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Regular weekly meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, October 1, 1941, with Mayor Currie presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Little, Painter, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: None.

JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GRANTED USE OF ARMORY AT COST FOR OPERA.

A delegation from the Charlotte Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mr. W. F. Hanks, Jr., spokesman requested the use of the Armory-Auditorium on October 13th., at the minimum charge, for presentation of an opera, The Barber of Seville.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Price, this request was granted at the minimum charge prescribed by ordinance.

PLACING OF BENCHES IN UPTOWN DISTRICT DURING MANEUVERS REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The request of the Mecklenburg Council for Civilian Defense, through the Chairman, Mr. J. A. Burnside, Jr., for permission to place benches on the sidewalks in front of merchant establishments during the 8 weeks period of the Army maneuvers, was, after lengthy discussion and on motion made by Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Slye and carried, referred to a special committee to be appointed by the Mayor.

This committee is composed of Councilman Beasley Councilman Ward and Mayor Pro Tem Albea, who were asked to confer with the City Attorney regarding same, and if necessary, a special meeting of the Council would be called to act on same.

DANCES AT THE FIREMEN'S HALL DURING MANEUVERS.

Mr. Burnside also requested permission for use of the Firemen's Hall for dances on Saturday nights during maneuvers, asking that the requirement of the ordinance regarding charge for the hall be waived during this emergency period.

After discussion, Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Price, moved that the use of the Firemen's Hall be granted on the Saturday nights wanted during the eight weeks period provided those dates have not already been taken. Motion carried.

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OPTIMISTIC CLUB ASKED FOR RE-CHECK OF STREET SIGNS.

A request in the form of a resolution was presented by Dr. O. B. Kirby, on behalf of the Optimistic Club, asking the Mayor to have a re-check of all street signs made; stating that many of the present street signs have gotten turned and are misleading to strangers within the City. This request was granted.

ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO SEWER CONNECTIONS TO BE TABLED AFTER FIRST PRESENTATION FOR ONE WEEK.

At the request of Mr. H. L. Taylor, attorney representing a number of owners of rental property, the Mayor assured those present that when the proposed ordinance relative to amending the ordinance requiring property owners to have sewer connections made when the property adjoins a street or alley along which there is a public sewer, that when introduced it will lie on the table one week in order to give the said property owners an opportunity to appear in connection with the passage of the proposed amendment.

MATTER PRESENTED BY PAUL RICHARDSON, COLORED, NOT FOR COUNCIL ACTION.

The matter of complaint of certain practises by certain dry cleaning establishments, which was brought to the attention of the Council by Paul Richardson, colored, was not considered, inasmuch as the Mayor stated it was not a matter for Council action but for civil recourse through the Courts.

REQUEST OF HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, F.W.A., GRANTED.

Mr. H. J. Dillehay, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Charlotte, requested, in the name of the Federal Works Administrator, permission from the City of Charlotte to lay a water line connecting the Defense Housing Project to a 12-inch water line near the hospital area of the Army Air Base; the layout of which had been submitted to the Army Engineers and the Commanding Officer of the Charlotte Army Air Base and has their approval. A drawing showing this layout was presented and gone over by the Council and after discussion, Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Little, moved that they be allowed to proceed with the laying of this water line, pending condemnation by the Government in the regular line of procedure. Motion carried.

EXPENDITURES FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES DURING WAR MANEUVERS.

Councilman Ross reported in connection with the action taken at the last meeting relative to the Acting City Manager dealing with situations connected with the Army Maneuvers, which the Chairman of the Finance Committee (Councilman Ross) and the City Manager were requested to consult the City Attorney on; and the City Manager gave a statement of the money expended to date for recreation and comfort station facilities. This statement showed the expense necessary for plumbing, partitions, benches and other incidental, including lights and janitor service, in connection with the use of the first floor of the old law building recently vacated by Sterchi Bros., to be estimated at \$700.00, which makes a total of \$1600.00 including the \$900.00 previously authorized as an Emergency Fund charge. The County is to reimburse the City for one-third of this expense, leaving a balance of \$1067.00, or an excess of \$167.00 over the \$900.00.

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Councilman Ross moved that the sum of \$600.00 from the Emergency Fund be appropriated to meet the necessary expenses to properly take care of the troops, to be expended by the City Manager with the approval of the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

REQUEST MADE BY MR. D. E. HENDERSON THAT CITY COUNCIL STUDY PLAN FOR COMFORT STATIONS MADE BY MR. WILLARD G. ROGERS.

Mr. D. E. Henderson, Charlotte attorney, stated that he was pleased to learn of the erection of comfort stations and fountains for the soldiers visiting in Charlotte during the maneuvers, but inasmuch as these facilities are only temporary, he was present to request that the Council appoint a committee to work with the City Manager and the Chairman of the Finance Committee to study the plans for permanent comfort stations prepared by Mr. Willard G. Rogers, a local architect, and stressed the need of such facilities for Charlotte.

After hearing Mr. Henderson, Mayor Currie assured him that he would appoint a committee to work with him when the time comes. However, Councilman Baker stated that he thought the time had come to appoint such a committee and made this in the form of a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Price and carried, and Mayor Currie stated that he would appoint the committee when it met in his office after adjournment of the Council meeting.

COUNCIL WENT ON RECORD AS CONDEMNING THE PRACTISE OF INCREASING PRICES TO SOLDIERS IN CHARLOTTE DURING MANEUVERS.

After much discussion regarding merchants increasing prices on beer and other merchandise during the visit of soldiers to Charlotte, Councilman Ward made a motion that if the Council finds that any merchant is increasing prices on these boys, that investigation be made and if possible, such places be closed, or if that cannot be done, that the names of such merchants be kept and when the time comes to renew their licenses that they not be renewed. This motion was seconded by Councilman Price. However, after discussing certain limitations of the City Council to take such action, Councilman Hovis made a substitute motion, which was seconded by Councilman Albea, that the Council go on record as condemning anyone purposely raising prices during the period of emergency in Charlotte. Whereupon, Councilman Ward, with the consent of Councilman Price, withdrew his original motion, and Councilman Hovis' motion was unanimously adopted.

OFFER OF QUEEN CITY COACH COMPANY TO PURCHASE GRAHAM STREET PROPERTY.

Councilman Ross stated that the Queen City Coach Company had made an offer of \$15,000 for the property owned by the City of Charlotte on 5th., 6th. and Graham Streets, known as the old Water Works property, and in this connection, he offered the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION  
WITH REGARD TO SALE OF REAL ESTATE ON  
GRAHAM STREET BETWEEN FIFTH AND SIXTH  
STREETS.

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Whereas, it appears desirable at this time to sell that

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certain parcel or tract of real estate situate, lying and being on  
Graham Street, between Fifth and Sixth Streets,

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved that the Acting City Manager  
be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to advertise said parcel  
of real estate for sale at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, November 17, 1941, at  
the courthouse door of Mecklenburg County; said advertisement shall be posted  
at the Mecklenburg County Court House door for thirty days immediately  
preceding the sale, and shall likewise be published once a week for four  
consecutive weeks during said thirty day period in the Mecklenburg Times,  
a newspaper published in Mecklenburg County; said notice shall state that  
any sale shall be subject to confirmation by the City Council and that no  
sale of said property shall be confirmed for a sum less than \$18,000.  
Said notice shall further state that the sale shall remain open for  
raised bids for ten days.

On motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Slye,  
the above resolution was unanimously adopted.

ORDINANCE AMENDING TRAFFIC ORDINANCE PASSED ON TWO READINGS.

The following amendment to the Traffic Ordinance was  
introduced by Councilman Beasley and read by the Clerk:

AN ORDINANCE  
AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TRAFFIC  
ORDINANCE ADOPTED JANUARY 10, 1940."

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

Section 1. That the Ordinance adopted September 3, 1941,  
amending the Traffic Ordinance adopted January 10, 1940, be, and the same  
hereby is, amended by striking from Section 1(2) the following: "Red with  
sign attached 'Stop. Right turn on Red.' 1. Where a traffic control signal  
has attached to it a sign reading substantially as follows:" and inserting  
in lieu thereof the following: "Red with sign at intersection: 'Stop.  
Right Turn on Red.' 1. When signs are erected at an intersection where  
there is a traffic control signal, reading substantially as follows:",  
so that the provision of Section 1(2) will read as follows:

Red with sign at intersection: "Stop. Right Turn on Red."

1. When signs are erected at an intersection where  
there is a traffic control signal, reading substantially  
as follows: "Stop. Right Turn on Red" vehicular traffic  
facing such sign may, after first coming to a full stop,  
but not otherwise, cautiously enter the intersection  
and make the movement indicated by the said sign, but  
shall not interfere with other traffic.

Section 2. All Ordinances and clauses of Ordinances in  
conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of  
this Ordinance and cause the same to be published.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after  
its passage.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tillett & Campbell, City Attorneys

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Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Baker, moved the adoption of this ordinance on first reading.

Councilman Slye opposed the adoption of the ordinance at this time, asking that copies of such ordinances be furnished each member of the Council prior to the introduction of same, and when a vote was taken on the motion to adopt on first reading, the motion carried, with Councilman Slye voting "No".

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Baker, the rules were suspended and the motion placed on seconded reading, and carried, with Councilman Slye voting "No".

Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Little, then moved that the adoption of this ordinance on third and final reading be postponed until the next meeting and that copies be furnished the Council for study. Motion carried.

#### PURCHASE OF WATER METER BOXES.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Queen City Foundry Company, at a net delivered price of \$5,865.75 for 1500 cast iron water meter boxes, with covers, for use by the Water Department during the next ten-months period.

Bids received were as follows:

Queen City Foundry	\$5,865.75
General Foundry & Machine Co.	6,615.00

#### MOTOR GRADER BLADES PURCHASED FROM E. F. CRAVEN COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea, award was made to the lowest bidder, E. F. Craven Company, of Greensboro, N.C., for 72 sets of motor grader blades, 6 ft. long by 3/8 inches thick, at a net delivered price of \$514.80, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

Other bids received were as follows:

T. L. Pitts & Son	\$606.67
Carolina Tractor & Equipment Co.	619.38
N. C. Equipment Company	645.41

#### FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Bids having been received on five 3-fold Fire Alarm Boxes for use in the Fire Alarm Service Division:

The Gamewell Company	\$612.50
Graybar Electric Co. Inc.	612.50

These being the only two manufacturers of this type of equipment, and all similar equipment in the Fire Department now in service being of Gamewell manufacture, the Chief of the Fire Department recommended the purchase of the equipment from this company, which was likewise the recommendation of the City Manager. Upon motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract with The Gamewell Company, of Atlanta, Ga., for this equipment, at the net delivered price of \$612.50.

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CITY TAGS.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract for 22,000 City automobile tags and 150 motorcycle tags for 1942, with the J. F. W. Dorman Company, Inc., of Baltimore, Md., at a net delivered price of \$832.50.

Only one other bid was received on these tags, that of George J. Mayer Company, who bid the sum of \$886.00.

COPPER WIRE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Bids having been received on 2800 feet of No. 10, and 4000 feet of No. 14 copper wire, which represents a 10-months supply for the Fire Alarm Service Division of the Fire Department, as follows:

Graybar Electric Co. Inc.	\$592.07
Westinghouse Electric Supply Co.	617.01
Mill Power Supply Co.	619.21

Upon motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Baker, contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Graybar Electric Company, Inc., at a net delivered price of \$592.07 and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

POLE LINE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Following bids having been received on pole line equipment for use by the Fire Department, representing 1624 items, including cross arms, galvanized braces, carriage bolts, etc.

Mill Power Supply Co.	\$211.81
Westinghouse Electric Supply Co.	218.15
Graybar Electric Company, Inc.	260.91

Councilman Baker moved that award be made with the lowest bidder, Mill Power Supply Company, at a net delivered price of \$211.81, and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Ross and carried.

Also, bids were received on 922 similar items of pole line equipment for the same department:

Westinghouse Electric Supply Co.	\$114.06
Mill Power Supply Co.	116.84
Graybar Electric Co. Inc.	149.46

On motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Baker, order was placed with the lowest bidder, Westinghouse Electric Supply Co., at a net delivered price of \$114.06.

BIDS ON FIRE TRUCKS REJECTED.

Bids were opened on One Fire Truck, on September 27, as follows:

The General Fire Truck Corp.	\$13,518.00
The Seagrave Corporation	15,580.53
American-LaFrance-Foamite Corp.	15,606.50

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Mr. Ledbetter reported that the bid of the General Fire Truck Corp. did not meet with the requirements of the specifications and that the two other bids are in excess of the budget allowance and are subject to securing priority in order to insure delivery and it was his recommendation that all bids be rejected, which recommendation conforms to the wishes of the Chief of the Fire Department and the Purchasing Agent.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker and carried, the City Manager's recommendation was complied with, and said bids were rejected.

PURCHASE OF 3 INCH WATER METER.

The City Manager advised that in 1940 the Charlotte Water Works replaced a 3 inch water meter with a 1 inch meter at the McClaren Rubber Company for the Industrial Terminals, Inc. The policy of the Water Department has been to credit the customer with the salvage value of the meter replaced but in this case the City had no use for the 3 inch meter. An application has now been received for a 3" meter and it was his recommendation that the City purchase this meter from the Industrial Terminals, Inc. for \$120.00. Price of a new meter would be \$156.00 and possibly delivery could not be had for some time on account of priority orders.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea, authority for the purchase of this 3" meter at the price of \$120.00 was given.

WATER MAIN IN MONROE ROAD.

Upon motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Painter and carried, authority was given for installation of a 2" water main in Monroe Road, outside the city limits, beginning on the 8" main in front of the Hudson Silk Hosiery Mill and running east 2215 ft., subject to all materials being bought by W. G. Ross, Agent for Miss Mary G. Ross, applicant, under specifications of the Water Department.

CITY MAINTENANCE MILLERTON AVENUE.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Slye and carried, Millerton Avenue, from West Morehead to Morton Street, was taken over for city maintenance; the street being in proper shape for so doing.

LEASE OF SECOND FLOOR OF AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Slye and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the lease-agreement with the Civil Aeronautics Authority for the rental of the entire upper floor of the administration building at Douglas Airport, at a yearly rental of \$420.00; this having already been approved by the Airport Commission.