

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, December 27, 1950, at 11 o'clock a.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Jordan.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on December 20th were approved as submitted.

ACTION ON ORDINANCE ASSESSING BENEFITS IN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ON HAWTHORNE LANE DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

The Hearing with regard to the assessment of benefits in the improvement district on Hawthorne Lane, between Central Avenue and Kennon Street, was opened with the reading of the Ordinance with respect thereto, following which the Mayor invited remarks from interested persons.

Mr. J. G. Ramsey, representing Textron Southern, Inc., stated his Company was satisfied with the assessments but wished to know if the Appraisers gave them credit for the right-of-way given the city for street purposes. The City Manager advised he had been unable to contact the Appraisers today with regard to this assessment and would do so as soon as possible. Whereupon, Councilman Albea moved that action be deferred for one week and the City Manager secure the requested information from the Appraisers. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

INCREASE IN SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS RECOMMENDED BY FORMER COUNCILMAN ERNEST L. DELANEY.

Mr. Ernest L. DeLaney, former Councilman, was present and commended the Council on the progress of the City under their administration. He stated that in his opinion the salaries of the Mayor and Councilmen are ridiculously low and not comparable with the time given to municipal duties. He recommended that the legislative program to be presented to the General Assembly include a bill to provide for larger salaries, with \$10.00 per meeting as a minimum for Councilmen - the same amount as is paid to Mecklenburg County Commissioners.

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION TO CHARLOTTE LIFE SAVING AND FIRST AID CREW, INC., AND RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER FOR REPORT.

Captain Henry Horton of the Charlotte Life Saving and First Aid Crew, Inc., reviewed the work of the organization during its three years existence. He stated the work was begun as a hobby and has developed into a big business on a voluntary, non-profit basis; that the organization has saved 33 lives in Charlotte, and during the past year alone has responded to 133 calls for assistance. He stated further that they are realizing a shortage of manpower due to the national war emergency, and at present have only 16 men available, whereas a crew of 60 active members is needed. Captain Horton stated that in many northern cities the Fire Department operates its own Rescue Squad and this is most desirable, and at present his organization is working with the Charlotte Fire Department when available. He advised that the City's obligation to the public in this respect will increase under the Civil Defense program. That his organization has operated by public donations but the citizens feel this should be a municipal operation, and unless additional funds are received they will not be able to continue full service. He stated that a

minimum of \$6,000.00 should be had for their annual operation, and that new mobile equipment is badly needed. Captain Horton requested the allocation of funds by the Council to assist in carrying on their work, and that a Unit be set up in the Fire Department.

Fire Chief Donald S. Charles stated the Rescue Squad is rendering an invaluable service to Charlotte citizens; that a Unit should be established in the Fire Department; however, his present personnel is not sufficient to man the Unit, as it would require four men for each shift, plus the necessary equipment.

At the suggestion of Councilman Aitken, Captain Horton and Chief Charles were requested to confer with the City Manager as to the budget requirements of the Life Saving and First Aid Crew, together with their further recommendations, and the City Manager make a report to the Council.

Mayor Shaw expressed his appreciation for the very fine service being rendered by the Charlotte Life Saving and First Aid Crew.

N. C. LEGISLATURE TO BE REQUESTED TO PASS BILL TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF BICYCLES IN CHARLOTTE.

The City Attorney advised that under the State law cities are without authority to charge a license fee for bicycles, but the Council may require compulsory registration of bicycles if no license fee is charged. During the discussion Councilman Boyd expressed objections to the principle involved in such requirement, and Mayor Shaw explained that the movement is designed solely to protect local citizens against the theft of bicycles and provide a means of identification for their recovery through registration of serial number, etc., and the attachment of a license tag. At the suggestion of the City Manager, Councilman Aitken moved that the Legislature be requested to pass a bill giving the City of Charlotte the right to enforce the Registration and Licensing of all bicycles. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

SUPPLEMENT TO LEASE WITH C.A.A. FOR OPERATION AND SERVICING OF HEATING AND AIRCONDITIONING UNITS AT AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, a Supplement to Lease with the Civil Aeronautics Administration, dated July 1, 1946, for use of Control Tower at Airport, was authorized to cover the operation and servicing of the heating and airconditioning units by the City of Charlotte in lieu of by the Government, at a rental of \$1,000.00 per annum.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF C. L. MOYLE AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Aitken moved that settlement of claim of Mr. C. L. Moyle in the amount of \$100.00, for injuries from falling on sidewalk on Chesterfield Avenue on October 21st, be authorized. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, authorizing taking over the following streets for maintenance:

- (a) Meyer Boulevard, from end of present maintenance to Jensen St.
- (b) Jensen Street, from Meyer Boulevard to Dade Street.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the construction of new sanitary sewers at the following locations was authorized:

- (a) 2,569 feet of sewer main and trunks in Eastwood Park, at an estimated cost of \$15,395.00, to serve 46 houses and 13 vacant lots, at request of Central Builders Company. All costs to be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of \$829.00 to be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (b) 345 feet of sewer main in Providence Drive, at an estimated cost of \$1,600.00 to serve 10 family units and 2 vacant lots, at request of J. E. Garrett, 1518 Providence Drive. All costs to be borne by the City.
- (c) 634 feet of sewer main in Academy Street, at an estimated cost of \$2,535.00, to serve 17 vacant lots, at request of Heath-Sanders Company. All costs to be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of full amount to be refunded in accordance with the terms of the contract.

CONTRACTS FOR MATERIALS AWARDED.

Motion was made by Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, awarding contracts for the purchase of materials to the following firms:

- (a) Contract with Hajoca Corp., for 36,000 feet of Wrought Iron Pipe, on a unit price basis, representing a total of \$16,095.00, subject to cash discount of \$321.90.
- (b) Contract with Grinnell Co. Inc., for 5,000 feet of Copper Tubing, on a unit price basis, representing a total of \$1,955.00, subject to cash discount of \$9.78.
- (c) Contract with Atlas Supply Company, for 10,000 feet of Copper Tubing on a unit price basis, representing a total of \$3,910.00, subject to cash discount of \$19.55.
- (d) Contract with Grinnell Company, Inc., for 185 Gate Valves, on a unit price basis, representing a total of \$9,550.00, subject to cash discount of \$191.00.

ADDITION TO OVER-RUN IN CONTRACT FOR SEWER CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED PAID TO BLANKENSHIP BROS.

Councilman Aitken moved that an additional \$270.00 over-run in contract with Blankenship Bros. for sewer construction be authorized paid, making a total overrun of \$3,632.27, of which \$3,362.27 was authorized paid on December 20th. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Mrs. Ardelia O. Jones, for west half of Lot 137, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$52.00.
- (b) Deed with E. B. Morse, for Perpetual Care on northeast quarter of Lot 9, Section M, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$36.00.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO SECURE REMAINING PLANS FOR STONEWALL STREET UNDERPASS.

At the request of Councilman Aitken, the City Manager was requested to secure the remaining four pages of plans for the Stonewall Street Underpass from the Engineer so that plans for securing bids on contracts for the construction of the Underpass may be completed immediately. Councilman Aitken stated he had secured a promise from Congressman Hamilton Jones to assist the City in securing the necessary steel for the project.

VOTE OF APPRECIATION GIVEN MAYOR SHAW FOR SERVICES RENDERED CITY.

Councilman Boyd stated that during the past twenty months Mayor Shaw has presided over the City Council courteously, impartially and fairly and has spent much time in the interest of the citizens of Charlotte, and he moved that the Council give the Mayor a vote of appreciation for his services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Shaw thanked the Councilmen for their kindness and stated he has thoroughly enjoyed his work as Mayor of Charlotte.

CITY MANAGER AUTHORIZED TO MAKE TRANSFER OF NECESSARY FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF LOTS AT SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTH DAVIDSON AND E. FOURTH STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Albea, the unanimous consent of Council was given to Councilman Coddington to present a motion that the City Manager be authorized to transfer the necessary funds and make payment of same for the purchase of Lots 1, 2 and 3 at the southeast corner of South Davidson and East Fourth Streets, which lots were approved for purchase on December 20th. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED WITH C.A.A. OFFICIALS AND AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION OF NEW AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

At the suggestion of Councilman Aitken that a meeting be arranged immediately to complete plans to speed up the construction of the new Airport Administration Building, it was decided to meet with the Civil Aeronautics Administration Officials and the Airport Advisory Committee on next Wednesday immediately following adjournment of the Council meeting.

CONFERENCE WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY OFFICIALS RELATIVE TO BUS SITUATION TO BE ARRANGED.

At the suggestion of Councilman Boyd that an early conference be arranged with Duke Power Company Officials to discuss the Bus Extensions and Improvements, Mayor Shaw advised he would immediately contact the Power Company Officials and endeavor to fix an early date for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lessie R. Hoffman
City Clerk