

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, September 29, 1948, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, McKee and White present.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilmen Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on September 15th, were approved as submitted.

REQUEST FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR HOSPITAL SAVINGS PLAN.

That city employees be extended the privilege of participating in the Blue Cross through quarterly payroll deductions was requested by Mrs. C. T. Wanzer, representative of the Hospital Savings Association. She stated that numerous requests were received from City Employees for membership in the Blue Cross Plan, which was extended only through payroll deduction. She urged the removal of restrictions against further payroll deductions, which were imposed by a former Council during the War period.

Mayor Baxter advised Mrs. Wanzer that careful consideration would be given the request, and a decision made at the next Council meeting.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO OBTAINING NATURAL GAS FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Approving Natural Gas for the City of Charlotte", authorizing the City Manager to co-operate with the Piedmont Natural Gas Corporation in obtaining a franchise from the Federal Power Commission that natural gas be brought to Charlotte, was presented and read. Councilman Albea moved the adoption of the resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 141.

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE WIDENING OF EAST STONEWALL STREET.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution with Respect to the Acquisition of Land for the Widening of East Stonewall Street", authorizing the City Treasurer to notify the Trustees of the Elks Club that the City will pay \$63,092.00 for the 46 feet of land on South Tryon Street, and to obtain agreement from any persons owning any interest in said property for the purchase of their interest on the basis of the above stated price, and in case the purchase of said land cannot be negotiated by the City Treasurer, that the City Attorney and City Engineer prepare necessary maps and data for the condemnation of said property, was presented and read. Councilman DeLaney moved the adoption of the resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 142.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, AND PAYMENT TO BLYTHE BROS. COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE RESURFACING OF EAST 4TH STREET.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing Contract with The State Highway Commission, and Payment to Blythe Bros. Company in Connection with the Resurfacing of East 4th Street", was presented and read, and upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Albea, was unanimously adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 143.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF GEORGE N. WEIKEL FOR DAMAGES TO AUTOMOBILE.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, payment of claim of Mr. George N. Weikel, in the amount of \$107.77, was authorized, covering repairs to automobile damaged on September 1st, by City Sanitary Truck No. 84.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried, approving the transfer of \$743.25 from the Water Department Emergency Appropriation (Code 613) to Catawba Pumping Station Account (Code 608-B-28) for the construction of a well at the Care-taker's house at Hoskins Reservoir.

REMOVAL OF TREE FROM PLANTING STRIP AT NEW FIRE STATION SITE ON SOUTH BOULEVARD.

Councilman Albea moved that permission be granted for the removal of a tree from the planting strip in front of the new Fire Station on South Boulevard which obstructs the driveway. Motion seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried.

PLATS OF YORK ROAD SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, plats of York Road Park Subdivision, Section #2, being developed by Mr. Edwin O. Clarkson, was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

BUCKNELL PLACE TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried, authorizing taking over Bucknell Place from Queens Road West to Princeton Avenue, for city maintenance.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN KINN STREET, BARBOURS COURT AND SEDGERFIELD SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, the construction of sanitary sewers at the city's expense was authorized as follows:

- (a) 8-inch sewer in Kinn Street, from trunk sewer near Watts Street west 125 feet toward Plum Street, at an estimated cost of \$687.50, to serve 3 houses with 5 family units.
- (b) 8-inch sewer in Barbours Court, from near East 5th Street north toward East 6th Street 120 feet, at an estimated cost of \$416.90, to serve 7 houses with 14 family units.
- (c) 8-inch sewer in Sedgefield Subdivision for a distance of 6,484 feet, at an estimated cost of \$14,594.91, to serve 76 family units under construction and 99 additional lots.

CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS WITH SAMUEL H. BOYER, MARSH LAND COMPANY AND W. H. STARRETT.

Upon motion of Councilman DeLaney, seconded by Councilman White, and unanimously carried, the following contracts were authorized for the construction of water mains:

- (a) Contract with Samuel H. Boyer for water mains in Boyer Street, for a distance of 725 feet, at an estimated cost of \$798.00. The applicant to bear all costs and the city to maintain and operate the line.

- (b) Supplementary contract with Marsh Land Company to contract dated Feb. 23, 1948, for the construction of 7,563 feet of mains and 6 fire hydrants in Sedgefield Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$13,683.00. The City to finance all construction costs and the applicant to guarantee 10% annual revenue on said cost.
- (c) Supplementary contract with W. H. Starrett, to contract dated March 13, 1947, for the construction of 483 feet of mains in Wolfe Place Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$563.00. All costs to be borne by the applicant, and the City to maintain and operate the mains for the revenue produced.

CONTRACT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY IN BOYER STREET FOR WATER MAINS CONSTRUCTION.

Motion was made by Councilman McKee, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with the State Highway and Public Works Commission for right-of-way in Boyer Street for the construction of a 2-inch water main.

CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman McKee and unanimously carried, contracts were authorized for the following purchases and the allocation of funds therefor, if necessary:

- (a) Contract with Link Radio Corp. for One Transmitter, One Remote Control Console, 12 Station House Receivers and 9 Mobile Units, for the Radio Division, at a net delivered price of \$7,965.00.
- (b) Contract with Graybar Electric Company, Inc. for One 4-ton Pole Trailer, at a net delivered price of \$1,214.64, for the Water Department.
- (c) Contract with Baker Equipment Company for One Metal Dump Garbage Body complete with hydraulic hoist, mounted on the city's GMC truck, at a net delivered price of \$599.00.
- (d) Contract with Hersey Manufacturing Company, for Repair Parts for Water Meters, at a net delivered price of \$255.96.
- (e) Contract with Blythe Bros. Company for the general construction of the Catawba River Pumping Station, at a price of \$183,290.00, and contract with Cheney Electric Company for the Electrical Work, at a price of \$15,450.00.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE RADIO DIVISION BUDGET.

Councilman Childs moved that \$310.00 be transferred from the Radio Division Machinery & Equipment Parts Account (Code 403-G-18) to the Radio Division Capital Outlay Machinery & Equipment Account (Code 1403-G-12). Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED TO H. L. HOWIE AND W. C. MULKEY.

Motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, authorizing a Special Officer Permits be issued to H. L. Howie on the premises of Rulane Tank & Gas Company, 2317 Thrift

Road, and to W. C. Mulkey on the premises of Reliance Fruit & Produce Company 414 South Brevard Street.

LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS.

The City Manager reported that leases had been concluded on buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport with the following concerns:

<u>BUILDING NO.</u>	<u>LESSEE</u>	<u>MONTHLY RENTAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TERM OF LEASE</u>
238	Quality Hemming Company	\$70.80	9-1-48 1 year
99 and 203	Shield Oil Company	\$30.00	9-15-48 1 year

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Upon motion of Councilman Alba, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

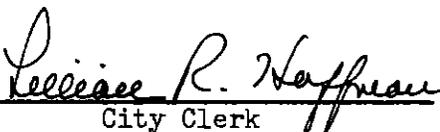
- (a) To Mrs. Geo. T. Williams, Sr. Lot 244, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.
- (b) To T. M. Turner, and wife, Lot 247, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.
- (c) To W. I. and D. M. Coddington, Lot 7, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Jones at \$1.00 for transfer.
- (d) To W. I. and D. M. Coddington, Lot 14, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from J. B. Davis and wife, at \$1.00 for transfer.
- (e) To Elizabeth O. Erickson, Lot 21, Section Z, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from W.B. Fincher and wife, at \$1.00 for transfer.
- (f) To W. T. Austin and wife, Lot 243, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, transferred from Mrs. Elizabeth O. Erickson, at \$1.00 for transfer.
- (g) To Mary L. Myers, Perpetual Care on Lot 17, Section I, Pinewood Cemetery, at \$144.00.

VACANCY IN COUNCIL NOT TO BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT.

Upon the suggestion by Councilman White that it would be well to decide whether or not an appointment would be made to fill the vacancy created by the death of Councilman Charles E. Lambeth, a motion was made by Councilman Childs that in view of the long and efficient service rendered by Mr. Lambeth both to the City Government and to the City of Charlotte at large, that no appointment be made to the office. Motion seconded by Councilman White, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman McKee, seconded by Councilman Alba, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

  
City Clerk