

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, June 8, 1949, with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Dr. Luther Little, Pastor Emeritus of The First Baptist Church.

MAYOR PRO TEM AITKEN PRESIDES.

Mayor Shaw left the meeting at this time, and Mayor pro tem Aitken assumed the Chair.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on June 1st, were approved as submitted.

CHAIRMAN PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF PARKS BOND ISSUE.

Dr. W. L. Halberstadt, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission expressed his appreciation for the individual expressions of the Councilmen, and their collective action favoring the Parks Bond Issue to be presented for a vote of the people on June 11th. He advised that the Commission was prepared for an intensive park and recreation program and requested the interest and cooperation of the Council in their activities.

REQUEST OF E. L. MAYHEW FOR PRIVILEGE OF CONNECTING TO MORRIS FIELD LINE OF CITY'S WATER SYSTEM DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.

Mr. E. L. Mayhew, spokesman for owners of property adjacent to Morris Field, requested permission to connect to the City's water system in order to develop their property. He stated the property was used by the Federal Government during the period of the Airbase activities and turned back to the owners upon the closing of the Base; that the water and sewer lines were laid by the Government during this period, and they were advised that the lines would be made available to the property owners, and they are now using the sewer line. He stated that all costs in connection with their tapping onto the water line would be paid by them. Mr. Mayhew requested the repeal of the ruling of a former Council to prohibit connections to the said water line, other than for use on city property. Mr. Lloyd C. Eaton concurred in the recommendation, having made a similar request on June 1st.

Councilman Boyd moved that action in the matter be deferred for one week, and information be made available to the Council as to the reasons why the connections should not be allowed. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, stated the reasons for the ruling by a former Council prohibiting connections to the line was to prevent overloading the line thereby creating an inadequate water supply to Morris Field property. Also, that a master meter is used and the service charge prorated among the Morris Field Airport users. He advised that should many connections to the line be allowed, the City would be faced with either a water shortage at its Morris Field Airport property or the necessity of building a new line.

The vote was then cast on the motion to defer action in the matter until the next meeting, and unanimously carried.

MAYOR SHAW PRESIDES FOR REMAINDER OF MEETING.

Mayor Shaw returned to the Council Chamber, and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

W. T. BOST PROTESTS PRICE OFFERED FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR SUGAW CREEK SEWER LINE ACROSS HIS PROPERTY ON EAST 9TH STREET.

Mr. W. T. Bost appeared before Council and expressed objections to the price offered by the City's agent for a right-of-way through his property along East 9th Street, for the construction of the Sugaw Creek Sewer Line. He stated that the construction of the line will damage his property to the extent that he will be able to sell it for building purposes. He advised that he would prefer to sell the tract to the City at a price of \$4,000.00.

No action was taken in the matter.

L. L. CAUDLE EXPRESSES OBJECTIONS TO INCREASE IN BUS FARE BY DUKE POWER COMPANY AND REQUESTS HEARING PRIOR TO COUNCIL'S DECISION IN MATTER.

Mr. L. L. Caudle expressed objections to the increase in bus fares, as petitioned for by the Duke Power Company to the State Utilities Commission. He stated he did not think the service rendered by the said Company justified an increased fare. He requested an audience with the Council when the matter is discussed prior to Council's decision in the matter.

Mayor Shaw advised Mr. Caudle that knowledge of the Duke Power Company's petition had been obtained from the newspaper on yesterday and the matter had not been discussed by Council.

MRS. W. I. CODDINGTON VISITOR AT MEETING.

Councilman Daughtry moved that the courtesy of the floor be extended to Mrs. W. I. Coddington, wife of Councilman Coddington, who was present at the meeting.

Mayor Shaw expressed his pleasure at having Mrs. Coddington present. Mrs. Coddington advised that she was present only as an interested citizen and had no remarks to make.

CONDITION OF WATER METERS IN NORTH CALDWELL STREET OBJECTED TO BY D.C.WENTZ.

Mr. D. C. Wentz requested that the water meters extending above the sidewalk in North Caldwell Street, between 13th Street and Belmont Avenue, be corrected. He further advised that he had fallen over one of the meters and broken his shoulder.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, stated that the condition of the meters was being corrected; that it was practically impossible to keep them at the proper level on an unpaved sidewalk. Also, that Mr. Wentz had filed a claim for his injury, which had been referred to the City Attorney and would be presented to Council for consideration as to settlement.

SUPPLEMENT TO LEASE (No. W-09-133-eng-1097) WITH U. S. GOV'T. EXCHANGING USE OF AIRPORT BUILDING #109 FOR BUILDING #294 BY THE N. C. NATIONAL GUARD AIR FORCES.

Councilman Albea moved approval of a Supplement to Lease No. W-09-133-eng-1097 with the United States Government, dated July 1, 1947 for use of Airport facilities by the North Carolina National Guard Air Forces, to provide for the exchange of Airport Building #109 for Building #294. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR RETENTION OF EMPLOYEES ALBERT N. NEWELL AND ROBERT F. DUNN APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, approving the request by the City Manager to the Board of Trustees of the Local Governmental Employees Retirement System for the retention of Albert N. Newell in the Motor Transport Department and Robert F. Dunn in the Water Department beyond the age limit of 70 years.

NANDINA STREET TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, Nandina Street from Peachtree Street to Hall Avenue was taken over for city maintenance.

CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS.

Motion was made by Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following contracts for the construction of new sanitary sewers:

- (a) Contract with The Stephens Company for the construction of an 8-inch sewer in Maryland Avenue, from Queens Road West trunk sewer, north 445-feet to Princeton Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$807.40. Construction to be made at the City's expense, and the full amount deposited by the applicant, to be refunded in accordance with the terms of the contract.
- (b) Contract with H. L. Hall, 1520 Providence Road, for the construction of an 8-inch sewer in Country Club Lane, from Brook Road trunk sewer, west 360-feet toward Mecklenburg Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$622.60. Construction cost to be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of the full amount to be refunded in accordance with the terms of the contract.

CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER LINES IN AREA ANNEXED JANUARY 1st.

Councilman Albea moved that the following contracts be approved for the purchase of water lines in the area annexed on January 1, 1949, and that payment be made by the City on or before 12-months from the date of the contract, without interest, when funds are available. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Contract with Graham Heights Land Company, for the purchase of 3,294-feet of 2-inch water lines in Dogwood Ave., and Grimes St., at a total price of \$1,569.82.
- (b) Contract with Miss Helen Wilson, et al, for the purchase of 3,893 feet of water lines in Eastway Drive, Beverly Place, Georgia Avenue, Alabama Avenue, East Ford Road and Florida Avenue, at a total cost of \$200.00.
- (c) Contract with W. W. Irving, 301 North Graham St., for the purchase of 186-feet of 2-inch water lines in Anderson St., at a total cost of \$136.22.

MODIFICATION OF LEASE No. NOY(R) 40574 WITH U. S. NAVY DEPARTMENT TO EXTEND LEASE ON TRACT OF LAND ON WEST 6TH STREET FOR NAVAL RESERVE ARMORY AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES.

Motion was made by Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the modification of the Lease, No. NOY(R)40574, with the United States Navy Department for use of tract of land on West 6th Street by the Naval Reserve Armory, to extend said lease to June 30, 1970 and the construction of additional facilities.

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USE OF LOUD SPEAKER ON JUNE 9th IN CONNECTION WITH U. S. SAVINGS BOND DRIVE
GRANTED RADIO STATION W.B.T.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, Radio Station W.B.T. was granted permission to use a Loud Speaker on June 9th in connection with the United States Savings Bond Drive.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF COUNCIL GIVEN THE PRESENTATION OF UNDOCKETED ITEMS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Aitken, the unanimous consent of Council was given the presentation of the following undocketed items.

ORDINANCE (NO. 70) AMENDING TAXICAB ORDINANCE CHANGING THE EFFECTIVE DATE
FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TAXIMETERS FROM JULY 1, 1949 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1949.

An ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance (No. 70) Amending Taxicab Ordinance of the City of Charlotte Changing the Effective Date for the Installation of Taximeters" was introduced and read, changing the effective date from July 1, 1949 to September 1, 1949. Councilman Jordan moved the adoption of the ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Aitken, and the ordinance was unanimously adopted. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 66.

REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANK R. THIES TO CHARLOTTE PLANNING BOARD.

Councilman Jordan moved the reappointment of Mr. Frank R. Thies as a member of the Charlotte Planning Board, for a term of three years to expire on the 5th day of June, 1952. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JUNE 13th AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until Monday, June 13, 1949, at 10 o'clock a.m., in the Mecklenburg County Court House, for the purpose of holding a joint meeting with the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections to canvass the results of the several bond elections held on June 11, 1949.

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk