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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was duly held at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, May 19, 1943, in the Councilman Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor Baxter presiding and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Daughtry, Cope, Painter, Price, Slye and Ward present.

Absent: Councilman Hovis.

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On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Price, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

WALKOUT OF SANITARY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES DISCUSSED.

Mr. Robert P. Lonergan, representative of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal employees, headed a delegation of former Sanitary Department employees, asking for an impartial consideration of the workers' complaint against the supervision of the Department, renewing their request that they be put back to work and that an impartial committee of three be named to go into their complaint.

After Mr. Lonergan had spoken at great length, Councilman Albea renewed his motion of May 12th., that a fact-finding committee, with the Mayor acting as Chairman, be appointed by the Mayor, which motion was again seconded by Councilman Ward.

Councilman Baker immediately offered a substitute motion that Mr. Lonergan's remarks be received as information, and this motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry.

Councilman Ward then renewed his stand in wanting a fact-finding committee appointed, in order to clear the matter up, regardless of who is right or wrong, and stated that Councilman Little had reported conditions in the Sanitary Department last year, before he went into the Army.

Councilman Baker then stated that he had no objection to a committee being appointed, but that he felt that this was not the time for such, and that he still felt that it should undergo a cooling off period.

Councilman Ward cited Section 69 of the City Charter, which gives the City Council the power to make investigations as to city affairs, etc.

City Manager Flack took the floor and in a lengthy speech, told of the attempts made to keep these employees on their jobs, feeling that they were ill-advised in walking out in such manner, but that he was neither consulted or advised of the action until it was too late, and that while he was sorry for the state of affairs, to grant their demands now would work to their disadvantage.

After Mr. Lonergan had taken the floor again with regard to some of the remarks made by Mr. Flack, a vote was called for on the substitute motion, and same was carried on a show of hands for the affirmative, with Councilmen Atkins, Cope, Daughtry, Painter, Price Slye and Baker voting "Aye." Councilman Bullard asked to be recorded as not voting, stating that it was his first meeting and he knew very little about the matter. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

During the course of discussion, Councilman Baker stated that it was his intention to have the Council request enactment, at the next session of the General Assembly, of an act similar to the Hatch Act to take care of just such an occurrence as this and to prevent a repetition of same.

(By amendment of Council 5-26-43 this added)

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CHESTER NIXON SPEAKS.

Mr. Chester Nixon, a frequent visitor to the Council Chamber, spoke in favor of organized labor and against W.P.A., etc., and renewed a former request for enforcement of the vagrancy law.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE GIFT TO THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION BY THE VARIETY CLUB OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Baker, who moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Councilman Slye and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, it has been called to the attention of the City Council of the City of Charlotte that the Variety Club of the City of Charlotte has made arrangements with the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission to furnish equipment for playgrounds under the supervision of the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission, at a cost of Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars in order that children of the City of Charlotte may be provided with more adequate recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Charlotte is of the opinion that such a gift will go far toward alleviating the juvenile delinquency problem; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Charlotte is of the opinion that such a gift deserves recognition by the governing body of the City of Charlotte,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Charlotte, at a regular meeting of said body, publicly express its appreciation on behalf of itself, and the citizens of the City of Charlotte, of the munificent gift of the Variety Club of Charlotte; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to send an exemplified copy of these resolutions to the Variety Club of Charlotte.

Mayor Baxter stated that he wished to personally compliment the Variety Club on this gift.

APPOINTMENT OF L. L. LEDBETTER AS CITY TREASURER.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Atkins, Mr. L. L. Ledbetter was unanimously appointed to succeed himself as Treasurer of the City of Charlotte.

SALE OF WATER WORKS MATERIAL.

On motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Price, authority was given for the Water Department to sell to Morris Field 4-8" x 8" x 6" cutting-in tees, amounting to \$115.60, and 1-1½" corporation stop, with installation labor, amounting to \$6.90.

This material was listed with the War Production Board Utility Inventory Control Office for this area as surplus in excess of normal inventory requirements.

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PRINTING OF SOLICITATIONS ORDINANCE.

On motion of Councilman Atkins, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, authority was given for the printing in pamphlet form of 500 copies of the Solicitations Ordinance, with form of application, by the Huneycutt Printing Company, at the price of \$31.50.

Bids received from Carolina Printing Company and Southern Printing Company were both \$37.50 each.

PURCHASE OF 4 CARLOADS OF CRUSED STONE.

Bids having been received on 4 car loads of crushed stone to be used in connection with Brevard Street improvements, as follows:

Caldwell Construction Company	- total	\$402.50
Superior Stone Company		412.50
Raleigh Granite Company		419.00

on motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with Caldwell Construction Company for this stone on a unit price basis, at the price per ton of \$1.90 for #2 crushed stone, \$2.10 for #7 and \$2.15 for #9.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL OFFICER FOR WSOC.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea, special officer permit for Joe H. Burns, on the premises of WSOC Radio Station was renewed for one year.

BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

The Mayor announced that he would appoint as a Budget Committee Councilman Slye as Chairman, with Councilmen Bullard and Hovis the other two members, it being time to commence work on the budget for the new fiscal year in a very short time.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion made by Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Slye, the following cemetery deeds were authorized to be issued:

Paul Leopard, Lot No. 68 Section "Z", Elmwood Cemetery	\$ 35.00
Mrs. Hiram D. Elder, Lot No. 64, Section "Z"	31.50

OPINION TO BE SECURED ON VACATIONS FOR SANITARY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES WHO LEFT JOBS.

A member of the delegation of former Sanitary Department employees requested that these employees be granted the vacation periods which would ordinarily be due them, and the City Manager stated that he was securing a ruling from the City Attorney as to whether this could legally be given or not, and if the Attorney so ruled, it was his recommendation that such vacations be allowed.

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE DETENTION COURT TO CONTINUE.

Councilman Baker advised that he and Councilman Albea had been appointed by the former Administration as the Committee from the City Council to serve on the joint committee for the Juvenile Detention and Domestic Relations Court, and Mayor Baxter announced that he would re-appoint these two members as the Council's representatives on this committee.

ADJOURN.

On motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk