

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, on Wednesday, June 5, 1957, at 11 o'clock a.m., with Mayor Smith presiding, and Council members Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson being present.

ABSENT: None

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Joint City-County Meeting and Regular Meeting on May 29th were approved as submitted.

RENEWAL OF PERMIT TO DRIVE TAXICAB DENIED ROBERT H. FREEMAN.

Mr. Robert Henry Freeman and his attorney, Mr. T. O. Stennett, appeared before Council requesting the renewal of Taxicab Operator's Permit to Mr. Freeman, which had been refused by Mr. H.G. Cleveland, Taxicab Inspector, with the approval of Chief Littlejohn.

Mr. Cleveland, Taxicab Inspector, presented a letter addressed to the City Council reviewing in detail the history of Mr. Freeman in the operation of taxicabs in Charlotte, which stated that he was first employed by Yellow Cab Company on February 8, 1957, from which he was discharged because of laying out frequently without notice to the company due to excessive drinking and for reporting for duty with liquor on his breath; that he was next employed, on a probationary basis by Baker Cab Company as they wished to give him one more chance, with the understanding that he not drink intoxicating liquor. Again he was discharged from this company for reporting on April 14th in a drunken condition.

Mr. Cleveland recited the details of the six arrests of Mr. Freeman by City Police and four arrests by County Police, and stated that on his application for Taxicab Operator's license he had listed only four of the ten arrests.

Mr. Cliff Passons and Mr. Charles R. Bradshaw of Baker Cab Company substantiated the statement of Mr. Cleveland as to the reason for the discharge of Mr. Freeman from their Company.

Mr. Cleveland stated that as head of the Taxicab Inspector's office and responsible for the selection of all men who operate taxicabs in Charlotte, he could not renew the Operator's permit to Mr. Freeman, as morals, habits, and safety are the prime factors in the selection of men as drivers.

Chief Littlejohn was present and stated that he cannot recommend any man to drive a cab who drinks intoxicants, because of the safety angle, and his appointment would be over his protest because of the danger to passengers.

Mr. Stennett stated he had only come into the case within the past fifteen minutes to represent Mr. Freeman and the case as presented by Mr. Cleveland is merely allegations by him and he thinks further records should be produced.

Mr. Freeman then asked permission to speak in his own behalf, and stated "it seems if a man takes a drink it is a crime" and "Mr. Cleveland doesn't know what he is talking about", and that on the morning of April 14th when he was discharged by Baker Cab Company he was not drunk but went by the office to tell them he was not coming to work and he was going to drink some.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the Council accept the recommendation of Mr. Cleveland and Chief Littlejohn that the Permit be denied. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING PASSAGE OF H.B. 1415 BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA, WHICH PROVIDES FOR A \$1,000 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR AD VALOREM TAXATION.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Opposing Passage of H.B. 1415 by the General Assembly of North Carolina, Which Provides for a \$1,000 Homestead Exemption for Ad Valorem Taxation", was introduced by Councilman Baxter, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 89.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following streets to be taken over for city maintenance:

- (a) Hawkins Street, from West Worthington Avenue to West Tremont Avenue.
- (b) Cornelius Street, from Atando Avenue to Leota Drive.
- (c) Centre Street, from Darby Street to Highway No. 16 by-pass.
- (d) Garnette Place, from end of present maintenance in the 1900 block of St. Luke Street.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY & PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAIN IN SHAMROCK ROAD.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a right-of-way agreement with the State Highway & Public Works Commission for the installation of an 8-inch water main in Shamrock Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

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CONTRACT AWARDED YOUNG MOTOR COMPANY FOR FORD SEDAN FOR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Young Motor Company, for One Custom Ford Sedan, as specified, at a total net delivered price of \$1,661.00.

The following bids were received:

Young Motor Company	\$1,661.00
Don Allen Chevrolet Company	\$1,673.85
City Chevrolet Company	\$1,680.50

CONTRACT AWARDED DON ALLEN CHEVROLET COMPANY FOR CHEVROLET CARRYALL PASSENGER VEHICLE FOR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Don Allen Chevrolet Company, for One Chevrolet Carryall Passenger Vehicle, 1/2 ton, as specified, at a total price of \$2,474.92, subject to cash discount of \$616.20, or a net delivered price of \$1,858.72. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

Bids received were as follows:

Don Allen Chevrolet Company	\$2,474.92
Less cash discount	<u>616.20</u>
Net delivered price	\$1,858.72
City Chevrolet Company	\$2,445.27
Less cash discount	<u>570.77</u>
Net delivered price	\$1,874.50

CONTRACT AWARDED LEE A FOLGER, INC. FOR BUICK SEDAN FOR CITY MANAGER.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the only bidder, Lee A. Folger, Inc., for One Special 4-door Buick Sedan, as specified, at a total exchanged price of \$3,550.00, subject to cash discount of \$450.00, or a net delivered price of \$3,100.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED S. MORGAN SMITH COMPANY FOR CONE VALVES FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, S. Morgan Smith Company, for Three 20" and Four 16" Cone Valves, manually operated, as specified, on a unit price basis, at a total net delivered price of \$30,935.00.

The following bids were received:

S. Morgan Smith Company	\$30,935.00
The Chapman Valve Mfg. Company	\$38,144.00

CONTRACT AWARDED M & H VALVE & FITTINGS COMPANY FOR GATE VALVES FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Dellinger moved the award of contract to the low bidder, M & H Valve & Fittings Company, for 100-6" Hub End and 30-8" Hub End Gate Valves, as specified, on a unit price basis, at a total price of \$6,275.00, subject to \$125.50 cash discount. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, an unanimously carried.

Bids received were as follows:

M & H Valve & Fittings Company	\$6,275.00
Kellam Foundry, Inc.	\$6,439.90
Eddy Valve Company	\$6,577.50
Crane Company	\$6,848.20
Industrial Piping Supply Company	\$6,936.10
Grinnell Company, Inc.	\$7,019.50
The Ludlow Valve Mfg. Company	\$7,081.00
R. D. Wood Company	\$7,350.00
Darling Valve & Mfg. Company	\$7,730.00
The A. P. Smith Mfg. Company	\$7,876.50

CONTRACT AWARDED GRINNELL COMPANY, INC. FOR GATE VALVES.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Grinnell Company, Inc., for Three 16" hub end and One 24" hub end Gate Valves, on a unit price basis, as specified, at a total bid of \$3,438.80, subject to cash discount of \$68.78. The low bidder, M & H Valve and Fittings Company offered a valve that did not meet the specifications, and the second and third bidders, Eddy Valve Company and Darling Valve & Mfg. Company did not meet the specifications in that they failed to attach complete description and cuts of the valves offered, as required in the specifications.

The following bids were submitted on this equipment:

M & H Valve & Fittings Company	\$2,999.40
Eddy Valve Company	\$3,321.30
Darling Valve & Mfg. Company	\$3,335.00
Grinnell Company, Inc.	\$3,438.80
Kellam Foundry, Inc.	\$3,570.00
The Ludlow Valve Mfg. Company	\$3,528.92
Industrial Piping Supply Company	\$3,605.17
Crane Company	\$3,712.15
The A. P. Smith Mfg. Company	\$4,005.74

CONTRACT AWARDED CRANE COMPANY FOR GATE VALVES.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Crane Company, for One 6" Gate Valve, flanged hub end, as specified, at a total price of \$51.27, subject to cash discount of \$1.03.

Bids received on this item were as follows:

Crane Company	\$51.27
Industrial Piping & Supply Company	\$51.27
Eddy Valve Company	\$53.50
Kellam Foundry Company	\$56.00
M & H Valve & Fittings Company	\$57.00
The A. P. Smith Mfg. Company	\$59.20
R. D. Wood Company	\$61.00
Grinnell Company, Inc.	\$68.27
Darling Valve & Mfg. Company	\$85.00
The Ludlow Valve Mfg. Company	\$152.00

CONTRACT AWARDED LYNCHBURG FOUNDRY COMPANY FOR CAST IRON PIPE.

Councilman Dellinger moved the award of contract to the low bidder, Lynchburg Foundry Company, for 30,000 lineal feet 6" B&S, 20,000 lineal feet 8" B&S, 2,520 lineal feet 16" B&S and 216 lineal feet 16" Mechanical Joint, Cast Iron Pipe, as specified, on a unit price basis, at a total net delivered price of \$113,837.76. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Lynchburg Foundry Company	\$113,837.76
" Alternate Bid on heavier pipe	\$115,604.80
Glamorgan Pipe & Foundry Company	\$115,511.36
American Cast Iron Pipe Company	\$120,125.12

CONTRACT AWARDED GRINNELL COMPANY, INC. FOR CAST IRON PIPE FITTINGS, B&S.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Grinnell Company, Inc., for schedule of Cast Iron Pipe Fittings, B&S, consisting of 450 pieces, all as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total net delivered price of \$7,989.34.

Bids received were as follows:

Grinnell Company, Inc.	\$7,989.34
Russell Pipe & Foundry Company, Inc.	\$8,433.40
American Cast Iron Pipe Company	\$9,273.37
Lynchburg Foundry Company	\$9,276.27
Glamorgan Pipe & Foundry Company	\$9,520.72

CONTRACT AWARDED RUSSELL PIPE & FOUNDRY COMPANY, INC. FOR CAST IRON PIPE FITTINGS, FLANGED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Russell Pipe & Foundry Company, Inc. for One 16x16x6" Tee, BBF, flange, to be for 250# pipe but drilled for standard 125# bolt circle, as specified, at a total net delivered price of \$131.25.

Bids received were as follows:

Russell Pipe & Foundry Company, Inc.	\$131.25
Grinnell Company, Inc.	\$158.40
American Cast Iron Pipe Company	\$183.67

CONTRACT AWARDED LYNCHBURG FOUNDRY COMPANY FOR CAST IRON PIPE FITTINGS, MECHANICAL JOINT.

Councilman Dellinger moved the award of contract to the low bidder, Lynchburg Foundry Company, for One 11 1/4° bend with lugs size 16" and Two 22 1/2° bends with lugs size 16", all mechanical joint and as specified, at a total net delivered price of \$276.81. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were submitted on this item:

Lynchburg Foundry Company	\$276.81
Glamorgan Pipe & Foundry Company	\$279.57
American Cast Iron Pipe Company	\$287.16

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT RENEWED TO JAMES S. WARREN AND PERMIT ISSUED TO T. P. FOWLER.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, a Special Officer Permit was authorized renewed to Mr. James S. Warren on the premises of Old Dominion Box Company, and Permit issued to Mr. T. P. Fowler on the premises of Southern Bell Telephone Company.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a deed for the transfer of Lot 301, Section 2, in Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00, to Mrs. C. O. Pierce. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT INTERSECTION OF STATESVILLE AVENUE AND DAVIE AVENUE.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Evans, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, a traffic signal was authorized installed at the intersection of Statesville Avenue and Davie Avenue, to be paid for from revenue not otherwise appropriated.

REAPPOINTMENT OF W. W. HANKS AND GEO. L. SIBLEY TO CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman Brown moved the reappointment of Mr. W. W. Hanks and Mr. Geo. L. Sibley to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission, for terms of 3 years each, from the expiration of their present terms of office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Evans, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk