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A Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, having been duly called for 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, 1946, was held in the Mayor's office, City Hall.

Mayor Baxter presided and the following members were present:

For City - Councilmen Childs, Hinson, Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White.

For County - Chairman McAden, Commissioners Cashion, McDonald and Porter. Absent: Commissioner McEwen.

PURPOSE OF MEETING.

Mayor Baxter stated the meeting was held for the purpose of considering and adopting budget appropriations for joint governmental functions of the City and County for the fiscal year 1946-47, and other matters pertaining to City and County affairs.

VETERANS INFORMATION CENTER.

Commissioner McAden moved that the City and County each appropriate \$6,000.00 for the operation of the Veterans Information Center for 1946-47. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

TAX SUPERVISOR.

Councilman White moved that the recommended amount of \$43,124.00 be approved for the Tax Supervisor's Office for 1946-47, the City to bear 35% of the amount and the County 65%. Motion seconded by Commissioner Porter, and unanimously carried.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE COURTS.

Commissioner McAden advised that the Joint City and County Committee recommended a budget of \$41,148.33 be approved for the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts, this amount to include \$14,340.00 for salaries of five new case workers and of an Assistant to the Judge, and a salary of \$5,000.00 for the Judge, and an amount estimated at \$3,000.00 for the care of juveniles in homes in lieu of the Juvenile Jail which will be abandoned. Councilman Hinson moved that the budget of \$41,148.33 be approved as recommended, the City and County to share in the cost on a 50/50 basis. Motion seconded by Commissioner McDonald, and unanimously carried.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Councilman McIntyre moved that the budget of \$3,405.00 be approved for 1946-47 for the Weights and Measures Office, the City and County to share in the amount on a 50/50 basis. Motion seconded by Commissioner McAden, and unanimously carried.

INDUSTRIAL HOME.

Councilman McIntyre moved that a budget of \$11,465.00 be approved for the Industrial Home, the City and County to share in the amount on a 50/50 basis. Motion seconded by Commissioner Porter, and unanimously carried.

Commissioner McDonald introduced the following resolution

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after a discussion relative to the abandonment of the Industrial Home:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Charlotte and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners be and they hereby are authorized, directed, and empowered to appoint a Committee to represent the Governing Body of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County to work with our legislative delation during the 1947 session of Legislature toward abolishing continued operation of and the liquidation of the assets of Mecklenburg Industrial Home.

Commissioner McDonald moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

CHARITY HOSPITALIZATION.

Councilman Puette moved that a budget amounting to \$63,865.04 for Charity Hospitalization be approved, on a basis of \$3.50 per patient per day to Good Samaritan Hospital and \$4.00 per patient per day to other hospitals, the City to bear 65% of the amount and the County 35%. Motion seconded by Commissioner McAden, and unanimously carried.

PAUPER BURIALS.

Commissioner McDonald moved that the same policy as heretofore adopted be approved, namely: the County to furnish the cost of the coffins for which they have budgeted \$400.00, and the City to furnish the lot and pay the cost of grave digging. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner McAden advised that the County had set up the amount of \$19,420.00 as its share of the costs of the City Health Department.

An opinion was voiced by the Council that the appropriation was not sufficient and should be materially increased. Following the discussion Councilman Newson moved that the City request an increase of 25% in the proposed appropriation prorated on items as detailed in the 1945-46 County appropriation. Motion seconded by Commissioner McDonald, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Baxter requested Commissioner McAden to present the request to the Board of Commissioners, and asked the City Manager to attend the meeting at which the matter was presented and to inform the Commissioners of the City Health Department expenses.

MATERNITY CLINIC.

Commissioner McAden moved that a budget of \$15,000.00 be approved for the Maternity Clinic, the City and County to share 50/50 in this amount. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

FIRE PROTECTION OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Flack, City Manager, Councilman Hinson moved that the matter of Fire Protection Outside the City Limits be referred to the City Council and they confer with Chief Palmer of the Charlotte Fire Department relative to same, and that Mr. Flack be directed to make a report to the Board of County Commissioners by Monday, May 13, 1946. Motion seconded by Commissioner McAden, and unanimously carried.

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APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE COURTS.

Commissioner McAden moved that Judge F. Marion Redd be re-appointed Judge of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts at a salary of \$5,000.00 per year. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF TAX SUPERVISOR.

Commissioner McAden moved that Mr. J. Arthur Henderson be reappointed Tax Supervisor, at a salary of \$3,300.00 per year. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston and unanimously carried.

JOINT COMMITTEE TO STUDY MEANS OF FINDING UNLISTED PROPERTY.

Commissioner McDonald expressed the opinion that the taxable value of the City and County could be materially increased if both governments would budget sufficient amounts to employ four men each to do nothing but reappraise real and personal property. Also, that both governments should operate schools probably in December of each year for the instruction of list takers. Councilman Newson voiced his approval of the suggestion that personal property in particular should be reappraised.

Following the discussion, Councilman Newson moved that a joint City and County Committee be appointed to study ways and means of finding unlisted property, the Committee to report within 30 days. Also, that \$10,000.00 be appropriated in both the City and County budgets for 1946-47 to cover expenses of additional personnel in the Tax Offices. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cashion, and unanimously carried.

HOME DEMONSTRATION.

Councilman Hinson moved that a budget estimated by the County at \$4,000.00 be approved for Home Demonstration, this amount to include salary of Assistant Home Demonstrator, traveling expenses and scientific supplies and salary of a Secretary; the City and County to share 50/50 in the cost. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cashion, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Commissioner McAden, seconded by Councilman Hinson, the meeting adjourned.

Lucian R. Haffman
 City Clerk