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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, June 30, 1948, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Childs, Delaney, Jordan, Lambeth, McKee and White present.

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INVOCATION.

The Invocation was given by Rev. J. R. Love, Pastor of the Parkwood A. R. P. Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman Albea moved that the minutes of the last meeting on June 23, 1948, be approved as submitted, and was seconded by Councilman Jordan. Councilman Delaney suggested that the minutes be amended to show that in rejecting bids on Sugar Creek Outfall Sewer that the City Attorney had ruled "the low bid not properly submitted" and this suggestion was accepted by Councilmen Albea and Jordan and passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO SELL FRESH FRUIT AND MELONS ON SUNDAY.

Mr. Guy Carswell, Attorney, appeared before the Council pleading for relaxation in ordinance against the sale of fresh fruit and melons on Sunday, excepting the regular church meeting hours.

The Mayor asked the Council what their wishes were in the matter and, as no motion was made, passed on to other matters.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNT - AMERICAN AIR SERVICE

Mr. David Henderson, Attorney for American Air Service, pleaded with the Council to permit American Air Service a little time to perfect financial arrangements to continue operation, and after some discussion Councilman Childs suggested that they might be given until July 10th and the Mayor instructed Mr. Henderson that no action would be taken until after that date.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PAYING EXPENSES OF CITY PENDING ADOPTION OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION.

A resolution entitled, RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE USUAL ORDINARY EXPENSE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE PENDING THE ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION, was presented and read. Councilman Albea moved the adoption of the resolution as read. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 1, on Page 118.

SUPPLEMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE APPROVED

Councilman Childs moved the execution of supplement to contract between The State of North Carolina through its agency, the Adjutant General's Office and the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, extending lease at Morris Field for one year, to June 30, 1949. This was seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously passed.

PART OF TRUMAN ROAD TAKEN OVER BY THE CITY FOR MAINTENANCE

Councilman Albea moved that Truman Road from the present end of maintenance on Truman Road to the property line at Roland Street, a distance of approximately 750 ft., be taken over by the City for maintenance. Motion was seconded by Councilman McKee and passed unanimously.

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PART OF PERRIN PLACE TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Councilman McKee moved that Perrin Place from the end of the pavement to School property line, a distance of 900 feet, be taken over by the City for maintenance. This motion was seconded by Councilman DeLaney and passed unanimously.

PLAT OF BELVEDERE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Councilman White moved the approval of plat of Belvedere Heights Subdivision, located between Rozzells Ferry Road and West Trade Streets and bordering on Stewart's Creek, being developed by John L. Fite, Route 1, Belmont, N. C. and Floyd Baker, Cramerton, N. C., and approved by Consulting Engineer J. B. Marshall of the Planning Board on June 23rd, 1948. This motion was seconded by Councilman Childs and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION WITH REFERENCE TO RETIREMENT OF W. HENDRIX PALMER, CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Lambeth, Chairman of Resolution Committee, presented resolution with reference to retirement of W. Hendrix Palmer, former Chief of the Fire Department, which was read by the City Clerk. Councilman Lambeth moved that it be adopted and a certified copy be forwarded to former Chief Palmer. This was seconded by Councilman White and passed unanimously.

Resolution recorded in Resolution Book 1 on Page 119.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT

Upon motion of Councilman DeLaney, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the issuance and/or renewal of special officer permit was approved for Charley Dean to serve on the premises of Lawrence's Cafe, 527 East First Street.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT FOR PRESENTATION OF UNDOCKETED ITEMS

The City Manager called attention to the need of appointment of members to the Planning Board and alternate members and the possibility of changing the time of meeting of the Council.

Councilman Albea moved that unanimous consent be given for the presentation of the following items not included in the City Manager's report. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan and passed unanimously.

RESIGNATION OF MR. BRODIE GRIFFITH AS ALTERNATE MEMBER OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS ACCEPTED.

Councilman White moved the acceptance of resignation of Mr. Brodie Griffith as alternate member of Board of Adjustments, with regrets. Councilman Lambeth seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

MR. BRODIE GRIFFITH APPOINTED MEMBER OF PLANNING BOARD.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Albea, and passed unanimously, Mr. Brodie Griffith was appointed member of the Charlotte Planning Board in lieu of Mr. Hanes Lassiter.

MR. HUGH MARTIN APPOINTED ALTERNATE MEMBER OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Councilman White moved that Mr. Hugh Martin be appointed alternate member of Board of Adjustments to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Brodie Griffith, resigned. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and passed unanimously.

MR. ALEXANDER SCHENCK APPOINTED MEMBER OF PLANNING BOARD

Upon motion of Councilman Lambeth, seconded by Councilman Childs, and passed unanimously, Mr. Alexander Schenck was appointed member of the Charlotte Planning Board.

CLAIM OF MR. R. S. SMITH.

Mr. H. A. Yancey, City Manager called the Council's attention to

claim of Mr. R. S. Smith for damages to car and person due to an alleged protruding manhole at the intersection of Wilmore Drive and West Boulevard for the purpose of acknowledging and recording in the minutes, and stated that the matter would be referred to the City Attorney.

CHANGE IN MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Jordan moved that the City Council meet only on the first and third Wednesday through the summer months of July and August, 1948. Motion was seconded by Councilman McKee and passed unanimously.

FIRE CHIEF DONALD S. CHARLES PLEDGES FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY.

Mayor Baxter read a letter from Donald S. Charles, newly elected Chief of the Charlotte Fire Department, dated June 29, 1948. Councilman McKee moved that the letter be accepted and spread upon the minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously passed.

Chief Charles' letter is recorded below:

Charlotte, N. C.  
June 29, 1948

Honorable H. H. Baxter, Mayor  
City of Charlotte, N. C.  
300 S. Brevard Street  
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the honor conferred upon me in tendering me the position of Chief of the Charlotte Fire Department. In accepting this position, I do so with a deep sense of the honor and also the corresponding responsibilities involved.

I want you to know that I shall at all times exert every effort to maintain the Fire Department on the highest plain of efficiency. I solicit the same cooperation according to my predecessor with the multiple duties that immediately confront us. Your constant advice and council is imperative.

As a public servant, I shall hold myself in readiness to serve the citizens of the City of Charlotte in every way possible.

Again thanking you, I beg to remain

Most sincerely yours,

(signed) Donald S. Charles, Chief  
Charlotte Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Lambeth, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned.

  
Acting City Clerk