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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, November 4, 1942, with Mayor Pro Tem Albea presiding and Councilmen Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Price, Ross and Ward being present.

Absent: Mayor Currie and Councilmen Little and Slye.

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The minutes of the meeting of October 28th. were read and approved, on motion made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Ross.

REQUEST OF ODOM ALEXANDER TO PURCHASE CITY LAND NEAR ENTRANCE TO ELMWOOD CEMETERY ON WEST SIXTH STREET REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Odom Alexander, local real estate man, appeared before the Council, with request that the City sell him a piece of real estate belonging to the City of Charlotte, at the corner of West Sixth Street, near the entrance to Elmwood Cemetery, consisting of a plot 50 x 140 feet; Mr. Alexander stating that he had a purchaser for this property, which would be a taxpaying enterprise.

Councilman Price made a motion that this offer be referred to the City Manager and Finance Committee, which was seconded by Councilman Baker, but after considerable discussion, Councilman Ross offered a substitute motion that it be referred to a special committee of three to study and make recommendation as to whether it was advisable for the City to sell or not. This motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried.

Whereupon, the Mayor Pro Tem appointed on this committee Councilmen Ross and Ward and the City Manager.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEETING WITH PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION.

Councilman Beasley reported that his committee had met with the Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission, Mr. Stone, relative to the proposed roadway through the Thompson Orphanage, and that they were working out details, and while no report was ready at this time, the Committee is at work on the matter.

ARMISTICE DAY TO BE HOLIDAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, WITH NO MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON THAT DATE.

Mayor Pro Tem Albea called the attention of the Council to the fact that November 11th., Armistice Day, is usually granted as a holiday for City employees, and thereupon Councilman Ward moved that Wednesday, November 11, 1942, be declared a holiday for all City employees who can conveniently be away from their duties, and that no meeting of the City Council be held on that day. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and unanimously carried.

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PARTS FOR DORR FLOCCULATOR AUTHORIZED TO BE PURCHASED.

The City Manager reported that Vest Station requires certain repair parts for the Dorr Flocculator, which is special equipment that can only be purchased from the Dorr Company, Inc., the parts needed amounting to \$666.75 f.o.b. Milwaukee, Wisc., and on motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Beasley, this purchase was authorized, the Mayor and Clerk likewise being authorized to enter into contract with the Dorr Company, Inc. for same, at the price of \$666.75 f.o.b. Milwaukee.

THREE FIRE HYDRANTS TO BE PURCHASED.

Quotations having been received on three (3) fire hydrants for the Water Department, as follows:

Grinnell Company, Inc., Charlotte	\$195.07
R. D. Wood Company, Philadelphia, Pa.	195.80

upon motion made by Councilman Beasley and seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the purchase of these hydrants was authorized to be made from Grinnell Company, Inc., at a net delivered price of \$195.07.

WATER SERVICE FOR E. H. JACOBS MFG. CORP. APPROVED.

The Superintendent of the Water Department reported that application had been received for metered water service from the main being constructed to the Navy Munitions plant for the E. H. Jacobs Mfg. Corp., the estimated quantity needed being 1000 gallons per day. This estimated amount is less than 1/10 of 1% of the amount the main will supply. The Superintendent recommended this service in view of the output of this plant and its use in the country's war efforts, limiting the size of the connection to 1-1/2 inches, the use of water in the manufacturing plant exclusively, and that no inter-connections be made between any water pipe carrying City water supply and any other water supply line.

In view of the recommendation of Mr. Vest, the Supt. of the Water Department, Councilman Hovis moved that this application be granted. Motion seconded by Councilman Ross and carried.

DEVELOPMENT OF SECTION IN ELMWOOD CEMETERY AUTHORIZED.

Mr. Flack reported that the Engineering Department had prepared estimate on the development and improving of a section in Elmwood Cemetery, between the office building and Sixth Street, along the eastern section of the Cemetery, on which plans were submitted some time ago; this estimated cost being \$1,143.84. He also stated that additional lots were badly needed in the Cemetery and that there is a Cemetery Sinking Fund of about \$3800.00 for development of cemetery property, from which this money could come, and he recommended that work on same proceed.

Whereupon, Councilman Ross moved that this section be developed, and that the money be appropriated from the Cemetery Sinking Fund (Betterment of Cemetery Property), which motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and carried.

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FORDSON AVENUE PAVING PROJECT RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

With reference to the action of the City Council on September 23, 1942, relative to the improvement of Fordson Avenue from Statesville Avenue to Hutchinson Avenue, the City agreeing to furnish the necessary right-of-way and to take over for maintenance after it has been paved, the following resolution was offered by Councilman Ward and was seconded by Councilman Ross and upon being put to vote was unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, that improvement designated by the State Highway and Public Works Commission as Project Co.471 is considered to be the most necessary improvement in the highway system in the corporate limits of the said municipality, for the promotion of public safety and convenience:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above Project Co. 471 be and hereby is formally approved by the City Council of the said municipality, and that the Mayor and Clerk of the said municipality be and are hereby empowered to sign and execute the required agreements between the said municipality and the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO STUDY STATE MERIT SYSTEM FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND BRING IN REPORT.

The City Manager reported that progress was being made in connection with the study of the State Merit System in connection with the local Health Department; that he was gathering all material available and suggested that the Council authorize the Finance Committee or some other Committee to study this material and information when it is completed, probably sometime during the next week.

Councilman Ross moved that a special committee be appointed to consider this question and bring in report. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and carried. Mayor Pro Tem Alba then appointed Councilmen Hovis and Daughtry and the City Manager to make up this committee.

REPORT ON RAIL SITUATION TO BE READY SOON.

Mr. Flack reported that Mr. Campbell, of the office of Tillett & Campbell, City Attorneys, would perhaps have report on the rail question next week; that in the interest of time, he was taking it up with the local office before bringing to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, Councilman Price moved the meeting adjourn. Duly seconded and carried.

Alice B. McCowell
City Clerk