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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, January 8, 1946, with Mayor Pro Tem Childs presiding, and Councilmen Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White present.

Absent: Mayor Baxter and Councilman Hinson.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Newson, seconded by Councilman Johnston the minutes of the meeting on January 2, 1945, were approved as read.

PROPOSED TAXICAB ORDINANCES DISCUSSED.

Mr. Paul Erwin, Attorney for Red Top and Yellow Cab Companies, appeared before Council to request the adoption of an ordinance prepared by him to govern the operation of taxicabs. He stated a study of taxicab regulations was initiated by him when he was requested by the said Cab Companies to ascertain the requirements to secure from the city Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for the operation of cabs, as provided for in an Act passed by the last session of Legislature; that he became convinced that the present taxicab ordinance of Charlotte needed revision, and, therefore, he prepared the suggested ordinance. He reviewed the ordinance in detail, and urged its adoption. He, also, stated that, in his opinion, the ordinance as drawn by himself was preferable to the one prepared by Mr. Shaw, City Attorney.

Mr. Ray Farris, Attorney, representing the Veterans of Foreign Ward, and Mr. Oliver Litaker, Attorney, representing the American Legion, spoke in behalf of the ordinance drawn by the City Attorney.

Mr. John Robinson, Attorney for Victory Cab Company, advised Council to go slow in adopting a new taxicab ordinance. He stated the ordinance submitted by Mr. Erwin was, in his opinion, an attempt to freeze out competition and urged that it be not adopted.

Rev. M. S. Dickinson, representing the Inter-denominational Ministerial Alliance, requested that steps be taken by Council whereby negro veterans might operate taxicabs in Charlotte.

Mayor pro tem Childs advised that a thorough study of the taxicab situation, and of the proposed ordinances, would be made by Council, the City Manager and the City Attorney before any action was taken.

PETITION REQUESTING THE CITY'S AID IN FILLING IN OLD ROCK QUARRY DISCUSSED.

Mr. J. Lawrence Jones, Attorney, advised a statement had been made that the Petition filed by him at the last Council Meeting, requesting the City to aid in filling in the Old Rock Quarry on Tremont Avenue, was not signed by near-by residents; that he merely filed the petition as submitted to him, and as a representative of his client, Mr. Ed. McCorkle, owner of the Quarry. Mr. S. P. Shaw, a signer of the Petition, was present and stated all signers were nearby residents. Mr. Flack, City Manager, asked if the intent of the petition that "mixed loads" be dumped into the Quarry was to be construed as meaning "to include wet garbage"; Mr. Shaw replied "anything that will fill up the hole" - Mr. Jones stated he did not know the intent of the term "mixed loads". The continued handling of the request of the petition was again referred to the City Manager.

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TRANSFER OF FUNDS AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL COST OF REPAIR TO SEWER UNDER P & N RAILWAY TRACKS NORTH OF MOREHEAD STREET.

Motion was made by Councilman White that \$1,600.00 be transferred from the Sewer and Water Emergency Fund for payment of cost exceeding the original estimated amount for repairs to sanitary sewer under the P & N Railway tracks north of Morehead Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED PETTIT MOTOR COMPANY FOR FORD SEDAN.

Upon motion of Councilman Puette, seconded by Councilman Johnston, contract was unanimously awarded Petit Motor Company for one two-door deluxe Ford Sedan, at a net delivered price of \$999.50.

RESOLUTION TO BE PREPARED EXPRESSING REGRET AT THE DEATH OF CONGRESSMAN ERWIN.

Councilman McIntyre moved that a resolution be adopted expressing the Council's regret at the death of Congressman Joe Erwin, and that the resolution be prepared by the City Attorney. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman McIntyre, seconded by Councilman Puette, sale of the following cemetery lots was unanimously authorized:

- To - Robt. J. Smith and Elizabeth N. Smith, Lot 2, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, \$176.85
Perpetual care deed on above lot, \$98.25.
- To - John C. Shepherd, Lot 1, Section L-Annex; Elmwood Cemetery, \$382.50
Perpetual care deed on above lot, \$212.50.
- To - W. H. Belk, Jr. Sara W. Belk, John M. Belk, Henderson Belk and Thomas M. Belk, Lots 11 and 12, in Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, \$360.00.
Perpetual care on above lot, \$200.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Puette, seconded by Councilman Johnston, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Huffman
City Clerk