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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, September 16, 1942, with Mayor Currie presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Little, Painter, Pride, Ross, Slye and Ward being present.

READING OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING DISPENSED WITH.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Ward, reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with at this time.

DELEGATION REQUESTING COUNCIL TO EXERCISE AUTHORITY  
TOWARDS PROVIDING BUS FACILITIES IN WESLEY HEIGHTS SECTION.

A delegation of citizens from the Wesley Heights section, along Wilkinson Boulevard, Green Boulevard, etc., appeared before Council headed by a Mrs. Paris, and represented by Mr. Brock Barkley, Attorney. Mr. Barkley requested the Council to exercise its authority in requiring Duke Power Company to provide needed bus transportation in this section. He presented a petition signed by some 600 residents. Councilman Little moved that the petition be referred to the Transportation Committee with request that they consult with Duke Power Company officials and report back to the Council next Wednesday. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

Mr. J. A. GRIER REQUESTS COUNCIL TO HAVE BUS REPLACED  
ON NORTH BREVARD STREET.

Mr. J. A. Grier stated that the Street Bus had been taken off North Brevard Street and placed on North Davidson Street, and requested the Council's cooperation in having it replaced on North Brevard Street, or adequate bus facilities provided thereon. No action was taken.

EMPLOYMENT OF WALTER F. ANDERSON OF WINSTON-SALEM  
TO THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

Upon motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Price and unanimously carried, Mr. Walter F. Anderson of Winston-Salem was appointed to the office of Chief of Police, effective October 1, 1942.

RESOLUTION FIXING SALARY OF WALTER F. ANDERSON,  
NEWLY APPOINTED CHIEF OF POLICE.

The following resolution was presented and upon motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Price in each instance, was unanimously adopted on three readings:

WHEREAS, Walter F. Anderson has been duly appointed Chief of Police of the City, effective October 1, 1942;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the salary of Walter F. Anderson as Chief of Police be, and it is, fixed at \$450.00 per month, payable semi-monthly, and that, effective October 1, 1942, Alex C. West be relieved of his duties as acting chief, thereby reverting to the status that he had before he was directed to act as chief, and that, effective October 1, 1942, his salary be the same as it was before he was directed to act as chief.

VOTE OF THANKS TO CHIEF ALEX WEST.

Councilman Ross moved that a vote of thanks be given Mr. Alex West, for his fine service as Acting Chief of Police. Motion seconded by Councilman Little and unanimously carried.

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INCREASE IN SALARY REQUESTED FOR CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Ward moved that the present salary of Chief Palmer, Chief of Fire Department, be increased to \$5,400.00 per annum in line with salary adopted for Chief of Police effective October 1st. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis. After some discussion, the vote was recorded with 4 affirmatives, 6 negatives and the Mayor declared the motion lost.

REPORT ON COMPLAINT OF JOHN KALAS.

Councilman Beasley, reported for the Police Committee, regarding the complaint of Mr. John Kalas at the last meeting, relative to Constable R. C. McKnight having entered the home of Mr. Kalas and removed certain machines. Mr. Beasley stated he had investigated the matter and interviewed Constable McKnight, who advised the machines were outside the house and the house was not entered. Mayor Currie stated the report would be received as information.

RATIONING BOARD BILLS.

Councilman Ross reported that the Rationing Board had past due bills totaling \$700.37 incurred prior to July 1st. Every effort had been made to have the State or Federal Government pay these bills, but they refused to do so. He, therefore, requested Council to authorize payment of the City's share, in the sum of \$466.91, from the Emergency Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

OFFERS TO PURCHASE LAND AT 1101 OAKLAWN AVENUE.

Councilman Ross reported that the City had received several offers to purchase city owned land at 1101 Oaklawn Avenue, the highest offer being from Ben Hoffmeyer, in the amount of \$535.00. Councilman Albea moved that same be referred to the City Manager and that he confer with the City Attorney relative to appraisal of land and as to advertising same for sale. Motion seconded by Councilman Ross and carried.

OFFER FROM MR. LEE HEATH TO SELL TO THE CITY  
LAND ADJOINING THE CITY GARAGE.

On motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Baker, the offer of Mr. Lee Heath to sell to the City certain land adjoining the City Garage, was referred to the City Manager to have same appraised with a view to later purchasing same. Motion unanimously carried.

RE-ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE FOR PROPERTY ON WEST MOREHEAD STREET.

The following re-assessment ordinance covering property on West Morehead Street was unanimously adopted on three readings on motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Baker in each instance:

WEST MOREHEAD STREET

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, do ordain that the special benefits to the abutting property on West Morehead Street on account of the paving of the roadway beginning at a point 150 feet west of the northwest corner of the intersection of West Morehead Street and South Summit Avenue and running thence in a westerly direction to Grandin Road, a distance of 250 feet, and being originally reassessed as a whole against the Charlotte Investment Company is hereby sub-divided and reassessed on the north side only as follows:

<u>New No.</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Frontage</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Sidewalk</u>	<u>Total</u>
1412-14	Mrs. Mary Ford Schoenith	50	15.00	16.50	395.25	47.05	473.80
1416-30	E.C. Griffith Co.	200	60.00	57.00	1581.00	184.43	1882.43

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NOTICE OF CLAIM OF ROBERTA REAVIS VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

The City Manager reported receipt of letter from Attorney Amon M. Butler, relative to claim of Roberta Reavis, 1400 North Breward Street, for alleged injuries sustained from falling into a hole in a bridge between North Davidson and North Alexander Street, on September 5, 1942. Amount claimed is \$10,000.00. It was stated that letter would be referred to the City Attorney.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED FOR EXTRA WORK ON UNIT OF INCINERATOR.

The City Manager requested authorization of payment of \$142.92 for extra work in connection with repairing a unit of the Incinerator from the Incinerator Repair Fund. Councilman Beasley moved that same be paid, motion seconded by Councilman Slye and carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX TO PLAZA THEATRE.

The following resolution was presented and upon motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Plaza Theatre, upon demand of the Collector of Revenue, paid \$159.38 as its license tax for that part of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1942 that it was open and,

WHEREAS, the correct amount should have been \$75.00 and the erroneous payment was made on account of a mistake of fact;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$84.38 be refunded to the Plaza Theatre, the amount of the refund to be paid from the Emergency Fund.

LETTER RELATIVE TO LAUNDRYING OF UNIFORMS AT SHELL LOADING PLANT.

The City Manager read a communication from the U. S. Rubber Company, dated September 10, 1942, regarding the laundering of workers uniforms at the Shell Loading Plant. Briefly, the communication stated that the uniforms will contain chemicals, all of which are of a highly explosive character and when in a fine particle state are very sensitive to static electricity, stray electric currents, sewer gas flashes and shock. There will undoubtedly be considerable residue of explosives, to wit: T.N.T., Lead Azide, Tetryl, and Black Powder, which will find its way into the sewage or other means of disposal, with the result that there will then enter a considerable element of danger. Whereupon the following motion was offered by Councilman Alba - that the City Manager request the U. S. Rubber Company not to have its laundering done in such way as will result in the materials named in its letter of September 10, 1942, getting into the sewer system or into any of the ditches or creeks within the city limits. Same being seconded by Councilman Banker and unanimously carried.

PROPOSED CONTRACT BETWEEN U.S. OF AMERICA, W.P.A. AND CITY FOR ENGINEERING FOR WATER LINE TO AIRBASE.

The City Manager presented a proposed contract form between the U. S. of America, acting by and through the Federal Works Agency, Work Projects Administration, and the City of Charlotte, concerning the engineering necessary for the proposed water line to the Airbase. The Contract provides that the City will furnish the engineering necessary without cost to the Federal Government. Councilman Hovis moved that the contract be executed by the Mayor and Clerk, subject to the approval of the City Attorney. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and unanimously carried.

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RADIATOR ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZED TO BE PURCHASED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Little, authority was given for the purchase of a radiator assembly for the Fire Department, from the LaFrance Company, at a net delivered price of \$193.21.

PURCHASE OF CONVEYOR BELT.

Upon motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and carried, One 4-ply rubber covered endless Conveyor Belt will be purchased from Matthews-Morse Sales Company, at a net delivered price of \$145.48, for use by the Water Department.

OVERHEAD DOORS TO BE PURCHASED FOR DILWORTH FIRE STATION.

Upon motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Baker, authority was given for the purchase of One Set of Overhead Doors for Dilworth Fire Station, from the Overhead Door Company of Charlotte, at a net delivered price of \$198.00.

PAYMENT OF SALARY FOR EXTRA WORK IN DELINQUENT TAX DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Slye and carried, authority was given for the payment of \$150.00 to cover 10 days extra work done by C. E. Hobbs for the Delinquent Tax Department, same to be paid from the Special Delinquent Tax Fund.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS ISSUED.

Applications for the appointment of the following men as Special Police Officers were approved by the Council, upon motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Little and carried, the Chief of Police having certified that their records had been checked and no police records found on file:

C. B. Barnett, T. P. Fowler and A. R. Threatt, for use on the premises of the Southern Bell Telephone Company.

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT GRANTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Beasley, authority was given for the renewal of Special Officer Permit for Jack Wm. Hunter, on the premises of Lincoln Theatre.

TELEGRAM TO WALTER F. ANDERSON NOTIFYING HIM OF UNANIMOUS APPOINTMENT AND SALARY AUTHORIZATION.

The City Manager suggested that a telegram to sent to Walter F. Anderson advising that both his appointment and salary were unanimously approved by Council. On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Ross, same was approved.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea the following cemetery deeds were authorized to be issued:

Mrs. Lillian McFarland Buckley, Lot. No. 83, Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, \$70.00  
Calvin Grier, Lot No. 124-A, Section "D" Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, \$42.40.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea, the meeting then adjourned.

*Lillian R. Haffman*  
Assistant City Clerk