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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, February 18, 1947, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Childs, Hinson, Newson, Puette and White present.

Absent: Councilmen Johnston and McIntyre.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman J. S. Hinson.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Puette, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN THE BUILDING CODE FOR ADDITIONAL SAFETY TO LIFE, DEFERRED.

Mr. H. C. Wolf, spokesman for a Committee of Twelve Underwriters and Technicians, who were present, presented a list of recommended changes in the Building Code, and requested it's adoption.

He stated that following the recent hotel fire in Atlanta, this group of men formed a Committee to study the Building Code, and if they found it needful to recommend changes therein to provide greater safety to life and property.

He further stated that the Committee had reviewed the business area for two blocks of The Square, in each direction, all hotels and hospitals and many other buildings, and it was the consensus of opinion of the Committee that there existed many fire hazards within the city.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, advised that Mr. Wolf and Associates had conferred with him regarding possible fire hazards, and he had suggested that a thorough study be made and definite recommendations brought to Council.

Mayor Baxter complimented the Committee on its fine work, and expressed the vital interest of all City Officials in providing for the preservation of life and property to the greatest extent possible.

Councilman White moved that the proposed changes be studied, and the Committee meet with the Council, the Chief of the Fire Department and the Chief Building Inspector at 3 o'clock on Tuesday, February 25th, for a discussion of the matter. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried.

CROSS-TOWN BOULEVARD ROUTE PROTESTED BY MR. E. B. CLARK.

Mr. E. B. Clark, 522 Louise Avenue, stated he represented a Committee from the eastern area of the city, who were still opposed to the construction of the Crosstown Boulevard via the route approved by Council. That he had conferred with the Chairman of The State Highway Commission, who advised the route via Crescent Avenue, first approved by Council, would have been acceptable to him had it not been for the pressure brought to bear that another route be designated. Mr. Clark further stated that 39 houses would have to be demolished, and property values would decrease, if the proposed highway is constructed via the Westmoreland Avenue route.

Mayor Baxter stated that the Crescent Avenue route had first been approved and was turned down by The State Highway Commission, then the

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route via Westmoreland Avenue was approved; that in both instances quite naturally the majority vote of Council decided the route. That no pressure had been brought to bear on anyone by either the Council or himself, and that he might feel inclined to request definite information as to the statement about pressure coming from Charlotte in the matter.

Mr. Clark remarked that he and other citizens were wondering who was "running the City", to which the Mayor replied that the City of Charlotte was definitely being "run" by the Mayor and Council.

RESOLUTION GRANTING CHARLOTTE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION PERMISSION TO USE CITY PROPERTY.

A resolution entitled, "RESOLUTION GRANTING CHARLOTTE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION PERMISSION TO USE PROPERTY ON OR NEAR WASHINGTON AND NORTH MYERS STREETS FOR ITS CORPORATE PURPOSES", was presented and read. Councilman Childs moved the adoption of the resolution as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 1.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF LEASE WITH U. S. GOVERNMENT FOR HANGAR.

A resolution entitled, "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF LEASE ON HANGAR AT AIRPORT", was presented and read. Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Puette, the resolution was unanimously adopted as read. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 1.

REMOVAL OF TREES ON EAST MOREHEAD STREET BY THOMAS CAVALARIS.

Motion was made by Councilman Newson that permission be granted Mr. Thomas Cavalaris to remove all, or part, of five trees from the planting strip in front of his property on East Morehead Street, approximately 200 feet east of the intersection of Morehead and South McDowell Streets. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

SALE OF PIPE TO THE CHARLOTTE PARK ASSOCIATION, INC.

Upon motion of Councilman Puette, seconded by Councilman Hinson, unanimous authority was given for the sale of 260 feet of 8 inch cast iron pipe to The Charlotte Park Association, Inc., at \$1.81 per foot, for use in replacing sewer pipe in Freedom Park.

CONTRACT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT IN YORK ROAD.

Councilman Puette moved that contract be entered into with The State Highway Commission for encroachment over their right-of-way in York Road, between Cama Street west and Peterson Drive west, for laying water mains to serve the York Road Park Subdivision. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT WITH GRAHAM HEIGHTS HOMES COMPANY FOR WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Childs, contract was unanimously authorized with Graham Heights Homes Company for the installation of water mains in Graham Heights Homes Subdivision, for a distance of 4,220 feet, at an estimated cost of \$6,418.00; the City to finance all construction cost, on a guarantee of 10% revenue.

CONTRACT WITH W. T. MINOR FOR WATER MAINS IN COUNTRY CLUB HILLS SUBDIVISION.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Childs, contract was unanimously authorized with Mr. W. T. Minor, for the construction of water mains in Country Club Hills Subdivision, for a distance of

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2,700 feet, estimated to cost \$5,335.00; the applicant to pay all construction costs, the city to maintain and operate the line and collect all revenues.

MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACTS AWARDED.

Councilman Hinson moved that the following contracts, and the allocation of funds therefor, if necessary, be authorized. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Contract with Grinnell Company, Inc. for Three 6-inch and Two 8-inch Detector Check Valves, in the sum of \$987.05, for the Water Department.
- (b) Contract with the News Publishing Company for the publication of the Zoning Ordinance and Map, in the sum of \$323.40.
- (c) Contract with American LaFrance Foamite Corp., for One Cylinder and Two Piston Assemblies, in the sum of \$228.41, for the Fire Department.
- (d) Contract with Pomona Terra-Cotta Company, for 1,500 feet of terra cotta pipe, in the sum of \$577.50, for the Street Department.
- (e) Contract with Air Reduction Sales Company, for Trailer for pipe cutting machine, in the sum of \$225.00, for the Water Department.

REPORT OF BUILDINGS LEASED AT AIRPORT.

The City Manager reported that buildings at the Douglas Municipal Airport had been leased to the following concerns:

<u>BUILDING NO.</u>	<u>LESSEE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE.</u>	<u>MONTHLY RENTAL.</u>	<u>TERM OF LEASE</u>
250	Ralite Sign Company	12-15-46	\$30.00	3 years
64	Livingston Mills, Inc.	2-1-47	75.83	5 years
51	Jack N. Hendricks	3-1-47	25.80	1 year

ORDINANCE TO AMEND TRAFFIC ORDINANCE INCREASING CERTAIN CIVIL PENALTIES, DEFERRED.

Upon motion of Councilman Newson, seconded by Councilman Hinson, Council unanimously consented to the presentation of an ordinance entitled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE INCREASING CERTAIN CIVIL PENALTIES THEREIN FIXED, which was presented and read.

Councilman Childs moved that action be deferred and copies of the ordinance be furnished the Council for study. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and carried.

CONGRATULATIONS AND INTEREST EXPRESSED TO LEADERS OF MOVEMENT FOR SYMPHONIC DRAMA PRODUCTION.

Mayor Baxter expressed deep interest in the plan under consideration for a Symphonic Drama depicting historical events in Mecklenburg County, and suggested that Council go on record as congratulating the leaders of the movement.

Councilman Puette moved that Mr. Legette Blythe and other leaders of the movement to stage the production be congratulated upon this fine undertaking, and they be assured of the sincere interest and cooperation of the Mayor and Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

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CEMETERY DEEDS.

Councilman Hinson moved that the execution of deeds for the following cemetery lots be authorized. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried:

- (a) To Joseph P. Headen, south half Lot 74, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$90.00, and Perpetual Care thereon at \$50.00.
- (b) To Mrs. Florence A. Headen, north half Lot 74, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$90.00, and Perpetual Care thereon at \$50.00.
- (c) To Ernest E. Peele and Stella B. Peele, Lot 295, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$122.85.
- (d) To Dr. Jas. R. Alexander and Mary J. Alexander, Lot 38, in Evergreen Cemetery, at \$260.00.
- (e) To H. L. Steele, Perpetual Care on Lot 387, in Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$22.50.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk