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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, October 11, 1939, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Baxter, Britt, Hovis, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides, Ward and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilmen Albea and Hudson.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS READ AND APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the minutes of the meetings of September 27th. and October 4th., were unanimously approved as read.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHAPEL IN THE CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

At the request of Mr. Paul Whitlock, representing the Board of Trustees of St. Peter's Hospital, and on motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the following Resolution, approving the equipping of a Chapel in the Charlotte Memorial Hospital, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Council is advised that the Board of Trustees of St. Peter's Hospital has offered to finish the interior of the chapel in the Charlotte Memorial Hospital and to furnish the chapel, including stained-glass windows, at an aggregate cost of approximately \$7,200.00, and has requested permission to have plans and specifications made, which shall be submitted to the Council for approval, and, upon such approval, to proceed with the construction work, all without cost to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the request be granted, and that the Council hereby assures the Trustees of St. Peter's Hospital that it sincerely appreciates their generous cooperation in the construction and equipment of the Memorial Hospital;

RESOLVED, FURTHER that the Mayor and City Manager be and they are hereby authorized to act for the Council in inspecting and approving plans for the finishing and furnishing of the chapel.

PIEDMONT KENNEL CLUB GRANTED USE OF ARMORY-AUDITORIUM FOR DOG SHOW AT COST.

On motion of Councilman Britt, seconded by Councilman Little, the Piedmont Kennel Club was granted the use of the Armory-Auditorium for their annual dog show, for two days, at cost.

COLORIED BARBERS ASSOCIATION PROTESTING ORDINANCE ADOPTED AT LAST MEETING REGULATING OPENING AND CLOSING HOURS.

A committee from the Colored Barbers Association, T. J. Vanlandingham, Chairman, appeared before the Council in protest of the ordinance adopted at the last meeting regulating the opening and closing of barber shops, on the grounds that the average negro is unable to get to the barber shop during the present hours; and they asked for the privilege

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of remaining open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. on Mondays through Fridays, and from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. on Saturdays.

Councilman Hovis moved that a committee from the Council be appointed to work with representatives from the different Associations in an effort to see if they can be aided, and to report back at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Little and unanimously carried.

The Mayor appointed Councilman Hovis as Chairman of this committee, with Councilmen Huntley and Little as the other two members.

EAST FIFTH STREET, BETWEEN FOX AND TORRENCE STREETS, TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Hovis and unanimously carried, the two blocks of East Fifth Street, between Fox Street and Torrence Street, were taken over for city maintenance.

NOTICE OF SUIT OF H. A. WAITT AGAINST CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Notice of suit of H. A. Waitt against the City of Charlotte for alleged injuries to his person received when his crutches caught in a hole in the sidewalk on East Trade Street, near College Street, in the amount of \$5,000.00, was turned over to the City Attorney for handling.

1938-39 ANNUAL REPORT DISTRIBUTED.

Copies of the 1938-39 Annual Report, just off the press, were furnished the Council.

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL OF STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION IN TAKING CURVE OUT OF STATESVILLE ROAD NEAR PROPERTY OF CITY OF CHARLOTTE PURCHASED FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES.

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Wilkinson and seconded by Councilman Sides, and upon being put to vote was unanimously carried:

"WHEREAS, that improvement designated by the State Highway and Public Works Commission as Project #6535, is considered to be the most necessary improvement in the highway system in the corporate limits of the said municipality, for the promotion of public safety and convenience:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above Project #6535 be and is hereby formally approved by the City Council of the said municipality, and that the Mayor and Clerk of the said municipality be and are hereby empowered to sign and execute the required agreements between the said municipality and the State Highway and Public Works Commission."

MRS. STELLA PATTERSON GRANTED THIRTY DAYS NOTICE, WITH PAY, INCLUDING TWO WEEKS VACATION TIME.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, Mrs. Stella Patterson, former Policewoman, was granted thirty days notice of the abolishing of the office of Policewoman, with

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pay, which thirty day notice includes her two weeks vacation period, or an additional two weeks notice to that of her vacation.

Mr. Scarborough advised that in view of this motion, it will be necessary to amend the ordinance adopted last week, abolishing the position of Policewoman, and on motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the following ordinance, amending the ordinance passed at the last meeting, was adopted on three readings, with Councilmen Britt, Little and Nance, voting "No".

AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE
TO ABOLISH THE OFFICE OR POSITION OF POLICE-
WOMAN IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA".

THE CITY COUNCIL in regular session do ordain:

Section 1. That the Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO ABOLISH THE OFFICE OR POSITION OF POLICEWOMAN IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA", passed on October 4, 1939, be amended by striking out therein the words "October Sixteenth, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-nine" and substituting therefor the following "November First, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-nine".

LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF CHIEF FRANK N. LITTLEJOHN DISCUSSED.

Councilman Baxter brought up the question of the leave of absence of Chief Frank N. Littlejohn, stating that Mr. Littlejohn had been notified, through the dispatching of a police car with two officers in it, to Pacolet, S. C., where he is recuperating from illness, that his leave of absence would expire on November 1st., which he felt was not in the interest of economy when a three-cent stamp would have carried the same message, and stated that in view of the fact that other police officers had been paid for several months duration while sick, he felt that Chief Littlejohn should be paid his salary during this leave of absence.

A lengthy discussion arose, during which Mr. L. L. Ledbetter, Treasurer, was sent for regarding the paying of salaries to Chief Nolan, Capt. Joyner and others while out on sick leaves. Councilman Baxter made a motion that this Council go on record as recommending to the Police Department that Chief Littlejohn be given his leave of absence with pay, but later withdrew the motion, and Councilman Hovis moved that the matter be held in abeyance until the return of the City Manager, which was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

GENERAL MECKLENBURG TO BE NOTIFIED OF REASON FOR COUNCIL'S ACTION IN ABOLISHING OFFICE OF POLICEWOMAN.

Councilman Sides stated that in view of the letter of General Mecklenburg, appearing in the last Sunday's issue of The Charlotte Observer, wanting to know the reason for the abolishing of the office of Policewoman, he moved that the Clerk send the following Resolution to General Macklenburg, telling him just why he voted for the Ordinance:

"The reason I voted for this Ordinance was that we have over in the Police Department, as heads of the Department, a Commissioner of Police (Mr. Keely Grice) and a Chief of Police (Chief Nolan) who said that the position was not necessary and I took it for granted that they were telling the truth." Councilman Sides added that when Mr. Marshall, as Business Manager for the City of Charlotte recommends the removal or replacing of a City employee, the Council usually follows his recommendation.

Councilman Sides motion was seconded by Councilman Little, and carried, and it was suggested that the letter be sent to General Mecklenburg over the names of the seven Councilman to whom General Mecklenburg's letter was addressed.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the following cemetery deeds and perpetual care agreements were approved:

Mrs. Alma Phillips Hoke, South Half lot 19, Section B.B. Elmwood	\$63.00
Mrs. Lillie S. Brown, Lot 124-B, "D Annex"	48.50
Perpetual care on " "	24.25
Mrs. Paul M. Sherrill, South Half Lot 54, Section "X"	62.65
Perpetual care on " " "	54.85
Mrs. W. E. Outen, South Half Lot 58, Section "X"	62.65
Perpetual care on " " "	54.85
W. S. Hough, Lot 24, Section "Y"	63.00
Perpetual care on " "	45.00
Mrs. C. E. B. Mendenhall, Lot 85, Section "Y"	35.00
Mrs. Mazie G. Cooper, Lot 102, Section "Y"	35.00
Verdie and Leacon Harris, Lot 12, Section "G", West Pinewood	49.50

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Little, the meeting then adjourned.

Alice B. Powell
City Clerk