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The first regular weekly meeting of the new City Council was duly held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, May 12, 1943, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and the following members of the Council being present: Messrs. Albea, Atkins, Baker, Daughtry, Cope, Painter, Price, Hovis, Slye and Ward.

Absent: Councilman Bullard.

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On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea and duly carried, the minutes of the special induction meeting of May 10th. were approved as read.

The Chair recognized as a visitor in the Council Chamber Mr. John L. Wilkinson, former City Councilman, who was later joined by Mr. John Durham, also a former Councilman, and Mr. Wilkinson extended to the new administration his best wishes for a successful two years.

DISMISSED MEMBER OF SANITARY DEPARTMENT ASKS FOR INVESTIGATION OF CONDITIONS IN THAT DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Ralph Bartlett, dismissed Sanitary Inspector, appeared before the Council at this time and requested a reason for his dismissal, stating he had served the City to the best of his ability for sixteen years, and had been loyal, not only to the Sanitary Department but to the City of Charlotte. He also, in a stirring plea, asked that an investigation of conditions at the City garage be made.

After hearing Mr. Bartlett, Councilman Albea moved that the Mayor appoint a fact finding committee, with himself as Chairman, to investigate from top to bottom conditions in the Sanitary Department, which motion was seconded by Councilman Ward, but when put to a vote was lost, with only three affirmative votes being recorded, those of Councilman Albea, Hovis and Ward.

Councilman Baker then moved that this complaint be received as information, which motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, after which a lengthy discussion followed, Councilman Hovis and Ward insisting that an investigation be made in order to clear up the situation, and to give the Sanitary Department and Mr. Barbee, the Superintendent, a clean bill of health, if such is deserved and if not, that conditions be corrected. Councilman Baker stated that his motion was made in order to provide a "cooling off" period less injustice be rendered to someone. A vote was then taken on Mr. Baker's motion, and it was carried, with Councilman Albea voting "No".

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NOMINATIONS IN ORDER FOR FILLING VARIOUS CITY OFFICIALS.

The Mayor stated that it now becomes the obligation of the City Council to make appointments for various City Department Heads, and he called for nominations for City Manager. The following ordinance was offered by Councilman Baker, and seconded by Councilman Slye:

AN ORDINANCE REAPPOINTING R. W. FLACK  
CITY MANAGER.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of  
Charlotte, N. C:

Section 1. That R. W. Flack be and he is reappointed  
City Manager.

Section 2. That for the remainder of the month of May 1943 he shall be paid a salary at his present rate of compensation, and from and after the 1st day of June, 1943, he shall be paid a salary at the rate of \$10,200.00 per year, payable in semi-monthly installments, and that in order to meet the said increase in his salary for the current fiscal year the General Appropriation Resolution adopted July 22nd. 1942, and the budget for the current fiscal year be, and they are amended by transferring from the Emergency Fund contained in the General Fund \$50.00 which amount shall be, and hereby is added to the amount budgeted for the salary of the City Manager contained in said budget.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect from  
and after its passage.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tillett and Campbell  
City Attorneys

On being put to a vote, the above ordinance was  
declared unanimously adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK DEFERRED.

When nominations for City Clerk were called for,  
Councilman Baker moved that action on this appointment be deferred.  
Motion was seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

J. M. McCORKLE REAPPOINTED MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT.

Councilman Baker nominated Mr. J. M. McCorkle to  
succeed himself as Municipal Accountant, at his present salary and bond,  
as fixed by law. Motion to nominate seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and  
with no further nominations, Mr. McCorkle was declared unanimously  
reappointed.

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ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DEFERRED.

On motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Baker and unanimously carried, action on the appointment of a Collector of Revenue was deferred.

DEFERRED APPOINTMENT OF CITY TREASURER.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Daughtry and unanimously carried, action on the appointment of City Treasurer was likewise deferred.

TILLET AND CAMPBELL RE-APPOINTED CITY ATTORNEYS.

Councilman Baker moved that Tillett and Campbell be re-appointed as City Attorneys, at the present salary, as fixed by law. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF WALTER F. ANDERSON AS CHIEF OF POLICE.

Councilman Baker then moved that Mr. Walter F. Anderson be appointed to succeed himself as Chief of Police, at his present salary. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and with no further nominations re-appointment of Chief Anderson was declared unanimous.

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

On motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Baker and unanimously carried, Chief W. H. Palmer was appointed to succeed himself as Chief of the Fire Department.

ONE VACANCY ON CIVIL SERVICE BOARD FILLED.

The Mayor announced that one vacancy exists on the Civil Service Board, the term of Mr. S. J. Lowe, Jr., expiring at this time, and called for nominations to fill this vacancy.

Whereupon, Councilman Baker nominated Mr. Grainger Pierce for this appointment, for a three-year term. Motion was seconded by Councilman Slye, and with no further nominations, Mr. Grainger Pierce was declared appointed to the Civil Service Commission for a three-year term.

CITY RECORDER REAPPOINTED.

Councilman Baker nominated as City Recorder, Mr. David J. Craig, the present incumbent, which nomination was seconded by Councilman Painter, and with no further nominations, Mr. Craig was declared unaimously re-appointed.

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VICE RECORDER APPOINTED.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Atkins and unanimously carried, Mr. Paul Jamison was appointed to succeed himself as Vice Recorder.

MR. MERCER BLANKENSHIP REAPPOINTED CITY SOLICITOR.

Councilman Slye nominated Mr. Mercer J. Blankenship to succeed himself as City Solicitor, which nomination was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and there being no other nominations, was declared unanimously reappointed to this office.

BOXING AND WRESTLING COMMISSION.

Mayor Baxter announced that he would appoint as the three members of the Boxing and Wrestling Commission Messrs. R. P. Steffey, as Chairman, Frank Hoffman and Grady Cole.

COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

On the committee to be known as the Committee on Retirement System, the Mayor appointed Councilmen Baker and Ward and Atkins, City Manager Flack and the City Attorneys.

ONE VACANCY ON AIRPORT COMMISSION NAMED.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Painter, Mr. John C. Erwin was named to succeed himself as a member of the Airport Commission, for a three year term.

BILL OF BOYD & GOFORTH FOR RENTAL AND WORK DONE IN CONNECTION WITH DUMP IN REAR OF SHUMAN AVENUE INCINERATOR AUTHORIZED TO BE PAID.

The City Manager reported that Mr. Barbee, in charge of the Incinerator, had rented from Boyd and Goforth, Inc., a tractor, with an operator, to move the dump in the rear of the Shuman Avenue Incinerator, and that bill from Boyd & Goforth covering this rental and work had been rendered in the amount of \$114.00.

On motion of Councilman Price, seconded by Councilman Baker, authority was given for the payment of this bill to Boyd & Goforth, the appropriation to be made from the Emergency Fund.

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PURCHASE OF ASSEMBLY UNIT FOR HIGHWAY MOTOR MOWING UNIT AUTHORIZED.

On motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried, authority was given for the purchase of a Highway motor mowing unit assembly, from the A. & M. Farm Equipment Company, Charlotte, N. C., the only source of available equipment in Charlotte, at the price of \$210.00, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

REPORT DISMISSAL OF MR. RALPH BARTLETT ON MAY 6TH.

As a matter of record, the City Manager reported dismissal of Mr. Ralph Bartlett, Sanitary Department employee, on May 6, 1943.

STUDY OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR PURPOSE OF REVISION TO BE MADE.

The City Manager stated that if there is no objection on the part of the Mayor and City Council, he intends to instigate a study of the Health Department of the City without going into details at this time concerning it and that it was his opinion that all members of the Council will agree that it is time that this study be made. He stated that he would ask a group of local doctors to conduct this study and to submit their recommendations, adding that for a long time, the City Council and officials have expressed opinions that the present health arrangement is outmoded and inadequate.

MAY 20TH. TO BE HOLIDAY FOR ALL CITY EMPLOYEES WHO CAN BE AWAY FROM DUTIES.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Price, May 20th., Mecklenburg Declaration Day, was declared a holiday for all City employees who can conveniently be away from their duties.

CEMETERY DEEDS AND TRANSFERS.

On motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried, the following cemetery deeds and transfers were approved:

William David Hyland and Family, Lot No. 72-A, D Annex, Elmwood	\$140.00
Frank F. Bridger, South Half No. 73-A, D Annex	70.00
Transfer from Andrew S. Pappas and James B. Michaels, Executors of Estate of Tom Kutsis, to Mrs. Helen Fellos, the N.E. 1/4 of Lot No. 88, in Section "X", with perpetual care-	transfer fee 1.00
Transfer of South Half of 2nd. lot back of 2nd.No. 16 Section "V Fraction" from Mrs. Rose Blanton and B. Scott Blanton, Jr. to Mrs. William M. Blanton-	transfer fee 1.00
New deed to be made to Estate of Tom Kutsis for N.W.1/e Lot No. 88, Section "X" retained by the Estate after selling the above N.E. 1/4 to Mrs. Helen Fellos.	

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PICTURE OF EX-MAYOR CURRIE TO BE HUNG IN COUNCIL CHAMBER.

On motion of Councilman Ward, duly seconded by Councilman Price, proper procedure was authorized to be taken to hang the photograph of Ex-Mayor Currie in the Council Chamber, along with those of other past Mayors; this to be done at the expense of the City of Charlotte.

STATE GUARD REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION OF \$1000 GRANTED.

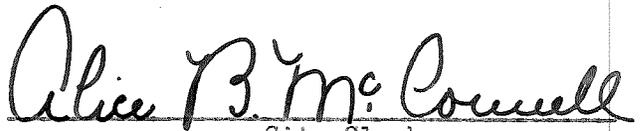
Mr. Guy Soule, representing the local State Guard Unit, appeared before the Council and requested an additional appropriation from the City Council to assist them in meeting their work, stating that the Board of County Commissioners have agreed to match any amount that the City of Charlotte will appropriate up to and including \$1000.00.

He stated that this was needed for equipment and kitchen supplies.

Councilman Price moved that the sum of \$1000.00 be placed in the new budget to carry on this work, which motion was seconded by Councilman Slye and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Price, the meeting then adjourned.

  
City Clerk