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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, May 29, 1945, with Mayor Barter presiding, and Councilmen Hinson, Johnston, Newson, Puette, McIntyre and White present.

Absent: Councilman Childs.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Newson, seconded by Councilman Hinson, the minutes of the meeting on May 16, 1945 were approved as read.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Puette, the minutes of the meeting on May 22, 1945 were approved as read.

RESIGNATION OF CHARLOTTE PLANNING BOARD CITIZEN MEMBERS.

Mr. C. W. Gilchrist, Chairman of the Charlotte Planning Board submitted in writing the resignation of the three citizen members of the Board. A report of the work and activities of the Board, together with recommendations was presented each Councilman by Mr. Gilchrist.

The Mayor and Council expressed regret and concern at the Board's action. Councilman McIntyre requested that the Board withhold its resignation for a period of 30 days, and in the interim advise with the Council in detail concerning the entire matter. Mr. Gilchrist expressed the Board's willingness to comply with the request.

REQUEST THAT PARKING STRIP IN EAST MOREHEAD STREET NOT BE ELIMINATED MADE BY MR. AUBREY ELLIOTT.

Mr. Aubrey Elliott, Principal, Alexander Graham Junior High School, requested that the parking strip in East Morehead Street, in front of the school, not be eliminated as proposed by Council. He asked that a 4 to 6 foot strip be left in the center of the street should the City decide to reduce the strip. He also suggested that large reflectors be placed at the ends of the parking strip to eliminate a traffic hazard.

The Mayor advised Mr. Elliott his suggestions would be given consideration by the Council.

BIDS ACCEPTED ON TAXFORECLOSED PROPERTY AS RECOMMENDED BY APPRAISAL COMMITTEE.

Councilman Newson, reporting for the Appraisal Committee, recommended the acceptance of the bids on tax foreclosed property as follows:

Bid of \$675.00 on property located at 1116-24 North Davidson Street, being Tax Suit No. 478.

Bid of \$1,180.00 on property located at 1217-19 Seigle Avenue.

Bid of \$125.00 on property located at 925 East 8th Street, being Tax Suit No. 674.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH WRIGHT CLEANING COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWER IN GORDON STREET.

Councilman Johnston moved that contract be entered into with Wright Cleaning Company for the construction of an 8-inch sanitary sewer in Gordon Street, from Commonwealth Avenue towards Central Avenue, a distance

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of 363 feet, at a cost of \$426.80, upon deposit of \$226.80 by the applicant. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

BELVEDERE AVENUE EXTENSION AUTHORIZED PROVIDED FIFTY FOOT STRIP DEEDED TO CITY.

The City Manager advised Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wilson was offering to deed to the city 45-feet of their property on Union Street for the extension of Belvedere Avenue, by the city, from the deadend to Union Street, a distance of 200-feet. The City Manager recommended the extension, provided the Wilsons deeded to the City 50-feet of their property instead of 45-feet. Councilman White moved that the extension be made, provided 50-feet was deeded the City. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried.

NOTICE OF CLAIM OF GUS. D. COTTROS.

The City Manager advised notice of claim in the amount of \$3,000.00 for alleged damages to property by surface water had been filed against the City by Mr. Gus D. Cottros.

NAME OF WESTSIDE AVENUE CHANGED TO PINECREST AVENUE AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING RENAMED TRUMAN ROAD, AS REQUESTED BY PROPERTY OWNERS.

Councilman McIntyre moved that the name of Westside Avenue, which was changed to Pinecrest Avenue at the request of property owners, be renamed Truman Road as property owners now state there is a Pinecrest Avenue in the county. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

ELIMINATION OF PARKING STRIP IN EAST MOREHEAD AND PAVING OF AREA AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Newson moved that the City proceed to eliminate the parking strip in East Morehead Street and pave the entire area, using State Highway funds if possible. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH THE PITOMETER COMPANY FOR HEAD TESTS ON WATER MAINS.

Upon motion of Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Puette, contract was unanimously authorized with The Pitometer Company for making head tests on water mains recently cleaned, at a price of \$75.00 per day, total work not to exceed \$900.00.

PURCHASE OF TRUCK FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED.

Councilman McIntyre moved that the Purchasing Agent be authorized to purchase a half-ton pick-up truck for use by the Health Department, at a cost not to exceed \$975.00, upon receipt of the proper Certificate of Necessity. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

UNEXPENDED BALANCE ON CONTRACT FOR ANHYDROUS AMMONIA AUTHORIZED CANCELLED.

Upon motion of Councilman McIntyre, seconded by Councilman Hinson, authority was unanimously given to cancel the unexpended balance of \$2,215.68 on contract for Anhydrous Ammonia, dated December 6, 1944.

UNEXPENDED BALANCE ON CONTRACT FOR WATER MAINS CLEANING AUTHORIZED CANCELLED.

Councilman McIntyre moved that the unexpended balance of \$28.64 on contract for Water Mains Cleaning, dated November 22, 1944, be cancelled. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

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PETITION REGARDING TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ON TUCKASEEGEE ROAD REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER. ✓

Mayor Baxter presented a Petition which had been filed with him from residents of Tuckaseege Road regarding traffic conditions in that area. He referred the matter to the City Manager with request that same be handled with Captain Henkle of the Police Department for investigation and report.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMEN JOHNSTON AND MCINTYRE TO THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY INDUSTRIAL HOME BOARD.

Councilman Puette moved that the Mayor appoint two members to the Mecklenburg County Industrial Home Board. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

Whereupon, the Mayor appointed Councilmen Johnston and McIntyre as the City's representatives on said Board.

RESIGNATION OF PAUL THOMASON FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION.

Mayor Baxter advised a letter of resignation from the Airport Commission had been received from Mr. Paul Thomason, who advised he was moving from Charlotte.

The Mayor also stated the term of office of Mr. Robert Lassister as a member of the Airport Commission had expired, and the Council should give consideration to filling these vacancies.

REPORT ON NEED FOR INCINERATOR FACILITIES, AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE MATTER.

The City Manager reported that heretofore two applications for additional Incinerator capacity were filed with the Federal Government, both of which were rejected because of critical material involved. He stated there was a pressing need for additional garbage and rubbish disposal. Councilman McIntyre moved that the Mayor appoint a Committee to study the matter.

Whereupon, Mayor Baxter appointed Councilmen Johnston, Newson and the City Manager to the Committee.

PROGRESS REPORT ON CONTRACT WITH J. N. PEASE & COMPANY FOR SEWERAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.

The City Manager reported receipt of a communication from J. N. Pease & Company, stating they were proceeding with their study under their contract with the City for sewerage system improvements.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Puette, seconded by Councilman Newson, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffmann
City Clerk