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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, April 9, 1946, with Mayor pro tem Childs presiding, and Councilmen Hinson, Johnston, Newson, Puette and White present.

Absent: Mayor Baxter and Councilman McIntyre.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Robert F. Boyd, Pastor, Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Newson, seconded by Councilman Johnston the minutes of the meeting on April 2, 1946, were approved as read.

REQUEST THAT NORTH POPLAR STREET PROPERTY NOT BE SOLD.

Mr. Oliver Litaker, Commandar, Hornets Nest Post 9, American Legion, who stated he was speaking on behalf of some 20,000 ex-service men of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, requested Council to reconsider the proposed sale of the North Poplar Street property which was purchased as the site for a Veterans Recreation Center. He advised that since the offer to finance the construction of the Center had been withdrawn by a Charlotte citizen, he and Mayor Baxter had received cash donations amounting to \$50,000.00, and had the assurance of other substantial contributions, towards financing the structure. He stated that if the City would retain the property that within twelve months the construction of a Center would be under way.

Councilman White suggested that as both the Mayor and Councilman McIntyre were absent that no action be taken on the matter today; however, he would definitely present the matter to Council at an early date and urge favorable action on the request.

-REQUESTS FROM MEMORIAL AND GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITALS FOR INCREASE IN PAY FOR INDIGENT SICK REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The City Manager advised that requests had been received from Memorial Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital for increase in rate of pay for care of indigent sick. He recommended that as the hospitalization of indigent sick is a joint account with the County, that a Committee be appointed to discuss the matter with the County Commissioners prior to the joint meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Puette, seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried that a Committee be appointed as recommended. Whereupon, the Mayor pro tem appointed Councilmen Hinson and White as the Committee to confer with the County Commissioners prior to the joint meeting.

LICENSE GRANTED FOR OPERATION OF CAROLINA DETECTIVE AGENCY.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried, that a license be granted Mr. David W. Conway, to operate the Carolina Detective Agency, as requested.

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CONTRACT AWARDED GEO. G. SCOTT & COMPANY TO AUDIT THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1946.

The City Manager reported concerning a proposed contract submitted by Geo. G. Scott & Company to audit the City of Charlotte for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946. Councilman White moved that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute said contract with Geo. G. Scott and Company, at a price not to exceed \$4,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT AFTER REACHING RETIREMENT AGE DEFERRED.

The City Manager advised that requests had been received from Messrs. W. E. Vest, E. A. Starr, J. E. Rogers, John Feimster, M. G. Dellinger, W. R. Swindell and Will Hart of the Water Department, that they be permitted to continue in the employment of the city after July 1, 1946, the effective date of retirement of employees 65 years of age.

The City Manager was directed to compile a list of all city employees who will have reached the retirement age on July 1, 1946, and an estimate of the total amount that will be due them under retirement.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH M. LEE HEATH FOR SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

Councilman Puette moved that a contract be authorized with M. Lee Heath for the construction of a sanitary sewer in Pinewood Avenue and Woods Isle Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$2,692.90, under the usual terms, subject to receipt of a letter of title satisfactory to the City Attorney. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT FOR WATER SERVICE.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinson that a contract be authorized with the Naval Ammunition Depot for water service, for period November 5, 1945 through December 31, 1950. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

Contract Awarded Interstate Construction Company For Curb and Gutter In Oaklawn Avenue.

Councilman White moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Interstate Construction Company, for construction of curb and gutter in Oaklawn Avenue, in the sum of \$2,018.40. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Johnston moved that the following contracts and purchases be authorized, and funds appropriated if necessary. Motion seconded by Councilman White, and unanimously carried:

- a. Contract with Creech Motorcycle Company for two 1946 Harley-Davidson Servi-Car Motorcycles, at a net delivered price of \$824.00.
- b. Purchase of Curb Stops and Union Couplings from Mueller Company, in the sum of \$169.60.
- c. Purchase of 1,200 feet cable and two gross wrought staples from American Hardware & Equipment Company, in the sum of \$121.20.

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- d. Contract with Badger Meter Manufacturing Company, for six 2-inch water meters, at a net delivered price of \$396.00.
- e. Purchase of 8 valve boxes, sections and covers, 4 frames and covers, and meter boxes and covers, from Queen City Foundry, in the sum of \$165.80.
- f. Purchase of 2 steel tow chains from North American Steel Company, in the sum of \$147.95.
- g. Contract with Hersey Manufacturing Company for One Model FM Detector Meter, in the sum of \$560.00.
- h. Purchase of 70 curb stops and 110 union couplings from Mueller Company, in the sum of \$169.60.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT GRANTED JAMES BOYD PRATHER.

Councilman Johnston moved that a Special Officer Permit be granted James Boyd Prather for one year, for use on the premises of J. B. Ivey & Company. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION PROPOSED PAVING PROGRAM APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Puette, seconded by Councilman White, unanimous consent was given by Council for the City Manager to present the following item, not included in today's Docket:

The State Highway Commission contemplates the resurfacing of the following streets and roadways at an early date:

COUNTY ROAD CONNECTIONS

Commonwealth Avenue from City Limits to the Plaza.
36th Street from Tryon St. to Caldwell Street.
Shuman Avenue from South Boulevard to South Tryon Street.

STATE HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY

S. McDowell Street, from E. Trade St. to Boundary St.
S. Tryon Street from Morehead St. to Kingston Avenue.
S. Tryon Street from W. Boulevard to the south side of Woodcrest Avenue.

Following a discussion of the matter, Councilman White moved that the paving program as outlined receive the approval of Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

HOLIDAY GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES ON EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 22nd.

Councilman Hinson moved that the unanimous consent of Council be given to the matter of a holiday for city employees on Easter Monday. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried:

Councilman Hinson then moved that a holiday be granted city employees on Monday, April 22nd, in observance of Easter. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

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SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS APPROVED.

Councilman Hinson moved that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute deeds for the sale of the following cemetery lots, and perpetual care thereon. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried:


Carl H. Graham, Lot 88, Section Z, Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00.

Mrs. Helen Mason Vail, north part Lot 140, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, \$63.00.
Perpetual Care on north part Lot 140, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, Mrs. Helen Mason Vail, \$54.00.

Mrs. Lilly A. Dandridge, Lot 51, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, \$180.00.
Perpetual Care on Lot 51, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, Mrs. Lilly A. Dandridge, \$100.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman White, the meeting was adjourned.


City Clerk