

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, December 20, 1950, at 11 o'clock a.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Boyd, Coddington, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilmen Albea and Daughtry.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman G. D. Aitken.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on December 13th were approved as submitted.

PLANS FOR PROGRAM OF PRAYER FOR PEACE ENDORSED.

Mrs. Robert Nugent and Mrs. H. B. Wellford appeared before Council and requested the endorsement of a plan for daily prayer for peace by the citizens of Charlotte. They suggested that church bells be rung daily at noon, or some designated hour, and/or radio station breaks be made at a given time as a reminder to all citizens to pray for peace. Councilman Aitken stated the Mecklenburg Ministerial Association is sponsoring daily services at noon at two downtown churches and that some church bells are being rung daily at noon. He stated further that Dr. Herbert Spaugh is Chairman of this activity of the Association but he has not been able to contact him and learn of the full program.

Councilman Boyd moved that the Council endorse the suggestions and sentiments made by Mrs. Nugent and Mrs. Wellford, and, also, the movement of the Ministerial Association for daily prayer, and that the Council call upon the people of Charlotte to pray for peace. The motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY FOR ALUMINUM SULPHATE.

Mr. Hugh Puckett representing the American Cyanamid Company stated his company has furnished Aluminum Sulphate to the City of Charlotte for a number of years and it is a vital material in one of the City's key operations. That the bid they submitted the City on December 11th for 225 Tons of Aluminum Sulphate is only \$45.00 higher on the total amount than that of the low bidder, Southern States Chemical Company, whose chemical division is not yet operating and who could not deliver the commodity at the present time. He requested that the contract be awarded to his company.

Mr. C. E. Beatty, Purchasing Agent, stated the Southern States Chemical Company submitted the low bid and stated they could make delivery after January 1st, and in line with the City's policy he recommended the award of contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the contract for 225 Tons of Aluminum Sulphate was awarded to American Cyanamid Company, on a unit price basis of \$42.80 per ton, representing a net delivered price of \$9,630.00.

CLAIMS OF W. M. ROGERS, MARY P. ALEXANDER AND MORRIS ROTH REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the following claims reported by the City Manager as having been filed, were referred to the City Attorney:

- (a) Claim of W. M. Rogers, in the amount of \$258.40, for alleged damages to his car by a Police car on November 20th.
- (b) Claim of Mary P. Alexander, in the amount of \$3,000.00, for alleged personal injuries sustained by stepping into a water main manhole in the 1500 block of Central Avenue.
- (c) Claim of Morris Roth, in the amount of \$32.64, on account of City Treasurer stopping payment on payroll check of Wiley Williams, due to request of B. B. Turner, Merchant, who lost same.

PAYMENT TO BLANKENSHIP BROS. FOR OVERRUN IN CONTRACT FOR SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that payment be authorized to Blankenship Bros. for overrun amounting to \$3,362.27 on contract for sanitary sewers construction at various locations in the amount of \$34,841.70, caused by lowering preliminary grade due to encountering telephone conduits and other contingencies. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR CHEMICALS AND BEARING PLATES.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, contracts were awarded as follows:

- (a) Contract with The Standard Lime & Stone Company for 270 Tons Hydrated Lime, on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$4,843.80.
- (b) Contract with Peebles Chemical Company for 7 Tons Anhydrous Ammonia, on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$2,296.00.
- (c) Contract with L. A. Salomon & Bros. for 15 Tons Activated Carbon, on a unit price basis, representing a total of \$2,052.00.
- (d) Contract with Bethlehem Steel Company, for 92 Bearing Plates and 92 Sheet Lead Plates, at a net delivered price of \$2,618.00.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED ISSUED.

Motion was made by Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, authorizing the issuance of Special Officer Permits as follows:

- (a) Permit to H. Calvin Wentz for use on the premises of Addison Apartments.
- (b) Renewal of Permits to C. D. Christopher, J. D. Fulton, G. B. Haley and T. M. Hill, for use on the premises of Southern Bell Telephone Company.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the construction of new driveway entrances at the following locations were approved:

- (a) One 10-ft. driveway at 819 Hempstead Place.
- (b) One 9-ft. driveway at 1109 Belgrave Pavement.

HOLIDAY GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES ON JANUARY 1st.

Councilman Aitken moved that Monday, January 1st, be designated as a holiday for City Employees in observance of New Year's Day. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

CEMETERY LOTS TRANSFERRED.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the following cemetery deeds being transferred:

- (a) Deed with Mrs. H. Stokes Munroe, Jr., for Lot 225, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$208.00.
- (b) Deed with George S. Moore, for Lot 345, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$163.80.

LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS.

It was reported that leases had been concluded on buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport to the following concerns:

BUILDING NO.	LESSEE	MONTHLY RENTAL	DATE AND TERM OF LEASE
41	Hanover Distributing Company	\$83.20	12-1-50 1 year
213	Carolina Machinery Company	\$27.00	8-15-50 1 year
81	M & E Sales Company	\$19.35	10-15-50 1 year
77	Asso. Aviation Underwriters	\$12.00	9-15-50 30 days per month per machine notice

SURVEY OF THE EXTENSION OF WEST FIFTH STREET TO BEATTIE'S FORD ROAD.

Councilman Coddington discussed the opening of West Fifth Street to Beattie's Ford Road as a much needed outlet for westbound traffic. He stated that Captain Henkle of the Traffic Division of the Police Department advises that it would do much to relieve the congested traffic condition in this area. Councilman Coddington moved that the City Manager have the Engineering Department make an immediate survey and cost estimate of the project. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF LOTS AT SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTH DAVIDSON AND EAST FOURTH STREET AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Aitken, the unanimous consent of Council was given Councilman Wilkinson to present for consideration the purchase of Lots 1, 2 and 3 at the southeast corner of South Davidson and East Fourth Street, at a price of \$10,000.00 per lot, subject to the approval of deed and/or title by the City Attorney, for the expansion of City Buildings. Councilman Wilkinson moved that the property be purchased at a total price of \$30,000.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, who stated that it should be understood the lots are not being purchased as a parking lot but for future expansion of municipal buildings. The motion unanimously carried.

EXTENSION OF BUS ROUTES AND MEETING WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY RELATIVE TO BUS SITUATION REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN BOYD.

Councilman Boyd stated that nearly two years have passed since the Council came into office and improved bus service was promised the citizens, and as yet nothing has been accomplished toward providing this much needed service. He stated further that one part of the Hoose Bus Survey Report recommending a complete change in bus routes has stymied the Council. He urged that something be done immediately to effectuate the important part of the Survey, i.e., provide service to such areas as Selwyn Village, Merry Oaks section and other areas without bus service whatsoever.

Mayor Shaw stated that due to his absence and later that of the City Manager, from the City, and now the Christmas holidays, a meeting has not been arranged with Duke Power Company; however, immediately after January 1st a meeting will be arranged and the program pushed.

CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM DISCUSSED.

The City Attorney called attention to the fact that within less than three weeks the North Carolina Legislature will convene and the City's legislative program should be perfected. He was requested to draft the bills covering all necessary legislation now in his files, and submit them to the Council, after which a conference will be arranged and additions will be added, if desired.

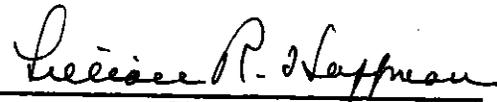
CITY ATTORNEY INSTRUCTED TO DRAFT ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO OPERATION OF BICYCLES IN CHARLOTTE.

Mayor Shaw, and Chief Littlejohn, urged that legislation be adopted to provide for the registration of bicycles in operation in Charlotte. Chief Littlejohn stated that the number of bicycles that are stolen, and then disguised beyond recognition by the owners, has become alarmingly large and by the registration and installation of a license plate, the situation can be improved.

The City Attorney was directed to draft the necessary legislation to be presented for Council consideration at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT.

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



City Clerk