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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, January 2, 1946, with Mayor pro tem Childs presiding, and Councilmen Hinson, Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White present.

Absent: Mayor Baxter.

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MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Newson, the minutes of the meetings on December 11th and 18th, 1945, were unanimously approved as read.

EMERGENCY HOUSING.

Mr. Coleman W. Roberts, representing the Citizens Emergency Housing Committee, advised that the recent survey disclosed that 800 persons, representing 3,100 persons in their families, of whom 481 were War Veterans, were in need of homes. He urged that the City make immediate application for temporary housing units under the Mead Act; also, that the City advise what, if any, definite plan had been made for converting Morris Field barracks into housing units, and urged that this be done at once. He requested that the City endorse the "Share Our Home Program" under the sponsorship of the Committee. Messrs. J. E. Dowd and Everett Bierman of the Committee urged the adoption of Mr. Roberts recommendations.

Mayor pro Tem Childs, Councilman Newson and City Manager Flack explained that the City realized the need for housing and was anxious to do all legally possible towards the elimination of the shortage; however, the City was unable to legally expend funds for such purposes. That the Mead Act would be studied by the City Attorney and he would report his findings as to what the City could do towards financing a housing program. It was also explained that no action could be taken by the City towards the conversion of Morris Field barracks into housing units until, and unless, the Field was turned over to the city.

Following the discussion, a motion was made by Councilman McIntyre that the Council endorse the "Share Our Home Program" under the sponsorship of the Citizens Emergency Housing Committee. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

PETITION REQUESTING CITY TO DUMP ASHES, ETC. INTO ROCK QUARRY.

Mr. J. Lawrence Jones, Attorney, for Mr. Ed. McCorkle; owner of the abandoned Rock Quarry on Tremont Avenue, filed a petition requesting the City to aid in filling the Quarry by dumping ashes, mixed loads and leaves therein during the winter months. Motion was made by Councilman Newson that the petition be received and referred to the City Manager for handling. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

CITY FIRE AND WIND-STORM INSURANCE INCREASED.

Councilman Newson moved that the Fire and Wind-storm Insurance carried by the City be increased by 30 per cent, as recommended by the City Treasurer, and that \$1,300.00, which represents the additional cost for 1946, be appropriated from the Emergency Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

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SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY CONFIRMED.

Councilman Newson advised that the following tax foreclosed property was sold at public auction on December 17, 1945, and moved that the sales be confirmed, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the deeds:

Lot 9, Block 4, known as 1700-02 Fulton Avenue, to M. A. Helms, at	\$305.00
Lot 4, in W. W. Sovers Sub-division, known as 118-22 Bruns Avenue to H. S. Strawn, at	\$550.00
Lot 3 in Block 1, Greenville Heights, known as 1405-07 Oaklawn Avenue, to Robert Wiley, at	\$300.00
Lot 4 in Block 2, Greenville Heights, known as 1417-19 Oaklawn Avenue, to Rev. J. F. Fraylon, at	\$300.00
Lot 7 in Block 5, Tuckaseegee Park, known as 333 Woodvale Place, to J. C. Brookshire, at	\$380.00
Lot 15 in Block 4, known as 401-03 Woodvale Place, to J. C. Brookshire, at	\$600.00

Motion seconded by Councilman McIntyre, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS AUTHORIZED FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT SALARIES, AND CAR ALLOWANCES.

Motion was made by Councilman Puette to transfer within the Health Department budget the amount of \$2,363.00 from Professional Service (303 B-21) to 302 A-8 \$700.00, 305 A-8 and B-10 \$963.00, and 305 B-35, B-35-A and C-10 \$700.00, to take care of additional personnel, car allowances and operation of motor equipment. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IN PROVIDENCE ROAD AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Johnston that authority be given for the construction of an 8 inch sanitary sewer in Providence Road, from Briar Creek Outfall to Scotland Avenue, a distance of 486 feet, at an estimated cost of \$918.06. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH AMERICAN CYANAMID & CHEMICAL CORP. FOR OVERRUN IN CONTRACT FOR CHLORINE.

Motion was made by Councilman Puette, seconded by Councilman McIntyre, and unanimously carried, that a supplemental contract be authorized with American Cyanamid & Chemical Corporation for over-run of \$980.40 in contract for year's supply of chlorine.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH ADDRESSING SERVICE COMPANY FOR MULTIGRAPHING REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD.

Upon motion of Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman White, contract was unanimously authorized with Addressing Service Company for multi-graphing report of The Planning Board, in the amount of \$285.86.

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH BLYTHE BROS. CO. FOR OVERRUN IN CONTRACT FOR EXCAVATING AND GRADING STONEWALL STREET EXTENSION.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman White, and unanimously carried, that supplemental contract be authorized with Blythe Bros. Company, for overrun of \$1,100.47 in contract for excavating and

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grading Stonewall Street Extension, and that funds be transferred to cover same from Street Resurfacing Work Order #1098.

EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN IN MIDLAND AVENUE, OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Johnston that the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Water Department be approved for extending a water main in Midland Avenue, outside the city limits, as requested by Mr. W. B. Toole, 300 Midland Avenue; that the extension be made at the cost of Mr. Toole, the city to maintain and operate the line. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT FOR PARKING METERS AWARDED TO MICHAELS ART BRONZE COMPANY.

The City Manager advised that bids were taken on an estimated 300 Parking Meters, delivered and installed, on December 21, 1945, and that it was the recommendation of Mr. B. A. Skinner, Chief Safety Inspector, and himself, that contract be awarded the low bidder, Micheals Art Bronze Company at \$15,000.00.

Councilman McIntyre stated that he had examined all types of meters on which bids were submitted, and moved that the contract be awarded to Duncan Meter Company, at \$23,500.00.

Councilman Newson made a substitute motion that the recommendation of Mr. Skinner be accepted and contract awarded Michaels Art Bronze Company, for the 300 meters at \$15,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and carried, with Councilman McIntyre voting against the motion.

CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES AUTHORIZED.

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

1. Purchase of 500 Brass Pet Cokes from Hajoca Corp. at \$150.00, for use at Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant.
2. Payment of an over-run of \$51.85 to Efird's Dept. Store on contract for police uniforms.
3. Contract with North Carolina Equipment Co., for One Elevator Belt Assembly for the Elgin Sweeper, at \$322.00.
4. Purchase of repair parts for fire trucks from American La-France Foamite Corp. in the amount of \$166.26.
5. Purchase of 5,500 brick from Kendrick Brice & Tile Company at \$110.00, for sewer work by Engineering Department.
6. Purchase of One 3-inch water meter from Neptune Meter Company at \$171.60, and of One 3-inch water meter from Badger Meter Company, at \$171.60.
7. Payment of \$180.75 to Armature Winding Co. for repairs to commutator and to 450 H.P. Motor at Catawba River Pumping Station.
8. Purchase of 10 automobile tires from Witt Tire Company at \$166.94, for police cars.
9. Contract with Heath Motor Co. for One 2-door Deluxe Ford Sedan, at \$999.50, for police department use.

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- 10. Payment of \$125.00 to National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, for a year's subscription to The Municipal Law Journal, for the City Attorney.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT GRANTED C. A. CROSS.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Johnston, a Special Officer Permit was unanimously granted to C. A. Cross, for use on the premises of Railway Express Company.

SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman McIntyre, seconded by Councilman Hinson, sale of the following cemetery lots were unanimously authorized:

- To - Falls L. Thomason and wife, Clara Evans Thomason, Lots 9 and 10, in section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$360.00.  
Perpetual Care on above lot, \$200.00.
- To - Mrs. Roy Yarborough, North Half Lot 132, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$70.00.  
Perpetual Care on above lot, \$60.00.
- To - Dr. H. S. Fox, Lot 370, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Rebecca R. Haffner  
City Clerk