

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 1951, with Mayor pro tem Van Every presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Coddington and Dellinger present.

Absent: Mayor Shaw and Councilman Jordan.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Mayor pro tem Philip L. Van Every.

MINUTES APPROVED WITH CORRECTION.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on June 20th were approved with the correction that Councilman Albea be recorded as being absent instead of present as shown.

REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT AT CHERRY STREET AND INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD
REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER FOR INVESTIGATION BY TRAFFIC ENGINEER AND REPORT.

The installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Cherry Street and Independence Boulevard was requested by the Reverend F. D. Brown, spokesman for a delegation of residents of the area who were present. Mr. Brown stated this was a dangerous intersection and it was necessary to wait from ten to twenty minutes to be able to cross the street due to the heavy traffic. Councilman Coddington moved that the request be referred to the City Manager to have an investigation of the condition made by the Traffic Engineer and a report be made to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT OFFER FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION, FOR CONTRIBUTION TO COST OF THE PREPARATION OF THE SITE FOR THE NEW AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, advised that a representative of the Civil Aeronautics Administration of the Federal Government was expected to be present with the papers relative to the Grant Offer of the C. A. A., on behalf of the Federal Government in connection with the construction of the new airport administration building, but he has not arrived. However, as the Council is familiar with the terms of the Offer, and in view of the fact that the Offer must be accepted prior to July 1st or it will be withdrawn, that it would be wise to proceed today.

Councilman Coddington moved the acceptance of the Grant Offer from the Civil Aeronautics Administration on behalf of the U. S. Government for contributing 50 percent of the initial project (preparation of the site) leading to the construction of the new administration building at the Airport, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the Grant Offer, subject to the approval of the City Manager and City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter.

Councilman Boyd stated if the acquisition of the Clearview Aircraft property at a price of \$180,000.00 on the proposed building site is in anyway involved in the transaction, that he will not at this time nor at any time vote to accept the Grant Offer.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, advised that the Council may accept the Offer with the assurance that the Government will definitely not allocate the funds until and unless the building site is free of any and all encumbrances and is secured by the City. He stated further, if the Council should decide to call off the deal, they will in no way be bound under the Grant Offer.

Mayor pro tem Van Every urged that the Offer be accepted. He stated that in his opinion it is essential that the City have a larger airport if we are to be able to serve the citizens with the proper air facilities. That at present we have only the minimum requirements. That Charlotte as an industrial center is dependent upon adequate transportation facilities. That unless steps are taken to correct the condition that the City of Charlotte will be left behind in aviation.

Councilman Coddington spoke in favor of the acceptance of the Offer; he called attention to the National Defense angle, stating that our present facilities are not sufficiently large for use as a training base.

Councilman Baxter stated that the future of Charlotte is at stake from an aviation viewpoint and the enlarged facilities will prove a service to the citizens. He urged that the Offer be accepted.

Councilman Boyd stated that he would vote to accept the Federal Grant provided it does not bind the Council in any manner regarding the site, and if the Council will agree to the following statement; that the acceptance of the Grant Offer does not commit the Council in any way with regard to the site nor the acquisition of the leases of the Troy Whitehead Machinery Company and Clearview Aircraft, Inc., and that the matter of the site and the said leases will be voted on by the Council at a later date. The Councilmen accepted the statement.

The vote was then taken on the acceptance of the Grant Offer, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY OF T. M. BRYANT FOR EXTENSION OF STONEWALL STREET AND RECTANGULAR STRIP OF LAND ADJACENT TO PROPERTY DEEDED TO HIM.

The City Manager reported that the appraisal of the property of Mr. T. M. Bryant at the intersection of Stonewall Street and Independence Boulevard, which is required for the extension of Stonewall Street, has been made by the Real Estate Board committee and the property is valued at \$32,005.00. That Mr. Bryant has been advised of the appraisal price and states he will accept the \$32,005.00 for the property if the City will include in the deal the rectangular strip of land adjacent to the property, being the residue of the Hattie Lowman property as shown on Map of Stonewall Street prepared by the Engineering Department and dated February 12, 1951, said land not being needed for street purposes. Councilman Boyd moved that the City pay Mr. Bryant \$32,005.00 for his property and give him a deed to the rectangular strip of land. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the following streets were taken over for maintenance:

- (a) Weyland Ave. from Bowley St. to 1472 ft. north.
- (b) Bowley Street, from Weyland Ave. to 350 ft. west.
- (c) Marlowe Avenue, from Highland St. to 1063 ft. west.
- (d) South Sharnbrook Drive, from Weyland Ave. 533 ft. east.
- (e) Ridgemont Boulevard, from Sharnbrook Drive south to 155 ft. south.

AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK-SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN UNDER THEIR TRACKS.

Councilman Dellinger moved that an agreement be entered into with the Norfolk-Southern Railway Company for the construction by the City of a 6 inch water main beneath their tracks, to serve residents of 26th Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS.

Motion was made by Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of new sanitary sewers at the City's expense, at the following locations:

- (a) 449 ft. of 8-inch sewer in Camden Road, at an estimated cost of \$930.00, to serve 8 houses.
- (b) 204 ft. of 8-inch sewer in East 27th Street, at an estimated cost of \$290.00, to serve 2 business houses.
- (c) 490 ft. of 8-inch sewer in Nelson Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$965.00, to serve 1 family unit and 6 vacant lots.
- (d) 182 ft. of 8-inch sewer in Selwyn Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$400.00, to serve 2 family units.

CONTRACTS AWARDED GRINNELL COMPANY FOR DETECTOR CHECK VALVES, AND TO DEWEY BROTHERS FOR MANHOLE RINGS AND COVERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the following contracts were awarded:

- (a) Contract with Grinnell Company, Inc., for Four 6-inch Detector Check Valves, as specified, at a total price of \$1,004.00, subject to 2% cash discount.
- (b) Contract with Dewey Bros. Inc., for 150 Manhole Rings and Covers, machined, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total of \$3,585.00, subject to cash discount of \$35.85.

LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS.

The City Manager reported that leases had been concluded for the following buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport:

BUILDING NO.	LESSEE	MONTHLY RENTAL	DATE AND TERM OF LEASE	
59	Carolina School Supply	\$27.32	4-1-51	1 year
50	M. & E. Sales Company	\$19.35	12-1-50	1 year
252	Franklin-Morgan Company	\$22.50	5-1-51	1 year

SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Mrs. Mary B. Economides, for Lot 245, in Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at a price of \$81.90.
- (b) Deed with E. T. Buchanan and Ruth J. Youngblood, for Lot 335, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at a price of \$122.85.

RESOLUTION RETAINING GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY FOR DAMAGES.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Retaining Governmental Ammunity For Damages" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Baxter, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 410.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF RICK ROBINSON FOR DAMAGES TO AUTOMOBILE.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the claim of Mr. Rick Robinson in the amount of \$30.00 for damages to his car by City Garbage Truck on June 21st, was authorized settled in full.

PUBLICATION OF REAL ESTATE FOR THE NON-PAYMENT OF 1950 TAXES.

Councilman Boyd moved that the publication of real estate for the non-payment of 1950 taxes be authorized. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk