tax upon all Real and Personal Property Located within the Limits of the City of Charlotte for said Fiscal Year", was introduced. Following the reading thereof, Councilman Lambeth moved the adoption of the ordinance as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, beginning at Page 7.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO EQUIPMENT DEPOT CAPITAL OUTLAY ACCOUNT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman DeLaney, and unanimously carried, approval was given for the transfer from the Emergency Fund to the Equipment Depot, Capital Outlay Account (Code 1507-G-21) of the following funds:

\$1,660.00 for payment of contract with R. H. Russell for Todd Insecticide Fog Distributor.

\$1,315.17 for payment of contract with The Charlotte Willlys Company for a Jeep for use in fogging the City with DDT Insecticide.

PLAT OF PORTION OF PLAZA HILLS SUBDIVISION.

Motion was made by Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried, approving Plat of Block 6, 7, 8-A, 9 and 10 of Plaza Hills Subdivision, as recommended by The Planning Board.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS OF O. R. JONES AND MRS. OLIN BERRYHILL.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, payment of \$40.00 was authorized to O. R. Jones in settlement of claim for repairs to car struck by City Garbage Truck on July 9th, and of \$77.37 to Mrs. Olin Berryhill in settlement of claim for expenses in connection with being struck by City Garbage Truck on March 31st.

NOTICE OF CLAIM OF JOHN ELLISON FOR DAMAGES TO PROPERTY BY FIRE FROM INCINERATOR.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, reported that notice of claim of John Ellison had been filed by his attorney, J. Edward Stukes, in the amount of \$460.00 for damages to property on July 5, 1948, alleged to have been caused by fire spreading from the Incinerator.

TREE REMOVAL AT 214 EAST PARK AVENUE.

Councilman DeLaney moved that Mr. Ed Wright be granted permission to remove three trees from the planting strip at 214 East Park Avenue, as requested. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried,

STREET TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

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

- One block of Wolfe Street, between Chatham Ave. and Fulton Ave. Forest Park Drive, from Lilac Road to Princeton Avenue.
- 200 Feet of Meyer Boulevard, located within the city limits one block from Plaza Road.
- Dorothy Drive, between Ideal Way and Winthrop Avenue.

SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman McKee, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of the following sanitary sewers:

- (a) Contract with W. H. Starrette for sewer in Roland Avenue, for a distance of 650 feet, at an estimated cost of \$997.70 to serve one house erected and eleven lots, and refund of deposit of \$797.70 if and when four additional houses are connected to said sewer.
- (b) Sewer in Dickinson Place, for a distance of 63 feet, at an estimated cost of \$143.66, to be borne by the City.
- (c) Sewer in Drummond Drive, for a distance of 105 feet, at an estimated cost of \$199.10, at the City's expense.

CONTRACT WITH D. G. CALDWELL, J. B. CADDELL, SR. AND JACK JOHNSON FOR WATER MAINS CONSTRUCTION IN MECKLENBURG AVENUE.

Councilman Childs moved that contract be authorized with D. G. Caldwell, J. B. Caddell, Sr., and Jack Johnson for the construction of water mains in Mecklenburg Avenue, between Country Club Lane and the present city limits, for a distance of 1250 feet, at an estimated cost of \$1,356.00; the city to finance all construction costs and the applicants to guarantee 10 percent revenue of costs. Motion seconded by Councilman DeLaney, and unanimously carried.

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTIES CONFIRMED.

Upon motion of Councilman Lambeth, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, the sale of the following tax foreclosed properties at public auction on July 19th were confirmed:

- 2328-32 and 2334 Hutchinson Ave, to the high bidder Wade H. Williams, at \$2,630.00.
- 1607-11 Scotland Avenue, to the high bidder T.C. Wohlbruck at \$1,155.00.
- 1649-53 Scotland Avenue, to the high bidder Ira B. Turner at \$850.00.
- 321-23 Tremont Avenue, to the high bidder Mrs. Nora Satterfield at \$400.00.

REJECTION OF ALL BIDS ON SIGN POSTS RECEIVED ON JULY 21st.

Councilman McKee moved that all bids received on July 21st on 800 Directive "U" type Sign Posts be rejected due to irregularities in said bids. Motion seconded by Councilman Lambeth, and unanimously carried.

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CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, authorizing contracts for the following purchases and the allocation of funds therefor, if necessary:

- (a) Contract with The Pure Oil Company for 6,000 gallons of Motor Oil in gallon drums, at ~~at \$.60 cents per gallon~~ representing a net delivered price of \$3,600.00.
- (b) Contract with Sinclair Refining Company, for 7,000 pounds of Gear Lubricant, SAE 90 and 140, at \$.13¢ per pound and 500 pounds SAE 250 at \$.1175¢ per pound, or a total delivered price of \$968.75.
- (c) Contract with Concrete Supply Company, for 8000 tons of Crushed Stone, on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$21,770.00.
- (d) Contract with Concrete Products Company, for 1000 concrete meter boxes, on a unit price basis of \$4.25 each, representing a net delivered price of \$4,250.00.
- (e) Contract with Modern Foundry Company, for Manhole Rings & Covers, Catch Basin Frames & Grates, and Lamphole Frames & Covers, on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$2,399.76.
- (f) Contract with General Chemical Division, Allied Chemical and Dye Corp., for 57000 pounds of Sodium Fluoride, at a net delivered price of \$6,583.50.
- (g) Contract with Purser & London, Inc., for One Gravimetric Dry Feed Machine, at a net delivered price of \$3,082.00.
- (h) Contract with Pomona Terra-Cotta Company, for 2403 feet of Pipe, and Six T'S, at a net delivered price of \$980.49.
- (i) Contract with W. A. Kirkley, for drilling seven test holes at the site of the proposed Catawba River Pumping Station, at a price of \$950.00.
- (j) Contract with Mill Power Supply Company, for 5000 feet of Traffic Signal Cable, at a net delivered price of \$611.00 subject to the price at the time of delivery but not to exceed 10% of bid price - or a total delivered price of \$672.00.
- (k) Contract with R. D. Wood Company, for repair parts for three Mathews Fire Hydrants, at a net delivered price of \$246.60.
- (l) Contract with Central Chemical Corp., for 2000 pounds of 100% DDT Powder, at a net delivered price of \$700.00.

PURCHASE OF GASOLINE DURING FISCAL YEAR 1948-49 FROM ESSO STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

Councilman DeLaney moved that in view of the City being unable to secure formal bids on a year's supply of gasoline, that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate with the Esso Standard Oil Company for the purchase of gasoline not to exceed 280,000 gallons during the fiscal year 1948-49, at their posted tank wagon or tank car price at the time of delivery, as proposed in their communication dated July 21, 1948, reporting deliveries monthly to Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS.

The City Manager reported that leases have been concluded on the following Airport Buildings:

- (a) Renewal of lease on Building #53, to Pure Oil Company, at a monthly rental of \$25.80 for one year from July 1, 1948.
- (b) Lease of Building #17 to Carolina Machinery Company, at a monthly rental of \$15.00 for one year from August 1st.

REPORT OF COLLATERAL DEPOSITED BY BEATY SERVICE COMPANY FOR OPERATION OF TAXICABS.

The City Manager reported that a semi-annual report of collateral deposited by Beaty Service Company, Inc., had been submitted by the City Treasurer, showing a total amount of \$23,200.00 on deposit, covering the operation of 72 cabs as of July 15, 1948; that financial statements of Building & Loan Associations where the collateral is deposited, in lieu of cash, were attached to said report.

MEETING RECESSED AT 4:25 P.M.

Upon motion of Councilman Lambeth, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, a recess was taken at 4:25 p.m., to the office of the Mayor, for the purpose of discussing the vacancy in the Civil Service Commission.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:40 P.M.

APPOINTMENT OF ALFRED E. SMITH TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Childs, the unanimous consent of Council was given to consider the appointment of a member to fill the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission created by the resignation of Mr. K. M. Clontz.

Councilman Jordan nominated Mr. Alfred E. Smith as a member of the Civil Service Commission to serve during the unexpired term of Mr. Clontz resigned. Councilman Albea seconded the nomination, which was carried unanimously.

ELIMINATION OF WASTE AND DEBRIS FROM SUGAW CREEK AND TREATMENT OR COVERING OVER OF TRIBUTARIES THERETO REQUESTED.

Mr. Charlie Henderson, representing the Junior Chamber of Commerce, requested that ways and means be found by the City to eliminate waste matter and debris from Sugaw Creek, and, secondly, that the ditches and/or tributaries emptying into the Creek be covered over or at least treated to improve sanitary conditions.

Residents of the Park Road, Selwyn Avenue, Club Colony and Romany Road sections of the city urged that immediate action be taken to clean up Sugaw Creek in an effort to secure relief from the odor and wash from the Creek. A petition, signed by several hundred property owners within the area, was filed in support of their request.

Mrs. H. B. Thieling, Health Chairman of the Charlotte Parent-Teacher Association, filed a letter urging that the dumping of industrial waste into Sugaw Creek be prohibited.

Mayor Baxter advised that a study of the situation was being made, and that an ordinance relative to the dumping of industrial waste into Sugaw Creek was being prepared and would be presented at the Council Meeting on August 18th.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman DeLaney, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk