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The weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, April 14, 1943, with Mayor Currie presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baker, Daughtry, Hovis, Price, Ross and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen Beasley, Little, Painter and Slye.

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#### DENTAL CARE FOR INDIGENT OF CHARLOTTE.

Dr. Ralph Jarrett, representing the Dental profession of Charlotte, and Mr. Carl Flath, of Charlotte Memorial Hospital, appeared before the Council in the interest of opening a dental clinic at Memorial Hospital for the care of indigent children and adults, asking that a sum sufficient to run this clinic until the beginning of the new fiscal year be set aside for this purpose; this money already having been appropriated for dental care of the indigent of Charlotte at the 9th Street school clinic, which clinic has not been in operation for the past few months. Dr. Jarrett stated that an interne from the U. S. Navy would arrive in Charlotte on April 15th. to assist in this work and that it was the plans of the profession to bring a second interne to Charlotte, who, with the aid of the combined dental profession, would be able to give Charlotte a sufficient set-up to take care of the dental health of the indigent of the city. He estimated that between \$4000 and \$4500 per year would be required to carry on this work.

After hearing Dr. Jarrett and Mr. Flath, Councilman Baker made the following motion:- It is the sense of the Council that such an amount of money as may be necessary of that heretofore appropriated for a Dental Clinic be paid to the Memorial Hospital for the purpose of taking care of the dental work of indigent children and adults, and that the City Attorneys be requested to prepare such appropriate resolution or ordinance as may be necessary to accomplish this purpose. This motion was seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried.

#### COMMUNITY CRUSADERS AND NEGRO CITIZENS LEAGUE BRING MESSAGE TO CITY COUNCIL.

A delegation from the Community Crusaders and Negro Citizens League of Charlotte, consisting of Henry Houston, Dr. J. S. N. Tross, Rev. H. E. Wilson and Rev. G. E. Archibald, appeared before the Council with a message, delivered by Dr. Tross, of praise for the help rendered the colored race during this administration and a prayer for the continuation of the work so well begun. Dr. Tross cited a number of accomplishments for the betterment of the negro race through the securing of adequate park and recreational facilities, a day nursery, a negro truant officer, a Bible teacher in the negro high school, five negro police officers and a 50 percent reduction in crime among negroes.

This delegation was thanked by the Mayor for this message.

#### MINUTES APPROVED.

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

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COMMITTEE REPORT ON FINANCING OF AIR RAID SIRENS ADOPTED.

Councilman Hovis, speaking for the committee of two appointed at the last meeting by the Mayor, for the purpose of meeting with a committee from the Board of County Commissioners to arrange the financing of the additional air raid sirens for Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, reported that the committees had been able to agree on the basis of financing this work as follows: the City to bear two-thirds of the expense and the County one-third, or all expense outside the city limits.

Councilman Ross moved that the report be accepted and be concurred in and that the purchase of the new sirens be made accordingly. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT LET TO GEO. G. SCOTT & CO. FOR 1942-1943 AUDIT.

On motion of Councilman Ross, duly seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with George G. Scott & Company, for the 1942-1943 audit of the City's books, at the price of \$3,000.00.

SUPPLIES FOR IDENTIFICATION BUREAU AUTHORIZED TO BE PURCHASED.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Ross and carried, authority was given for the purchase of certain films, film packs and Eastman Timer, for the Identification Bureau, Police Department, from W. I. Van Nee Company, the only source of supply for Eastman products, at a net delivered price of \$102.85.

APPROPRIATION FOR RATIONING BOARD REMOVAL.

Letters were presented to the Council from Mr. George Fulenwider, Administrative Officer of the Office of Price Administration in Charlotte, and from Mr. J. A. Scoggins, County Administrator Mecklenburg County War Price and Rationing Board, asking for an additional appropriation from the City and County of \$450.00 for certain needed material in connection with the removal of the rationing board offices to the Federal Reserve Bank building; it being pointed out that they have not used the appropriation tentatively agreed upon of \$225 per month but one month since Sept. 15th., and the appropriation asked for being a double appropriation for the month of April; this to be divided on the basis of \$300.00 from the City and \$150. from the County.

On motion of Councilman Ross, duly seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, this double appropriation from the City of \$300.00 was granted.

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CANCELLATION OF REMAINDER OF CONTRACT WITH LYNCHBURG PIPE & FOUNDRY CO.  
FOR CAST IRON PIPE.

Councilman Baker moved that the uncompleted balance of a contract awarded to the Lynchburg Pipe & Foundry Company, on Sept. 10, 1941, calling for 36,000 feet of 6" cast iron pipe and 334 fittings, of which all the fittings were shipped and 26,143 feet of the pipe, leaving an unshipped balance of pipe due on this contract amounting to 9,857 feet, which cannot be delivered due to Government orders, be cancelled, in order to clear the books. This unshipped balance amounts to \$7,885.49. Motion to cancel was seconded by Councilman Daughtry and same was carried.

REPAIR PARTS FOR ELGIN SWEEPER TO BE PURCHASED.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, authority was given for the purchase of certain repair parts for the City's Elgin Sweeper, from the North Carolina Equipment Company, Raleigh, N.C., at a net delivered price of \$414.59, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute contract covering same.

REPAIR PARTS FOR WATER METERS.

The Water Department being in need of certain repair parts for 5/8" Lambeth and Trident water meters, which can only be purchased from the Neptune Meter Company, Councilman Ward moved that these parts be purchased f.o.b. factory, in the sum of \$138.88. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER FOR CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

On motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Baker and carried, John E. Smith was made a Special Officer on the premises of the Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

The following cemetery deeds were authorized to be issued, on motion made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Price:

W. R. Litton and wife, Erna Litton, Lot #58, Section A-Annex, Elmwood	\$64.05
Perpetual care on same lot	45.75

Deed to be issued to William Neal, colored, for Lot in Old Pinewood Cemetery being lot north of the Byers Lot #12, in Section "I" size 12 x 12, without cost; no deed having ever been issued for this lot.

RECESS TAKEN.

A short recess was taken by the Council for the purpose of discussing certain matters in the Mayor's office and at 5:25 they returned to the Council Chamber, when the Mayor again called the meeting to order.