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The first meeting of the City Council in the New Year was held at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, January 8, 1941, with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Britt, Hovis, Huntley, Nance, Sides, Ward and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilman Little.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Albea, the minutes of the last meeting of the Council, held on December 18, 1940, were approved as read.

COMMUNITY CRUSADERS ASKING FOR COLORED POLICE OFFICERS.

A large delegation of colored citizens, representing the Community Crusaders, with Henry Houston acting as spokesman, appeared before the Council with reference to the crime wave among their race in Charlotte, asking that negro policemen be placed in certain sections of the City inhabited by the colored race.

Mrs. H. C. McCrorie, wife of the President of Johnston C. Smith University, made a plea that something be done to stop lawlessness among the negroes, pointing out that in almost all cases of crime the women are involved, and that she was appearing on behalf of the women of her race.

Rev. J. S. Nathaniel Tross, Thad Tate, Bishop Dale and others, suggested that negro policemen be given a trial and that if the plan did not prove successful, they would be the first to acknowledge its defeat. A Dr. Potts, who had made a careful study of the crime situation in various sections of the City, stated that crime was rampant in the more thickly populated sections, where a lower economic status prevailed.

Chief Joyner, who was asked to be present at this time by Mayor Douglas, reported that of the 48 murders committed in Charlotte during the past year, the majority of them were committed within a radius of eight blocks, in the Brooklyn section.

After hearing from a great many of those present, Mayor Douglas stated that the Council was anxious to assist in lowering the crime rate among the colored race, and that they had done a great deal for the negroes by giving them more lights, better streets and more police protection, but that the request for negro police officers in different colored sections was economically impossible.

Councilman Baxter made a motion that the City Manager, the Chief of Police and his committee of three Captains be authorized to take this request under serious consideration and report back to the Council in two weeks. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried unanimously.

It was then suggested that the Community Crusaders appoint a committee of three to work with the above committee, and Henry Houston appointed on this committee, Mrs. McCrorie, Rev. Tross and Thad Tate.

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CITY TREASURER AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT CERTIFICATES OF BUILDING AND LOAN AND SAVINGS AND LOAN CORPORATIONS IN LIEU OF CASH BONDS, ETC.

The following motion was made by Councilman Ward, which was seconded by Councilman Hovis:

"I move that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to accept paid-up certificates of the First Federal Savings & Loan Corporation, The Mechanics Perpetual Building & Loan Association; The Mutual Building and Loan Association, all of Charlotte, and also Savings Certificates of any Bank of Charlotte where the deposits are insured by the Federal Government in lieu of cash placed in his hands as an indemnifying, performance or surety bond, provided that the face value of said certificates is not for a sum lower than the amount of money so deposited or to be deposited."

The following affirmative vote was recorded on this motion: Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Ward, Nance, Hovis and Britt.

Councilmen Huntley, Sides and Wilkinson were recorded as not voting, on the ground that they were not completely assured that the money can be readily obtained when desired by the City government. Councilman Sides stated that it was his understanding that only 10% would be available the first year, with 45% the second and third years. Councilman Huntley stated that this was also his reason for not voting.

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO BE CALLED "DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT".

Councilman Baxter brought to the attention of the Council at this time the important part that the aviation industry is playing in the world today and the fact that Charlotte is just beginning to do something in a big way for aviation with the Army Air Base getting started, and that Mayor Douglas had made a great sacrifice of his time personally for the City of Charlotte along this line, and that he moved that the Municipal Airport be re-named the Douglas Airport in appreciation of Mayor Douglas' services. This motion was immediately seconded by Councilman Ward.

Councilman Wilkinson stated that he felt that the word "Municipal" should not be dropped due to the fact that it might be mistaken for a small field in the various aviation trade journals and listings, and that he would like to see it called the "Douglas Municipal Airport". After considerable discussion, Councilman Baxter accepted this amendment to his motion. Mayor Douglas relinquished the chair to the Mayor Pro Tem, who called for a vote on the motion as amended and same was carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the following Ordinance, amending the Traffic Ordinance, was unanimously adopted on three readings and declared to be an ordinance of the City of Charlotte by the Mayor:

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AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON
THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE,
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 1940."

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council in regular session:

SECTION I. That "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 1940", be amended as follows:

SECTION II. By striking from Schedule number 1 of said ordinance the following words: "CHURCH STREET - 85 feet south of Seventh, east side", and placing in lieu thereof the following: "CHURCH STREET-200 feet south of Seventh, east side".

SECTION III. By adding in Schedule number 1 thereof immediately after "EIGHTH STREET-Tryon to College, north side", the following: "EIGHTH STREET-200 feet east of Tryon, south side".

SECTION IV. By adding to Schedule number 1 thereof immediately after the words: "FIFTH STREET-50 feet east of Poplar, south side", the following: "FIFTH STREET-25 feet east of Pine, south side".

SECTION V. By adding in Schedule number 1 thereof immediately after the words, "PINE STREET- Trade to Ninth, west side" the following: "PINE STREET-100 feet south of Fifth Street, east side".

SECTION VI. By striking from Schedule number 3 of said ordinance the following: "COLLEGE STREET-Second to Third, west side".

SECTION VII. In Schedule number 5 of said ordinance to be amended by striking therefrom "CHURCH STREET-Third to Fourth, east side", and placing in lieu thereof the following: "CHURCH STREET-Second to Fourth, east side".

SECTION VIII. By adding to Schedule number 5 thereof immediately after the following words: "CHURCH STREET-Trade to Sixth, east side", the following: "COLLEGE STREET-Second to Third, east side".

SECTION IX. By striking from Schedule number 5 thereof the following: "COLLEGE STREET-Third to Fourth, west side" and placing in lieu thereof the following: COLLEGE STREET-Second to Fourth- west side.

SECTION X. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

J. M. Scarborough
City Attorney.

APPROPRIATION FOR STATE GUARD UNIT.

The City Manager reported that in connection with the forming of a State Guard Unit in Charlotte it is estimated that it will be necessary for the City and County to appropriate a total of \$800.00 for the purchase of uniforms and other necessary expenses, and that the County has already appropriated their \$400.00.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the City of Charlotte appropriated a like amount, or \$400.00, to be taken from the Emergency Fund.

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STREET MAINTENANCE - TEMPLETON AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, 200 feet of Templeton Avenue, extending from South Boulevard to the gate leading to the Charlotte Chemical Laboratories yard, was taken over for City maintenance.

TRAFFIC LIGHT AT NORTH TRYON AND EIGHTH STREET.

Mr. B. A. Skinner, Chief Safety Inspector, and Lieut. Williams recommended that traffic lights be installed on North Tryon Street, at the intersections of 8th and 9th Streets, as there have been numerous requests for these lights, especially since the new hotel has been put into operation at Tryon and 8th Streets.

Councilman Wilkinson made a motion that these lights be installed, which motion was seconded by Councilman Hovis.

At this time Councilmen Albea and Ward had left the meeting, and with a negative vote of Councilman Sides, the motion failed to carry.

After considerable discussion, Councilman Sides contending that lights were not needed at both intersections, Councilman Wilkinson moved that a light be installed at Tryon and 8th. only, which was seconded by Councilman Sides and carried.

ADDITIONAL SHEET ASPHALT SURFACE FOR CERTAIN STREETS.

Mr. Armstrong reported that in the contract for sheet asphalt surface course it has been found necessary to make certain small additions as the work progressed in order to secure the most benefits from the streets set out in the specifications. This includes certain work at Selwyn and Ratcliffe Avenues; North Caldwell Street; Kings Drive and West Boulevard, West 9th and Tryon Streets, totaling 90 tons of material, at a total cost of \$580.00. He stated that on account of the manner in which the specifications were drawn it is necessary that the Council approve this addition, which work is not listed in the original specifications.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, approval was given for this additional work.

MAXIMUM PENALTY ON PRIVILEGE LICENSE, SCHEDULE B. FIXED.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the maximum penalty on unpaid Privilege Licenses, Schedule B. was set at 25%; the ordinance providing for a 5% monthly penalty, beginning August 2nd.

SANITARY SEWER ON FAIRFIELD STREET- CATHOLIC MISSION.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Baxter, approval was given for the extension of 8" sanitary sewer in Fairfield Street, to serve the building now being erected by the Catholic Mission, this sewer paralleling the existing sewer line in Oaklawn Avenue, and estimated cost of same to be \$561.55; with the understanding that the Catholic Mission will deposit with the City the difference between \$561.55 and the \$200.00 allowed for one connection, or \$361.55, until such time as two additional houses are built and connected to this sewer.

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FOOTINGS UNDER SIDEWALK AT SOUTHEAST CORNER S. TRYON AND JACKSON TERRACE.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Sides, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign an agreement with H. M. Wade, the owner of the building on South Tryon Street and Jackson Terrace, for permission to place footings under the City sidewalk below the street level, for a distance of 3 feet, six of these supports to be erected, the largest one extending into the sidewalk for a distance of 2 feet, the owner of the building agreeing to remove that portion of the columns under the sidewalk at any time the City makes demand for same. This work has the approval of the Building Inspector and the City Engineer.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER FOR WM. R. BARRINGER HOTEL.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Huntley, J. W. Crocker was granted a Special Police Officer permit for use on the premises of the new Wm. R. Barringer Hotel.

NEW EMPLOYEES.

The City Manager reported the following new employees:

W. B. Vaughn, as Technician in the Radio Division, succeeding H. C. Wolking, resigned.

Charlie Allison, as Superintendent at Elmwood Cemetery, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of H. F. Severs.

Fred Love as City Hall Messenger, to replace Harry Kerr, resigned.

F. C. Markwalter, Jr. as Service Man in the Water Department, replacing J. F. Page, resigned.

O. S. Giles, as Service Man in the Water Department, replacing R. D. Kimbrel, resigned.

REPORT OF SMOKE ABATEMENT ENGINEER.

Each Councilman was furnished a copy of the monthly report of Mr. E. F. Monree, Smoke Abatement Engineer, covering period from December 1, 1940 to January 1, 1941.

REAL PROPERTY SURVEY REPORT SUBMITTED.

A copy of the Real Property Survey made by the State W. P. A. last year, was also submitted to each member of the Council for their information.

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RESOLUTION ON DEATH OF J. GILMER ORR.

The following Resolution was submitted by Councilman Hovis, who moved its adoption. Motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom, has called from labor to rest J. Gilmer Orr, who for several years was an able and loayl employee of the City of Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, our grief at his passing is softened by the thoughts of our pleasant association with him; and

WHEREAS, it is with deep appreciation and respect that we honor his memory:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family in their great sorrow and pray God's blessings to rest upon them.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the family of the deceased, copies be furnished the newspapers in the City of Charlotte for publication, and that it be spread upon the Minutes of this meeting of the City Council.

CITY MANAGER AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT COMPLIMENTED ON STREET PAVING WORK.

Councilman Sides complimented the City Manager and the Engineering Department upon the splendid manner in which the recent street paving work has been handled.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the following deeds and perpetual care agreements were approved for issuing:

William R. Johnston, Lot No. 27, Section BB, Elmwood Cemetery	\$117.95
Mrs. A. M. Guillett, East Half Lot 29, Section G-Annex	70.00
Perpetual care on same	50.00
Mrs. Wayne A. Todd, West Half, Lot 29, Section G-Annex	70.00
Perpetual care on same	50.00
Mrs. Frank W. Johnson, Lot 31, G-Annex, with perpetual care	232.80
Miss Grace Anthony, North Half Lot 71, Sec. "X", with care	130.00
C. B. Whitlock, Lot No. 225, Section "Y"	35.00
Transfer of S (or SW) Half Lot 57, Section "H", Pinewood Cemetery from Heirs of Heirs of F.M. Martin to James D. Martin, Sr.	1.00
Transfer of Lot No. 107, Section "T", Elmwood, from Heirs of C. H. O'Daniell to Charles W. O'Daniell	1.00

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, the meeting then adjourned.

Alice B. McCull
City Clerk