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The City Council met in regular weekly session at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, June 14, 1939, Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Baxter, Britt, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Sides and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen Albea, Nance and Wilkinson.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the minutes of the meeting of May 7th. were unanimously approved as read.

COUNCIL REQUESTED TO JOIN IN SUIT TO CLEAR TITLE TO PROPERTY.

Attorney David Henderson, as guardian ad litem for minor heirs to property on South Tryon Street, appeared before the Council, requested the City to join with the County in a suit to sell the property in question in order to clear title to same; the property now being in the hands of life tenants and a lien existing against the property for something over nine hundred dollars in taxes. This action, he stated, would result in saving something for the minor heirs.

The City Attorney explained that the Council has authority to refund the amount of gross taxes by 10% for the years 1934 back to 1927.

After discussion, Councilman Sides moved that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for investigation and report back at the next meeting of the Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Little and carried.

CONTRACT FOR PUBLISHING REVENUE ORDINANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with The News Publishing Company, in the sum of \$296.34, for publishing the Revenue Ordinance for the year 1939-40, and printing 3800 booklet copies.

CAST IRON PIPE PURCHASED FROM H AND S LUMBER COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Baxter, contract was awarded to the H and S Lumber Company for one car (1302 feet) of 8" Terra Cotta Pipe, at the price of \$340.99, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign said contract.

Bids received on this material were as follows:

H and S Lumber Company	\$340.99
Builders Merchandise Co.	340.99
Doggett Lumber Co.	340.99
Tucker-Kirby Company	340.99
T. J. Wiggins Lumber Co.	340.99
Cathey Lumber Company	340.99
J. L. Wiggins & Son Lbr. Co.	340.99
Charlotte Lumber Corp.	340.99
North Charlotte Lumber Co.	353.62

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SEWER EXTENSION - POST STREET.

Mr. Marshall reported request received from J. E. Clanton for extension of a sewer in Post Street, from South Clarkson to Pitcher Street, and Pitcher Street both ways from Post Street, 930 feet, to serve five houses, for which permits have already been taken out. The Engineering Department estimated the cost of doing the work at \$988.90, and the City Manager recommended that the extension be made. Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Huntley, moved that this be done.

A discussion arose as to the money being available for doing this work. The City Attorney advised that as long as the money was on hand in the fund for work of this kind, while not specified for this particular job, that it could be used, and the above motion, when put to a vote, carried.

SEWER CONSTRUCTION - WESTMORELAND AVENUE.

The City Manager advised that Mr. D. L. Phillips had constructed a sewer on Westmoreland Avenue at his own expense and signed an agreement with the City whereby when eleven houses were built on this street that the city would refund him the \$1,666.00 which was the estimated cost of this sewer. Mr. Phillips has now requested that the \$1,666.00 be paid to him and the Engineering Department reports that nine houses have been built on this street and permits have been taken out for the other two and construction started thereon.

After discussion, Councilman Baxter made a motion that this money be paid to Mr. Phillips when the sewer connections are made for the two remaining houses. Motion seconded by Councilman Hudson and carried.

RESOLUTION ON DEATH OF JESSE STEELE GREEN.

The following Resolution was read by Councilman Hovis, who moved its adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, in the Providence of Almighty God, it has pleased him to call from this temporal life Jesse Steele Green; and

WHEREAS, by the death of this man the City has lost a faithful and efficient employee, who served the City well for a number of years, and we, the City Council, mourn his passing and honor his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Charlotte extend to his family our deepest sympathy and pray God's blessings to rest upon them.

That a copy of this Resolution be delivered to his widow and a copy spread upon the Minutes of this meeting.

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COURTESY CARDS.

Mayor Douglas informed the Council that some time ago the matter of using courtesy cards on out-of-town cars was discussed and referred to the Civil Service Commission for handling, but that under the new Charter this will be a question for the Council to decide, and asked if it was the desire of the Council to continue the use of these cards. Whereupon, Councilman Baxter made a motion that the use of courtesy cards on out-of-town cars be continued. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried.

JOINT MEETING WITH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUNE 19th.

The Mayor announced a joint meeting of the City Council and Board of County Commissioners for 2:30 P. M., Monday, June 19th.

DRAINAGE SITUATION.

Councilman Baxter called attention to the drainage situation on the property of Mr. E. A. Powers, on Pegram Street, which had been reported to him. Mr. Scarborough, the City Attorney, stated that this was an engineering problem to determine if the natural flow of water had been diverted and the water allowed to congregate on private property; that there were several similar cases reported throughout the city, and that if it was determined that the natural flow of water had not been changed then there would be no liability on the part of the City for damage to private property.

After discussion, this was turned over to the City Manager and City Attorney for report back at the next meeting.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, the following cemetery deeds were approved:

J. C. Northey, Lot No. 72 in D Annex, Elmwood Cemetery -	\$70.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L. McEwen, Lot No. 12, in G-annex	126.00
Perpetual care on " " "	90.00
Mrs. Claude B. Robinson, Lot No. 360, Section "U"	70.00
Transfer of Lot No. 107, Section "U" from Z. A. Hovis and Son to Mrs. R. H. Thompson	1.00

PRELIMINARY MEETING OF BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Councilman Baxter asked when the Budget Committee expected to meet and Mr. Marshall stated that he would like to hold a preliminary meeting with this Committee to go over some very salient facts in this connection; that he was of the opinion that the tax rate could be held to the \$1.50 on the \$100.00 valuation, the same as the present fiscal year, if the City could continue to operate on the same basis. Chairman Hovis, of this Committee, called a meeting, immediately after the adjournment of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. McConall