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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, October 29, 1946, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Childs, Hinson, Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White present.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend J. G. Brawley, Pastor Glenwood A. R. P. Church.

REQUEST OF JAMES MILLER FOR PERMISSION TO PREACH ON CITY STREETS.

Mayor Baxter advised James Miller that his request for permission to preach on the city streets would be considered, and he would be advised.

REQUEST OF CHARLOTTE RESCUE MISSION FOR REFUND OF WATER ACCOUNT, DEFERRED.

Mr. Guy M. Beatty, Chairman, Board of Directors, Charlotte Rescue Mission, requested that the amount paid for water used at the Mission be refunded. He stated their water bill now amounted to approximately \$450.00 per annum. That their organization was operated solely by contributions and they were unable to pay for water used since the water rate had been increased.

Mayor Baxter stated the request would be considered and Mr. Beatty advised as to Councils decision.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEED TO PROPERTY AT 1564-66 MERRIMAN AVE. IN EXTINGUISHMENT OF TAX AND PAVING LIENS.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Newson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted as read:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DEED
OF MRS. BESSIE CHALMERS DICKSON AND HUSBAND,
W. K. DICKSON, TO PROPERTY AT 1564-66 MERRIMAN
AVENUE IN EXTINGUISHMENT OF TAX AND PAVING
LIENS.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bessie Chalmers Dickson, wife of W. K. Dickson, is the owner in fee simple of Lot 8 in Block 27 of Wilmore as shown on map recorded in Book 230, page 297, of the Registry for Mecklenburg County, which is located at Nos. 1564-66 Merriman Avenue in the City of Charlotte, free and clear of liens and encumbrances except city taxes, principal and interest, in the amount of \$98.02, county taxes, principal and interest, in the amount of \$39.84, Special Assessment Account No. 23027, in the amount, principal and interest, of \$560.11, and accrued court costs in Tax Suit No. 396 in the amount of \$18.05; and whereas, the said Mrs. Bessie Chalmers Dickson and her husband have proposed, pursuant to the provisions of Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, to execute and deliver their deed conveying said property to said City, subject to the lien of county taxes, in extinguishment of all liens of said City against said property and of the costs accrued in the aforesaid tax suit; and whereas, the said property is assessed for taxation at a valuation of \$335.00 and its fair market value is in excess of \$155.91 which is the aggregate amount of the aforesaid tax liens of both City and County and the aforesaid costs,

RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that the City of Charlotte accept the proposed deed and that the City Accountant and City Treasurer be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to issue checks in payment of city and county taxes and accrued court costs and that the aforesaid special assessment account be charged to the City.

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LEASE WITH EASTERN AIR LINES FOR USE OF AIRPORT FACILITIES.

Councilman Childs moved that a Lease-Agreement be authorized with Eastern Air Lines for the use of Douglas Municipal Airport concurrently and in conjunction with any other air carriers which may subsequently be licensed, for a period of five years from October 15, 1946. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR GRAVE OPENINGS AND DISINTERMENTS FOR EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

Councilman Puette moved that the schedule of fees for grave openings and disinterments at Evergreen Cemetery, as established and submitted by the City Manager, be adopted, effective as of November 1, 1946, and that a copy of the schedule be filed with the City Clerk. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

PLATS OF "PLAZA ACRES SUBDIVISION" AND SUBDIVISION OWNED BY CHARLOTTE LUMBER & MANUFACTURING COMPANY IN SOUTHERN SECTION OF CITY, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Childs, plats of (1) Plaza Acres Subdivision, owned by Charles E. Myers, located near The Plaza, and (2) Subdivision owned by Charlotte Lumber and Manufacturing Company, located between Southern Railway Company property and York Road, in the southern section of the city, were unanimously approved.

TEMPORARY ADVANCE OF FUNDS TO CHARLOTTE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR ESTABLISHING RENTAL OFFICE FOR VETERANS HOUSING UNITS AT AIRPORT.

Councilman Hinson moved that \$1,500.00 be temporarily advanced to the Charlotte Housing Authority from "Reserve Unappropriated Income" Account, for use in establishing a rental office for the Veterans Housing Units at the Douglas Municipal Airport, upon agreement that said amount will be refunded from the first rentals collected from the Housing Units. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT CANCELLED WITH SOUTHERN HOMES, INC. FOR WATER INSTALLATION IN ATANDO ROAD, AS REQUESTED.

Councilman Hinson moved that the request of the Southern Homes, Inc., be granted to cancel contract made with them on July 23, 1946 for the installation of water mains in Atando Road. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR PUMPS AND EQUIPMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VEST PUMPING STATION.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Childs, contracts for Pumps and Equipment for Improvements to Vest Pumping Station were unanimously awarded as follows:

DeLaval Steam Turbine Company

For three motor driven high service pumping units and electric controls, at base price of \$36,535.00; increased price, if any, not to exceed 20% of base price.

Worthington Pump & Machinery Corporation

One engine driven high service pumping unit, at base price of \$12,669.00; increased price, if any, not to exceed 15% of base price.

S. Morgan Smith Company

One 14-inch and three 16-inch Cone Type Stop-Check Valves, for the sum of \$9,304.00.

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Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company

Seven Gate Valves, of sizes 30 inches to 48 inches, for the sum of \$16,162.00.

Builders-Providence, Inc.

One Venturi Meter, at the price of \$3,997.00; increased price, if any, not to exceed 10% of price.

PERMISSION GRANTED THE SALVATION ARMY TO OPERATE BOOTH AND PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AT NORTHWEST CORNER OF INDEPENDENCE SQUARE DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, granting permission to The Salvation Army to operate a Booth at the north-west corner of Independence Square, and use a public address system for playing carols and making announcements, during the Christmas season.

LEASE OF BUILDINGS AT AIRPORT REPORTED.

The City Manager reported the following leases on buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport had been concluded and executed by the Mayor and City Clerk:

| LESSEE | BUILDING NUMBER | MONTHLY RENTAL | DATE AND TERM OF LEASE |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| White-Tuft Chenilles | 224 | \$106.30 | 9-1-46 5 years |
| Morris Field Grocery | 68 | 99.90 | 7-16-46 5 years |
| State Airlines, Inc. | WPA Shed | 14.00 | 7-1-46 5 years |
| Stiwalt Furn. Co. | 315 | 20.00 | 10-1-46 1 year |
| Abernethy Sales Co. | 242 | 109.50 | 11-1-46 1 year |
| Arcadia Co. Inc. | 100 | 67.50 | 8-1-46 2 years |

CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Johnston, the following contracts and purchases, and allocation of funds therefor if necessary, were unanimously authorized:

- (a) Purchase of 60,000 postal cards from Charlotte Post Office, in the amount of \$600.00, for use by Water Dept.
- (b) Contract with Pomona Terra Cotta Company for 1,101 feet 8-inch pipe, in the sum of \$385.35, for use in sewer construction.
- (c) Contract with Carolina Tractor & Equipment Co. for repair parts and labor in the reconditioning of Caterpillar No.10 Motor Grader, in the sum of \$497.90.
- (d) Purchase of 19 Drills and Taps from Mueller Company, for use by the Water Department, in the sum of \$184.75.
- (e) Contract with Charlotte Willys Company, for One Jeep, in the amount of \$1,156.00, for use in marking lanes on the city streets.
- (f) Contract with American LaFrance Foamite Corp., for Two Brake Drums, in the sum of \$233.03, for the Fire Department.

CONTRACT WITH LINK RADIO CORP. RESCINDED AND NEW CONTRACT AWARDED FRED M. LINK.

Councilman Childs moved that authorization of contract on October 1, 1946 with Link Radio Corp., at \$440.00 be rescinded and new contract for said equipment, ie: One AMTR Mobile Radio Receiver and Transmitter Unit, at \$440.00 be authorized with Fred M. Link. Said action being due to the Link Radio Corporation having been purchased by Mr. Link. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

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SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATIONS.

Motion was made by Councilman McIntyre, seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried, authorizing the installation of sanitary sewers at the following locations:

- (a) In Randall Street, from Kenwood Ave., east 210 feet towards Fulton Avenue, estimated to cost \$292.60, to serve three houses under construction, at request of T. L. Conder.
- (b) In Whisnant Avenue, from present sewer 110 feet east towards end of said Avenue, estimated to cost \$210.10, to serve two houses under construction, at request of M. L. Greene.
- (c) In Wesley Avenue, from Union Street 105 feet east towards Barry Street, estimated to cost \$188.65, to serve one house under construction, at request of T. L. Conder.

SALE AND TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Councilman McIntyre moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute deeds for the sale and transfer of the following cemetery lots in Elmwood Cemetery: Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried:

To - Mrs. Lula Stevenson, Lot 19-Fraction, Section R, at \$48.30.
Ed Edwards, Lot 313, Section Y, at \$35.00.
Mrs. Warren V. Hall, Perpetual Care on Lot 11-Fraction, Section P, at \$108.00.
Allen P. Nance, transferred from F. M. Sistare and wife, South Half of Lot 64, in Section D-Annex, cost of transfer \$1.00.
Mrs. Margaret M. Armstrong, transferred from Douglas & Sing Mortuary, North Half Lot 170, in Section U, cost of transfer \$1.00.

ADJOURNEMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Johnston, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk