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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, April 5, 1944, at 4 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baker, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Price, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen Atkins and Bullard.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, duly seconded by Councilman Price, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

PAYMENT OF CONTRACT WITH J. R. PURSER, SALES ENGINEER, INC. APPROVED FROM WATER DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY FUND.

The City Manager advised the budget appropriation for equipment in the Water Department was depleted and requested authority to make payment of the contract with J. R. Purser, Sales Engineer, Inc. awarded on February 2, 1944, in the amount of \$868.30, from the Water Department Emergency Fund. Councilman Albea moved that permission be given. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

PURCHASE OF FIRE HYDRANTS FROM GRINNELL COMPANY, INC.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Price authority was given to purchase two fire hydrants from Grinnell Company, Inc., at a net delivered price of \$131.57.

PURCHASE OF REPAIR PARTS FROM NORTH CAROLINA EQUIPMENT COMPANY.

Councilman Slye moved that repair parts for the Elgin Sweeper be purchased from the North Carolina Equipment Company at a net delivered price of \$112.40. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

PURCHASE OF CRUSHED STONE FROM CALDWELL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, duly seconded by Councilman Daughtry, purchase of 57.05 tons of crushed stone from Caldwell Construction Company, at \$122.66, was authorized.

PURCHASE OF INDEX FROM POUND & MOORE COMPANY AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Slye moved that authority be given to purchase a 500-division Shaw Walker Index from Pound & Moore Company, at \$115.00, for use by the Tax Department in connection with the installation of a new system for handling uncollected taxes and assessments. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

PURCHASE OF STREET MATERIAL FROM STATE HIGHWAY & PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, duly seconded by Councilman Cope, authorization was given to purchase from the State Highway & Public Works Commission, 1150 gallons of street material at a total cost of \$100.05 for use in maintaining highways within the city limits.

CONTRACT APPROVED WITH MONROE CALCULATING MACHINE COMPANY, INC. FOR YEARLY MAINTENANCE OF CALCULATOR IN TAX DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Slye moved that contract with Monroe Calculating Machine Company be approved for repairs and yearly maintenance on one calculating machine in the Tax Department and that \$18.00 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund to cover payment. Motion seconded by Councilman Price and carried.

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EMERGENCY FUND APPROPRIATION TO CHARLOTTE REAL ESTATE BOARD FOR APPRAISAL OF ORR STREET PROPERTY.

Councilman Price moved that \$25.00 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund for payment of appraisal of tract of land fronting on Orr Street, by the Charlotte Real Estate Board, same having been appraised at \$12,414.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried.

TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTY - 1708-10 Seigle Avenue - REFERRED TO EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR DECISION AS TO CITY RAISING BID ON SAME.

The City Manager reported that at the foreclosure sale on April 3, 1944 of property located at 1708-10 Seigle Avenue, known as Tax Suit No. 196, that E. L. Vinson was high bidder at \$1,000.00. The property is assessed for taxation as a whole at a valuation of \$985.00 and the total liens of the County and City against the property approximate \$2,000.00. In order to determine whether Council wishes to raise the bid, he suggested that the matter be referred to the Evaluation Committee for investigation. This was done by the Mayor.

EMPLOYEES OF POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AUTHORIZED TO SELL TO CITY ALL OR PORTION OF THEIR VACATION PERIODS.

The City Manager advised the Chiefs of the Police and Fire Departments recommended that their employees be permitted to "sell" to the City all or a portion of their vacation periods to aid in alleviating the manpower shortage in these two departments, and that he concurred in the recommendation. Councilman Albea moved that the Council approve the recommendation and that same be effective from April 1, 1944 through the calendar year 1944. Motion seconded by Councilman Slye and carried.

CONTRACT APPROVED WITH H. V. JOHNSON & SON FOR COAL.

The City Manager advised that since his last report on the purchase of coal, that 243.625 tons had been purchased from H. V. Johnson & Son, at a cost of \$1,927.82, and requested that payment for and a contract with this company be authorized from budgeted funds. Motion was made by Councilman Albea that this be done. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING COMPANY FOR CLEANING MAINS.

Upon the recommendation of the City Manager, Councilman Albea moved that a contract be entered into with the National Water Main Cleaning Company for cleaning 9000 feet to 12,500 feet of 12 inch water main in the southern section of the city, at .09 cents per linear foot, estimated to cost \$810.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE CONDITION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY ON WILMOUNT ROAD.

The Mayor appointed a committee composed of Councilmen Painter and Daughtry to investigate and recommend relative to making repairs to a city owned house on Wilmount Road, which the City Manager reported was in a dilapidated condition.

EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY GRANTED EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Albea moved that a holiday be granted city employees who could conveniently be away from their duties on Easter Monday, April 10th. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

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AUTHORITY GIVEN TO ISSUE PERMITS TO OPERATE TAXICABS.

Councilman Hovis moved that permits to operate taxicabs in Charlotte be issued to the following men, as recommended by Chief Anderson. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried:

E. H. Aughtry	H. E. Morris
H. M. Allman	Mack Minyard
M. B. Aycock	El. L. McCorkle
Clyde B. Burroughs	J. R. McCord, Jr.
J. D. Beacham	O. W. Morton
R. D. Batte, Jr.	W. D. Myers
W. A. Cloninger	E. C. Moree
H. H. Caldwell	J. P. Morris
W. R. Cooper	Vernon McLemore
J. W. Clayton	W. A. McCully
L. P. Dellinger	J. H. McArn
J. Q. Duncan	D. H. McLemore
J. A. Duncan	G. L. Norket
G. C. Ellis	S. H. Noles
C. B. Foster	W. C. Owens
W. J. Farrell	T. A. Pinson
J. B. Gayle	M. L. Pitts
L. S. Baddy	S. M. Pressley
D. M. Geer	J. W. Pate
C. H. Gibson	R. H. Reichard
Roy Greene	E. H. Robertson
H. E. Gheesling	E. L. Robinson
F. S. Hammatt	D. L. Rollins
C. S. Harkey	R. W. Reams
H. D. Hunter	O. H. Starnes
Geo. F. Helms	Thomas Tanner
C. A. Helms	O. C. Taylor
W. D. Hutton	C. H. Taylor
D. J. Hall	W. E. Sweet
J. C. Hollingsworth	J. W. Thompson
C. J. Jarrett	W. E. Williams
T. A. Johnson	D. E. Winkler
F. D. King	Marion Smith
Fred King, Jr.	
J. F. Lee	
P. R. Lloyd	
V. T. Ledwell	
S. R. Mullis	

REPORT BY COMMITTEE ON RETIREMENT ANNUITIES PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Ward reported for the Committee on a Retirement Annuity Plan for city employees, stating at a meeting held on April 3rd a preference was unanimously expressed by representatives of all city departments that a plan be adopted similar to that now in force in the Police and Fire Departments. The Committee had, therefore, requested City Attorney Tillett to ascertain from Mr. Geo. Buck, Actuary, the charge for surveying this plan; that the Committee would report again to Council upon receipt of a reply from Mr. Buck.

CITY TREASURER AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT BOND IN LIEU OF CASH FROM KEITH M. BEATTY FOR TAXICABS OPERATED BY BEATTY SERVICE COMPANY.

A letter was ready from the City Treasurer, stating that in accordance with the Taxicab Ordinance, adopted September 2, 1936, and amendments thereto, he recommended accepting from Mr. Keith M. Beatty, operator of Beatty Service Company, a \$5,000.00 U.S. Coupon $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ Bond as security in lieu of cash now on deposit; that a 5% margin be required, and that the City Accountant and himself be authorized to issue check to Beatty Service Company for \$4,500.00. Councilman Baker moved that the Treasurer's recommendation

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be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Price and carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Councilman Hovis moved that the following deeds to cemetery lots be approved for transfer. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried:

Mrs. Stella C. Lambert, Lot #47, Section "BB", Elmwood Cemetery, \$73.15.
Mrs. Minnie S. Freeman, Lot #83, Section "Z", Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00.
Mrs. Roxie F. Stine, Lot #111, Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, \$70.00.
Perpetual Care Deed on Lot #111, Mrs. Roxie F. Stine, \$60.00.
A. H. & G. T. Edwards, Lot #65-A, Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, \$68.95.
Perpetual Care Deed on Lot #65-A, A.H.& G.T. Edwards, \$59.10.
Hugh and Grace R. Montgomery, Lot #92, Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, \$140.00.
Perpetual Care Deed on Lot #92, Hugh & Grace R. Montgomery, \$120.00.
Perpetual Care Deed to Mrs. A. M. Cathey, Sr. on South Half Lot No. 60, in Elmwood Cemetery, Section "L", \$64.50.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Ward, the meeting adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk