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The City Council of the City of Charlotte met in regular session, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, March 8, 1939, at 4 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson present.

Absent: None.

CLAIM OF PLANT FOOD COMPANY FILED BY ATTORNEY AND REJECTED.

Mr. Frank McCleneghan, Attorney for the Plant Food Company, of Charlotte, N. C., presented a claim against the City for alleged damages arising out of breach of contract, dated March 1st, 1935, in the amount of \$5828.00, which is an additional claim to the one filed by this same company some time ago and now pending in Supreme Court.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Durham and unanimously carried, this claim was rejected.

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO TAXICAB ORDINANCE.

Mr. Oliver Litaker, Attorney, representing the Southern Cab Company, L. W. Goodwin, owner, appeared before the Council, asking for an amendment to the taxicab ordinance which would require all taxicabs operating in Charlotte to be painted a distinctive color and not the same as used by any other cab company. Mr. Litaker stated that Mr. Goodman had been operating for more than a year as the White Top Taxi Company, and that just recently a cab company had placed in operation cabs using the white top, which made it confusing in case of accidents.

After discussion, the Mayor referred the matter to the Police Committee for investigation and report back at the next meeting.

INVITATION EXTENDED TO MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO ATTEND MEETING OF PUBLIC WEAL.

Mr. D. G. Wilson extended to the Mayor and members of the Council an invitation to attend a public meeting, at the Mecklenburg County Court House, on Saturday evening, March 11th., of the Public or Common Weal, in order that they may acquaint themselves with the purpose of this organization.

RED SHIELD BOYS' CLUB ASKING FOR REFUND OF PRIVILEGE TAX ON "TOBACCO ROAD".

Mr. LaNeave, representing the Red Shield Boys' Club, asked that the City Council turn over to him for use in the Club the \$50.00 privilege tax paid in to the City by "The Tobacco Road" show, which played at the Armory for two nights last week. Mr. LaNeave explained that while this show was not sponsored by any organization, the Club handled the sale of tickets and that this money was being held by Mr. Mahaffey of the Revenue Department pending action of the Council. He also stated that the Club had gone in debt to the extent of \$47.50 on work done by the Club, and needed this money to take care of same.

After discussion, Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Nance, moved that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for report back at the next meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

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MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Griswold, the minutes of the following meetings were read and approved:

Regular meeting.....	Feb. 8, 1939
Special "	Feb. 13, 1939
Regular "	Feb. 15, 1939
Special "	Feb. 24, 1939
Reg. Adjourned	Mch. 3, 1939

NOTICE OF SUIT OF J. W. BRUMBRAY, ET AL VS. NEAL Y. PHARR, EXEC. ET AL.

The Mayor read a notice of suit, styled as follows:
J. W. Brumbray et al, vs. Neal Y. Pharr, Executor, et al, which had been served on the City of Charlotte according to Court order, relative to the sale of lands on which the City has a lien; date of sale March 21, 1939.

CONTRACT FOR ASPHALT.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Durham, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with The Texas Company for one car (approximately 5400 gallons) of Mixed Asphalt, for use on City streets, at the total price of \$521.80.

Bids received were as follows:

The Texas Company	\$521.80
Shell Union Oil Corp.	531.40
J. B. Hunt & Sons	547.30

CONTRACT FOR PIPE.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Doggett Lumber Company for 1302 Ft. of V. C. Pipe for use in sewer construction on Ringwood Avenue, Drum and Hill Streets, at the price of \$325.50.

Bids received on this pipe were as follows:

Doggett Lumber Co.	\$325.50
Charlotte Lumber Corp.	338.52
Builders Merchandise	338.52
Tucker-Kirby Co.	351.54
H & S Lumber Co.	351.54
Gathey Lumber Co.	351.54

REQUEST OF N.C. STATE PLANNING BOARD RELATIVE W.P.A. HOUSING SURVEY DENIED.

The City Manager read the following letter received from Mr. Theodore S. Johnson, of the North Carolina State Planning Board:

"I am delighted to know that preparations are going forward for the Real Property Inventory and Land Use Survey in Charlotte.

As you know, the work involved in the inventory consists of the field work and checking, and, second, a considerable amount of coding and tabulating, in

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order to get the summarized results. Since this work would be according to the same procedure in all cities and could involve considerable training of personnel, in order to simplify this work and expedite it, it seems best to concentrate the coding and tabulating divisions in Raleigh.

I am writing to you very frankly to state one of my difficulties, which is that the Planning Board has never yet secured from the State any adequate quarters. It is therefore necessary for us to rent space for this WPA project of coding and tabulating results from the various cities, and we are undertaking to do this with little or no resources.

The Chamber of Commerce of Raleigh has undertaken to raise the sum of \$300.00 in order to pay the rent and other incidental expenses involved; and I am writing to see whether it would be possible for Charlotte to contribute the sum of \$400.00 to this expense. We may not need all of this money because we are asking each city to bear a part of this expense. We are also hoping to secure some contribution in the matter of quarters through the WPA, although generally they expect the State to furnish this space.

I do not know what appropriation has been made for the Real Property Survey in Charlotte, but I think you know me well enough to state frankly whether or not there are sufficient funds to warrant your making this contribution to the success of this project. In any event, I will have confidence in your decision to do the best you can within the powers granted you."

After hearing the above letter requesting an appropriation of \$400.00 by the City of Charlotte for this use, Councilman Wilkinson made a motion that the request be denied, which was seconded by Councilman Durham and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL OFFICER FOR CAROLINA STORAGE AND TRANSFER COMPANY.

On motion of Councilman Griswold, seconded by Councilman Little, application of the Carolina Transfer and Storage Company for the appointment of Mr. James Edward Ivey as Special Police Officer on their premises was approved.

REPORT ON REQUEST OF JAMES CARRAWAY FOR LICENSE TO OPERATE CAFE.

In the matter of the request of James Carraway for permit to operate a cafe in connection with a Free Soup Kitchen, made at the last meeting and at that time referred to the Police Department for investigation, the following report was read by the City Manager:

"James Carraway is connected with one Minor B. Moore, colored, who is operating the Charlotte Religious Bureau at 223½ E. Trade St. James Carraway has no criminal record so far as we are able to ascertain but Minor B. Moore, who states he is the President of the organization, was arrested on June 28th. 1938, charged with lottery and practicing medicine without a license....."

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In view of the above, the Police Department recommended that the license be denied, and on motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded Griswold, this recommendation was approved.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON W.P.A. REQUEST.

The Special Committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate the request of W.P.A. for additional financial assistance to operate the Womens' and Mens' Divisions for the remainder of this fiscal year, reported that this matter had been investigated and that the amount requested had been reduced to approximately \$4000.00, and that it was the recommendation of the committee that the City pay the sum of \$2075.00 to the W.P.A. for this work.

Thereupon, Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley, made a motion that the committee's recommendation be accepted and this money be paid from the Emergency Fund. Motion carried.

ARMORY-AUDITORIUM GIVEN TO WEST CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL FOR VESPER SERVICE.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea, the West Charlotte High School was granted free use of the Armory-Auditorium for Saturday, March 19th., for a vesper service by the High School choir, provided that date is open.

LICENSE GRANTED FOR OPERATION OF POOL ROOM.

Upon recommendation of the Police Committee, Councilman Baxter made a motion that Mr. J. E. Pendleton be granted a license to operate at pool room at 725 North Brevard Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Durham and carried.

REDUCTION IN SALARY OF CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Baxter stated that inasmuch as the City Manager had requested that his salary be reduced to the same basis as was paid to him before the Water Works Project, since this work is now completed, he moved that the salary of the City Manager be reduced to \$8,000.00 per year, beginning April 1, 1939. Motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried.

\$100.00 APPROPRIATED FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO ADVERTISE CHARLOTTE AT THE NEW YORK WORLDS FAIR.

The Mayor reported that he had been requested by Mr. Coleman Roberts, in charge of advertising for N. C. at the New York Worlds Fair, that he name a color-bearer from Charlotte for the North Carolina exhibit, and also that Mr. Roberts had asked the City of Charlotte to appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for advertising the City at the Fair. He stated that the legislature had made it possible for cities in North Carolina to do this, and Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Little, moved that this amount of money be appropriated from the Emergency Fund, if legal. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE TO REPORT ON HUNTLEY AVENUE SEWER INSTALLATION.

Mayor Douglas reported that the Public Works Committee, with himself acting as Chairman in the absence of Councilman Wilkinson, had investigated the request of Mr. L. L. Hackney and Mr. Torrence Hemby regarding sewer installation on Huntley Avenue, and that while he is familiar with the situation, he preferred that the regular Committee look this over and make report now that the Chairman is back.

Thereupon, Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Nance, moved that the Public Works Committee go look over the proposition and make report at the next meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

COUNCIL INVITED TO ATTEND OPENING OF BIDS ON HOSPITAL.

Mr. Marshall announced that bids would be opened on Friday, March 10th. on the Memorial Hospital Building and equipment and invited as many members of the Council to attend this bid letting as find it convenient to do so.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Little, moved that the following cemetery deeds be approved, which motion carried unanimously:

Mrs. Elizabeth P. Carr, Lot No. 19, Section "F", PINEWOOD	\$20.00
Julian Stinson, Lot No. 22, " " "F", "	25.00

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk