

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, January 17, 1951, at 11 o'clock a.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on January 10th were approved as submitted.

RECOMMENDATION BY MR. SAM HOUSTON THAT NEON SIGN READING "CROSS ROADS OF THE SOUTH" OR "CROSS ROADS OF THE CAROLINAS" BE ERECTED AT THE SQUARE.

Mr. Sam Houston stated he was recently in Salt Lake City and saw a neon sign in the center of The Square which read "Cross Roads of the West" that it was most attractive and he would like for Charlotte to have a similar Sign erected at The Square reading "Cross Roads of the South" or "Cross Roads of the Carolinas". The Council concurred in the suggestion if details for financing the Sign can be worked out. Mayor Shaw stated he will secure a cost estimate and request the Chamber of Commerce to assume the cost and the erection of the Sign.

4.437 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AUTHORIZED DEEDED BY CITY TO HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR ERECTION OF 400 DWELLING UNIT HOUSING PROJECT.

Mr. Elmer Rouser, Attorney representing the Housing Authority, requested the City to deed them the 4.437 acre tract of land on a portion of which the Dog Pound is presently located, said land being immediately south of the Incinerator Property off Shuman Avenue and east of Revolution Park Golf Course; the said land being desired by the Authority as a portion of the site for the 400 dwelling unit housing project. Mr. Rouser stated that the construction bid for the project will expire on January 22nd unless the project is started and therefore they request that the land be deeded them immediately.

Mr. Harold Dillehay, Director of the Charlotte Housing Authority, stated the entire tract of land on which the Housing Project will be located was appraised by their Appraisers and the 4.437 acre tract belonging to the City was appraised at \$1,500.00. He further stated that he discussed the matter with the Mayor and City Manager some months ago and was advised that the City would not object to the use of the property for the housing project and the Dog Pound would be removed. The City Manager in clarifying his statement to Mr. Dillehay with regard to the Dog Pound's removal, stated that in 1946 he was informed by the Engineering and Pet Departments that the Pound was in bad condition and would have to be rebuilt; that in 1947 and 1948 funds were requested for this purpose but were cut out of the budget by the Councils and in 1949 the Pound was in such bad condition that \$1,800.00 was spent to partially rebuild it; therefore, since the Pound needed rebuilding he assumed that the Council would offer no objections to transferring the land to one of its agencies - the Charlotte Housing Authority - for the purpose of erecting a large number of badly needed dwelling units.

Mr. Dillehay was advised that the appraised value of the tract, at \$1,500.00 was entirely too low and the City should realize more for the property especially in view of the fact that plans for a new Dog Pound estimate the expenditure at \$18,000.00. Mr. Dillehay stated that the Authority would pay up to \$2,500.00 for the use of the land but no more.

A discussion took place with regard to the court proceedings with regard to the condemnation of certain houses on a portion of the project site, and the Council was advised by Mr. Dillehay and Mr. Rouser that the Housing Authority is now at liberty to begin work on the site with the exception of the 30 parcels of land in litigation.

The City Attorney advised that the City has the legal right to transfer the land to the Housing Authority, which is an agent of the City.

Councilman Aitken moved the unanimous consent of Council to consider deeding the property to the Housing Authority, which motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Aitken then moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a deed for the transfer of the 4.437 acre tract of land at \$2,500.00 to its agency, the Charlotte Housing Authority, for use in the erection of the 400-dwelling unit project. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Coddington, Daughtry and Jordan.

NAY: Councilmen Boyd and Wilkinson.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING, ON FEBRUARY 7, 1951, ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE LOTS ON TUCKASEEGEE ROAD FROM R-2 TO B-1.

An ordinance entitled, " Ordinance (No. 127) Amending the Zoning Ordinance by changing the Building Zone Map" was introduced and read, to change from R-2 to B-1 property at 3400-06 and 3401-15 Tuckaseegee Road. Following which a Resolution entitled, "Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance" was presented and read, fixing the date of hearing on February 7, 1951. Councilman Wilkinson moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 361.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF J. A. AMOS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, claim of Mr. J. A. Amos in the amount of \$77.40 for damages to his car on December 25th by Fire Truck No. 7 was authorized settled in full.

CONTRACT AWARDED GEO. G. SCOTT & COMPANY FOR ANNUAL AUDIT OF 1950-51 CITY ACCOUNTS.

Councilman Jordan moved that contract be awarded Geo. G. Scott and Company for the Annual Audit of City Accounts for period July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951, at a price of \$5,500.00, which was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of new sanitary sewers at the following locations:

- (a) 1172 feet of sewer main and trunk in Willow Oak Road, at an estimated cost of \$2,930.00 to serve 7 family units at request of Carle W. Mason. All costs to be borne by the City and applicant's deposit of \$370.00 to be refunded in accordance with the terms of the contract.
- (b) 255 feet of sewer in Willow Grove Heights, at an estimated cost of \$440.00 to serve 10 family units, at request of J. W. Rosebro and E. L. Vinson. All costs to be borne by the City.
- (c) 1263 feet of sewer main in West Boulevard, at an estimated cost of \$2,560.00, to serve 17 family units and 13 vacant lots, at the request of Mr. J. M. Hatcher, 1601 W. Boulevard. All costs to be borne by the City.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the construction of driveway entrances at the following locations was authorized:

- (a) One 30-ft. driveway at 813 Baldwin Avenue.
- (b) One 12-ft. driveway at 1918 Dilworth Road West.
- (c) One 12-ft. driveway at 717 Mt. Vernon Avenue.

CONTRACT WITH W. O. NISBET, JR., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS IN WENDOVER HILLS SUBDIVISION.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be authorized with Mr. W. O. Nisbet, Jr., for the construction of 9160 feet of water mains and 2 fire hydrants in the Wendover Hills Subdivision, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$13,700.00, to serve approximately 86 residential lots. All costs to be borne by the applicant in accordance with the terms of the contract. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR 36-INCH RAW WATER LINE ACROSS LANDS OF W. H. KEISTLER AND WIFE, FANNIE LEE KEISTLER.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution with Respect to Acquisition of Right-of-Way for 36-inch Raw Water Line Across Lands of W. H. Keistler and Wife, Fannie Lee Keistler" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, was unanimously adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 362.

MAINTENANCE OF CIRCLE ISLANDS IN SEDGEFIELD SUBDIVISION AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the maintenance of the circle islands in Sedgefield Subdivision was authorized.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLANKENSHIP BROS. FOR SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION IN EASTWOOD PARK.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Blankenship Bros., for the construction of sanitary sewers in Eastwood Park, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$17,468.00.

PURCHASE OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN SCOTLAND COLONY FROM CHARLOTTE LUMBER AND MFG. COMPANY APPROVED.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the purchase of 2185 feet of sanitary sewer in Scotland Colony be authorized from the Charlotte Lumber and Manufacturing Company at a price of \$5,060.00, subject to the approval of deed of conveyance or bill-of-sale by the City Attorney. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED ISSUED ALFRED ALLEN.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, a Special Officer Permit was authorized issued to Alfred Allen for use on the premises of Highland Park Manufacturing Company.

ANNUAL REPORT FILED BY CITY ATTORNEY, JOHN D. SHAW.

Councilman Albea moved that the Annual Report of the City Attorney, Mr. John D. Shaw, for the year 1950, be accepted without financial obligation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANCIS O. CLARKSON TO FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Upon motion of Councilman Albae, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, Mr. Francis O. Clarkson was reappointed for a term of two years to the Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed to Mrs. Martha Kuth for the southwest quarter of Lot 173, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$26.00.
- (b) Deed to Mr. Sam Williams for the southeast quarter of Lot 142, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$26.00.
- (c) Duplicate Deed to Estate of Ed Correll for Perpetual Care on Lot 127, in Section A-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00.
- (d) Duplicate Deed to Estate of Ed Correll for Lot 128, Section D-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

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



City Clerk