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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, October 8, 1952, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every present.

Absent: Councilman Baxter.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on October 1st were approved as submitted.

CONTRACT AWARDED AMERICAN-LAFRANCE-FOAMITE CORPORATION FOR FIRE PUMPING ENGINE.

Mayor Shaw advised that bids have been received on a 1,000 gallons Pumping Engine for the Fire Department, and it is recommended by the Purchasing Agent, Chief of the Fire Department and his assistants, that the American-LaFrance Foamite Corporation unit be purchased. That the other bidders wish to be heard on the subject, and the Council will be glad to hear them.

Mr. H. M. Chaney, Division Fire Apparatus Manager for the Mack Motor Truck Corporation, stated that a few months ago in discussing the contemplated purchase of the engine with Chief Charles, he was advised that he planned to ask for a 265 brake horsepower minimum engine, and he was told that the Mack Corporation would be eliminated in the bidding as their maximum is 225 horsepower. That Chief Charles told him to make an exception in their bid, which they did. That Chief Charles seems to have some misapprehension as to the 225 horsepower being ample for pumping. He submitted to the Council a list of some 75 municipalities using this same type engine, and stated that New York City has recently placed an order for 25 of these pumpers with 225 h.p. That the equipment has proved completely satisfactory as to operation and performance, and meets the requirements of the Fire Underwriters Association. He advised further, that there is located on Dalton Avenue a direct factory branch to service Mack equipment, and they are the only bidder offering this local service. He asked that serious consideration be given the purchase of their equipment in view of the fact that their bid is approximately \$316.00 under the bid of the American-LaFrance-Foamite Corporation.

Councilman Boyd stated that it is his belief that the Mack equipment would be purchased by the Council except for the fact that the bid does not comply with the advertised specifications; therefore, he cannot vote for the purchase of this unit.

Mr. R. W. LeBlonde of the Oren Roanoke Corporation, advised that he was quite dismayed at the low bid of his company not receiving the recommendation of those canvassing the bids. That repair parts can be assured for 10 to 20 years, or his Company has offered to actually place parts in the Fire Station on a consignment basis. That his was an assembled truck, in which they place the finest engine and other equipment. As the low bidder, meeting every specification and putting up the required bonds and giving definite assurance that parts will be furnished, he asked that the unit submitted by his company be purchased.

Mr. Thos. O. Stewart of the Seagrave Corporation, stated that his company submitted a bid complying absolutely with the specified requirements, and took no exceptions; that the Charlotte Fire Department has three pieces of the Seagrave equipment and an older piece - that in the

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Detroit, Mich. Fire Department there are over one hundred of their machines. That the bid submitted by his company is the third lowest of the four bids submitted. That as he is assured that the present Seagrave equipment is giving satisfaction to Chief Charles, then he cannot understand why a change should be made, and a premium paid for something else. He asked that consideration be given the purchase of the Seagrave unit.

Mr. Bill Morgan of the American-LaFrance-Foamite Corporation, stated his company had never protested a recommendation of Chief Charles and he thinks any Chief should be provided with the equipment he feels will fill his requirements. He asked that the Council sustain the recommendation of the Chief and Purchasing Agent.

Councilman Albea moved that the Council approve the recommendation of the Acting City Manager, Purchasing Agent and Fire Chief, and the contract be awarded the American-LaFrance-Foamite Corporation for the One thousand gallon per minute triple combination pumping engine and hose car with booster system, at a net delivered price of \$22,790.92. The motion was seconded by Councilman Van Every.

Councilman Coddington stated that he understood the only reason for recommending the American-LaFrance unit is for comparison purposes and that is why the Seagrave unit was previously purchased.

Councilman Boyd stated he would like for all persons interested to understand that Chief Charles and the Purchasing Agent are of the opinion that the unit of the American LaFrance Corporation, whose bid is approximately \$114.00 higher than Seagraves, will give more value and efficiency to the Fire Department.

The vote was then taken on the motion, which carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Albea, Boyd, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every.
 NAY: Councilman Coddington.

CONTRACT AWARDED OREN ROANOKE CORPORATION FOR PUMPING ENGINE CRASH TRUCK.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Oren Roanoke Corporation, for One 500-gallon per minute Triple Combination Pumping Engine and Hose Car Crash Truck, Water Tank, Booster System and Extra Pumps, as specified, at a net delivered price of \$15,450.00.

REQUEST FOR TRUCK LOADING AND UNLOADING ZONE, FROM 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M. ON WEST SIDE OF NORTH BREVARD STREET, BETWEEN TRADE AND FIFTH STREETS, REFERRED TO COMMITTEE FOR INVESTIGATION.

The operators of four business concerns on North Brevard Street, between Trade and Fifth Streets, appeared before Council with Mr. W. J. Crosby, operator of a Radio Company as spokesman. Mr. Crosby advised that the "no parking" restriction within the block from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. was working a hardship on these firms as they were unable to load and unload such heavy items as radios, refrigerators, during this period and the street afforded the only access to their businesses as there is no alley in the rear of this block. He requested that a "Truck Loading and Unloading Zone" be established on the west side of the block during this restricted period, stating that 15-minutes would be sufficient for completing a given loading or unloading. He stated further that the heavy traffic is over by 6 p.m., and asked that the "no parking" restriction be lifted at that time instead of being extended to 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Boyd moved that the City Manager be instructed to provide a proper designation for loading and unloading on the west side of the street, as requested, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., with fifteen-minute periods for an individual loading or unloading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger.

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Mr. Herman Hoose, Traffic Engineer, explained at the request of the Mayor, that due to the traffic congestion from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., it is necessary to maintain open traffic-lanes, and to permit loading and unloading during this time would completely tie-up south-bound traffic which is heavier than that north-bound; that the street is only 25½ feet wide; and, in fact, plans are underway to make Brevard Street from Trade to Seventh Street a one-way street south during this rush period, with three 8½ foot lanes. He stated that in his opinion the only solution to the problem presented is for these concerns to use off-street parking.

Councilman Coddington offered a substitute motion that Mr. Hoose immediately make plans to designate North Brevard as a one-way street, which would allow parking on one side during the morning hours and on the other side during the afternoon hours. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Jordan offered a second substitute motion that action on the request be deferred and a Committee of Council be appointed to investigate the situation together with the proper City Officials. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Albea, Coddington, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every.
NAY: Councilman Boyd.

Mayor Shaw appointed Councilmen Jordan, Dellinger and Coddington as the Committee to make the investigation.

REQUEST OF JINKS CALDWELL TO PURCHASE OLD GYMNASIUM AT AIRPORT REFERRED TO ACTING CITY MANAGER FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT.

Mr. Jinks Caldwell advised that he is operating an Airplane Salvage and Parts Shop at the Douglas Municipal Airport in space rented from Charlotte Flight Service, which is inadequate. That he desires to purchase or lease the Old Morris Field Gymnasium and so advised Mr. Yancey, City Manager, in writing, who stated he planned to tear down the building as it is unsightly. Mr. Caldwell stated he would renovate and paint the building if allowed to purchase or rent it.

Councilman Coddington moved that the request be referred to Mr. L. L. Ledbetter, Acting City Manager, for investigation and report to Council at the next meeting and that he be authorized to halt the destruction of the building in the interim. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Van Every and unanimously carried, the following streets were taken over for maintenance:

- (a) Madison Avenue, from Clifton Street to a point about 200 feet west of Fairfield Street.
- (b) Fairfield Street, from Patton Avenue to Madison Avenue.
- (c) Patton Avenue, from Fairfield Avenue to Creek Street.
- (d) Creek Street, from Washington Avenue to Patton Avenue.
- (e) Washington Avenue, from Clifton Street to Creek Street.
- (f) Moretz Avenue, from Druid Circle north to Jefferson Davis St.
- (g) Loma Lane, from Forest Road, east about 400 feet to dead-end.

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SANITARY SEWERS CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of new sanitary sewers at the following locations:

- (a) 720 feet of 8 inch sewer main in Dalehurst Drive, at an estimated cost of \$1,700.00, to serve 10 family units and 7 vacant lots. All cost to be borne by the City.
- (b) 75 feet of 8 inch sewer main in Belvedere Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$290.00, to serve 2 family units on septic tanks. All cost to be borne by the City.

DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES CONSTRUCTION APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, the construction of driveway entrances was authorized at the following locations:

- (a) One 8 ft. driveway entrance at 2751 Catalina Avenue.
- (b) One 9 ft. entrance at 2926 Westfield Road.
- (c) Two 30 ft. entrances at 911 Baldwin Avenue.

CONTRACT AWARDED PETTIT MOTOR COMPANY FOR ONE STANDARD TUDOR FORD CAR.

Councilman Dellinger moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Pettit Motor Company, for One Standard Tudor, 6 cylinder Ford Car, as specified, at a net exchanged delivered price of \$1,039.42. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED CREECH MOTORCYCLE COMPANY FOR FOUR MOTORCYCLES.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Creech Motorcycle Company, for Four Motorcycles, as specified, at a net exchanged delivered price of \$3,483.00.

SALE OF FIVE AIRPORT BUILDINGS, NOS. 233 THROUGH 237 TO WITHROW BROTHERS.

Councilman Coddington moved that the Five Buildings at Morris Field Nos. 233 through 237 be sold to the highest bidder, Withrow Brothers, Charlotte, at a total sum of \$2,500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING \$50,000 STREET WIDENING BONDS AND \$325,000 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS.

Councilman Albea introduced two ordinances authorizing bonds, which were read, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING \$50,000 STREET WIDENING BONDS" and "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING \$325,000 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS". Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING \$50,000 STREET WIDENING BONDS" was passed by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every.

NAYS: None.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING \$325,000 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS" was passed by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilman Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every.

NAYS: None.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, beginning at Page 251, and ending at Page 255.

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RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ORDER SPECIAL ELECTION.

Councilman Jordan introduced a resolution which was read, entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ORDER SPECIAL ELECTION". Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ORDER SPECIAL ELECTION" was passed by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every.

NAYS: None.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, beginning at Page 23, and ending at Page 24.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, the construction of new sanitary sewer mains was authorized as follows:

- (a) 675 feet of main in Forest Road, at an estimated cost of \$1,310.00, to serve 4 family units, with all costs to be borne by the City and deposit of \$510.00 not to be refunded to the applicant, Ervin Construction Company.
- (b) 30 feet of main extension in South Brevard Street, at an estimated cost of \$205.00, to discontinue use of present main running under buildings on private property. All cost to be borne by the City.
- (c) 190 feet of main in St. John Street, at an estimated cost of \$400.00, to serve one family unit and 8 vacant lots. All cost to be borne by the City and deposit of \$200.00 to be refunded to the applicant, Alonzo Mackins, 3115 Statesville Road, as per terms of the contract.
- (d) 196 feet of main in Greystone Road and South Boulevard, at an estimated cost of \$575.00, to serve 4 business units. All costs to be borne by the City.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk