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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, July 23, 1946, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Childs, Johnston, McIntyre, Ne wson, Puette and White present.

Absent: Councilman Hinson.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend J. G. Brawley, Pastor, Glenwood A. R. P. Church.

REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN TAXES ON OLD COURT HOUSE PROPERTY BY DR. R. L. PITTMAN REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY.

Mr. P. C. Whitlock, Attorney, requested that Dr. R. L. Pittman be relieved of the city taxes on the Old Court House Property on South Tryon Street from January 1, 1946 to March 6, 1946, the date on which the property was conveyed to him by Mecklenburg County. Mr. Whitlock stated that Dr. Pittman had been billed by the City for the 1946 taxes on said property, amounting to \$2,669.63 but did not feel that he should pay that portion of said taxes amounting to \$468.10 covering the period January 1, 1946 to March 6, 1946.

Councilman McIntyre moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for an opinion. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

PETITION FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF KING'S DRIVE SODA SHOP DEFERRED SO LONG AS OPERATION ACCEPTABLE.

Mr. Arthur Goodman, Attorney, appeared before Council representing the owners of King's Drive Soda Shop with regard to a petition submitted by residents of King's Drive vicinity requesting the discontinuance of the Soda Shop due to it being a nuisance, traffic hazard and noisy. Mr. Goodman advised the owners of the Shop were endeavoring to operate the Shop in an acceptable manner, and he urged that no action be taken that would be unfavorable to the owners.

Councilman White moved that action on the petition be deferred provided the Shop and premises are kept clean and all possible be done to eliminate unnecessary noise. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SET-BACK LINE ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BUILDING SET-BACK LINE FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE WITHIN ITS CONGESTED AREA" was presented and read. Councilman Childs moved the adoption of the Ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried. Ordinance is recorded in Ordinance Book 9, at Page 396.

REPORT ON PROPOSED ADDITION TO VEST PURIFICATION STATION FILED BY J.N. PEASE & CO.

The City Manager advised that a Report on the proposed addition to Vest Purification Station has been filed.

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ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR WATER AND SEWER DEVELOPMENT REFERRED TO APPRAISAL COMMITTEE.

Mayor Baxter referred to the Appraisal Committee the matter of acquiring lands for water and sewer development, with power to act in the selection of a person to represent the City in the purchase and negotiations of said property.

REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENT TO CUMBERLAND AVENUE REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY.

Mayor Baxter referred to the City Manager and City Attorney, for a report at next week's meeting, the request for improvement to Cumberland Avenue to make it a proper entrance to Freedom Park.

REPORT RELATIVE TO REQUEST OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR PERMISSION TO SELL BONDS.

The City Manager reported concerning the city's application to the Local Government Commission to sell \$4,525,000.00 Bonds at once. He stated that on July 19th representatives of the City and of financial institutions of Charlotte personally requested the Committee representing the Local Government Commission to permit the sale of these bonds at this time. Local financial institutions agreed to pay one-half of one per cent on bond money. However, the Committee decided "that at such time as the City is prepared and ready to advertise for contract bids for any one or more of the purposes for which the bonds are authorized, the bonds for such purpose or purposes may be concurrently advertised for sale".

Data supporting the request, which was compiled by the City Treasurer and submitted to the Committee, has now been filed with the City Clerk.

CAR ALLOWANCES TO CITY EMPLOYEES REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR RECOMMENDATION.

Mayor Baxter referred to a Special Committee, composed of Councilmen Johnston and Newson, for recommendation, the matter of car allowances to city employees.

PROFILES OF SEDGEFIELD SUBDIVISION, SUBMITTED BY MARSH LAND COMPANY, APPROVED.

Councilman Johnston moved that the profiles of a portion of Sedgefield Subdivision, submitted by Marsh Land Company, be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS FOR WATER MAINS CONSTRUCTION APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Childs, the following contracts for the construction of water mains were unanimously authorized:

- (a) With Marsh Land Company, in Sedgefield Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$7,900.00.
- (b) With Southern Homes, Inc., outside city limits, estimated to cost \$2,243.00, all costs to be paid by applicant.
- (c) With Seaboard Airline Railway Company for right-of-way under tracks on Richland Drive.

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SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION IN WEST 26th STREET AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman McIntyre, seconded by Councilman Puette, the construction of a sanitary sewer in West 26th Street, at an estimated cost of \$320.21, was unanimously authorized, as requested by Alamo Plaza Construction Company.

CONTRACT AWARDED GLENN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR SANITARY SEWER IN ATANDO AVENUE.

Motion was made by Councilman Johnston that contract be awarded Glenn Construction Company to construct a sanitary sewer line in Atando Avenue with vitrified clay and cast iron pipe, at an estimated net installed price of \$1,906.70. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IN IDEAL WAY AND SPRINGDALE AVENUE AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Johnston, the construction of a sanitary sewer by the city in Ideal Way, from McDonald Avenue to Springdale Avenue, and in Springdale Avenue from Ideal way to near Magnolia Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$3,139.95, was unanimously authorized, as requested by C. D. Spangler.

CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman White that the following contracts and purchases be authorized, and funds appropriated if necessary. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Contract with A. F. Dancy Company for one Adding Machine, Model 915, at a cost of \$220.00, for the Water Department.
- (b) Contract with Carolina Concrete Pipe Company for 750 linear feet concrete pipe, in the sum of \$412.50.
- (c) Purchase of 166 sewer rods from W. H. Stewart, in the sum of \$192.25.
- (d) Purchase of 3,000 stamped envelopes from the Charlotte Postmaster, at a cost of \$100.68, for the Police Department.
- (e) Purchase of 10,000 stamped envelopes from the Charlotte Postmaster, at a cost of \$332.80, for the Tax Department.
- (f) Contract with Tucker-Kirby for 1500 feet terra cotta pipe, in the sum of \$540.00.
- (g) Purchase of 15 feet of chains with steel rollers from Matthews-Morse Sales Company, in the sum of \$120.02.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN CITY MANAGER TO PRESENT ITEMS NOT ON DOCKET.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Childs, the City manager was unanimously authorized to present the following item not included in the docket.

CONTRACT AWARDED THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER FOR ADVERTISING DELINQUENT TAX LIST.

Councilman Childs moved that contract be awarded The Charlotte Observer for advertising the delinquent tax list for 1945, on August 12, 19, 26 and September 2, 1946, at \$1.12 per column inch, estimated to cost \$1,008.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Huffman
City Clerk