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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Hovis, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides, Ward and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilman Britt.

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On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with at this time.

CITY TO SEND ONE REPRESENTATIVE ON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAYORS' TOUR TO FLORIDA.

Upon the request of Mr. Al Bechtold, of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, and on motion of Councilman Wilkinson, duly seconded by Councilman Nance and carried, the City voted to send Mayor Douglas, or if he is unable to make the trip, one representative from the City Council to be appointed by the Mayor, on the Mayors' Tour to Florida, being conducted by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, the latter part of February.

USE OF ARMORY-AUDITORIUM FOR PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY BALL GRANTED WITHOUT COST.

The Mayor read a letter from Mr. William Winter, Chairman of the Celebration Committee for the President's Birthday Ball, asking for free use of the Armory-Auditorium on January 29th. for this dance, and on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Ward, this request was granted.

CITY AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH BUILDING OF SEWER LINE FROM AIR BASE TO DISPOSAL PLANT.

Mayor Douglas presented a letter from Mr. Scarborough, City Attorney, regarding the sewer line from the Air Base camp to the City's disposal plant, in which he advised that the heirs to one of the pieces of property over which right-of-way is required cannot be located. The Mayor asked authority to proceed with the building of this sewer line, the City to pay for this portion of the right-of-way when and if the heirs are located.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Ward, authority was given to proceed with this work.

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CONTRACT LIST FOR SEWER PIPE.

The following bids having been received on 2604 feet of 8" sewer pipe, 99 feet of 10" pipe and 201 feet of 12" pipe for sanitary sewer installations in various locations:

Doggett Lumber Company	\$749.91
Cathey Lumber Company	751.86
Tucker-Kirby Company	797.50
Isenhour Brick & Coal Co.	807.15
H & S Lumber Company	813.04
Caldwell Construction Co.	813.04
J. L. Wiggins & Son Lbr. Co.	813.04

Councilman Sides moved that award be made to the lowest bidder, Doggett Lumber Company, at a net delivered price of \$749.91 and the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract with this company. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and carried.

SEWER INSTALLATION IN IDEAL WAY.

Request having been made by J. R. Hawkins, 1618 Scott Avenue, for the installation of an 8" sanitary sewer in Ideal Way, from Cumberland Avenue, 200 feet west toward Floral Avenue, to serve one house already started at 1533 Ideal Way. The Engineering Department has estimated the cost of doing this work at \$132.00, and on motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, this request was granted.

SEWER INSTALLATION IN WEST TRADE STREET.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hovis, authority was given for the extension of an 8" sanitary sewer in West Trade Street, from a manhole at the end of the present sewer near Beatties Ford Road, west 237 feet to the end of the present sewer in Soloman Street, to serve one house already started and four additional houses proposed. Estimated cost of this work is \$156.42.

NEW CONTRACT COVERING ADDITIONAL WORK IN MOVING THREE HOUSES ON NORTH McDOWELL STREET AUTHORIZED.

The City Manager reported that on September 16, 1940 the Council authorized a contract with DeWitt Tate for moving three houses on North McDowell Street, between 9th. and 10th. Streets, in the amount of \$575.00; this work being in connection with the widening of East 11th. Street. The other bid received at that time on this work was \$650.00.

After the work was started it developed that on account of the slope of the dirt a special type pillow would have to be put in, in order to hold the dirt, or else to build a retaining wall. On account of the expense, the retaining wall was out of the question. This work was understood by the Engineering Department but the contractors bidding on the job apparently misunderstood same and did not include it in their bids.

Cost of raising these three houses was estimated by the Engineering Department at \$983.00, and request was now made that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign an additional contract covering this required additional work, in the amount of \$408.00.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, authority was given for entering into this new contract.

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SEWER EXTENSION - WEST TRADE STREET FOR NEW BUS TERMINAL.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, authority was given for the extension of the 10" sanitary sewer in West Trade Street, for a distance of 42 feet in the north planting strip from the end of the present sewer east to the new Bus Terminal, at 412 West Trade Street. Cost of doing this work was estimated by the Engineering Department at \$146.30.

STREET MAINTENANCE - CUMBERLAND AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Nance, the request of Mr. Arthur Wiley that Cumberland Avenue, from Ideal Way to a point approximately 175 feet, or to pass the last house on the street, was granted.

STREET MAINTENANCE FOR PORTION OF CHATHAM AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Sidms, seconded by Councilman Ward, a portion of Chatham Avenue, from Belvedere Avenue North, being the 2100 block of this street, was taken over for maintenance to a point opposite No. 2129, which portion of the street is satisfactory to the City's standard requirements for accepting a street for maintenance.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT GRANTED TO B. B. BURNETT ON PREMISES OF PROFESSIONAL REALTY COMPANY.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, a special officer permit was granted to B. B. Burnett, of 415 East 21st. Street, for use on the premises of the Professional Realty Company.

COPY OF BUDGET STATEMENT FURNISHED COUNCIL.

The City Manager furnished each member of the Council with a copy of the Budget Report, for four months period ending December 31, 1940.

INSTALLATION OF 8" SEWER IN MILLERTON STREET.

The City Manager reported request received for the installation of an 8" sanitary sewer in Millerton Street, beginning at an existing 8" sewer in the northerly planting strip of West Morehead Street, northwesterly 1395 feet to a proposed manhole near Morton Street, at an estimated cost of \$1432.20; the owners, heirs of the Miller Estate, agreeing to post a certified check for this amount and to enter into a contract with the City that when as many as eight houses are connected to this sewer line the City will refund the amount of \$1432.20 to the individuals, posted for construction purposes, without interest.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Albea, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute this contract on the part of the City of Charlotte.

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TRAFFIC LIGHT TO BE INSTALLED AT CORNER NORTH TRYON STREET AND NINTH STREET.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, a traffic light is to be installed at the intersection of North Tryon and Ninth Street, Councilman Sides voting against this motion.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 8TH. MEETING READ AND APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the minutes of the previous meeting, January 8th., were approved as read.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO STUDY QUESTION OF UNPAID TAXES.

Councilman Sides reported that he had looked over the tax books in the City Tax Department and found several pages of property owned by one individual on which no taxes had been paid for the past ten or more years. He stated that rents are being collected from this property and that steps should be taken to collect these back taxes. He suggested that the Mayor appoint a committee composed of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the City Manager and the Collector of Revenue to investigate this matter and report back to the Council.

Councilman Sides then put this suggestion in the form of a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

Mayor Douglas stated that inasmuch as the Collector of Revenue would assist any committee in this work, he would appoint Councilman Hovis, Chairman of the Finance Committee, City Manager Armstrong and City Attorney Scarborough on this committee.

WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO BE CONVEYED TO DICK YOUNG, CHARLOTTE NEWS REPORTER.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the City Council, convey to Dick Young, City Hall News Reporter, the best wishes of the Council and hopes for a speedy recovery; Mr. Young being ill of flu at the Charlotte Sanatorium. This message is to be conveyed by Mr. Tom Watkins, reporter for The Charlotte Observer. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Nance, the meeting adjourned.

*Alice B. McConnell*  
City Clerk