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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, February 23, 1944, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Price and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen Painter and Slye.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Daughtry the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE MATTER OF ISSUING PERMIT TO OPERATE A TAXICAB TO E. E. JOHNSON.

Councilman Price stated the Committee appointed to investigate with Chief Anderson the matter of issuing a permit to H. H. Johnson to operate a taxicab, had met with Chief Anderson who thought he could secure a job for Mr. Johnson at the Boy Scout Camp, as under the law a permit could not be issued him. Mr. Price stated that Chief Anderson had today advised him by letter he was unable to secure the job. He recommended that the matter be referred back to Chief Anderson with request that he continue to endeavor to secure a job for Mr. Johnson and that the Committee would work with him to this end.

PAST DUE TAXES ON NEGRO ELKS HOME TO BE COLLECTED IN THE USUAL MANNER.

The City Manager stated that in accordance with instructions of the Council, he had taken up with the Collector of Revenue the matter of payment of past due taxes on the Negro Elks Home; that the Collector advised their policy was to collect taxes in full or arrange payments which will settle the account in full within six month's time at the latest. No action was taken by Council and the Mayor requested the City Manager to refer the matter back to the Collector to be handled in the usual manner.

PURCHASE OF PARTS FOR ELGIN SWEEPER.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Cope, the purchase of 18 Shaft Flanges from North Carolina Equipment Company, at a net delivered price of \$169.74 was authorized.

CONTRACT AWARDED ADDRESSOGRAPH-MULTIGRAPH CORPORATION FOR AN ADDRESSING MACHINE UNIT.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be awarded the Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation for one addressing machine unit for the Water Department, at a net delivered price of \$1,199.70. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

CONTRACT WITH E. V. JOHNSON & SON AUTHORIZED FOR COAL.

The City Manager stated that since his last report on the purchase of coal, that 236.625 tons had been purchased from E. V. Johnson & Son, at a cost of \$1,891.19 and requested that payment for and a contract with this company be authorized to cover. Councilman Daughtry moved that this be done. Motion seconded by Councilman Albe and carried.

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FORMER PROPERTY OWNERS ON NORTH CEDAR STREET TO BE GIVEN THIRTY DAYS NOTICE FROM DELIVERY OF DEEDS, TO VACATE PROPERTY.

Councilman Baker moved that former owners of North Cedar St., property be immediately given notice to vacate property within 30-days from delivery of deeds to said property, which was recently purchased by the City for cemetery purposes. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

REQUEST THAT COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED TO FORMULATE PROCEDURE FOR RETURNING TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTY TO TAX LIST.

The City Manager stated we have acquired 150 parcels of land at tax foreclosure sales and suggested that the Mayor appoint a Committee to formulate a procedure for returning this property to the tax list.

CONTRACT AWARDED NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION TO MAKE SURVEY OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF CITY, AND APPROPRIATION MADE FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO COVER PAYMENT OF SURVEY.

The City Manager advised the City Attorneys had ruled the City has authority to enter into a contract with the National Recreation Association to make a survey of the parks and recreational needs of Charlotte. Whereupon, Councilman Price moved that \$1,500.00 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund for such purpose and that contract be made between the City and the National Recreation Association for said survey. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard and carried.

PERMITS ISSUED TO FORTY-NINE MEN TO OPERATE TAXICABS.

Upon the recommendation of Chief Anderson, Councilman Albea moved that permits be issued the following men to operate taxicabs in the City. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and carried.

P.T. Beck
934 E. 9th St.

Eugene R. Correll
19 Piedmont Court

J. W. Beaman
Route #9

S. W. Enloe
108 E. 9th St.

Geo. L. Beacham
305 N. Poplar St.

Julius Franks
906 W. 1st St.

D. R. Barker
1601 Scott Ave.

H. O. Floyd
214 E. Park Ave.

M. M. Berryhill
201 S. Cedar St.

M. W. Freeman
1131 Statesville Ave.

Troy Brown
113 Piedmont Courts

G. A. Fesperman
300 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. Tryon St.

B. T. Funderburk
815 E. Trade St.

James P. Ganus
912 N. College St.

H. H. Fennell
Franklin Hotel

L. W. Goodwin
742 W. Trade St

Roy Goins
208 W. 7th St.

C. B. Hand
823 Seigle Ave.

W. E. Cook
504 E. Tremont St.

E. M. Honeycutt
1247 Pegram St.

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Fred A. Hunsucker 505 N. Graham St.	J. L. Thomas 1409 Downs Ave.
Julius Hornback 1521 N. Alexander	M. C. Summersett 501 N. Poplar St.
A. C. Irby 1114 Belmont Ave.	B. P. Sherrill 222 Piedmont Court
O. D. Lang 1017 Grace St.	J. F. Stowe 815 W. 5th St.
Henry H. Massey 508 E. 10th St.	Ernest G. Taylor Route #8
W. C. Morton Route #7	Dell M. Towery 120 E. Morehead St.
Herman McGowan 1641 Parson St.	E. K. Williams 506 Hovis Circle
J. F. Miller 1105 Belmont Ave.	W. B. Williams Route #6
J. P. Nivens 118 W. Kingston Ave.	Thomas L. Wall 1124 Beaumont Ave.
D. S. Perry 3100 Rush Avenue	C. E. Whitsides 823 Seigle Ave.
Phillip H. Pickett 1108 S. Graham St.	M. W. Watson Route 1, Box 1088
L. N. Suddreth 1403 Downs Ave.	B. B. Watson 278 Piedmont Court
Ralph S. Simmons 112 S. Cedar St.	Joseph W. Windham
Mack R. Smith 2117 Vail Ave.	P. C. Wyatt Y. M. C. A.

APPLICATIONS OF FOUR MEN TO OPERATE TAXICABS IN CHARLOTTE DENIED.

Upon the recommendation of Chief Anderson, Councilman Albea moved that applications to operate taxicabs in Charlotte be denied the following men: Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried.

S. L. Brigance 1015 S. College Street	Robert Bert Todd 89 Piedmont Courts
Percy C. Malone 815 E. Trade Street	Earl Buford Carpenter 1215 Seigle Avenue

PERMIT AUTHORIZED ISSUED FOR OPERATION OF TAXICAB.

Upon the recommendation of Chief Anderson, Councilman Albea moved that authority be given to issue a permit to Forrest Morris Plyler, 1420 Nandina Avenue, to operate a taxicab in Charlotte. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and carried.

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EXPLANATION OF BOND LIMITATION AND DISCUSSION ON INDUSTRIAL WASTE AT NEW SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANTS BY CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager explained in detail the limitations concerning the issuing of bonds of the City. Also, he stated that prior to contracting for any expenditures whatsoever in connection with the Sewage Disposal Plants, the Council should express its intentions of prohibiting any industrial waste from entering the Sewage Plants which would affect the efficient operation of said plants.

REPORT OF COUNCIL POST-WAR COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO INCINERATOR.

Councilman Atkins read a report of the Council Post-War Planning Committee relative to the Incinerator, wherein it was recommended that the Sanitary Department submit a report on the possibilities of handling a part of the City's garbage by means of burying; also, that it report on the feasibility of locating additional incinerator facilities in a different section of the city to reduce hauling; that it obtain the benefit of the experience of other cities in requiring sorting of garbage by householders and business firms and that the cost of equipping one of the furnaces with forced draft be ascertained with an idea of trying it out on one furnace. No Council action was taken.

PROGRESS REPORT MADE BY POST-WAR PLANNING COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO NEW FIRE STATIONS.

Councilman Bullard made a progress report for the Post-War Planning Committee on the erection of a Fire Station in Chantilly Section of the City and the removal of the present Station on South Boulevard to the north-east corner of South Boulevard and Lexington Avenue.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT OF JACK Wm. HUNTER RENEWED.

Councilman Albea moved that the Special Officer Permit now held by Jack William Hunter, on the premises of Lincoln Theatre, be renewed. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Councilman Albea moved that deeds to the following cemetery lots be transferred. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried:

C. W. Bogan and wife, Ruby Bogan, Lot #23, in Section "Z", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00.

Mrs. E. B. Merritt, Lot #282, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00.

Edna L. Mauney and daughter, Jeannette M. King, Lot #21, in Section "Z", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00.

Mary Culver, Lot #1, in Section "St. John", West Pinewood Cemetery, \$52.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

Councilman Baker moved that the meeting adjourn. Motion duly seconded by Councilman Ward and carried.

Rebecca R. Hoffmann
City Clerk