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Regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, June 21, 1939, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Baxter, Britt, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Little, Ward and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilmen Albea and Sides.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the minutes of the June 14th. meeting were approved as read.

DRAINAGE CONDITION ON ALTONDALE AVENUE REPORTED.

Mr. Ruffin Smith, a resident of Altondale Avenue, appeared and asked for relief with regard to the drainage condition on his lot; Mr. Smith stating that water comes down from Providence Road onto his lot and accumulates and that while he has attempted to drain his lot, when rains are heavy or when the filling station at the corner of Providence Road and Altondale Avenue wash cars the water congregates on his lot and that there is absolutely nothing more that he can do.

After a lengthy discussion with the City Attorney, who had already investigated this situation, and with the City Manager, Councilman Baxter suggested that the Mayor appoint a committee of three Councilmen to investigate and report back to the Council. Mayor Douglas then appointed on this committee - Councilmen Ward, Huntley and Britt.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.

The following Resolution was presented by Mayor Douglas, and on motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Britt, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE
FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF CHAR-
LOTTE SERVING AREA BEYOND THE CITY
LIMITS.

That whereas, by House Bill No. 131 of the 1939 Legislature it was provided that the Fire Department of any Municipality may provide protection for property lying outside the boundaries of Municipalities and to render assistance anywhere within the State of North Carolina in emergencies caused by fire, floods, tornadoes, or otherwise, and it further being provided in said Act that any Municipality may participate in said functions of said Act by proper resolution.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte in regular session that the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, do participate and endorse the provisions of said Act, and that the fire equipment of the City of Charlotte be and is hereby authorized to be used in emergencies beyond the limits of the City of Charlotte which may be caused by a fire, flood, tornado, or otherwise, provided that the County of Mecklenburg shall enter into an agreement to secure the City of Charlotte against

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harm from any loss or cost in rendering such services beyond the boundaries of said limits of the City of Charlotte, and furthermore upon the condition that the County of Mecklenburg shall assume all liability with reference to claims or damages paid under the Workman's Compensation Act to any employee of the City of Charlotte who may be injured while rendering service beyond the City limits of the City of Charlotte.

That the Mayor, City Manager or Chief of Fire Department, or in their absence their assistants, are hereby designated as the proper persons to authorize the Fire Department of the City of Charlotte to assist in rendering service in the emergencies hereinabove described.

That the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Charlotte are hereby authorized and empowered to execute a contract with the County of Mecklenburg for the purposes herein expressed upon such conditions as will prevent the City of Charlotte from having to bear any of the cost or liability of rendering such service to the citizens of the County who live beyond the City limits of the City of Charlotte.

CONTRACT FOR CAST IRON PIPE.

Upon motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Lynchburg Foundry Company, the low bidder, for the following quantities of Cast Iron Pipe - 120 feet of 24"; 600 feet of 8" and 3600 feet of 6", at a total price of \$3,938.40.

Other bids received were as follows:

Glamorgan Pipe & Foundry Co.	\$4,044.00
American Cast Iron Pipe Co.	4,126.80

TERRA COTTA PIPE.

Bids having been received from the following concerns on two cars of Terra Cotta Pipe:

The Builders Merchandise Company.	681.99
Doggett Lumber Company	681.98
T. J. Wiggins Lumber Company	681.98
Caldwell Construction Co.	681.98
Charlotte Lumber Company	681.98
Cathey Lumber Company	681.98
H and S Lumber Company	681.98
Tucker-Kirby Company	691.98
McGee Lumber Company	691.98
J. L. Wiggins & Son Lbr. Co.	691.98
North Charlotte Lumber Company	70 7.25

and in line with rotating business where price and quality are equal, the City Manager recommended that one car be purchased from The Builders Merchandise Company, at \$340.99, and one car from Doggett Lumber Company, at \$340.99. However, Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Baxter, moved that one car be given to the Doggett Lumber Company and the other to McGee Lumber Company, but this motion lost, and Councilman Hudson made a motion that the recommendation of the City Manager be approved, which was seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, with Councilman Hovis voting "no".

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GOOSENECKS AND CURB STOPS PURCHASED FROM MUELLER COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with Mueller Company for 300- 3/4" Lead Goosenecks and 300- 3/4" Curb Stops, to be used in water connections, at a total price of \$917.28.

Bids were also received from:

Hajoca Corporation	\$1036.64
Glauber Brass Mfg. Co.	1073.10

RE-ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE - COLVILLE ROAD AND BILTMORE DRIVE.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the following re-assessment ordinance for property of George D. Patterson and wife, Sarah H. Patterson, was unanimously adopted on three readings and declared by the Mayor to be an ordinance of the City of Charlotte:

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO ORDAIN that the special benefits to the abutting property on BILTMORE DRIVE on account of the paving of the street and walks, beginning at a point 100 feet measured westerly from the southwest intersection corner of Colville Road and Biltmore Drive and running in a westerly direction 60 feet and originally assessed as a whole against Geo. D. Patterson and wife, Sarah H. Patterson, is hereby sub-divided and re-assessed on the south side only, as follows:

<u>Street No.</u>		<u>Frontage</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Walk</u>	<u>Total</u>
W.15 ft. of 1344	Robt. H. Townsend & Wife, Sadie M. Townsend	15	-	-	64.43	11.58	76.01
1344-46	Geo. D. Patterson and wife, Sarah H. Patterson	45	-	10.71	193.29	38.88	242.88

STREET MAINTENANCE - RUBY AVENUE

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Little, one block of Ruby Street, between State and Pryor Streets, was taken over for maintenance.

SEWER EXTENSION ON BAY STREET.

Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Little, moved that the request for extension of a sewer in Bay Street, from Westover Street east 190 feet to serve one house, be approved. This work was estimated to cost \$159.50. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF BONDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the recommendation of the City Treasurer with reference to the purchase of the following securities for the Sinking Fund, was approved:

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\$6,000	Robeson County N C School,	to yield	1.50%
5,000	" " Funding	" "	1.00%
5,000	" " Funding	" "	1.25%
5,000	N. C. State Highway	" "	1.00%
2,000	N. C. State School	" "	1.00%
5,000	Certificate on Deposit, City Ind. Bank,	$2\frac{1}{2}\%$	
5,000	" " " , Morris Plan Bank	$2\frac{1}{2}\%$	

PIPE FITTINGS PURCHASED.

The City Manager reported the following bids received on a quantity of pipe fittings for use in various water installations:

Grinnell Company	\$206.04
Charlotte Supply Co.	209.46
Textile Mill Supply Co.	211.29
Crane Company	243.05
Hajoca Corp.	272.80

And on motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Little, the contract was awarded to Grinnell Company, the low bidder, at a total delivered price of \$206.04, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

MERGER OF CHARLOTTE NATIONAL BANK AND THE WACHOVIA BANK & TRUST COMPANY.

The City Manager read the following letter from the City Treasurer with regard to the merger of The Charlotte National Bank and the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company:

"Inasmuch as Charlotte National Bank merged with the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company as of June 19th. 1939, and as the Charlotte National Bank has always been designated as one of the depositories for the City of Charlotte, I would like to recommend that the City Council go on record as endorsing the Charlotte branch of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. as one of the depositories for the City of Charlotte in lieu of The Charlotte National Bank.

I have no hesitancy in making this recommendation as this merger was approved by the stockholders of the Charlotte National Bank and as the officers of the Charlotte National Bank will be officers of the Charlotte branch of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company. It is my candid opinion that this merger will be of material benefit to Charlotte as a financial center. It means that Charlotte may draw on the resources of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company of \$96,243,815.63 in comparison with that of the Charlotte National Bank of \$5,901,511.81. Also, the surplus and undivided profit of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company is \$2,745,747.15 in comparison with that of the Charlotte National Bank of \$455,626.40. This means that the Charlotte branch of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company can finance projects without resorting to other institutions which could not be handled by the Charlotte National Bank without syndicating with other institutions. Mr. James A. Stokes, Vice President, is perfectly willing and will be glad to appear before the Council should you think any of the Councilmen would like to ask questions with regard to the merger.

The Wachovia Bank & Trust Company have already made arrangements securing the deposits of the City of Charlotte in the Charlotte branch."

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the recommendation of the City Treasurer be complied with provided the same security be given for the deposits. Motion seconded by Councilman Hudson and carried.

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COPY OF BUDGET STATEMENT FOR ELEVEN MONTHS PERIOD PRESENTED.

Each member of the Council was furnished with a budget statement of operations for eleven months, ending May 31st., and Mr. Marshall called attention to the fact that if the same condition prevails for the remainder of the fiscal year the City will be in better financial condition than for the same period last year.

CONTRACT WITH MECKLENBURG COUNTY FOR RADIO TOWER.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Little, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute, on the part of the City of Charlotte, the contract with Mecklenburg County for the construction of Radio Tower on property owned by the City just off Statesville Avenue.

MAYOR DOUGLAS CONGRATULATED ON "FRIENDLY CAROLINAS WEEK."

Councilman Baxter made a motion that the Council go on record as congratulating Mayor Douglas on his "Friendly Carolinas Week" movement and also on the recognition of his efforts by President Roosevelt. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis and unanimously carried.

ATTENTION OF CITIZENS TO BE CALLED TO TAX DISCOUNTS.

The City Manager advised that the City of Charlotte might be materially benefitted by calling attention of the citizens to the tax discount allowed at this time for prepayment of taxes, by carrying paid advertisement in both newspapers; all taxes paid on or before July 1st. being subject to a 2% discount.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the City of Charlotte is to call attention to the tax discount allowed by carrying an ad in The Charlotte News and The Charlotte Observer.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the following cemetery deed and perpetual care agreement were approved:

J. M. Tull, Lot No. 13, G-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, with care \$240.00

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. W. Powell
City Clerk