

PROCEDURE ADOPTED WITH REFERENCE TO SECURING DATA RELATIVE TO THE WIDENING AND IMPROVING OF 36TH STREET, PLAZA ROAD, CENTRAL AVENUE AND SELWYN AVENUE.

Councilman Boyd read to the Council a statement in reference to the widening and improving of 36th Street, Plaza Road, Central Avenue and Selwyn Avenue and suggested a procedure to be followed in reference to securing certain data for the Council, and filed said statement with the City Clerk to be turned over to the City Manager. Councilman Boyd then moved that the City Manager be requested to carry out the suggestions made in the prepared statement as read in reference to 36th Street, Plaza Road, Selwyn Avenue and Central Avenue, and that said data referred to in said statement be assembled by the City Manager within 30 days and furnished to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF PERSON TO MAKE REGULAR INSPECTIONS OF STREETS AND SIDEWALKS LOOKING TOWARD IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE, DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

Councilman Boyd stated that he feels that regular and frequent inspections of streets and sidewalks in the outlying and colored sections should be made, and that needed repairs be listed in order that the Council may have this information upon which to adopt some definite policy looking toward the improvement and repairs to such streets and sidewalks. He stated further that he feels the Engineering Department, who is doing a fine job on a big scale, is not at present equipped to provide this inspection and information unless some specific person or persons are assigned to do the work. Councilman Van Every stated he feels that some method should be devised whereby such inspections may be made every 90 days.

Following the discussion it was decided that the Council think on the matter and that a plan be decided upon at the next meeting for having the inspections so made.

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 2641-43 BALTIMORE AVENUE TO HENRY L. HARKEY CONFIRMED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the sale of property at 2641-43 Baltimore Avenue at public auction on May 7th to Mr. Henry L. Harkey for \$330.00, was confirmed.

REMOVAL OF TREES IN 300 BLOCK OF TEMPLETON AVENUE APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the removal of three trees from the planting strip in the 300 block of Templeton Avenue, as requested by the Atlantic Refining Company.

PURCHASE OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN MORAVIAN LANE AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Albea moved that the purchase of the sanitary sewer in Moravian Lane be authorized at an estimated cost of \$200.00, from Mr. Charles Creighton and Mr. R. C. Boyce, subject to the approval of deed by the City Attorney. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN AND TRUNK SEWER AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the construction of sanitary sewer mains and trunk sewers was authorized at the following locations, at the City's expense:

- (a) 1,574 feet of 8 inch trunk sewer in Albert and Puhlman Avenues and sewer main in Washburn Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$2,990.00, to serve 13 family units already built and 8 vacant lots.
- (b) 130 feet of 8 inch sewer main in Glendale Road, at an estimated cost of \$465.00, to serve a church and 4 family units under construction.

CONTRACTS AWARDED BETHLEHEM STEEL COMPANY FOR STEEL, AND TO LYNCHBURG FOUNDRY COMPANY FOR PIPE.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing the award of contracts as follows:

- (a) Contract with Bethlehem Steel Company, for 24 tail plates, 159 tail plate anchors and 159 flat head machine screws, all in accordance with the details, at a net delivered price of \$4,040.00, for the Stonewall Street Underpass Project.
- (b) Contract with Lynchburg Foundry Company, for 20,000 feet of 6 inch and 90 feet of 20 inch Cast Iron Pipe, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$29,065.10, for the Water Department.
- (c) Contract with Lynchburg Foundry Company, for schedule of 346 Cast Iron Pipe Fittings, all as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$6,966.83, for the Water Department.

CONTRACT AWARDED GRINNELL COMPANY, INC. FOR GATE VALVES.

Mr. Frank Canipe, representing the Crawford Sprinkler Company, advised that due to the absence of the proper official of his company at the time bids on Gate Valves were requested by the City of Charlotte, they were unable to submit a direct bid and asked their representative, the M. & H. Valve & Fitting Company of Anniston, Ala. to submit a direct bid, which they did, in the amount of \$8,714.16, which was the low bid received by the City, and \$7.50 lower than the next price submitted by a bidder. That it is their understanding that the recommendation is being made to the Council that the contract for the Valves be awarded to the next bidder, Grinnell Company, and that his Company feels the bid should be awarded the low bidder.

At the request of Mayor Shaw, the City's Purchasing Agent, Mr. C. E. Beatty, explained that the recommendation that the contract for the order of 120 - 6 inch and 50 - 8 inch Gate Valves be awarded Grinnell Company, Inc., on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$8,900.00 subject to cash discount of \$178.00, is based on the delivery time. That the M & H Valve & Fitting Company's bid states they can start delivery within 30 days and complete it within 90 to 120 days, which will not permit delivery to the City in time to fill the needs of the Water Department. That the bid of Grinnell Company, Inc., states they will make delivery within three to four weeks. He stated further that after the bids were publicly opened and read, he was advised by phone that the M & H Valve & Fitting Company could make delivery of a part of the order immediately. However, that under the law the Purchasing Agent cannot negotiate with a bidder as to a change in his bid, but that the Council can do so. He advised that either the Grinnell Company's valve or that of M & H Valve & Fitting Company meets the specifications.

Councilman Baxter stated he believes that the low bid should be accepted when submitted by a reputable bidder and meets the specifications, whether submitted by an intown or out of town bidder, otherwise firms will stop bidding on our requirements. That it was not stated in the specifications, or advertisement that it was an emergency purchase, and therefore the time of delivery of the low bidder should be acceptable to the City. He moved that the contract be awarded the low bidder, M & H Valve & Fitting Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, who stated he believes that low bids should be accepted by the City.

A substitute motion was made by Councilman Van Every that the contract be awarded as recommended by the Purchasing Agent. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and carried with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Albea, Jordan and Van Every.  
NAY: Councilmen Baxter, Boyd and Dellinger.

Mayor Shaw then cast the deciding vote in favor of the motion.

CONTRACTS AWARDED DEWEY BROS. INC. FOR VALVE BOXES AND MONTGOMERY CRAWFORD, INC. FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman VanEvery, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contracts were awarded as follows:

- (a) Contract with Dewey Bros. Inc., for 100 #1 and 100 #2 Valve Boxes, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total of \$1,310.00, subject to cash discount of \$26.20.
- (b) Contract with Montgomery & Crawford, Inc., for 10,000 feet of No. 14, 3-conductor solid 3/64" wall insulation, 3/64" Neoprene Jacket Type Cable, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total of \$1,750.00, subject to 2% cash discount, for the Traffic Engineering Department.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the construction of driveway entrances at the following locations was authorized:

- (a) One 9 ft. entrance at 517 Ideal Way.
- (b) One 8 ft. entrance at 328 Walnut Avenue.
- (c) One 9 ft. entrance at 2538-40 E. 7th Street.
- (d) One 18 ft. entrance at 200-02 Bacon Street.
- (e) One 18 ft. entrance at 201-03 Lima Avenue.
- (f) One 9 ft. entrance at 1125 Kings Drive.
- (g) One 9 ft. entrance at 2542-44 East 7th Street.
- (h) One 10 ft. entrance at 1649 Club Road.
- (i) One 12 ft. entrance at 1318 W. 6th Street.
- (j) One 11 ft. entrance at 2535 Selwyn Avenue.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with C. H. Gover and wife, transferred from Mrs. Coralie A. Bethea, for the north half of Lot 180, in Section U, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00 for transfer.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Coralie A. Bethea, Executrix of W. H. Bethea, for south half of Lot 180, in Section U, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00 for deed.

PRACTICE OF CONSIDERING ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA ONLY WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF COUNCIL DISCONTINUED.

Councilman Baxter moved that the present practice of considering items not listed on the Agenda of business only with the unanimous consent of the Council be discontinued in the future. He stated he believes it to be contrary to the democratic principle on which this Council operates. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

MAIN STREET FROM WALLACE STREET TO BAXTER STREET TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, Main Street from Wallace Street to Baxter Street, was taken over for maintenance, as recommended by the City Engineer.

SALE OF BUILDING NO. 62-B AT MORRIS FIELD TO WESTOVER BAPTIST CHURCH.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the sale of Building No. 62-B at Morris Field to the Westover Baptist Church at a price of \$500.00.

## ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO TAXICAB OPERATIONS IN THE EVENT A STRIKE PREVENTS OPERATIONS OF DUKE POWER BUSES.

The following ordinance was introduced and read:

"BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:

Section 1. In the event Duke Power buses may cease to operate because of strike and during the continuation of such strike, the Taxicab Ordinance of the City of Charlotte is hereby amended to the end that the several licensed taxicabs in the City of Charlotte may haul up to five (5) passengers without being in violation of the taxicab ordinance, and further that for the duration of such strike the operation of taxi-meters on taxicabs is suspended, and that the maximum fare that may be charged for any passenger transported by taxicabs in the City of Charlotte is hereby established at 25¢ per head.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective only in the event of such strike and for the duration of such strike.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its adoption.

A communication was presented from Chief of Police Frank N. Littlejohn, advising that the managements of Yellow Cab Company, Baker Cab Company, Victory Cab Company and Beaty Bros., have each endorsed the foregoing ordinance as it applies to the operation of taxicabs on the streets of Charlotte, for the duration of the Duke Power Bus Drivers strike.

Councilman Boyd moved the adoption of the ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned in respect to the memory of Mrs. Richard L. Young, wife of Mr. R. L. Young, Reporter for The Charlotte News, and Mr. J. C. Tribble, father of Mr. Hal Tribble, Reporter for The Charlotte Observer.

  
City Clerk