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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, January 31, 1940, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Baxter, Britt, Hovis, Hudson, Little, Nance, Sides, Ward and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilmen Albea and Huntley.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR USE OF ARMORY-AUDITORIUM FOR REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Mr. Clarence Kuester, Business Manager for the Chamber of Commerce, requested change in date of the use of the Armory-Auditorium for the State Republican Convention, which had been given without cost for March 5th. and 7th., until some time in April or May; the exact date to be determined later. He also requested the use of the Armory for the Convention of Druggists on May 23rd., without cost.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Nance and unanimously carried, these requests were granted.

ARMORY-AUDITORIUM FOR GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNAMENT.

At the request of Dr. Oren Moore, Councilman Baxter moved that the charges on the Armory-Auditorium be waived for the Golden Gloves Tournament. Motion seconded by Councilman Sides and unanimously carried.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO SEND MAYOR AND TWO COUNCILMEN ON BOOSTER TRIP.

Mr. Kuester advised the Council that the Chamber of Commerce was arranging for a tour to the State of Florida of the Mayors from Western North Carolina and asked that the City of Charlotte participate in this trip by sending the Mayor and as many of the Councilmen as possible.

Councilman Baxter made a motion that the Mayor and two members of the Council, subject to the Mayor's choice, be authorized to make this trip. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and carried.

APPLICATION FOR POOL ROOM ON WEST MOREHEAD STREET DENIED.

Mr. Elbert Foster, Attorney for the owner of the Idle Hour Pool Room, requested permission to change the location of this pool room from South Church Street to West Morehead Street. Just prior to making this request, a petition presented by Mr. E. W. Gibson, signed by a large number of business firms and residents of the Wesley Heights Section of the City, protested the granting of a request for a pool room in that section, and in the light of this petition Mr. Foster stated that this formal request was being made in order to get the rental on the present location refunded, and on motion of Councilman Britt, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, this request for change of location was denied.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE DRAFTING ORDINANCE REGULATING GASOLINE TRUCKS.

Councilman Hovis reported that the committee for Gasoline Transportation Route had been unable to agree unanimously on the newly drafted ordinance but that they have a majority report and have drawn the ordinance for study and presentation at the next meeting.

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ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign an encroachment agreement with the State Highway Commission for the location of a 2" water main in Briar Creek Road.

Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Hudson, also moved that the Mayor and Clerk sign similar agreement with the State Highway Commission for a 2" water main to be located in Eastway Drive.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE CO. FOR R/W TO HOSPITAL PROPERTY.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Hovis and unanimously carried, authority was given the Southern Bell Telephone Company for a right-of-way on the Memorial Hospital property from Sugar Creek to a point near the main Hospital Building, this agreement having been approved by the Chairman of the Building Committee of the Hospital.

SEWER IN WESTOVER STREET.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, the City of Charlotte will purchase an 8" sewer line in Westover Street, from Central Avenue south 552 feet, constructed in 1930 by the McClintock Corporation, under City specifications, this street now being under city maintenance, with a number of houses connected to this line.

OFFER FOR PURCHASE OF CITY PROPERTY REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The City Manager reported that Mr. E. S. DeLaney had filed an offer of \$1000.00 for a certain tract of land situated near the Sugar Creek Disposal Plant, containing 35.45 acres.

After discussion, Councilman Little moved that this be referred to a special committee for investigation and report back to the Council, which was seconded by Councilman Ward and carried. The Mayor appointed on this committee, Councilmen Ward, Hudson and Nance.

COMPENSATION INSURANCE SETTLEMENT WITH MRS. JULIA NICHOLS AUTHORIZED THROUGH LOAN FROM CEMETERY SINKING FUND.

Mrs. Julia Nichols having made request of the City of Charlotte for settlement of the remaining compensation insurance due her because of the death of her husband, C. P. Nichols, and a satisfactory arrangement having been worked out whereby this can be paid from the Cemetery Sinking Fund, which has the approval of the Industrial Commission, Councilman Hovis moved that settlement be made under the agreement worked out, the Compensation Fund to make semi-monthly payments to the Cemetery Sinking Fund on this claim. Motion seconded by Councilman Hudson and unanimously carried.

APPLICATION FOR POOL TABLE IN WILMORE DRY CLEANING COMPANY DENIED.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Baxter and carried, the request of the Wilmore Dry Cleaning Company for permit for pool table at their establishment on South Mint Street, was denied.

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ARMORY TO BE USED FOR HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS WITHOUT COST.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Hudson and carried, the request of Mrs. Helen J. Wright, Home Demonstration Agent, and Mr. Oscar Phillips, County Farm Agent, for the use of the Armory on March 13th. and May 22nd. for a meeting of the County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, was granted.

SUIT OF MRS. WADE BAILEY REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY.

The City Manager advised that he had received notice of a suit of Mrs. Wade Bailey against the City of Charlotte for alleged injuries received from falling on the sidewalk on the north side of Seventh Street, in the amount of \$2,000.00, plaintiff represented by L. L. Caudle. On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Little this was referred to the City Attorney for further handling.

SEWER LINE ON WASENA STREET.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Britt and carried, the request of the John Crosland Company for construction of a sewer line in Wasena Street, from Briar Creek Outfall to Maxwell Avenue, was granted provided the applicant obtain the necessary right-of-way across private property and if and when eight houses are under construction. Estimated cost of this work is \$1584.50.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMPLETION OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The request of J. J. McDevitt Company for extension of time for completion of the Memorial Hospital Building from February 1, 1940 to April 15, 1940, was granted on motion of Councilman Baxter, duly seconded by Councilman Sides and unanimously carried. This request carried the approval of Mr. W. W. Hook, the architect.

THE PLAZA
AGREEMENT WITH ~~MECKLENBURG STREET~~ PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR WIDENING OF STREET AND SIDEWALK PURPOSES.

Mr. Marshall reported that an agreement had been drawn between the City of Charlotte and the Plaza ~~Street~~ Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Mecklenburg Avenue and The Plaza, wherein it is proposed to deed to the City a certain tract of land for sidewalk and street purposes in exchange for the construction of a sidewalk on this property and a quit claim title to a small area of property adjoining the lot that is now a part of a street right-of-way.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Hudson, authority was given for the proper officials to join in a quit claim deed to this property.

PURCHASE OF AGITATING EQUIPMENT FOR DISPOSAL PLANTS.

The following bids having been received on replacing certain Agitating Equipment, including necessary chains, sprockets, etc. for four units at the Disposal Plants:

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Matthews-Morse Sales Co.	@\$249.90 per unit -	\$999.60
Textile Mill Supply Co.	264.00 " "	1056.00
Link-Belt Company	317.03 " "	1268.12
Chain Belt Company	322.57 " "	1290.28

Councilman Britt moved that award be made to the lowest bidder, Matthews-Morse Sales Company, that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract, and that the amount of \$999.60 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund since there was no money in the budget to purchase this equipment. Motion seconded by Councilman Baxter and carried.

REVISED TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried, the Charlotte Observer was given the contract for publication of the revised Traffic Ordinance, on the basis of .83¢ per column inch, estimated to be 250 column inches, or an estimated cost of \$207.50, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign this contract.

The bid of The Charlotte News was .83-1/3¢ per column inch.

PRINTING AND BINDING OF REVISED TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

The Observer Printing House being the low bidder on the printing and binding of 10,000 copies of the Revised Traffic Ordinance, at the price of \$227.54, Councilman Wilkinson moved that award be made to that company and that the contract be signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

The bid of the News Publishing Company was \$234.75 and the Southern Printing Company \$287.50.

BUDGET STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1939.

A copy of the Budget Statement as of December 31, 1939, was furnished each member of the Council and the City Manager called attention to the fact that this statement was an improvement over the previous month, showing about \$64,000 surplus for the six months period.

SNOW REMOVAL COSTS TO BE PRESENTED AS SOON AS TABULATED.

Mr. Marshall advised that the cost of the snow removal would have to come from the Emergency Fund and that this would be presented to the Council as soon as tabulated.

Councilman Wilkinson stated that the Street Department had done a wonderful job on the snow clearance and he felt they should be commended.

Councilman Baxter stated that he felt that the City Manager and the Collector of Revenue should be complimented on this splendid six months record of the City's finances.

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BOYS SCOUTS TO HOLD CIRCUS AT ARMORY ON APRIL 19TH.

Upon the request of Councilman Baxter for use of the Armory-Auditorium on April 19th. by the Boy Scouts, for the holding of a circus, Councilman Ward moved that this be granted without cost, which motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried.

MINUTES OF TWO PREVIOUS MEETINGS APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the minutes of the meetings of January 10th. and 17th. were approved as read.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Nance, the following cemetery deeds were approved:

Mrs. S. J. Moore, Lot No. 4, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery	\$63.00
W. F. Moody, Lot No. 36, G Annex, with perpetual care	188.40

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, the meeting then adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk