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The City Council met in regular weekly session in the Council Chamber, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, March 10, 1943, with Mayor Currie presiding and the following Councilmen being present: Albea, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward.

Absent: Councilman Little.

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The minutes of the meeting of March 3rd. were approved as read, by motion of Councilman Baker, duly seconded by Councilman Slye.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, Councilman Ross, reported that his committee was not yet ready to report on the matter of the claim of E. C. Griffith Company, referred to a special committee last week, consisting of himself, Councilman Ward and City Manager Flack.

CLAIM OF LEE KINNEY FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH 10TH AND 11TH STREET WIDENING DISCUSSED BUT NO ACTION TAKEN.

Again, the Chairman of the Finance Committee reported they had not been able to reach any recommendation in the matter of the claim of Mr. Lee Kinney against the City of Charlotte for services rendered by him in connection with the securing of rights-of-way on the 10th and 11th. Street widening project, but he stated, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, that he could not recommend that the bill be paid.

City Manager Flack read a letter from Mr. Ledbetter in connection with this matter, in which he stated that the employment of Mr. Kinney was made by Mr. J. B. Marshall, former City Manager, and the work was done during the time Mr. Jas. W. Armstrong was City Manager; that no written agreement was entered into with Mr. Kinney as to the work to be performed, etc., and that Mr. Sutton, who was supervisor on the job, stated that he felt that Mr. Kinney might be entitled to some remuneration but was not willing to say as to how much. Mr. Ledbetter also stated that he discussed the matter with Mr. J. M. McCorkle, Municipal Accountant, and found that this had been discussed with the Finance Committee at the time the budget was prepared but no provision was made in the budget for this payment. He then notified Mr. Kinney of this fact and told him that the only thing left was for it to be referred to the City Council, and it was his understanding that Mr. Carol Taliaferro came before the Council and the matter was referred to the Finance Committee, but that he does not recall that this committee ever reported back to the Council.

After a discussion of this matter, during which Mr. Ross asked that the Finance Committee be relieved of further action in the matter since it has done all that it can do, the Mayor suggested that the Council see if any law can be found wherein the matter can be arbitrated and no further action was taken at this time.

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NORTH POPLAR ST. BETWEEN TRADE AND 5TH. TO BE ROPED OFF DURING SHOWING OF JAPANESE SUICIDE SUBMARINE ON MARCH 18TH.

Councilman Ward moved that North Poplar Street, between Trade Street and 5th Street, be roped off on March 18th. 1943, from 2:30 P.M., until after the showing of the Japanese Suicide Submarine, which will be displayed at that time by the U. S. War Department to promote the sale of War Stamps and Bonds. This motion was seconded by Councilman Slye and unanimously carried.

TWO WEEKS VACATION GRANTED TO CITY RECORDER AND SOLICITOR.

Councilman Ross made a motion that the City Recorder and the City Solicitor each be granted a two weeks vacation, with pay; the Recorder to take his vacation when convenient to him and the Recorder Pro Tem. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and carried.

PURCHASE OF CINDERS FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT FROM BUCKEYE COTTON OIL CO.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, authority was given for the purchase of the yearly output of cinders from the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company for use by the Street Maintenance Department, in the sum of \$100.00.

CITY TO INVESTIGATE AND PROCEED TO SECURE PRIORITY FOR PURCHASE OF NEW FIRE TRUCK.

The City Manager reported that an old fire truck of No. 2 Engine Company, had been wrecked and that the cost of repairs would be approximately \$2400.00, but that this expenditure did not seem justified since the truck was purchased in 1917. He stated that a new truck could probably be purchased for delivery in about six months, at a cost of about \$10,000.00, if priority can be secured for this purchase.

Thereupon, Councilman Baker moved that the City investigate and proceed to secure priority for the purchase of this new fire equipment. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

\$100.00 FROM EMERGENCY FUND APPROPRIATED FOR ISSUANCE OF CITY AUTO LICENSE STICKERS.

The City Manager presented an invoice from Mr. Coleman W. Roberts, Special License Clerk, for services in issuing City auto license stickers during February 1943, and stated that there will be similar bills for this work coming in each month, and he asked that an appropriation of \$100.00 be made from the Emergency Fund to take care of this invoices.

Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Ross, moved that an appropriation of \$100.00 be made from the Emergency Fund for this purpose.

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MR. E. S. DeLANEY NOT TO BE BONDED AS COMMISSIONER.

City Manager Flack reported in connection with the question of bond of Mr. E. S. DeLaney as Commissioner in the sale of City property, that he had taken the matter up with Mr. DeLaney, as instructed at the last meeting, and that Mr. DeLaney had advised him that the amount which he would handle in the course of 12 months would be approximately \$60,000. Mr. Flack stated that in view of the fact that Mr. DeLaney will be responsible to the Court and that the bond will cost \$500 or \$600, it was his recommendation that he not be bonded.

Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Ward, thereupon moved that the City not require bond of Mr. E. S. DeLaney as Commissioner.

PROPOSED SALE OF LAND TO WILMONT BAPTIST CHURCH.

In making a recent survey of City property, it was found that the Wilmont Baptist Church erected their church building on the edge of their property, which they purchased from the City of Charlotte, and that the northerly side of this building extends over their line on City property 5.64 feet, the eaves extending to 7 feet. They now desire to purchase from the City an additional 15 foot frontage, running back to the point of the old line at the rear of their property a distance of 592.25 feet, and are willing to pay the cost of advertising same and \$25.00 for the additional frontage, having paid \$150.00 for the original 2 acres, with 150 foot road frontage.

Councilman Albea moved that the City Manager be authorized to advertise this property, no bid to be received for less than \$25.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

MATTER OF SEMI-RETIREMENT FOR SIX POLICE OFFICERS REFERRED TO POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE FOR REPORT NEXT WEEK.

Chief Walter F. Anderson, through City Manager Flack, suggested, after a conference with Messrs. West, Gardner, Clark and Gay, of the Police Department, whose ages range from 63 years to 71 years, that these men be put on quasi-inactive duty, to which they are agreeable; Mr. Nolen, another aged member of the Department not being present when this conference was held, but also to be included in the group. Chief Anderson reported that they could be assigned to school crossings and other limited duty, at \$125.00 per month; their present pay now being \$914.10 per month, whereas, at \$125.00 per month each, it would amount to \$625.00. Mr. Flack recommended that the matter be referred to the proper committee.

Whereupon, Councilman Ross moved that the matter be referred to the Police and Fire Committee for approval and to turn in proper legislation at the next meeting. This motion seconded by Councilman Baker and carried, after some discussion.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER FOR A & P TEA COMPANY

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Albea, renewal of Special Officer permit was granted to J. A. Busby, for use on the premises of the A & P Tea Company.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT RENEWAL OF CODDINGTON BUILDING.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Beasley, renewal of Special Officer permit of Alvin L. Kleckley, on the premises of the Coddington Building, 500 West Trade Street, was authorized.

QUARTERMASTER DEPOT SPECIAL OFFICER RENEWALS.

The following renewals of Special Officer permits on the premises of the Quartermaster Depot were authorized, on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Albea:

Cyrus C. Austin
John E. Borders
John L. Head
Edwin M. Belch
Zeb V. Griffin

And on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Albea, the following new permits were issued for use on the premises of the Quartermaster Depot:

Herman M. Noles
Eli P. Mitchell
Emsley M. Preslar
Allen A. Humphry
Jesse A. Hough
John B. Reeves
Kathryn C. Knox
Sam M. Wilson

CEMETERY DEEDS AND PERPETUAL CARE AGREEMENTS.

The following cemetery deeds and perpetual care agreements were ordered issued, on motion made by Councilman Baker, duly seconded by Councilman Albea and carried:

C. P. Street & Ruth Wallace Street, Lot #40, A-Annex, Elmwood	\$142.80
Perpetual care on same lot	102.00
Mrs. A. R. Kiser, Lot No. 41, A-Annex	" 142.80
Perpetual care on same lot	102.00
D. T. & Nellie H. Rivers, N. Half Lot No. 4, Section BB	" 63.00
Mrs. F. H. Stroupe, N. Half Lot No. 45, Section BB	" 49.00
Mrs. Ruby S. Yandle, N. Half #58, Section BB	" 49.00
Wm. D. & Juanita Lanham, Lot No. 145, Section "Y"	" 63.00
H. Walter Fricke, Lot No. 273, Section "Y"	" 35.00
Perpetual care on Lot No. 35 Section "V" purchased by Mrs. Helen Colt Ramsey (lot listed in R.O. Colt & Family)	144.00

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Albea, the meeting then adjourned.

Alice B. McCowell
City Clerk