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The City Council met in regular weekly session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Currie presiding and the following members present: Councilmen Albea, Beasley, Daughtry, Little, Hovis, Price, Ross and Ward.

Absent: Councilmen Baker, Painter and Slye.

ATTORNEY FOR RED TOP TAXICAB COMPANY ASKED FOR OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH COMMITTEE BEFORE CHANGE IS MADE IN TAXICAB ORDINANCE.

Mr. H. L. Taylor, Attorney, representing Red Top Taxicab Company, asked that he be given an opportunity to meet with the committee on taxicabs before any amendment or revision of the ordinance is made. Mr. Ross, Chairman of the committee, stated that a copy of the proposed ordinance will be furnished Mr. Taylor and he will be given time to go over it with the committee before adoption.

REQUEST OF GEORGE SPITTLE THAT THE CITY PAY DAMAGES TO HIS PERSONAL CAR CAUSED BY CITY POLICE OFFICER ON MOTORCYCLE DENIED.

Mr. George Spittle, a City fireman, reported an accident to his personal car when struck by a motorcycle patrolman at the corner of Caswell Road and Vale Avenue; the police officer chasing another car when the accident occurred. He asked that the City of Charlotte pay for the damages to his car. He was advised by the Mayor that while the City would like very much to bear this expense, under the law it could not do so, and that while the accident was regretted there was nothing that could be done.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING APPROVED.

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

REQUEST OF COLORED POLICE OFFICERS FOR WEEKLY PAYMENT DENIED.

On motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, the request of the colored officers for payment weekly instead of twice monthly, was denied on recommendation of the Finance Committee.

RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF DAVID J. CRAIG, JR., AS RECORDER, AND MERCER J. BLANKENSHIP, AS SOLICITOR.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Ross, who moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried, after discussion as to the amount of this increase being the same as was anticipated when making up the yearly budget:

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RESOLVED that, effective from and after Dec. 1, 1941, the salary of David J. Craig, Jr., as recorder, be increased from \$200 per month to \$250 per month, and that the salary of Mercer J. Blankenship, as solicitor, of the Recorder's Court, be increased from \$200 per month to \$225 per month, and that for the balance of the current fiscal year the amounts of these increases be paid out of, and charged to, the emergency appropriation contained in the general fund of the budget adopted July 23, 1941.

CONTRACT WITH MARK H. ALLEN FOR WORK ON INCINERATOR UNIT ALREADY COMPLETED TO BE SIGNED.

Councilman Ross, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign an agreement with Mark H. Allen for work done in designing and overseeing the construction of the unit at the Incinerator which was done some time ago; which owing to the furnishing of certain patent right papers could not be signed at the time the work was authorized. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

This agreement called for the payment of Mr. Allen of the sum of \$800.00, and on motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Ward, payment to Mr. Allen of this sum was authorized to be made from the Emergency Fund.

FINAL RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSED EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF NORTH SMITH STREET FROM WEST SIXTH STREET PLACE TO WEST SIXTH STREET.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the City Council Nov. 5, 1941, duly recorded in Book 9, at pages 262-263 of the Minutes of the City Council, there has been published, as required by law, a notice that on the 19th day of November, 1941, at 4:00 P. M. in the Council Chamber at the City Hall the Council would hear reasons for and against the extension and improvement of North Smith Street and the condemnation of the land necessary therefor, and

WHEREAS, no one has appeared or asked to be heard in reference to the said proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, ORDERED, ORDAINED AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Council does finally determine to extend and improve North Smith Street in the manner stated in the aforesaid resolution, to which reference is hereby made, and to condemn the land which is particularly described therein; the assessment district for damages and benefits consisting of the property belonging to Mecklenburg Realty Company, situated on the east side of the proposed extension, and the property of Piedmont Fire Insurance Company, situated on the west side of the proposed extension, is hereby established, all as appears upon map which has been prepared by the City Engineer and filed with the City Clerk in accordance with the aforesaid resolution.

2. The entire cost of the acquisition of the necessary land in making the proposed improvements shall be assessed against and borne by the City at large.

3. The City Attorneys are instructed to file the necessary petition and to prosecute the necessary proceedings in order for the City to acquire the property described in the resolution above referred to.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted on three

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readings on motion made by Councilman Ross, seconded in each instance by Councilman Beasley.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLERK OF RECORDER'S COURT.

Councilman Beasley reported that the Police and Fire Committee recommended that the Clerk of Recorder's Court and the Assistant Clerk of the Recorder's Court, be placed under the jurisdiction of the Chief of Police, and on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, the recommendation of the committee was approved and the City Manager was instructed to proceed along those lines.

RETURN OF BID CHECKS.

On motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the return of such bid checks and cash deposited with the City of Charlotte in connection with parking meter bids, as are requested by the manufacturers, are to be returned.

CONTRACT WITH EMULSIFIED ASPHALT REFINING COMPANY TO BE INCREASED.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Little, the contract between the City of Charlotte and the Emulsified Asphalt Refining Company, covering the purchase of 125,000 gallons of emulsified asphalt material, is to be extended to include 50,000 gallons of this material needed in addition to that covered by the contract, at the same price of 7.6 per gallon; this being done in order to get the asphalt before increase in price goes into effect.

CONTRACT FOR CHLORINE ALSO TO BE INCREASED.

The City Manager reported that the Water Department was going to need 1,000 additional pounds of chlorine for water purification, over that called for by contract, and on motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Ross, the contract with the Solvay Sales Corporation was authorized to be increased by that amount. This was done in order to take care of the needs of that Department until bids could be received on this material.

CITY ATTORNEYS TO PREPARE AMENDMENT TO ARMORY-AUDITORIUM ORDINANCE.

In connection with the request made by the Council some time ago to the City Attorneys to prepare amendment to the ordinance governing the leasing of the Armory-Auditorium, the City Attorneys asked for instructions with regard to preparing the form of lease, and after considerable discussion, Councilman Ross moved that the City Attorneys be instructed to prepare the form of lease to carry thirty days cancellation notice in case of emergency. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried, with Councilman Ward voting "No".

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NOTICE OF SUIT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE, ETC.
FOR CONDEMNATION OF RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH LEASED PROPERTY FOR PURPOSE OF
8" WATER LINE TO SERVE HOUSING PROJECT NEAR AIR BASE FOR DEFENSE.

The City Manager reported notice of suit of the United States of America vs. Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte for condemnation purposes in connection with the easements for water line to serve the housing project for the Charlotte Air Base, this being a friendly suit in order to condemn the rights-of-way for this 8" water line.

PURCHASE OF FOUR HOSE CLAMPS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried, the purchase of four hose clamps for use by the Fire Department was authorized from the Eureka Fire Hose Division of Charlotte, at the net delivered price of \$100.00.

The only other bid received on these clamps was that of American-LaFrance-Foamite Corp., of Atlanta, Ga., whose bid was the same as the Eureka Fire Hose Division.

PURCHASE OF MATERIAL FOR REPAIRING LADDERS IN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Ross, authority was given for the purchase of a small stock of lumber for repairing ladders used on fire fighting equipment, from the Wearn Lumber Company, at a total net delivered price of \$104.72.

PARTS FOR ELGIN SWEEPER.

The purchase of a number of small parts, such as roller chains, connection links, etc., needed in repairing and reconditioning one of the City's Elgin sweepers, was authorized to be made from the North Carolina Equipment Company, of Raleigh, N. C., state representatives of the Elgin Sweeper Company, at a total net delivered price of \$121.17, by motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

CONTRACT FOR TREATMENT OF SEWAGE FROM THE AIRBASE.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Ross, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign contract with the Federal Government for the treatment of sewage from the Charlotte Airbase at the Irwin Creek Disposal Plant, which contract had been approved by the City Attorneys.

INVOICES IN CONNECTION WITH SUIT OF MRS. J. W. WHITEHEAD.

The City Manager reported that in connection with the case of Mrs. J. W. Whitehead against the City of Charlotte, the City Attorneys have forwarded bills in favor of Dr. J. S. Gaul, in the amount of \$50.00, and of Dr. J. Rush Shull, in the amount of \$47.50, for services rendered in connection with said case, and on motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Ross, payment of these two invoices were authorized to be made.

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NOTICE OF SUIT OF JAS. F. PIERCE VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

The City Manager reported receipt of notice, from Mr. J. M. Scarborough, Attorney, of suit of Jas. F. Pierce against the City of Charlotte, for \$1000.00 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained on North Graham Street, between Fifth and Sixth Streets, on September 20, 1941.

PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC LANE MARKERS.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Little, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with The Edwards Manufacturing Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, for 1,600 permanent traffic lane markers, 3-3/4" in diameter, of stainless steel, highly polished nickel alloy finish, at a net delivered price of \$400.00; this being on the Emco markers.

Other bids received on these markers were as follows:

Shunk Mfg. Company, Bucyrus, Ohio.	\$416.00
E. F. Craven Co., Greensboro, N.C.	528.00
K. E. Erickson Co., Indianapolis, Ind.,	528.00
Alternate bid of " " "	600.00

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS.

Special officer permit was granted for John M. Cook, 213 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Morehead St., for use at the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot, and for Wm. N. Knight, 1421 Pegram Street, for same premises, on motion made by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Little, moved that Phillip R. Hall, Manager of Kuester's Grill, in the Addison Apartments, be given a special officer permit for use on their premises. Motion carried.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

On motion made by Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Ward and carried, The City Hall was to be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 20th., and all City employees who could conveniently be away from their duties were granted a holiday.

BUDGET STATEMENT.

Copy of Statement of Uncollected Taxes for week ending November 13th., and Budget Report for four months period, ending Oct. 31st., was furnished each member of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

Clive B. McConell
City Clerk