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The weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, March 31, 1937, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Boyd, Durham, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides, Tipton and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Baxter.

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 24TH MEETING.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the minutes of the March 24th. meeting. were approved as read.

#### SUIT OF MRS. VERA ANDREWS VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

The City Manager reported notice of suit of Mrs. Vera Andrews vs. the City of Charlotte for alleged injuries received from falling into a hole on 35th Street, in the amount of \$10,000, received.

#### TERRA COTTA PIPE PURCHASED FROM J. L. WIGGINS LUMBER COMPANY.

On motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Hudson and unanimously carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the J. L. Wiggins Lumber Company for the purchase of one car of 8" Terra Cotta Pipe, at the price of \$351.54; all bids received from the nine bidders being the same this award was made on the usual rotating basis.

#### PURCHASE OF WATER METERS FROM PITTSBURG EQUITABLE METER COMPANY.

Bids received on 100- 5/8" Water Meters from the Pittsburg Equitable Meter Company, Hersey Manufacturing Company, Neptune Meter Company and Worthington-Gamon Meter Company, were all at the price of \$900.00.

On the basis of rotating this business, Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Durham, moved that the contract be awarded to the Pittsburg Meter Company and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion unanimously carried.

#### PURCHASE OF LIGHT BULBS.

The City Manager reported that bids had been received on a year's supply of light bulbs from twenty-three concerns, all being at the same price for Mazda lamps, which lamp was recommended by the Purchasing Agent and Electrical Inspector over the two cheaper lamps quoted.

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The name of the Economy Electric & Supply Company being the name drawn, Councilman Nance moved that contract be awarded to this concern at the standard list price, less 25% discount, and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Sides and carried, with Councilman Albea not voting.

RELOCATION OF SEWER OUTFALL ON PROPERTY OF E. C. GRIFFITH COMPANY.

Mr. Carol Taliaferro, Attorney for E. C. Griffith Company, appeared before the Council with request that the City relocate a part of its sewer outfall on Stewart's Creek, which is on his property, stating that Mr. Griffith had a sale for the property provided the sewer could be moved. Mr. Taliaferro stated that this line was placed on the property of Mr. Griffith without his consent and that no records could be found where a right-of-way was ever obtained by the City for this line.

Mr. Marshall stated that it would cost approximately \$1500.00 to re-locate this line and that he did not feel that the City should have to bear the entire cost of removing it.

After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Wilkinson stated that he felt that the line should be moved and that since the City had not obtained a right-of-way for same that the cost should be borne by the City. He, therefore, moved that the sewer line be moved, that Mr. Griffith give the right-of-way for the line and that this all be done without prejudice to either party on the other property and that the City salvage the pipe in the line provided it is gotten out within four weeks. This motion seconded by Councilman Boyd.

Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hudson, offered an amendment to the above motion to refer the matter to the Public Works Committee and City Manager to report back and have a special meeting called as soon as possible. However, after Mr. Chas. Ross, the purchaser of this land, had advised that he could not wait longer but would have to seek a new location for his business if not settled at once, Councilman Albea withdrew his motion with Councilman Hudson's consent.

A vote was then taken on Councilman Wilkinson's motion, which was unanimous.

Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Sides, then moved that the \$1500.00 necessary to relocate this line be appropriated from the Contingent Fund. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE APPLICATION WITH P.W.A. FOR WATER WORKS EXTENSION.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Boyd, the following Resolution, authorizing the City Manager to make application to the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works for a grant in connection with the Water Works Extension, was unanimously adopted:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THROUGH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR A GRANT TO AID IN FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER WORK EXTENSION AND DESIGNATING J. B. MARSHALL TO FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION AS THE GOVERNMENT MAY REQUEST.

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BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte:  
City Manager

Section 1. That J. B. Marshall, be and he is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Charlotte to the United States of America for a grant to aid in financing the construction of Water Works Extensions.

Section 2. That J. B. Marshall, be and is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the United States of America through the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works may reasonably request in connection with the application which is herein authorized to be filed.

LETTER OF THANKS FROM REV. WILLIS G. CLARK, Rector St. Peter's Parish.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Nance and unanimously carried, the following letter was ordered spread upon the minutes:

March 29, 1937

Mr. J. B. Marshall,  
City Manager,  
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

As Chairman of the Gypsy Smith Revival Steering Committee I want to thank you and others of the City for the splendid cooperation given all of us at the Auditorium.

Especially do I commend Messrs. Thad Phifer, V. M. Rice, and Wilbur Irby, and others who helped, for the fine service they rendered in keeping the Auditorium always in good condition and for the many other details of work they carried out for us.

It was a great and happy revival in every respect.

For all you gentlemen did we are deeply grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Willis G. Clark.

APPROPRIATION FOR INCREASE IN ELECTION FEES.

Mr. Marshall advised that he had received a letter from the Election Board stating that due to the increase in fees the coming Municipal Election costs will exceed the amount now budgeted by approximately \$750.00, and recommended that that amount be retained out of the Contingent Fund, temporarily at least.

Thereupon, Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hudson, moved that this amount be set aside in the Contingent Fund for this purpose. Motion unanimously carried.

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EMPLOYMENT OF MR. GEORGE RAWLINS AS ENGINEER IN CONNECTION WITH WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Marshall reported that he had employed Mr. George Rawlins as Engineer in connection with the water works improvements.

TEN FOOT ALLEYWAY RETAINED ON OLD AUDITORIUM PROPERTY.

Councilman Durham introduced the following motion, which was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried:

In connection with the sale of 80 feet of the Old City Auditorium lot to Mr. G. G. Galloway or his assigns, which lot fronts 80 feet on East 5th Street and extends back 89 feet in a northerly direction and is 126 feet from College Street, I move that a right of way 10 feet in width be reserved off of the rear of the remaining part of the Old Auditorium property from the westerly line of the lot to be sold and extending to College Street, to be used as a joint alleyway by Mr. Galloway or his assigns, and the City of Charlotte, for the purpose of ingress, egress and regress to and from College Street and that the City Attorneys be authorized to incorporate said alleyway agreement in the deed conveying the 80 feet of land to Mr. Galloway or his assigns.

REQUEST FOR BILLBOARD ON SOUTH GRAHAM STREET REFERRED TO REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE AND CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Durham advised that he had received a request from a Mr. Summers, representing an advertising agency, for lease of a small piece of property on South Graham Street which the City had taken over when this street was opened, for the purpose of erecting a signboard thereon.

After discussion, Councilman Albea moved that this matter be referred to the Real Estate Committee and City Manager to report back at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEED.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the following transfer was approved:

Mrs. R. R. Welshmere, formerly Mrs. R. A. Allen, to Mrs. A. H. Guion, the North Half and Southeast Quarter of Lot No. 11 in "A Annex".... \$1.00

ADJOURNMENT.

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

*Alice B. McConnell*  
City Clerk