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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, November 8, 1944, with Mayor Baxter presiding and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Painter and Price being present.

Absent: Councilmen Baker, Hovis, Slye and Ward.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Atkins, duly seconded by Councilman Painter, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

SALE OF OLD AUDITORIUM PROPERTY AT NORTH COLLEGE AND EAST FIFTH STREETS TO FRANK F. JONES, AGENT, RATIFIED.

Councilman Bullard moved that the sale be ratified on the Old Auditorium Property, at North College and East Fifth Streets to Frank F. Jones, Agent, at a price of \$51,000.00 as bid at public sale on October 16, 1944. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried.

APPROPRIATION FROM EMERGENCY FUND FOR INSTALLATION OF TAX COLLECTING SYSTEM.

Councilman Daughtry moved that \$2,550.00 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund for the installation of the new Tax Collecting System, as recommended by the Special Committee of Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED LYNCHBURG FOUNDRY COMPANY FOR CAST IRON PIPE AND FITTINGS.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Lynchburg Foundry Company, for 20,710 feet of Cast Iron Pipe and 55,300 pounds of Cast Iron Fittings, at a net delivered price of \$60,981.45. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED GRINNELL COMPANY, INC. FOR GATE VALVES.

Councilman Atkins moved that contract be awarded Grinnell Company, Inc., for 65 Gate Valves, at a net delivered price of \$6,040.40. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried.

INSTALLATION OF STREET STOP SIGNS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Daughtry moved that the recommendation of the Chief Safety Inspector be approved to install Stop Signs at Liddell and North Church Streets; Tommey Avenue and South Tryon Street; and Tremont Avenue and South Tryon Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF STAMPED ENVELOPES AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Albea moved that authority be given for the purchase of 30,000 - 3/4 stamped envelopes for the Water Department, at \$274.40. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF VALVE REPAIR PARTS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Albea moved that authority be given for the purchase of repair parts for the 24 inch Gate Valve from R. D. Wood Company, at \$154.00 f.o.b. Florence, N. J. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried.

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT GRANTED CHARLEY DEAN.

Councilman Atkins moved that Special Officer Permit held by Charley Dean on the premises of Fred Kemp Cafe be renewed for one year. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

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DEED ACCEPTED TO STRIP OF LAND ALONG KENSINGTON DRIVE FOR STREET WIDENING.

Councilman Albea moved that the City accept deed to a five foot strip of land along Kensington Drive on Lot 8, Block 5, belonging to C. B. Tickle, for the purpose of widening Kensington Drive, between Winter Street and Chatham Avenue, and that the necessary work be authorized. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried.

DEED ACCEPTED TO PROPERTY ON FIRTH COURT WEST FOR STREET OPENING, AND FUNDS APPROPRIATED FROM EMERGENCY FUND FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Albea moved that deed be accepted to property of W. E. Love across Lots 19 to 27, inclusive and all of Lot 28, on Firth Court West, for the purpose of opening Randall Street, between Firth Court East and Firth Court West, and that \$674.30 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund for work incident to the street opening. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

AMENDMENT TO SICK LEAVE RULE ADOPTED.

The City Manager reported an omission in the Rule For Sick Leave of City Employees heretofore adopted, and presented the following amendment: "That new employees be entitled to one day sick leave for each month worked during the first year's employment". Councilman Albea moved that the amendment be adopted. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard, and unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZATION OF NEGOTIATIONS RELATIVE TO SECURING OPTIONS ON CITY BLOCK FOR WAR MEMORIAL ERECTION.

Mayor Baxter requested Council to secure options on property bounded on the North by East 5th Street, on the South by East Trade Street, on the West by North Davidson Street and on the East by North Alexander Street with a view towards the erection of a War Memorial thereon. Councilman Price moved that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate with a qualified Realtor relative to the cost of securing said options and report back to Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Councilman Daughtry moved that the following cemetery deeds be approved for transfer:

George Antonio, Lot No. 154, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$63.00.
C. T. Hanline and wife Margaret B. Hanline, Lot No. 180, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$63.00.

Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk