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The City Council met in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, December 10, 1941, with Mayor Pro Tem Albea presiding and Councilmen Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Little, Painter, Ross and Ward present.

Absent: Mayor Currie, Councilmen Price and Slye.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Albea, presiding in the absence of Mayor Currie.

TAXICAB ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO BE POSTPONED UNTILL LATER DATE.

Mr. Albea advised the Attorney for the Red Top Taxicab Company, Mr. H. L. Taylor, and the large delegation present that after the informal meeting held just prior to this meeting regarding the proposed amendments to the Taxicab Ordinance, the Council had decided to postpone action until further study could be made of these amendments and that those interested would be notified as to when the matter will again come up.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION ASKED THAT NEW STREET BE OPENED ACROSS SUGAW CREEK.

Mr. Charles E. Stone, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission, appeared before the Council, asking the City to construct a road through the Thompson Orphanage property, beginning either at Luther or Bakter Streets, and continuing to Stonewall Street. Mr. Stone stated that this proposed roadway would open up a section to school children for three-fourths of a mile; there being no bridge across the creek for that distance, and also that it would take some of the traffic off of heavily congested streets. He also stated that if this roadway is built it would cut off certain property belonging to the Thompson Orphanage which it might then be possible to acquire for use as a negro recreational center, and that this negro section of the City is the most thickly populated section and that it is the center of crime and such recreational facilities would help to reduce the crime rate. Mr. Ross, City Engineer, had prepared a map showing two possible locations for this roadway and this map was presented and discussed.

The estimated cost of building a 40 ft. road and 10 ft. sidewalk would approximate between \$12,500 and \$14,500.

After hearing Mr. Stone, Councilman Ward moved that the Mayor Pro Tem appoint a committee to go into this matter to determine if any funds can be earmarked to carry this project through, in order that Mr. Stone may go before the Thompson Orphanage Board at their annual meeting in January, in connection with securing the land desired for park purposes. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and unanimously carried.

Councilmen Ward, Beasley and Daughtry were appointed on this committee.

Dr. Ransom, of the Civitan Club was introduced by Mr. Stone, and told of the assistance that the Civitan Club would give in establishing this negro recreation center of the land can be had.

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BUNDLES FOR BRITAIN GRANTED PERMISSION TO EXHIBIT GERMAN PLANE.

Mr. L. Benham, on behalf of Bundles for Britain, Inc., requested permission to exhibit a German Messerschmitt plane in Charlotte for five days, beginning Friday, December 12th., the proceeds from this showing to go for "Bundles for Blue Jackets".

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Ross and unanimously carried, this permission was granted.

COUNCILMAN HOVIS LEAVES MEETING AT 4:17.

At 4:17 P. M., Councilman Hovis asked to be excused from the meeting and took his departure.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD UNIT TO USE ARMORY- AUDITORIUM.

City Manager Flack presented the following resolution, which he stated that it was necessary to adopt at this time in order to take care of the unit now in Charlotte in connection with the defense and guarding of certain facilities, due to the fact that the former lease regarding the use of the Armory-Auditorium by the National Guard Units was cancelled in September 1940:

WHEREAS, matters incident to the National Emergency immediately require a somewhat different attitude regarding the structure known as the Armory-Auditorium.

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Charlotte hereby determines that the paramount use of the said structure and grounds must, until further notice, be devoted to Army and supplemental civilian use, and, because nothing is certain at this time, it will be necessary for the City to retain authority to change the designated use from time to time; and

FURTHER, therefore, until said policy is changed by the City Council, the military organization known as the North Carolina State Guard, will be permitted to use in the basement of said Armory the vault, supply room, locker room, captains room and non-commissioned officers room, which are now being occupied by said organization; and

FURTHER, from and after this date, said North Carolina State Guard unit will have the use of the first floor of said Armory on every Tuesday evening not heretofore reserved for other use, and the City Manager is directed that hereafter he should not make any other reservations for said first floor on Tuesday evenings.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Ross, the above resolution was unanimously adopted.

INVITATION EXTENDED TO MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND MANAGER TO REVIEW COMPANY 27, N. C. STATE GUARDS AND ATTEND BANQUET, DECEMBER 16, 1941.

City Manager presented an invitation received from the N. C. State Guards to the Mayor, City Council and Manager to review Company 27 of this unit on Tuesday, December 16th., and attend the banquet to be held at 7 o'clock P.M. that date.

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMITTEE TO ACT IN CONNECTION WITH FORECLOSURE SALES.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that Mayor E. McA. Currie, Chas. B. Ross and A. Parks Little be, and they are, appointed a committee to confer with the Collector of Revenue and instruct him as to the amount that the City shall bid for property foreclosed and sold under the City's tax, street assessment or other liens, provided that in no event shall they authorize a bid to be placed in excess of the total amount due upon said property for city and county taxes, street assessments, penalties, interest and costs.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the said committee be, and it is, empowered to authorize the Collector of Revenue to make agreements with the owners of property in process of being foreclosed, or about to be foreclosed, concerning the amount which the City will bid at foreclosure sales when said property owners are willing to cooperate with the City to bring about the early and expeditious sale of their property.

MAYOR, COUNCILMEN AND CITY MANAGER APPOINTED SPECIAL OFFICERS ON BEHALF OF DEFENSE WORK IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE DURING PERIOD OF EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved that the Mayor, each member of the City Council and the City Manager, be appointed Special Officers in behalf of defense work in the City of Charlotte, to serve in any capacity they may be called upon, during the period of emergency. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and unanimously carried.

ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS APPOINTED SPECIAL OFFICERS.

At the request of City Manager Flack, all Department Heads of the City of Charlotte, are also appointed as Special Officers under the same terms as shown above, on motion made by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried.

MRS. LILLIAN R. HOFFMAN APPOINTED ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.

On motion made by Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Ross, Mrs. Lillian R. Hoffman was appointed Assistant City Clerk to act when the City Clerk is absent.

NO REPORT FROM DELINQUENT TAX COMMITTEE.

Councilman Ross stated that the committee on delinquent tax collections had no report to make at this time; that the City Attorney is drafting an ordinance which will be presented at a later date.

MAYOR AND THREE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL TO ATTEND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF MAYORS TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON JANUARY 12, 13 and 14th, 1942.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Beasley and unanimously carried, the Mayor and three members of the City were authorized to attend the Annual Conference of Mayors to be held in Washington, D. C., January 12th., 13th. and 14th. 1942, and the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Paul V. Betters to make hotel reservations for that number.

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SALE OF TWO MULES.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Ward, the sale of two City-owned mules (the last in use by the City) and a saddle mowing machine was authorized to be made to the highest bidder, Cochran & Ross Coal Co., for the total price of \$145.00.

REQUEST OF RED CROSS FOR SOLICITATIONS PERMIT TO BE ISSUED WITHOUT COST DENIED.

On motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Baker, the request of the American Red Cross that they be issued a permit to conduct their Annual Roll Call without cost, together with cards for the workers, was denied on the ground that it would be setting a precedent to remit this charge and denial of the request was a matter of policy.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS ISSUED FOR EMPLOYEES OF SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE CO.

The following Special Officer permits were authorized to be issued to employees of the Southern Bell Telephone Company; on motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried:

J. M. Hill
J. H. Kellam
W. H. Wilcox
H. J. Baker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Baker, the minutes of the meeting of December 3rd. were approved as read.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

The following cemetery deeds were approved, on motion made by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Baker and unanimously carried:

Mrs. Florence Brank, Lot No. 212, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery	\$35.00
Mrs. M. J. Irwin, Lot No. 230 Section "Y",	35.00
Transfer of East Half Lot No. 43, Section "C" from D. G. Calder and wife, to John A. McMillan	1.00

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Little, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk