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The City Council met in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, June 16, 1943, this being the regular weekly session. Mayor Baxter presided after Mayor Pro Tem P Price had opened the meeting; the Mayor being late in arriving. Present: Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Painter, Price, Slye and Ward.

Absent: Councilman Hovis.

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On motion made by Councilman Albea and seconded by Councilman Painter, the minutes of the meeting of June 9th. were approved as read.

SCHOOL BUDGET FILED WITH CLERK AND DISCUSSED BY COUNCIL.

In compliance with the law, the City Manager reported that the budget of the Board of School Commissioners was filed with the Clerk on June 15, 1943, and a copy of the estimated current expense budget for 1943-1944 was furnished to each member of the Council, as well as the Mayor and City Manager. Mr. Flack reported that he had had a meeting with Supt. Harding, Mr. Blackburn, Business Manager of the Schools, and Mr. Thigpen, a member of the Board, and that they had agreed that if convenient to the Council, they would appear before the Council at 3:30 next Wednesday afternoon to go over the budget in detail.

At the request of Councilman Bullard, who advised that he did not understand the copy of the estimated budget furnished each member, Mr. Blackburn was called into the meeting and after discussing certain items etc., it was agreed that a more complete copy of same would be furnished prior to the meeting next Wednesday.

PURCHASE OF CHAIN HOIST FOR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

The Engineering Department required a two-ton chain hoist with pulley for work in connection with streets, and quotations having been received as follows:

Textile Mill Supply Company:	
Chisholm-Moore make	\$112.00
Yale & Towne " "	120.40
Charlotte Supply Company:	
Yale & Towne make	120.40
Matthews-Morse Sales Co.:	
Coffing Mfg. Co. make	112.00

on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried, the purchase of this hoist was authorized to be made from the Textile Mill Supply Company, on the Chisholm-Moore make, at the price of \$112.00 net delivered.

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GAY STREET TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried, Gay Street, from Isom Street 300 feet towards West Morehead Street, was taken over for City maintenance; this street having been shaped up and topsoiled so that it was ready for maintenance.

LIGHTING IN POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING.

In connection with the alterations being made in the Police Department building, fluorescent lighting fixtures are needed, and the only place where such fixtures can be obtained from stock is the Anderson Electric & Supply Company, who have quoted a price for 11 4/48 fixtures complete with lamps, net delivered, of \$324.50.

On motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, the purchase of these fixtures was authorized from the Anderson Electric & Supply Company, at the net delivered price of \$324.50 and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

SALE OF CHEMICALS TO TOWN OF DAVIDSON, N. C.

Under the surplus commodity plan of the War Production Board, the Town of Davidson, N. C., requests, as an emergency measure, that the City of Charlotte sell to them 1500 pounds of Ferric Chloride for its sewage plant. The cost of this material is \$2.50 per cwt., and the Town of Davidson has offered to pay \$2.88 per cwt.

On motion of Councilman Baker, duly seconded by Councilman Slye and unanimously carried, authority was given for this sale, of 1500 pounds at \$2.88 per cwt., totaling \$43.20.

REPAIRS TO INCINERATOR.

The City Manager reported that in line with the City's policy of spraying and doing certain work on the incinerators every 90 days, it was necessary to have contract authorized with Piedmont Products Company, P. P. McGarity, Owner, in the sum of \$300.60, to take care of work down on the middle unit, and on motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Ward, authority for doing this work was given, and contract was authorized to be issued by the Mayor and Clerk.

SALE OF JUNK FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING.

On motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Price and carried, authority was given for the sale of certain old plumbing fixtures from the Police Department building, in the sum of \$8.66.

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HUTCHINSON AVENUE MATTER REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEYS.

As a matter of record, the City Manager reported that the question of reassessing payments on property of J. J. McDevitt on Hutchinson Avenue, brought to the Council last week by Mr. H. L. Taylor, Attorney, had been referred to the City Attorneys, as instructed at that meeting.

E. C. GRIFFITH PROPERTY SETTLEMENT MATTER AGAIN DISCUSSED.

Councilman Baker brought to the attention of the Council at this time a matter that has been before the Council for several years, that of a settlement of the E. C. Griffith property question, and stated that he would like to nominate as a committee to handle the matter and bring back to the Council a recommendation within the next few months, Councilman Atkins as Chairman, with Councilmen Cope and Ward as the remaining committee. Mayor Baxter stated that the appointing of this committee should be made by him and that inasmuch as he was familiar with most of the question from the time he served as Councilman, and had been talking with Mr. Griffith recently about it, he would like to personally investigate same during the coming week, and then he would be glad to consider appointing the committee.

After considerable discussion, during which Councilman Albea made a motion that the Mayor and City Manager handle the matter, which received no second, it was agreed that the Mayor would investigate and report back at the next meeting.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, the following cemetery deeds were approved:

Mrs. Pearl L. Ballard, Lot No. 20, Section "Z", Elmwood Cemetery	\$35.00
Parks M. Ritch, South Half Lot No. 33, A-Annex, " "	72.10
Perpetual care on " " " " " "	51.50
W. M. Bynum, Lot No. 11, Section "John" Pinewood Cemetery	22.50

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Price, the meeting adjourned.

Alvin B. McQuinn
City Clerk