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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, August 27, 1941, Mayor Currie opening the meeting and presiding for the first half hour, after which the Mayor Pro Tem took over the chair, the Mayor leaving. Councilmen Albea, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Little, Painter, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilman Baker.

CHARLOTTE NEWS MAKES REQUEST THAT THE CITY PURCHASE 2000 BROCHURES ADVERTISING THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Mr. Ed Dowd, Editor of The Charlotte News, presented to the Mayor and Council copies of the recently published brochure on the city of Charlotte, upon its entry into the 100,000 population class. Mr. Dowd explained that the price of this brochure is 50-cents, but that a copy will be furnished to each subscriber of The Charlotte News, and that the list of firms shown in the back thereof assisted in making possible the production of this booklet.

He proposed that the City Council buy 2,000 copies of this brochure at 50-cents each, amounting to \$1,000.00, to be used in mailing data and information to the bonding houses and financial institutions who are interested in Charlotte bonds. He advised that a similar request had been made to the Board of County Commissioners, who heartily endorsed the booklet and stated that if the City Council was agreeable, the City Attorney and County Attorney could investigate the legality of making such purchases.

Mayor Currie referred the request to the City Manager to obtain a ruling from the City Attorney as to the legality and to also check with the County Commissioners, and report back at the next meeting.

WILDLIFE CLUB ASKS USE OF CITY PROPERTY FOR FISHING LAKE.

Mr. D.K. Sing, heading a delegation from the Wildlife Club, appeared before the Council, requesting that the City assist this Club in building a lake for fishing by furnishing the land which the City owns outside the city limits on the Statesville highway, on which a dam will be built by the W.P.A., the Wildlife Club to furnish the sponsor's share of money to build the dam, and to stock it with fish. Mr. McAlister Carson, Mr. C. W. Todd and Mr. Tom Revelle, and others, spoke of what such a project will mean to the fishermen of Charlotte.

Mayor Currie referred this request to a committee to see if the City of Charlotte can legally furnish this site, and appointed on the committee Councilmen Ward, Slye, Beasley and Painter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea, the minutes of the meeting of August 20th., were approved as read, with the following correction:

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CORRECTION REGARDING STANDBY CHARGES AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

After some discussion as to the wording of the minutes of the previous meeting relative to the standby charge at the Charlotte Memorial Hospital, which made reference to the standby charge for fire hydrants, in order to clarify the meaning of this charge, Councilman Albea moved that all standby charges connected with the Charlotte Memorial Hospital, past, present and future, be waived. Motion seconded by Councilman Ross and unanimously carried.

MAYOR RELINQUISHES CHAIR TO MAYOR PRO TEM AND LEAVES THE MEETING.

At this time, Mayor Currie turned over the chair to Mayor Pro Tem Albea, and excused himself from the meeting.

REQUEST OF A.M.E. ZION CHURCH (COLORED) REFERRED TO POLICE COMMITTEE.

The request that the lunch rooms or restaurants at the corner of East 7th Street and North Myers Street, be closed on Sunday from 8:30 A.M. to 2 P. M., and from 8 P. M. to 9:30 P.M., which was made by the Board of Trustees of the A.M.E. Zion Church (colored), located on East 7th and North Myers Street, was referred to the Police Committee for investigation. Also their request for a signal light at this point.

RESIGNATION OF MR. CECIL P. PATE AS PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER.

Upon motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously adopted, the resignation of Mr. Cecil P. Pate as a member of the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission, was accepted with regrets, and the Clerk was ordered to so advise him.

CLAIM AGAINST CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR DAMAGES ACCOUNT INJURY TO IDA LUCILLE POLK.

Mr. G. T. Carswell, as attorney for Ida Lucille Polk, colored, filed notice of claim against the City of Charlotte for alleged injuries received by falling in an open pit or manhole on McDowell Street, near 10th. Street, in August 3, 1941. This was turned over to the Clerk to take notice of and pass on to the City Attorney for handling.

PURCHASE OF TIRES AND TUBES.

Bids having been received on 4 - 650 x 16, 4 ply heavy duty tires and tubes for the Assistant Fire Chief's car, and 4 900 x 24 12 ply tires for Fire Truck, as follows:

Dayton Tire Sales Company	\$249.00
Goodyear Service	272.64
McDonald Service Company	292.76
Victor Shaw Company	296.92
Nolen General Tire Company	306.92
Goodrich Silvertown Stores	361.93
Sears, Roebuck & Company	371.77

Upon motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract for this purchase with the lowest bidder, Dayton Tire Sales Company, at a net delivered price of \$249.00.

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PURCHASE OF WATER BILL FORMS.

Upon motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Ward, the purchase of 125,000 forms for rendering water bills, was authorized from the lowest bidder, the Huneycutt Printing Company, at a net delivered price of \$149.30; this being estimated as a six months supply.

Other bids received were as follows:

Southern Printing Company	\$176.00
News Printing Company	193.75

CAST IRON PLUGS FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

The Water Department desiring to purchase 62 Cast Iron Plugs for lead joints in cast iron water pipe, estimated to be a year's requirements, the following bids were received:

W. M. Rapp, Atlanta, Ga.	\$145.00
National Cast Iron Pipe Co.	159.58

And upon motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Ward, the purchase of this material was authorized from the lowest bidder, W. M. Rapp, at a net delivered price of \$145.00.

CALCULATING MACHINE FOR TAX DEPARTMENT.

The City Manager reported that the Tax Department is in need of a calculating machine for computing interest and that bids were received on one that is electrically operated, as follows:

Fridon Calculator Sales Agency	\$315.00
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	359.00
Marchant Calculating Machine Co.	380.00
Monroe Calculating Machine Co. Inc.	400.00

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Little, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the lowest bidder, Fridon Calculator Sales Agency, for this machine, at a net delivered price of \$315.00. This machine was demonstrated to the Tax Collector and Purchasing Agent and found to meet the requirements of this department.

PURCHASE OF CRUSHED STONE.

The City Manager reported that in the resurfacing of Brandon Road the Engineering Department required the use of crushed stone and that on August 11th. a carload, or 48.20 tons, was ordered, under State Highway Specifications #8, at \$2.15 per ton, totaling \$103.63. That again on August 13th. another carload was ordered, amounting to 55 tons, at the same price, totaling \$118.25. Each of these carloads exceeded the amount which could be purchased without the approval of the Council, the Manager requested that these expenditures be ratified, and on motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Price, this was done.

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PETITION FOR 18TH STREET PAVING REFERRED TO ATTORNEY FOR RULING,

A petition signed by a large number of citizens, requesting that 18th. Street, from Pegram Street to Tech High School, be paved and sidewalk constructed, before the opening of school, was, on motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Price and carried, referred to the City Attorney for a ruling.

Mr. Ledbetter reported that Tech High School is located on what would be Louise Avenue Extension, between 17th. Street, which is unpaved, and 18th. Street, and that only one block of 18th. Street has been opened, from Pegram Street to the school building. There is no paved street or sidewalk within a block of the school from any side of the grounds. The Engineering Department has estimated that the cost to the City of making the necessary paving ~~and sidewalks~~ would be \$900.00, which could be taken from the present asphalt paving bond fund. A $4\frac{1}{2}$ foot sidewalk would cost approximately \$350.00, which would have to be taken from the Emergency Fund.

ADDITIONAL COST OF PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF CHARTER AUTHORIZED.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Ward and carried, Mr. John James, attorney, is to be reimbursed from the Emergency Fund for the additional cost of the photostatic copy of Chapter XI, Acts of the General Assembly of 1776, making the entire amount to be paid to Mr. James \$5.03 instead of \$3.03 as authorized on August 13th.; this additional cost being due to an error made in the office of the Secretary of State, Raleigh, N. C.

EMPLOYMENT OF DRAFTSMAN.

The City Manager reported the employment of Mr. S. H. Shropshire as draftsman in the Engineering Department, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. T. S. Simpson, Jr.

STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES AND COLLECTIONS.

A weekly statement of uncollected taxes and collections as of August 21, 1941, was furnished each member of the Council.

PROPOSED BRIDGE ON FORDSON AVENUE.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Painter, the Council authorized the erection of a bridge, 40-ft. wide, with a 30-ft. roadway and two 5-ft. sidewalks, across the railroad siding from Warehouse No. 3, Charlotte Quartermaster Depot, to an intersection with the existing Southern Railway at a point some 1500 feet north of Fordson Avenue, at no cost to the City; this bridge to be constructed of reinforced concrete, conditional on the Government maintaining this bridge and the necessary guard rails against damage to the City of Charlotte. Final plans for this bridge to be approved by the City Engineer and contract-agreement to be approved by the City Attorney and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk.

PURCHASE OF BOND.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Ross, the City Treasurer was authorized to purchase one \$1,000.00 Smithfield, N.C.

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Water and Sewer and Market House 6% Bond, due December 1, 1941, on 1% basis, subject to the approval of the Local Government Commission.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT FOR L. R. BROOME.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Ross, L. R. Broome was granted a permit as special officer for the Wm. Muirhead Construction Co. Inc., on the premises of the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot, 1820 Statesville Avenue.

RESOLUTION REGARDING PARKING METERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Ross and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the Purchasing Agent be, and he hereby is, instructed to advertise for bids for the installation of parking meters upon both sides of Tryon Street between First and Seventh Streets, and both sides of Trade Street between Graham and Brevard Streets; the specifications to be prepared by the Purchasing Agent after consultation with the Police and Fire Committee and the City Attorney.

AN ORDINANCE LIMITING PARKING ON EAST MOREHEAD STREET.

The following amendment to the traffic ordinance was presented by Councilman Beasley:

AN ORDINANCE
LIMITING PARKING TO 30 MINUTES ON EAST
MOREHEAD STREET BETWEEN SOUTH BOULEVARD
AND THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY BRIDGE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina:

Section 1. When signs are erected in each block, giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for any purpose for longer than thirty minutes at any time between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. of any day except Sundays and public holidays on either side of East Morehead Street between South Boulevard and the east side of the bridge over the Southern Railway.

Section 2. The purpose and intent of this ordinance is to place the above described portion of East Morehead Street under Schedule 3 as contained in the Traffic Ordinance adopted January 10, 1940.

Section 3. All ordinances and clauses of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

Upon motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Slye, the above ordinance was unanimously adopted on three readings and declared by the Mayor Pro Tem to be an ordinance of the City of Charlotte, this the 27th day of August, 1941.

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CITY MANAGER TO BE BONDED IN SUM OF \$25,000.00.

At the meeting of August 20th., the question of bonding the City Manager was referred to the Finance Committee, and at this time Councilman Ross reported that the recommendation of the Committee was that the City Manager be bonded to the extent of \$25,000.00, the premium, amounting to approximately \$125.00 to be paid from the Emergency Fund, and he so moved. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RENTAL OF PALMER FIRE SCHOOL.

Upon motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Ward, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that the resolution with respect to the renting of the Palmer Fire School, passed on the 21st. day of June 1940, be, and the same is, amended by adding thereto the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for periods of 60 minutes or less the rent for the said building shall be \$10.00."

MOTIONS AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF CITY MANAGER.

The following motions were made by Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Ross and carried on three readings, and declared by the Mayor Pro Tem to have passed:

1. M O T I O N: That the action of the City Council taken August 13th. appointing L. L. Ledbetter, City Manager, effective midnight August 31, 1941, be, and the same is, rescinded.

2. M O T I O N: That, during the temporary situation created by the present vacation of J. W. Armstrong, City Manager, and the vacancy in the position of City Manager, which will occur August 31st. and until a City Manager has been appointed, L. L. Ledbetter ex officio as City Treasurer shall, in addition to his duties as City Treasurer, perform all of the duties of City Manager as auxiliary duties, that the Council's action to the foregoing effect August 13th. be, and it is, ratified and confirmed; further, that without limiting the generality of the foregoing, said Ledbetter is specifically authorized to sign checks in place of the City Manager, as well as in his capacity as City Treasurer, and the resolution adopted by the Council with regard to the execution of checks at its meeting on the 13th day of August 1941, be, and the same is, amended to this effect.

CEMETERY DEED.

Upon motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Ward, the issuance of a cemetery deed to J. A. Yarbrough for Lot No. 104, in Section "U", Elmwood Cemetery, at the price of \$75.60, was authorized.

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COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE MATTER OF PAYMENT OF CHECK TO HEIRS
OF FIDLER ESTATE FOR WIDENING EAST 11TH. STREET.

Councilman Hovis made the following statement and motion
as this time:

"About a year ago, I understand and have heard, that the City of Charlotte paid unto the Fidler heirs certain money as compensation for land taken from them when the City widened East 11th Street. It has been reported that this money has not yet reached the owners of the property. This being City money, I feel it my duty to call this to the attention of the Council, and I have heard that this check of the City's was made out to Mr. John H. Small, Jr., of the city of Charlotte, as attorney for these heirs. If this is true, I cannot understand why the heirs have not received their money.

I move that a committee be appointed to investigate the truth or falsity of this, and if it is found to be true, that Mr. Small be removed from the Charlotte Airport Commission.

Mr. Dick Basinger of the Fire Department, is a member of the family who was to receive part of this money. So is Mr. Roy Yarborough, of the Tax Department, a member of the family entitled to receive part of this money. These families, I am sure, will tell the truth of the matter as it now stands."

Councilman Hovis' motion was seconded by Councilman Ward and carried, and Mayor Pro Tem Albea appointed on the committee to investigate this matter, Councilmen Hovis, Slye and Ward.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF AIRPORT COMMISSION.

Councilman Ross stated that some time ago the Council received the resignation of Mr. J. Norman Pease as a member of the Municipal Airport Commission, and that he nominated Mr. William H. Williamson, Jr., to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Pease. Motion seconded by Councilman Little. There being no further nominations, a vote was taken on this motion, which carried, and Mr. Williamson was declared elected to fill the vacancy on the Municipal Airport Commission created by the resignation of Mr. J. Norman Pease.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Ward, the meeting then adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk