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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, March 7, 1945, with Mayor Baxter presiding and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Painter, Slye, Price and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilman Hovis.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea, the minutes of the meeting on February 21, 1945 were approved as read.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the minutes of the Joint Meeting with the Board of County Commissioners on February 28th, 1945 were approved as read.

REQUEST APPROVED FOR APPROPRIATION FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS FOR CITY DURING JULY AND AUGUST, 1945.

Miss Helen John Wright, Mecklenburg County Home Demonstration Agent, presented a request that the city share equally with the county in expenses, amounting to \$4,100.00, of an Assistant Home Demonstration Agent and a Secretary during the fiscal year 1945-46.

Also, that \$750.00 be appropriated for an additional White Assistant Agent and a Negro Assistant Agent to work in the city only during July and August, 1945.

Councilman Ward moved that the Council recommend that the 1945-46 budget provide \$400.00 for the expenses of the White Assistant Agent and \$350.00 for the expenses of the Negro Assistant Agent to work in the city only during the months of July and August, 1945. Motion seconded by Councilman Slye and unanimously carried.

Action was deferred on the appropriation of one-half the expenses of an Assistant Agent and a Secretary for the fiscal year 1945-46 pending a report to Council by Miss Wright as to whether provisions were included in the State's appropriations for this purpose.

REQUEST DEFERRED THAT TRAILER CAMP ORDINANCE BE RELAXED.

Mr. William Abernethy, Attorney, requested that the Trailer Camp Ordinance be relaxed for the duration, or for the duration of the war and six months, in order that his client, who operates a Trailer Camp at 750 West Trade Street, may continue to operate the camp, which he has been notified by the City Health Department does not conform to the ordinance as to the number of trailer per area and distance from the street.

Councilman Price moved that the Director of Health Sanitation and the Plumbing Inspector investigate conditions at the Trailer Camp in question and advise Council at the next meeting. Motion received no second.

Councilman Baker moved that the request to relax the ordinance be denied. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry.

Councilman Slye made a substitute motion that the Board of Health be requested to make recommendations regarding regulations governing trailer camps in the city and report to Council, and that no action be taken on the request for relaxing the present ordinance until the report is received. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZED DRAFTED RE: CONSTRUCTION OF SIDETRACK FROM SOUTHERN RAILWAY TO REPAIR SHOP OF WHITIN MACHINE WORKS.

Councilman Baker moved that the City Attorneys be requested to draft the proper ordinance relative to the construction of a sidetrack from the Southern Railway main line to the Repair Shop of Whitin Machine Works on Dowd Road. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

EMERGENCY FUND APPROPRIATION TO BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

Councilman Bullard moved that \$2,748.16 be appropriated from the emergency fund to the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections to cover expenses under the new laws for elections. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

NORTH GATE AT ELMWOOD CEMETERY ORDERED CLOSED.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Elmwood Cemetery and the City Manager, motion was made by Councilman Daughtry that the north gate of Elmwood Cemetery be permanently closed. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried.

LICENSE TO OPERATE TAXICABS APPROVED FOR EIGHTEEN MEN AND DENIED SEVEN MEN.

Councilman Baker moved that license to operate taxicabs in the city be issued the following group of eighteen men and that license be denied the second group of seven men. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried.

Ernest T. Barkley	108 West Park Avenue
Dennis C. Arrowwood	819 North Brevard Street
Charles R. Cheek	1017 North Allen Street
James F. Drum	123 Jackson Terrace
Harvey B. Davis	3328 Wilkinson Boulevard
J. L. Erskine	1328 $\frac{1}{2}$ East 5th Street
J. C. Hicks	726 Herrin Avenue
F. L. Guiton	143 West Morehead
Grover B. Russell	Willard Hotel
Bill Ray	310 Grade Street
Albert T. Ritch	Piedmont Hotel
W. H. Rice	1000 North Church Street
D. G. Porterfield	1608 South Boulevard
W. N. Slaten	Route 7, Charlotte
Robert T. Taylor	519 East 5th Street
Floyd Whitworth	706 North Caldwell Street
R. A. Woody	268 Piedmont Court
W. R. Whitley	120 West 7th Street

Group 2.

Henry L. Sharpe	1617 Parson Street
Robert Teague	735 West Trade Street
Walter E. Rogers	323 East 7th Street
William M. Raye	829 Louise Avenue
A. T. Lunsford	204 East Morehead
Hillard C. Greene	236 Piedmont Court
Harold W. Donaldson	321 South Mint Street

TAXICAB OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENDED - J. L. ROBINSON.

Councilman Ward moved that license to operate a taxicab previously issued to J. L. Robinson be suspended until a later date. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

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ACTION CHANGING DATE OF PAYROLL PAYMENTS RESCINDED.

The City Manager requested that Council action on February 28th relative to a change in the date of payroll payments be rescinded. Councilman Ward moved that the recommendation be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR VETERANS' RECREATION AUTHORITY.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Atkins, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, according to the information available to the Council, there have been passed, or there are about to be passed, by the N. C. General Assembly bills which will authorize the establishment in the city of Charlotte of a Veterans' Recreation Authority and will authorize the Council to purchase property for said Authority, and, whereas, the Council has decided, as soon as possible, to provide for the organization of a Veterans' Recreation Authority in Charlotte and has determined that the property located at 111, 113, 115 and 117 North Poplar Street is desirable for said purpose, which property can be purchased for \$52,500 and, whereas, the City has recently sold its two pieces of property, one at the corner of College and Fifth and the other at the corner of Graham and Fifth, the proceeds from which will be more than sufficient to pay the said purchase price;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as soon as the bills above referred to have been enacted into law, and as soon as the money from the aforesaid sales has been received, the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are, authorized, in the name of the City, to purchase from the owners of 111, 113, 115 and 117 North Poplar Street the said property at the price of \$52,500 and to execute all contracts and papers connected therewith; that Henry C. Dockery be, and he is, employed to examine the title to the said property, draw all contracts and papers, and attend to all legal details in connection with the said purchase and the subsequent transfer of the same to the Authority and that the sum of \$52,500 of the proceeds from the sale of the aforesaid properties be, and the same is, appropriated for the said purpose;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mabel C. Moysey be, and she is, employed to assist the City Attorneys in connection with the legal work necessary to organize a Veterans' Recreation Authority in Charlotte;

RESOLVED FURTHER that the compensation of the aforesaid attorneys be such as shall be fixed hereafter by the Council upon recommendation of the City Attorneys.

TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY ON LUCENA STREET SOLD TO MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

Councilman Baker moved that the tax foreclosed property located on Lucena Street (being Tax Suit No. 645) be sold to Mecklenburg County at \$150.00, being the high bid on the property at the sale on March 5, 1945. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF CARDEX FILE CABINET FROM BILL SHAW COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea, approval was unanimously given for the purchase of a Cardex File Cabinet for the Police Department, from Bill Shaw Company, at \$140.00.

PURCHASE OF CAST IRON FITTINGS FROM LYNCHBURG FOUNDRY COMPANY.

Councilman Baker moved that purchase of Cast Iron Fittings from Lynchburg Foundry Company at \$127.86 be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

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CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN LAFRANCE FOAMITE CORPORATION FOR REPAIR PARTS FOR FIRE TRUCK.

Councilman Baker moved that contract with American LaFrance Foamite Corporation for repair parts for fire truck in the amount of \$258.66 be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Cope, and unanimously carried.

ELECTRIC REPAIRS TO PUMP MOTOR AT CATAWBA STATION BY ARMATURE WINDING COMPANY APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Slye, unanimous approval was given for payment of \$104.16 to Armature Winding Company for electric repairs to pump motor at Catawba Station.

CLEVELAND AVENUE, BETWEEN TREMONT AVENUE AND WORTHINGTON AVENUE TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, unanimous approval was given that Cleveland Avenue, between Tremont and Worthington Avenues, be taken over for city maintenance.

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO JOHN M. SCULLION AND ISSUANCE OF PERMIT TO CHARLEY DEAN, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Baker moved the renewal of Special Officer Permit to John M. Scullion, for use on the premises of Piedmont Fire Insurance Company, 218 South Tryon Street, and issuance of Permit to Charley Dean, for use on the premises of The Tuxedo Club, 323 $\frac{1}{2}$ South Caldwell Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Slye, and unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Upon motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the following deeds were approved for transfer:

Mr. Crum Lee, Lot No. 387, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$31.50.
W. G. Hargett and wife, Lot No. 148, in Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$63.00.
W. K. McCorkle, Southeast 1/4 of Lot No. 43, in Section I, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00 for duplicate deed.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk