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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, January 5, 1944, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen Bullard and Price.

The Minutes of the meeting of December 15, 1943 were read and upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, were approved with the following correction: Councilman Baker stated that motion made by him relative to Oaklawn Cemetery, and recorded in Minute Book 10, Page 427, should read: "One of the stockholders in Oaklawn Cemetery approached me relative to the City purchasing the cemetery property. I suggest that Mayor Baxter appoint a Committee of Council to study the matter and that anyone interested in the sale of Oaklawn Cemetery to the City could then contact the Committee".

REQUEST THAT TAXICAB OPERATORS BE PERMITTED TO PARK AT SOUTHERN RAILWAY STATION.

Attorney Jake F. Newell spoke in behalf of Mr. L. W. Goodwin, who has operated a taxicab from a stand at the Southern Railway Station for a number of years. Mr. Newell requested that taxicab operators be permitted to park on the northern side of the Station at train time to pick up passengers. He also presented a petition, which he stated was signed by Southern Railway Officials and others, requesting that Mr. Goodwin be allowed to operate his taxicab from a stand at the Station. Mayor Baxter advised him that the taxicab question was still under study by the City, and that Mr. Newell's statements would be received as information.

PURCHASES AND PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED BY COUNCIL.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Atkins, the following purchases and payments were authorized:

10,000 - 1¢ Postal Cards from The Charlotte Post Office, at \$100.00, for use by the Water Department.

1,000 pounds of Gutter Broom Steel from Keystone Brush Company, New York City, at \$172.50, for use by the Sanitary Department.

Payment of \$179.40 to Southern Railway Company for freight on Two Cars of Chemical Hydrated Lime, from Standard Lime and Stone Company, Baltimore.

Payment of \$104.00 to Purity Cafe, Charlotte, for 520 meals served prisoners in the City Jail during the first half of December.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH HARKEY BROS. NURSERIES, INC. FOR SLUDGE.

Councilman Ward moved that the bid of Harkey Bros. Nurseries, Inc., Charlotte, on entire output of digested sludge for one year from the Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant (except quantity retained for City use) at 20¢ per cubic yard be accepted and contract be entered into with said concern to cover. Motion seconded by Councilman Slye and carried.

PERMITS GRANTED SIX MEN TO OPERATE TAXICABS IN CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Slye moved that permits be issued the following named men to operate taxicabs in Charlotte for a period of one year in

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accordance with the recommendation of the Chief of Police:

Raymon Coleman	1619 Dowd Road, Charlotte
Richard J. Early	314 W. 11th St. Charlotte
Jerry W. Hayman	3000 Wilkinson Blvd. Charlotte
W. F. King	Route #9, Charlotte
Cecil T. Moore	801 E. 36th St. Charlotte
Marcus Franklin Shirlen	401 W. 9th St. Charlotte

Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS TO OPERATE TAXICABS IN CHARLOTTE DENIED FOUR MEN.

Councilman Baker moved that applications for permits to operate taxicabs in Charlotte be denied the following four named men, due to the Chief of Police having stated in a letter that each of these men had a criminal record and having recommended against the issuance of permits to them:

James Leroy Courtney	Paw Creek, N. C.
Noll Link Hill	919 N. Pine St. Charlotte
Horace Alvin Johnson	406 Belmont Ave. Charlotte
Roy S. Steele	420 $\frac{1}{2}$ E. 10th St. Charlotte

Motion seconded by Councilman Cope and carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT GRANTED WILLIAM L. CAUDLE.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, a Special Officer Permit was granted William L. Caudle, at the request of the Carolina Transfer & Storage Company, for use on the premises of the Carolina Transfer and Storage Company; Brown Equipment Company; Frauhauf Grailer Company; McClain Distributing Company; Southern Radio Corporation; Carolina Cafe; Charlotte Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Carolina Service Station.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS GRANTED FOR USE AT CHARLOTTE QUARTERMASTER DEPOT.

Councilman Daughtry moved that Special Officer Permits be granted the following named men for use at the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot:

Charles B. Alexander	June Fisher
Harold C. Hart	Gordan L. Marshall
Robert G. Burrage	Breese H. Cathey
Albert E. Cole	Mitchell M. Wooten
Obie D. Sims	Martin L. Conn
Fred J. Polk	Preston B. Long
Walter R. Wallace	
Jack Oxline	
Alvin Rankin	
Rufus P. Smith	

Councilman Albea seconded the motion, which was carried.

RESOLUTION IN REGARD TO DAMAGES TO AUTOMOBILE OF MRS. F. J. DELANEY.

The following resolution was read by Mayor Baxter:

WHEREAS, on Saturday, December 25, 1943, an automobile belonging to Mrs. F. J. Delaney and operated by her husband, F. J. Delaney, was damaged by collision with a City automobile, operated by Special Police Officer James S. Ross; and

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WHEREAS, said damages were in no way due to the negligence of the driver of the Delaney automobile; and

WHEREAS, upon due investigation having been made by the City Attorney, recommendation has been made that the City pay the sum of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars towards the damages done to the Delaney automobile.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Sub-section 40 of Section 32 of the City Charter, the City Council in its discretion authorizes the payment of the sum of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars to Mrs. F. J. Delaney for damages caused to her automobile and the City Treasurer and Municipal Accountant, be, and they are, authorized and directed to make said payment.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

H. B. Campbell
City Attorney

Councilman Slye moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO AIRLINE'S HEARING.

The following resolution was presented by Councilman Ward who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, there are now pending before the Civil Aeronautics Board applications for franchises from some twenty or thirty different Airlines which desire to operate into and out of Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, all of said applications have been consolidated for hearing in a proceeding to be known as "Florida to Great Lakes Hearing"; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that Charlotte be represented at said hearing and become a formal party to same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Attorneys prepare and file such petition for intervention and take such other action and file such other papers as may be deemed necessary or desirable for the City of Charlotte in said proceedings.

Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

STARTING BID OF \$80,000.00 AUTHORIZED ON OLD AUDITORIUM PROPERTY.

Councilman Daughtry moved that a starting bid of \$80,000.00 be authorized on the Old Auditorium Property at the corner of North College and East 5th Streets, same having been previously advertised for sale. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

STARTING BID OF \$23,000.00 AUTHORIZED ON OLD WATER WORKS PROPERTY.

Councilman Atkins moved that a starting bid of \$23,000.00 be authorized on the Old Water Works Property on North Graham, West 5th and West 6th Streets, same having been previously advertised for sale. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker and carried.

COUNCIL REJECTS OFFER OF DRUID HILLS, INC., TO SELL OAKLAWN CEMETERY TO CITY.

Councilman Baker reported for the special committee appointed to consider the offer of Druid Hills, Inc., to sell Oaklawn Cemetery to the City of Charlotte. He stated he had conferred with Mr. John D. Shaw of said

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company who had advised they wished to make two offers relative to the sale of the Cemetery property. First, they would sell Oaklawn Cemetery to the City in exchange for certain acreage owned by the City on Statesville Avenue together with \$30,000.00 in addition thereto. The second offer was that the City purchase the cemetery property at \$600.00 per acre and the Statesville Avenue acreage not figure in the deal. Following a discussion by the Council and Mr. Shaw, Councilman Daughtry moved that both offers be rejected. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker and carried.

OPTIONS TO BE EXERCISED ON PROPERTY AT 212-230 NORTH CEDAR STREET.

Councilman Hovis moved that the City exercise the options now held on properties at 212-230 North Cedar Street, adjacent to Elmwood Cemetery. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

CITY AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE RENTING PROPERTY ON WEST 6th STREET TO SCOGGINS MEMORIAL ART SHOP.

Councilman Baker moved that Scoggins Memorial Art Shop be permitted to continue occupying the City owned property on West 6th Street, adjacent to Elmwood Cemetery, subject to the approval of the Cemetery Committee, instead of vacating same as instructed by the Council at a previous meeting, as the property would not at present be developed for cemetery use; that check for \$30.00 covering rent which was extended the City today be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried, with the following vote recorded: AYE: Councilmen Albea, Baker, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Slye and Ward. NAY: Councilman Atkins.

TWO WEEKS SALARY BONUS GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES ENTERING ARMED FORCES FROM JANUARY 1, 1944 TO JULY 1, 1944.

Councilman Slye stated that due to the fact that City Employees have now worked one-half year, he moved that all City Employees entering the Armed Forces up to July 1, 1944, be paid a bonus of two weeks salary, instead of one week's salary as previously voted by Council; same to be retroactive to January 1, 1944. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the following cemetery deeds were approved for transfer to -

Mrs. Leona G. Campbell, for Lot No. 17, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$63.00
J. C. Robinson, for Lot No. 281, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00
N.C. & Lillian C. Burns, for South Half Lot No. 9, in Section "BB", Elmwood Cemetery, \$63.00.
Mrs. Margaret C. McKenna, for Lot No. 321, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00.
Perpetual Care on Lot No. 321, above, \$25.00.
Mrs. Paul Richardson, for West Half Lot No. 7, in Section "F", West Pinewood Cemetery, \$40.50.
Carrie Hinton, for Lot No. 23, in Section "F", West Pinewood Cemetery, \$40.50.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the meeting adjourned.

Lillian R. Hayzman
City Clerk