

March 23, 1938.

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, March 23rd, 1938, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilmen Little and Sides.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the minutes of the March 16th. meeting were approved as read.

PROGRESSIVE CHARLOTTE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Walter Hoyle asked if he might rise to a point of information at this time, inasmuch as the reading of the minutes had disclosed that the present Council had pledged themselves not to bring up the Sunday issue again during this administration, and asked if that prevented any interested citizens from doing so. When assured by the Mayor that the Council was always pleased to hear anyone on any subject they desired to present, he explained in detail the organization of a group of citizens interested in seeing that Charlotte eventually has an open or recreational Sunday, stating that this organization would be known as "The Progressive Charlotte Association, and that a little later on a demonstration will be given by this group, showing the Council and the City of Charlotte that there are people who want a recreational Sunday, and that if unsuccessful with the present Council they will carry on with the next.

He stated that this association would like to have the recreational Sunday tried out in Charlotte for six months in order to find out if the people really want it, and cited a number of cities in North Carolina who have the liberalized Sunday.

After speaking at length, Mr. Hoyle thanked the Council for hearing him, and there being no further comments from those present in the Council Chamber at this time, the meeting proceeded with other business.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE CITY'S DOG CATCHER IN THEIR WORK.

Mr. Arthur Goodman, President of the Mecklenburg County Humane Society, together with several ladies interested in this work, appeared before the Council and explained the work of this association in looking after stray dogs within the city and county in an effort to prevent children from being bitten by mad dogs, and asked the Council to allow Mr. Wentz, the dog catcher, to report to the office of this Society once each day for any calls that might come in, either in the City or County. He stated that sooner or later the association hoped to employ a paid worker, when it would no longer be necessary to ask for the assistance of the City's man, but that at the present time they were without funds to do so.

Councilman Huntley moved that this matter be referred to the proper committee for investigation and report back at the next meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried.

Mayor Douglas asked the Police Committee to make this report.

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JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GRANTED USE OF ARMORY-AUDITORIUM FOR CONCERT.

Mr. Al Beehtold, of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, requested use of the Armory-Auditorium on April 6th. for a program to be given by Rubinoff and his violin in the interest of the Safety Program being sponsored by the Junior Chamber, without charge; the proceeds from this concert to be put back into the safety work.

Councilman Hovis stated that in view of the work being done by this civic organization he felt that the Council should do its bit to aid in this work, and moved that the above request be granted, which was seconded by Councilman Griswold and unanimously carried.

EXTENSION OF SEWER ON CLEMSON AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Nance and carried, the request for extension of a sewer on Clemson Avenue, from Charles Avenue to Wesley Avenue, a distance of 464 feet, to serve three houses, was granted. This work was estimated by the Engineering Department to cost \$416.90.

SEWER EXTENSION ON MARGURITE AVENUE.

The extension of a sewer on Margurite Avenue, from the end of the present sewer 186 feet west, to serve one house and estimated to cost \$165.66, was granted upon motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Durham and carried.

CITY MAINTENANCE ON BILTMORE DRIVE.

Councilman Huntley moved that Biltmore Drive, from Colville Road to Scotland Avenue, be taken over by the City for maintenance, as requested by 25 property owners in that section. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

MERRYMAN AVENUE TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Durham and carried, the request of Mr. W. M. Miller that the City take over Merryman Avenue, north of Wilmount Road, for a distance of 250 feet, was granted.

MIDDLETON DRIVE TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE AND CITY TO BUILD SIDEWALK ON IT'S PROPERTY AT EASTOVER SCHOOL.

The City Manager reported receipt of application for the City to take over for maintenance Middleton Drive, from Providence Road to Cherokee Road, stating that this is a newly opened street and would be a short cut to the Eastover School. He advised that the street had been graded and concrete curb, gutters and sidewalks built, and that the work of topsoiling could be done with W.P.A. forces.

Mr. Marshall also reported in this connection, that there is a stretch of approximately 216 feet along the City property on which the school is located, on which it would be wise to extend the concrete sidewalk already built on Middleton Drive. This sidewalk was estimated to cost approximately \$220.00.

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Councilman Baxter moved that this street be taken over for maintenance and the concrete sidewalk along the City's property be built. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

REPAIRS TO AIR COMPRESSOR AT IRWIN CREEK DISPOSAL PLANT.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the General Electric Company for repairs to one of the Air Compressors at the Irwin Creek Disposal Plant; it being necessary to ship the impeller to the General Electric factory for repair, and to purchase a new pinion; the total amount of the contract to be \$500.00.

PURCHASE OF WATER METERS FROM PITTSBURGH EQUITABLE METER COMPANY.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Durham, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Company for 100- 5/8" Water Meters, at a total delivered price of \$900.00. This contract was awarded on the policy of alternating business, all bids received being the same.

SEWER EXTENSION ON DAVIS STREET.

Councilman Hovis moved that the request of three residents of Oak Street for extension of a sewer from the present sewer in Davis Street, 230 feet north, be granted; the Engineering Department estimating the cost at \$179.30, to serve three houses. Motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried.

EXTENSION OF SEWER ON WEST BOULEVARD.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the extension of a sewer to serve three houses in West Boulevard, 520 feet east toward Wilmore Drive, was authorized. This extension was estimated to cost \$453.20.

REPAIRS TO TWO ELGIN STREET SWEEPERS.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the North Carolina Equipment Company, state distributors for the Elgin Sweeper Company, in the amount of \$558.31, for the necessary repair work and reconditioning of two Elgin Street Sweeper Units and the accessories required for this work.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR REMOTE CONTROL QUARTERS.

Mr. Marshall advised that he had received copies of a lease agreement with the United States of America for a small tract of land in the vicinity of the Administration Building at the Airport, on which the Bureau of Air Commerce proposes to erect a remote control quarters. He stated that there was no room in the Administration Building for these quarters and that the Government would erect a small building if the City would lease the land.

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Thereupon, the following resolution was presented and on motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Griswold, was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED: That Ben E. Douglas, Mayor, and Alice B. McConnell, Clerk, being the official officers of the City of Charlotte, are hereby authorized to sign an agreement with the United States Government for a lease on a tract of land containing approximately 2300 square feet, more or less, located in Berryhill Township, Mecklenburg County, in the vicinity of the Administration Building at the Charlotte Airport, for erection and use of remote control quarters; said lease beginning April 1, 1938 and terminating June 30, 1938, at \$1.00.

This lease may, at the option of the Government, be renewed from year to year at the rental rate of \$1.00 per annum.

BUDGET STATEMENT.

A copy of the Budget Statement as of February 28, 1938, was furnished the Council.

CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD BY STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AUTHORIZED BY COUNCIL.

Mr. Marshall reported that the State Highway Commission had requested permission to construct a road from the Statesville Highway across to the Beatty's Ford Road, cutting across the City's property on the Statesville Highway originally purchased for a cemetery. He stated that the Commission had changed the plans for the construction of this road from those originally mapped out and that he did not know whether the Council wished to have them cut through the property with this road. He presented a map of the proposed roadway and after discussion, Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Baxter, moved that this request be granted. Motion carried.

SAFETY ZONES.

The City Manager discussed with the Council the advisability of taking up the safety zones in the business district since the abandonment of the street car system, it being the consensus of opinion of the Council that these safety zones should be taken out. Thereupon, Councilman Hudson moved that they be taken out, which was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the following cemetery deeds and transfers were approved.

Mrs. Milton A. Barber, Lot No. 57, Sec. "Y", Elmwood Cemetery	\$63.00
Transfer of S $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot No. 34 Sec. "P", from Mrs. E. A. Worthen to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Porter	1.00
Transfer E $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot No. 348, Sec. "U" from J. N. Westmoreland to H. Y. Westmoreland	1.00

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk