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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, March 15, 1944, at 4 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter and Price being present.

Absent: Councilmen Atkins, Slye and Ward.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

REQUEST THAT CONFEDERATE PLOT IN ELMWOOD CEMETERY BE CLEANED OFF.

Three ladies representing the Stonewall Jackson Chapter of the U.D.C. appeared before Council requesting that the Confederate Plot in Elmwood Cemetery be cleaned off and the fence around the plot be repaired. Mayor Baxter advised that the work would be done immediately.

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION FOR SURVEY OF LIBRARY NEEDS REFERRED TO POSTWAR PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. A. Mayo, Chairman of the Charlotte Library Board, requested an appropriation of \$1,500.00 for having a survey of library needs in Mecklenburg County made by the American Library Association. Mayor Baxter referred the matter to the Postwar Planning Committee for a report at the next meeting.

DATE SET FOR HEARING PROPOSED RETIREMENT PLANS.

At the suggestion of City Attorney Tillett, Friday, March 24th at 2:00 o'clock P. M., was set as the time to review the proposed plans for providing Retirement Annuities to city employees. The City Manager and Departmental Heads and their Assistants were instructed to attend the meeting.

PAYMENT OF INVOICE FOR AUTOPSY OF JAMES CLINSTOCK APPROVED FROM EMERGENCY FUND.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Daughtry authority was given for the payment of an invoice from Dr. W. M. Summerville in the amount of \$75.00 for the autopsy of James Clinstock from the Emergency Fund.

SALE OF SCRAP COPPER TUBING AUTHORIZED TO CHARLOTTE IRON AND METAL COMPANY.

Councilman Bullard moved that the sale of 800 pounds of scrap copper tubing be authorized to Charlotte Iron & Metal Company, at \$10.06 per cwt. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

PAYMENT OF COMMISSION AUTHORIZED TO COLEMAN W. ROBERTS, AGENT, FOR SALE OF AUTOMOBILE LICENSE STICKERS.

Councilman Albea moved that payment of \$828.45 be authorized to Coleman W. Roberts, Agent, as commission on the sale of 1944 automobile license stickers during the months of December 1943 and January and February 1944, same to be paid from the Emergency Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

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APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THAT PORTION OF ROSWELL AVENUE BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DURING GOLD TOURNAMENT.

Councilman Albea moved that the request of the Junior Chamber of Commerce be granted that a portion of Roswell Avenue be closed to traffic from 9:AM to 5:PM during their golf tournament on March 17,18 and 19th, as a safety measure, and that signs to that effect be placed at Briarwood & Roswell; Wellesley and Selwyn; Bucknell and Selwyn; Croyden Road and Selwyn; and Queens Road, West and Selwyn Ave. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried, with all members present voting in favor of the motion with the exception of Councilman Baker who was recorded as not voting.

DEFERMENT OF EQUIVALENT ELIMINATION REQUIREMENT GRANTED FOR ONE YEAR.

The Mayor stated the Charlotte Housing Authority had advised the Federal Public Housing Authority had approved the City's request for deferment of the Equivalent Elimination Requirements of the City's Contract with the Charlotte Housing Authority for one year, or until March 25, 1945.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO CHARLOTTE REAL ESTATE BOARD FOR APPRAISAL OF TRACT OF LAND ON STATESVILLE ROAD.

Councilman Hovis moved that payment of \$25.00 be authorized from the Emergency Fund to Charlotte Real Estate Board for appraisal of the 80 acre tract of land on Statesville Road, same having been appraised at \$13,600.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

APPROPRIATION FROM EMERGENCY FUND FOR SALARY OF CLERK TO LIST DOGS IN CITY DECLARED FOR TAXES WITH MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea, \$100.00 was appropriated from the Emergency Fund to pay Clerk for listing dogs in Charlotte declared for taxes with Mecklenburg County.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS RENEWED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Bullard, authority was given to renew the Special Officer Permits of the following men for use on the premises of Charlotte Quartermaster Depot:

Ira W. Benfield	1548 West Trade Street
Charles J. Hammerly	512 N. Graham Street
Ernest P. McCorkle	121 S. McDowell Street
Dan L. McCoy	RFD #7, Statesville Road
Lee W. Moser	344 Piedmont Court
James C. McSwain	RFD #4, City
William C. Hood	RFD, Matthews, NC

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, duly seconded by Councilman Painter, the following cemetery deeds were approved for transfer:

Mrs. Susan Y. Pappas, north half of Lot #64, Section "BB", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$56.00.
Mrs. Van Dora Walker, Lot #380, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$56.70.
Douglas & Sing Mortuary, Lot 65-A, Section "BB", Elmwood Cemetery, \$30.10.
E. B. James, Lot #280, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00.
Perpetual Care on Lot #280, \$25.00.
Mrs. Naomi R. Scruggs, Lot #291, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00.
Perpetual Care on Lot #291, \$25.00.
Mrs. Eliza Wylie Smith, South Half of Lot #82, Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$70.00.
Perpetual Care on Lot #82, \$60.00.

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RECESS TAKEN AT 4:45 P.M. - RECONVENED AT 5:30 P.M.

At the request of City Attorney Tillett, the Council recessed at 4:45 P. M. to the Mayor's office, to consider the proposed amendment to the Traffic Ordinance. The meeting reconvened at 5:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the meeting adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk