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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, June 22, 1938, with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hudson, Little, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilmen Hovis and Huntley.

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MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Durham, the minutes of the meeting of June 8th., were approved as read.

COLORED Y.M.C.A. GRANTED FREE USE OF ARMORY-AUDITORIUM FOR SINGING GROUP.

A representative of the Colored Y.M.C.A. appeared before the Council asking use of the Armory-Auditorium, without charge, for the night of June 28th., for a Singing Group being sponsored by that organization, and on motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Griswold, this request was granted.

REQUEST FOR PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY LICENSE DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

Councilman Baxter reported that his committee was not ready to make report on the request of the parties wishing to open a private detective agency in Charlotte, advising that this matter was being investigated by the City's Detective Division, and asked that the matter be deferred another week.

CONTRACTS FOR LIGHTING, PLUMBING, AND HEATING OF SHOP BUILDING, WATER WORKS PLANT.

Bids were received on Lighting, Heating and Plumbing for the new shop building at the Water Works Plant, as follows:

LIGHTING:

Hunter Electric Company	\$2,032.00
Southern Electric Service Co.	2,046.00
Robinson Electric Company	2,457.00
Austin Electric Company	3,200.00
Harrison-Wright Company	3,209.00

HEATING:

Tompkins-Johnston Company	1,497.00
Reliance Engineering Company	1,548.00
Acme Plumbing Company	1,600.00

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PLUMBING:

Tompkins-Johnston Company	\$1,317.00
Acme Plumbing Company	1,465.00

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the contract for Lighting was awarded to the low bidder, Hunter Electric Company, at \$2,032.00; to Tompkins-Johnston Company, for both Heating, at \$1,497.00, and Plumbing, at \$1,317.00, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contracts.

PURCHASE OF FIRE HYDRANTS.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, contract was awarded to Grinnell Company, Inc., for furnishing six (6) Fire Hydrants, at a total price of \$366.66, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract. The only other bid received on this material was from R. D. Wood Company, Philadelphia. at the same price as bid by Grinnell Company.

CONTRACT FOR PIG LEAD AWARDED TO HAJOCA CORPORATION.

The City Manager reported that the following bids had been received on 5,000 lbs. of Pig Lead, to be used by the Water Department for water main construction:

Hajoca Corporation	\$210.00
Grinnell Company, Inc.	250.00
Nathan Trotter & Company	256.25
Belmont Smelting & Refng. Wks. Inc.	257.50
Crane Compant	265.00
Horne-Wilson, Inc.	275.00

and on motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, the contract was awarded to the low bidder, Hajoca Corporation, at the price of \$210.00, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

SEWER EXTENSION ON CLAY STREET.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, the request for extension of a sewer on Clay Street, from the end of the present sanitary sewer in front of the Glenwood School, 75-feet east, to serve one house, and estimated to cost \$49.50, was granted.

SEWER EXTENSION ON ASHLAND AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, request was granted for the extension of a sewer on Ashland Avenue, from Chambwood Drive, south 250 feet, to serve two houses, and estimated to cost \$193.00.

PERMISSION TO INSTALL GAS PIPE LINE GRANTED.

A request from F. C. Abbott Company for permission to put in a gas pipe line on East Seventh Street, under the Railroad and No. 317, was presented by the City Manager; Mr. Bell, of F. C. Abbott Company being present and explaining that if the request was granted it would build up and take care of an unsightly piece of property, and also explained that the

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line would not be dangerous, as no gas would stand in the pipes, and Mr. Marshall stated that Mr. Skinner, Safety Inspector, had approved the construction as not being dangerous. Thereupon, Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Nance, moved that the request be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR WATER MAIN EXTENSION.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Nance, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a standard form agreement with the State Highway and Public Works Commission for the extension of a water main outside the city limits, in the vicinity of Commonwealth Avenue and Briar Creek, which would encroach on the latter's property.

NOTICE OF SUIT.

Mr. Marshall reported receipt of notice of suit of Annie Crain Williams and others against the City of Charlotte, which suit is in reference to certain street assessments. The matter had been referred to the City Attorney.

ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE TO BE STUDIED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.

A copy of a new Electric Ordinance, which had been prepared by the Inspection Department with the idea of bringing this service up to date, was furnished each member of the Council for study before adoption at the next meeting.

TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR PREPAYMENT OF TAXES FIXED AT \$1.50.

The City Manager stated that it would be necessary for the Council to adopt a tentative tax rate at which prepayments could be received before July 1st., from those wishing to take advantage of the discount offered, and on motion of Councilman Durham, Chairman of the Finance Committee, seconded by Councilman Griswold and unanimously carried, the tentative rate was placed at \$1.50 for the fiscal year 1938-39.

INVOICES FOR EXTRA LEGAL SERVICES APPROVED.

Mr. B. M. Boyd, City Attorney, presented a statement from Cochran & McCleneghan, in the amount of \$75.00, for assistance in the matter of handling the injunction filed against the taxicab ordinance, and on motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Nance, this invoice was approved for payment.

Mr. Boyd also presented a statement from J. M. Scarborough, in the amount of \$250.00, for legal services rendered in the case of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company against the City of Charlotte, on the validity of double assessments on street paving within ten years, Mr. Boyd advising that this case had been won by the City, the Supreme Court ruling that the assessments were valid when both petitions had been signed.

Councilman Sides made a motion that this bill be approved for payment, which was seconded by Councilman Little and carried.

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CITY TO COOPERATE IN SALES CRUSADE.

Councilman Hudson suggested that if the City intended to purchase any new equipment this coming fiscal year that it buy now in order to cooperate in the Sales Crusade. Mr. Marshall advised that the different departments have asked for \$346,000.00 more than in the preceding year, and that it will be for the Council to decide whether this amount will be granted.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Little, the following cemetery deeds and perpetual care agreements were approved:

Mrs. Mary E. Fitzpatrick, West Half Lot No. 289, Section "U", Elmwood	\$35.00
Mrs. J. T. Walker, South Half Lot No. 60, Section "X".....	62.65
Perpetual care on same.....	54.75

Deed to be made to Miss Julia J. Robertson, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Brevard, and W. R. Robertson, to the West Half of Lot No. 24, in Section "B", on affidavit of the heirs of William Johnston that this half of lot was given to the parents of the above parties.....	1.00
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Perpetual care on West Half of No. 24, "B".....	72.00
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ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the meeting then adjourned.

*Alice B. McConnell*  
City Clerk