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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, August 30th, 1939, with Mayor Ben E. Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Baxter, Britt, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides, Ward and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilman Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the minutes of the meeting of August 23rd. were approved as read.

REQUEST FOR PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO PARKING ON EAST THIRD STREET.

Judge Vance Howard presented to the Council a proposed ordinance to regulate stopping, standing and parking upon East Third Street which he desired to have adopted for the benefit of a client who has warehouses on that street. He stated that this ordinance had been submitted to Mr. Skinner, Traffic Engineer, who approved it. However, most of the Council desired that the matter be held in abeyance until a list of various streets where such an ordinance is also necessary to regulate traffic on, and handle all at the same time.

Councilman Sides made a motion that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance after the Traffic Inspector has submitted a list of the streets, and have ready for consideration of the Council at its next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Baxter and carried.

INVITATION TO COUNCIL TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Judge Howard then extended to the Mayor and Council a cordial invitation to meet with the Young Democratic Clubs of the State in their Convention to be held in Charlotte on September 7th., 8th. and 9th.

STATE FIRE MARSHALL PRESENTED.

Mr. Sherwood Brockwell, State Fire Marshall for North Carolina, was introduced to the Council by Fire Chief Hendrix Palmer, and Mr. Brockwell complimented the City of Charlotte on having one of the finest drill tower set-ups in the world, as well as a Chief who will, in 1941, be President of the International Fire Chiefs Association, the highest honor to be bestowed upon a Fire Chief.

PURCHASE OF PARKS FOR ELGIN SWEEPER.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the North Carolina Equipment Company of Raleigh for the necessary parts and appliances to repair Elgin Sweeper No. 843, at a total cost of \$239.01. These parts can only be purchased from the manufacturer or his agent and bids cannot be solicited.

PURCHASE OF BOND FOR SINKING FUND.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Hudson, authorization was given for the City Treasurer to purchase one \$1,000.00 Randolph County 5% Fund ^{and} Bond, due April 15, 1940, at a price to yield 1.25%, subject to the approval of the Local Government Commission.

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STREET MAINTENANCE ON WESTMORELAND AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Hudson and carried, the request of property owners on Westmoreland Avenue, asking that two blocks of that street, between Linden and Lyon Streets, be taken over for City maintenance, was granted. The Engineering Department reported this street in good shape for acceptance.

The request that Linden Avenue, between Commonwealth and Shenandoah Avenues, be taken over was denied on motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Ward, due to the fact that the Engineering Department advised that an 8" pipe has been installed under this street, whereas, the drainage area requires a 24" pipe.

STREET CUTTING INVOICES TO BE CHARGED OFF.

The City Manager reported that the last audit revealed that there are a few small accounts outstanding for street cutting invoices that are uncollectible and he asked that these accounts be charged off, due to the fact that the firms have gone out of business.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the following accounts are to be charged off:

Carolina Plumbing Company	No. 1011	5-25-33	\$3.96
"	1493	4-15-35	2.00
"	1437	1-17-35	2.88
E. R. Faires	598	1-15-32	8.95
"	991	4- 1-33	2.37
"	1000	4-30-33	3.20
"	1110	10- 1-33	1.96
E. R. Faires Plumbing Company	1156	12-15-33	2.25
E. R. Faires	1218	3-15-34	2.64
Gibson Service Station	2151	10- 7-37	3.50
J. A. Haley & Son	1491	4-15-35	2.00
E. L. Hyland Plumbing Company	1165	1- 8-34	2.38
W. P. Redfern	2106	8-14-37	3.50
	Total		41.59

NOTICE OF CLAIM OF MRS. WADE BAILEY AGAINST CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Letter from Mr. L. L. Caudle, Attorney, notifying the City of the claim of Mrs. Wade Bailey, who allegedly fell over a raised place in the sidewalk on East 7th. Street and sustained injuries, was turned over to the City Attorney.

NOTICES OF SUITS GROWING OUT OF COLLAPSE OF FOOT BRIDGE OVER SUGAW GREEK.

The following notices, received from A. A. Tarlton and Wm. H. Abernathy, Attorneys, of suits against the City of Charlotte, were also turned over to the City Attorney for handling:

Janie Bryce, Administrator for Helen Bryce, deceased, for \$25,000.00, for drowning alleged to have been due to falling from bridge on East 2nd. Street.

Almetta Blakely, Administrator for Curtis Blakely, deceased, for \$25,000.00, drowning allegedly due from falling from bridge on East 2nd. Street.

James C. King, Administrator for Zorada Cathey, deceased, for \$25,000.00, drowning allegedly due from falling from same bridge.

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RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The City Manager advised that it has been necessary to amend the Resolution for a supplementary application to the Public Works Administration for the Memorial Hospital due to the fact that the Board of Trustees had counted on receiving \$10,000.00 from the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County as a part of the sponsor's share, and that since this is not available, a revised resolution has been prepared and is submitted for adoption.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the resolution adopted at the meeting on August 23rd. was rescinded, and on motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Little, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the original project application for Docket N C 1412-F, Charlotte Memorial Hospital, dated August 11, 1938, contemplated expenditures as follows:

Preliminary Expenses	\$	600.00
Land		50,000.00
Construction		735,755.00
Equipment		150,000.00
Engineering		53,145.00
Interest		10,500.00
Total		\$1,000,000.00

WHEREAS, construction contracts have been awarded as follows:

BOILER HOUSE

General Contract	23,540.00
Plumbing Contract	3,293.00
Heating Contract	13,747.00
Total	40,580.00

HOSPITAL AND NURSES HOME

General Contract	545,400.00
Plumbing Contract	58,800.00
Electrical Contract (Hospital)	34,875.00
Electrical Contract (N.H.)	2,792.00
Heating Contract (Hospital)	45,965.00
Heating Contract (N.H.)	4,656.00
Elevators	42,725.00
Dumbwaiters	7,915.00
Total	<u>747,039.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL \$787,619.00

This represents an overrun in the construction of \$51,864.00, and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte desires to make an additional application to the Federal Works Agency of the Public Works Administration for a 45% grant on a portion of the amount of this overrun; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the City furnish the sponsor's share and the City agrees to furnish \$20,000.00 as the sponsor's share of this supplementary application.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That said application be and the same is hereby made and that the City of Charlotte deposited in the American Trust Company an additional \$20,000.00, which shall be available exclusively for the sponsor's share of this supplementary application, and that the Federal Works Agency of the Public Works Administration be requested to furnish an additional grant of \$16,363.62.

A certified copy of the statement from the Bank is attached to this application.

PERMIT FOR SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Ward, the application of Mr. C. D. Brady for appointment as a Special Police Officer, was approved; this application having the approval of the Chief of Police.

FORMER COUNCILMAN JOHN F. DURHAM RECOGNIZED.

The Chair recognized as a visitor in the Council Chamber former Councilman, Mr. John F. Durham.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ASCERTAIN CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATIVE TO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Wilkinson stated that some time ago the Council appointed a Commissioner of Police and Safety to make investigations in the Police Department and bring back to the Council recommendations for the betterment of that Department, but that so far the only recommendations that have been made were relative to the redecoration of the building, changing of the front entrance, the placing of a neon sign at this entrance, etc., but that no recommendations as to the running of the Department have been received by the Council, and he made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried, that the Mayor appoint a committee of three men from the Council to have a conference with the Chief of Police and the Commissioner of Police and endeavor to ascertain from them, if possible, what they are doing and what they expect to do, when the rules and regulations for that Department will be ready, and to try and have a report to make to this Council of the activities of the Police Commissioner at the next meeting of the Council.

Mayor Douglas appointed Councilman Sides as Chairman of this committee, with Councilmen Hudson and Baxter as the other two members.

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO SEWER LINE IN EASTOVER.

Councilman Sides, as Chairman of the special committee appointed to go into the matter of the request of Mr. E. C. Griffith that the City take over certain sewer lines in Eastover, reported that his committee had met with Mr. Griffith and gone into the matter very thoroughly. He explained that these sewer lines were laid by the E. C. Griffith Company for the Eastover Development and that later the City tied into these lines in order to serve Cottage Place and reported that the City has been collecting on the system for about ten years. He stated that the line had been estimated by outside parties as costing \$10,000.00 to build at this time, while the City Engineering Department estimated something like \$7800.00, and that in view of the facts in connection with the City's use of same, the committee recommends that the City take over the sewer extension of E. C. Griffith at a price of \$3500.00 and that this money be applied on the taxes and street assessments due the City from Mr. Griffith.

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In answer to a question from Councilman Wilkinson, Councilman Sides explained that this figure was arrived at due to the fact that the life of a sewer line is approximately 25 years and this line is about 10 years old.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Ward and carried, the City agrees to offer to Mr. E. C. Griffith the sum of \$3500.00 for this sewer line and that the money so offered be applied on the City taxes and street assessments of Mr. Griffith.

REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS ON GREENLAND AVENUE FOR STREET OILING REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER.

A letter from residents on Greenland Avenue, asking that that street be oiled, was presented by Councilman Britt and turned over to the City Manager for handling.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Britt the following cemetery deeds and perpetual care agreements were approved:

Perpetual care to Mrs. S. O. Brooks on Lot 95 Section "AM, Elmwood	\$144.00
J. T. Primml, North Half 63, "X", with perpetual care	117.50
Mrs. J. R. Austin, S.W. Part D Annex 23-B	41.65
S. C. Williams, Lot 94 Section "Y"	35.00

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Ward, the meeting then adjourned.

Alice B. M. Conwell
City Clerk