

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, October 19, 1949, with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Jordan.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

BID OF AMERICAN SUPERIOR FIRE ALARM SIGNAL COMPANY FOR FIRE ALARM EQUIPMENT REQUESTED ACCEPTED.

The American Superior Fire Alarm Signal Company was represented by Mr. Arthur Goodman, Attorney, and Mr. H. T. Smith, Company Engineer, in behalf of the City's acceptance of the Company's bid on fire alarm equipment, recently submitted. Mr. Goodman urged that their bid, which was the lowest bid submitted, be accepted and the difference of \$13,000.00 in the two bids received be saved. He advised their submission of a Western Union Money Order as a bid guarantee, in lieu of a certified check as called for in the Bid Advertisement, meets the requirements of the State Statutes and should be acceptable and their bid not ruled out on this technicality. Also, the lack of submitting a sample Control Panel, which would cost the Company \$5,000.00 to set up in Charlotte, should not be considered as not fulfilling the specifications, since the City's Purchasing Agent advised that the payment of the expenses of a Committee from the City to their Battleboro, Vermont, plant to view a Control Panel, would be acceptable.

Following the discussion of the matter, the Council advised the bid of the Superior Fire Alarm Signal Company was not being ruled out on the technicality of the manner in which the bid guarantee was submitted. That the Council had personally investigated, with the Chief of the Fire Department, his Assistants and the Fire Alarm System experts, the merits of the equipment of the two Companies who submitted bids, and the Council believed it to be in the best interest of the City to purchase the equipment of The Gamewell Company, as recommended by the City Manager and Fire Department Officials for its superiority after years of experience with its use.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BIDDLEVILLE SCHOOL P.T.A. EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR POLICE PATROL AT BEATTY'S FORD ROAD AND MATTOON STREET.

Representatives of the Biddleville School Parent-Teacher Association, with Mr. C. H. Beckwith as spokesman, expressed appreciation for the Police Patrol for school children at Beatty's Ford Road and Mattoon Street, and requested that it be continued. He also stated a traffic light at Oaklawn and Booker Avenues, in the vicinity of the school, would be of great benefit in reducing the speed of cars nearing the school. Also, that signs indicating the approach to a school, etc., be erected on Beatty's Ford Road.

The City Manager advised that the Police Patrol will be continued for the duration of the school term. Mayor Shaw stated an improvement site had already been made and the signs referred to by the P.T.A. are in the process of being made.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF REQUEST FOR RELINQUISHMENT AND TRANSFER OF INTEREST OF UNITED STATES IN PUBLIC HOUSING AT MORRIS FIELD.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Request for the Relinquishment and Transfer of the Interest of the United States in Public Housing at Morris Field" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, was adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 208.

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR EXTENSION OF HAWTHORNE LANE.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution with Respect to the Acquisition of Land for the Extension of Hawthorne Lane" was introduced and read. Motion was made by Councilman Aitken that the resolution be adopted as read. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Pages 209-210.

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO ACQUISITION OF DALTON PROPERTY FOR EXTENSION OF HAWTHORNE LANE DEFERRED FOR NEGOTIATION.

The Council unanimously concurred in the deferment of action on the Resolution with Respect to Acquisition of the Dalton Property for the Extension of Hawthorne Lane until further handling by the City Attorney with the property owners.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the construction of new sanitary sewers was authorized as follows:

- (a) Construction of 1,310 feet of 8-inch sewer in Downs Avenue from Florida Ave. west to near The Plaza, at an estimated cost of \$2,915.55, to serve 25 houses. All cost to be borne by the City.
- (b) Construction of 330 feet of 8-inch sewer in Mona Drive, at an estimated cost of \$620.00, to serve 6 houses and 2 vacant lots. All cost to be borne by the City.
- (c) Construction of 980 feet of 8-inch sewer in Oak and Celia Streets, at an estimated cost of \$1,684.10, to serve 9 houses and 26 vacant lots. All cost to be borne by the City.
- (d) Construction of 605 feet of 8-inch sewer in St. John Street, at an estimated cost of \$1,295.14, to serve 8 houses. All cost to be borne by the City.
- (e) Contract with John Crosland Company, for the construction of 1,850 feet of sewer in Union Street, to serve 8 vacant lots; in Parson Street to serve 10 vacant lots and in Parson Street from Drummond Ave. to near Everett Place, to serve 21 vacant lots, at a total estimated cost of \$4,066.70. All cost to be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of \$4,066.70 to be refunded if and when 11 additional houses are connected to said sewer and in accordance with the terms of the contract.
- (f) Contract with Fort Bragg Housing Corp., for the construction of 1,695 feet of sewer in Cypress Street, Dunkirk Drive and Spruce Street, at an estimated cost of \$7,000.95, to serve 37 vacant lots. All cost to be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of full amount to be refunded in accordance with the terms of the contract.

NAME OF ASH STREET CHANGED TO DUNKIRK DRIVE.

Councilman Albea moved that the name of Ash Street, from Spruce Street to Cypress Street, in Wilmore Section, be changed to Dunkirk Drive, as recommended by the Planning Board, upon request of the developer of the property. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Aitken and unanimously carried, authorizing taking over for maintenance the following streets:

- (a) Fordham Road, from end of pavement, to West Boulevard.
- (b) Kimberly Road, from Fordham Road, to Remount Avenue.

APPLICATION FOR LOCATION OF WAREHOUSE AT 628 TUCKASEEGE ROAD APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried, the application of the P & N Realty Company to locate a Storage Warehouse, consisting of approximately 31,800 square feet, at 628 Tuckaseege Road, in an Industrial Zone, was approved.

CONTRACT FOR FIRE ALARM SIGNALLING SYSTEM AWARDED THE GAMEWELL COMPANY.

Councilman Coddington moved that contract be awarded The Gamewell Company for furnishing and installing Fire Alarm Signalling System, as specified in the contract, and furnishing and delivering f.o.b. Charlotte, Fire Alarm Devices and Equipment as specified, at a net delivered price of \$119,618.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Boyd stated, for the record, he was voting for the award of the contract to The Gamewell Company after personal investigation with Fire Chief Charles and his Assistants and Fire Alarm System Experts, who thinks it is for the best interest of the City of Charlotte to purchase this equipment in place of any other on which bids were submitted.

CONTRACT AWARDED THE MICHEALS ART BRONZE COMPANY FOR 19 PARKING METERS.

Motion was made by Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, authorizing the award of contract to The Micheals Art Bronze Company, for 19, 90-minute Parking Meters, at a price of \$51.50 each, representing a total price of \$978.50, f.o.b. Charlotte.

PERMISSION GRANTED CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION TO PLAY CAROLS FROM BUILDING NEAR INDEPENDENCE SQUARE ON NOVEMBER 16, 1949.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the request of Mr. Earl Crawford was granted permitting the Christmas Festival Association to play carols from some building in the vicinity of Independence Square throughout November 16th.

CLAIM OF MRS. LOLA J. LEDFORD REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY.

Councilman Aitken moved that the Claim of Mrs. Lola J. Ledford, filed by her attorney, Mr. Elbert E. Foster, in the amount of \$5,000.00, for personal injuries alleged to have been sustained on October 4, 1949 from stepping into a hole, or broken part, in the sidewalk on the north side of the first block of West 6th Street, be referred to the City Attorney for handling. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN FOR THE PRESENTATION OF UNDOCKETED ITEMS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Aitken, the unanimous consent of Council was given the City Manager to present the following items not included in the Council Meeting Docket.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

The following resolution was introduced and read:

"RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 80 was introduced by the City Council of the City of Charlotte at its meeting on October 5, 1949, and

WHEREAS, at said meeting a resolution was passed in connection with said Ordinance setting the time of hearing for October 26th at 11 o'clock a.m., and providing for publication thereof; and

WHEREAS, advertisement, as required by law, was interrupted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE: That, paragraph (1) and (2) in said Resolution, adopted October 5, 1949, in connection with Ordinance No. 80, be, and the same is, hereby stricken out and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(1) That, the 9th day of November at 11 o'clock A.M., be fixed as the time in the Council Chamber, in the City Hall, as the place for the public hearing on the proposed amendment, as above set out.

(2) That, this Resolution be published in The Charlotte News not later than October 21st, 1949, and again one week later."

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted. Resolution is also recorded in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 210.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.


City Clerk