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Regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, April 8, 1942, Mayor Currie presiding and the following Council members being present: Messrs. Albea, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Little, Painter, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING APPLICATION OF RIVERSIDE TERMINAL COMPANY FOR PROJECT RATING ON PIPE LINE.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Baker, who moved its adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried unanimously:

RESOLVED: That Whereas the Riverside Terminal Company, on account of the enemy submarine hazard on the east coast of the United States, has found it expedient to obtain its supply of gasoline through the Plantation Pipe Line; and whereas, in order so to do it is necessary to erect and maintain its own storage or reception facilities at Thrift, in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, this requiring the issuance of a project rating by the Office of U. S. Production Management; and whereas, the erection and maintenance of such facilities will serve the public interests;

THEREFORE, the City of Charlotte, by its proper authorities, does hereby endorse the application of said Riverside Terminal Company for a project rating to the end that materials may be obtained by it for the erection of said storage or reception facilities.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tillett & Campbell
City Attorneys.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO RE-DRAFT ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO JUNK DEALERS.

Mr. G. C. Carswell, Attorney for a group of Junk Dealers, again appeared before the Council relative to the proposed ordinance governing dealing in junk for the protection of property against theft, asking that the time limit for holding articles before being sold be set at 5 days, but after considerable discussion, during which the State law was looked up and found to contain no time limit, Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Price, moved that the ordinance submitted at the last meeting be passed on first reading, with the limit set at 7 days (which was at the recommendation of Chief Joyner), but on substitute motion made by Councilman Baker, which was seconded by Councilman Little and carried, the ordinance was placed in the hands of a committee to re-draft and present at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Albea, who had taken over the chair while the Mayor was absent from the meeting for a short time, appointed on this committee Councilman Baker, Price and Hovis.

MANAGER OF MAYFAIR HOTEL ASKED FOR RELIEF REGARDING TRAFFIC PROBLEM AT HIS HOTEL.

Mr. Leo Vaughn, Manager of the Mayfair Hotel, asked for relief on the situation at his hotel due to Fifth Street being made a one-way street by ordinance adopted by the Council last September; stating that it is necessary for guests of his hotel who stop in the front of his establishment, to drive ten blocks in order to reach the side entrance or garage and

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and that by reason of this he is losing business. After hearing Mr. Vaughn the matter was referred to the Police Committee to investigate and report back at a later date.

TAXICAB INSURANCE QUESTION AGAIN BROUGHT UP.

The ordinance adopted by the City Council on January 7th. 1942, requiring additional liability coverage on taxicabs operating in Charlotte, set the date for certain requirements of this ordinance to become effective at 12:01 a.m., April 7th., and this time being up on Tuesday of this week, Mr. H. L. Taylor, attorney for the Red Top Taxicab Company, appealed to the Council to repeal this ordinance or amend it to the extent that his company would not be required to post the additional amount of bond. He stated that unless this was done his company would be compelled to increase the price charged for fares and that if the Council would permit them to operate on the old basis they would guarantee no increase in the price of fares for one year.

After discussion, during which a motion was made to receive this as information, and a substitute motion to withhold a vote on the question until the Mayor returned to the chair, which substitute motion passed on a 7 to 3 vote; upon the return to the Council Chamber of Mayor Currie, the matter was again taken up and further discussed, with the result that Mr. Taylor announced that Beatty Bros. Service Company would post the additional amount of bond required to meet the present ordinance requirements and would increase the fare charged from 10-cents to 15-cents until such time as the Council would rescind the ordinance and refund the additional bond amount posted, when the fare would be placed back to 10-cents, and the matter was dismissed with this; Councilman Ross explaining to Mr. Taylor that it would be well for them to understand at this time that the Council is opposed to reducing the liability. Mr. Beatty stated in reply to Mr. Ross's statement that they would not come back to the Council on the matter unless invited by the Council to do so.

CONTRACT FOR YEARLY AUDIT AWARDED TO GEORGE G. SCOTT & COMPANY

On motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Little, and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute on behalf of the City, a contract with George G. Scott & Company, for the annual audit of the City's books, at the same price as last year, namely: \$2,750.00.

WATER WASTE SURVEY FOR DISTRICTS 1 AND 2 TO BE MADE BY PITOMETER COMPANY.

A proposal for completing a water waste survey in Districts 1 and 2 of the City, for the sum of \$2600.00 submitted by the Pitometer Company, was presented by the City Manager and Mr. Vest, who explained the necessity of such a survey, and on motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea, the Council authorized the extension of the contract in accordance with said proposal, payment for same to be made from the Water Works Emergency Fund.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF INVOICES FROM EMERGENCY FUND AUTHORIZED.

On motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Painter, authority was given for the payment of an invoice from the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Raleigh, N. C., in the amount of \$38.50, for mimeographing brief in the case of Kavanaugh, et al vs. City of Charlotte, from the Emergency Fund; also in the amount of \$17.60 for brief in the Whitehead case against the City, also to be paid from the Emergency Fund.

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CONTRACTS FOR UNIFORMS - FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

Bids were received on April 6th. for Uniforms for Fire and Police Departments, the City Manager reporting that no bids were submitted by two companies bidding on the Fire Department Uniforms, on the item of shirts. However, Martin's Department Store was the low bidder on all items for the Fire Department other than shirts, and on motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Hovis, award was made to them for the 137 pairs of trousers, 2 Assistant Chief's Coats and Vests and 137 Caps, at the net delivered price of \$1,257.80 and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute contract with Belk Brothers Company for 828 shirts, at the low bid of \$1,324.80.

On motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Little, award on all items for the Police Department, was made to Elliott & Fink, the low bidder, at the net delivered price of \$2,694.50 and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12 OF THE PARKING METER ORDINANCE.

The following amendment to the Parking Meter Ordinance was presented by the City Manager, who advised that telegraphic information had been received from the Michaels Art Bronze Company to the effect that the placing of their meters in operation would not constitute an acceptance of the meters until they had furnished the proper coin containers and that the City Attorneys had advised that it was now in order to adopt the ordinance if the Council so desired:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, N.C.:

Section 1. That Section 13 of the Parking Meter Ordinance adopted March 18, 1942 be, and the same hereby is, amended by striking therefrom the words and figures "the 15th day of April, 1942", and substituting therefor the words and figures: "the 9th day of April, 1942".

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

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tillett & Campbell
City Attorneys

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded in each instance, by Councilman Slye, the ordinance was adopted on three readings and declared by the Mayor to be an ordinance of the City of Charlotte, Councilmen Albea and Hovis voting against the passage of the ordinance on each reading.

MONEY FROM PARKING METERS TO BE RETURNED TO PERSONS CLAIMING OR TURNED OVER TO CIVILIAN DEFENSE.

Mr. Flack asked approval of the Council in returning the money which has been placed in the parking meters prior to their being put into operation, this being turned over to the Police Department to be returned to those claiming same and after holding unclaimed for five days, to be permitted to turn the amount over to Civilian Defense.

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On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Slye, this recommendation was approved, with Councilman Albea voting against the motion.

Councilman Price had suggested that the Boy Scouts be asked to instruct the public in the use of the parking meters, but due to their being in school, this plan was not feasible. However, Mr. Flack stated that ample police officers would be provided to get them started and that it was his plan that no arrests be made during this instruction period.

LOAN OF OLD TRUCK TO CHARLOTTE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

On motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Slye, the City Manager was authorized to loan to the Charlotte Park & Recreation Commission, one of the old trucks belonging to the City, for use in transporting supplies, etc., in caring for the entertainment of soldiers.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS GRANTED.

The following men were authorized to be issued Special Officer permits for use on the premises of the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot; these men having been approved by the Chief of Police; on motion made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Painter and duly carried:

Robert H. Britton	Joseph M. McJunkins
Robert E. Burr	Murphy A. Gibson
Clarence F. Denton	Walter L. Burns
William A. Pauli	Walter D. Keasler

ACCEPTANCE OF DEED FROM VIOLET G. ALEXANDER.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea, the deed from Miss Violet G. Alexander, covering right-of-way given by her to the City of Charlotte for extension of Clay Street through Enderly Road, was accepted by the City Council.

MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes of the April 1st. meeting were read and on motion made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, were approved without change.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Slye, the meeting adjourned.

Allice B. McConnell
City Clerk

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The City Council met at 4:00 o'clock P. M., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, in regular weekly session, with Mayor Currie presiding, and the following Council members being present: Albea, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Painter, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward.

Absent: Councilmen Hovis and Little.

HOSPITALS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR CHARITY PATIENTS.

Mr. R. S. Dixon, representing the Charlotte Memorial Hospital, and Mr. Charlie Hamilton, of the Presbyterian Hospital, appeared before the Council, asking that the Budget Committee in drafting the budget for 1942-43, materially increase the allowance for charity patients, also an increase for x-ray patients and laboratory work.

After a discussion on the manner of handling this type of work, the Mayor advised that the Budget Committee would start working on the budget in June and that all the necessary information should be furnished them at that time. Whereupon, Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, moved that this be accepted as information and referred to the Budget Committee at the proper time. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the meeting of April 8th. were approved.

AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO BE PREPARED AND PRESENTED AT NEXT MEETING ON REQUEST OF MANAGER OF THE MAYFAIR HOTEL.

Councilman Beasley, Chairman of the Police & Fire Committee, reported that the committee had carefully go into the complaint of the Manager of the Mayfair Hotel and had secured the opinions of the Chief of Police and of Mr. Skinner, Traffic Engineer, and both Chief Joyner and Mr. Skinner had recommended that 5th Street be discontinued as a one-way street, although they did not recommend the making of right-hand turns; also that the same recommendation was made for 4th Street.

Councilman Ross moved that the City Attorneys be requested to draw proper amending ordinance, providing for 4th and 5th Streets to again be made two-way streets and that right-hand turns be taken care of as recommended by the Committee from Tryon into 4th and 5th Streets only, eliminating parking on both streets between College and Mint on 4th Street and Church and College on 5th. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DEALING IN JUNK.

Councilman Baker presented the following ordinance and moved its adoption: