

November 12, 1936

The City Council met in regular weekly session on Thursday, November 12th., 1936, Wednesday, November 11th., being a holiday. Mayor Douglas presided and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Durham, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides, Tipton and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: None.

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MINUTES NOVEMBER 4TH. APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Nance, the minutes of the meeting of November 4th. were approved as read.

ARMORY-AUDITORIUM GIVEN FREE OF CHARGE FOR GYPSY SMITH REVIVAL TO BE HELD IN CHARLOTTE MARCH 7TH TO 21ST. 1937.

Mr. Tom Glasgow and Rev. W. G. Clark, Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, representing the laymen and ministers of Charlotte, appeared before the Council requesting free use of the Armory-Auditorium for Evangelist Gypsy Smith, Sr., who will come to Charlotte and conduct a two weeks revival from March 7th. to 21st. 1937.

Councilman Sides moved that the Armory-Auditorium be granted free of charge for this 15-day period, beginning March 7th. and ending March 21st., for the purpose of conducting this series of meetings. Motion seconded by Councilman Durham.

Councilman Wilkinson raised the question of the acoustics in the Armory being so bad and Mr. Glasgow advised that this had been considered and they felt could be remedied to some extent by placing the speaker's platform in one end of the building with proper sounding board behind.

The Mayor called for a vote on Councilman Sides motion and same carried unanimously.

REQUEST OF MR. CLARENCE KUESTER FOR \$300.00 FOR PRINTING ABOUT CHARLOTTE.

Mr. Clarence Kuester, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, displayed an attractive poster of "Charlotte, the Friendly City", which he is desirous of placing in all business houses and filling stations in Charlotte and for a radius of 25 to 40 miles, during the Christmas holidays, and asked the Council to invest the sum of \$300.00 in having this poster printed. He advised that he could not ask the merchants of Charlotte to do this, as he had just called on them for \$5500.00 for street lighting for the Christmas season, which he had had no trouble in raising.

Councilman Baxter stated he felt that if the merchants of Charlotte could give \$5500.00 to advertise Charlotte, the City Council should spend \$300.00 in doing so, and moved that this sum be granted, same to be taken from the Contingent Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson.

City Attorney Boyd, when called upon for an opinion as to whether the Council could legally spend this money, cited the case of Ketchie vs. High Point, tried in the Supreme Court, which he stated was practically the same kind of case, and that the Supreme Court had ruled that the City of High Point could not spend money for printed literature to advertise the City, and in his opinion, the City cannot legally make such a transaction.

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A vote was taken on Councilman Baxter's motion, as follows:

For: Councilmen Baxter, Hovis, Huntley, Sides, Tipton and Wilkinson.
Against: Councilmen Albea, Boyd, Durham, Hudson and Nance.

The Mayor declared the motion carried. However, City Attorney Boyd held that the City cannot legally appropriate this money.

ARMORY CONCESSION LEASE AGAIN GIVEN CIVITAN CLUB FOR RED SHIELD BOYS CLUB.

The contract of the Civitan Club for the Armory concessions, operated by them for the benefit of the Red Shield Boys' Club, having expired, a delegation from the Civitan Club, headed by Mr. A. W. Lawing, asked for the renewal of this contract, and requested that if awarded to them that Clause 7 of this contract, calling for bond or insurance on check room facilities, be cancelled, as they are unable to secure this insurance, and advised that only one overcoat was lost during the past year, which was later recovered and returned to the owner. Mr. Lawing stated that the Club would however, be responsible for the loss of any article from the checkroom.

Mr. Marshall advised that the Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, were also asking for this lease, and read the letter containing this request.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the lease with the Civitan Club be renewed for one year, which was seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried.

Councilman Sides then moved that Clause 7 therein be stricken out, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

At the request of Mayor Douglas the Civitan Club agreed to furnish a letter stating that they will be responsible for any loss in the checkroom.

COMPLAINT OF J. L. ELDER REFERRED TO HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. L. Elder, a merchant operating on East 4th Street, appeared before the Council with complaint that he was being discriminated against in the matter of displaying fruits in front of his place of business, stating that he only displayed grapefruit and oranges on his own property and not on the City sidewalk, but that the Health Department had ordered him to discontinue this, while other merchants were allowed to do so.

After discussion, Councilman Hovis moved that the matter be referred to the Health Committee for report back at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, with Councilman Hudson voting "No".

SEWER EXTENSION ON WEST TRADE STREET:

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Durham and carried, the request of the Choate Realty Co. for extension of a sewer on West Trade Street between Beattys Ford Road and Solomon Street, on which they are building two apartment houses, was granted. The estimated cost of this work is \$160.60.

CITY MAINTENANCE ON WEST 30TH STREET.

Councilman Boyd made a motion that the City take over for maintenance West 30th Street, from N. Tryon St. to N. Church St., which was petitioned for by four citizens of that neighborhood. Motion seconded by Councilman Nance and carried.

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CITY MAINTENANCE ON WESTOVER STREET DEFERRED.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, the request of property owners on Westover Street that this street be taken over for City maintenance, a distance of four blocks, estimated to cost \$1,601.82, with only three houses on same, was deferred.

REQUEST FOR REFUND ON ARMORY DEPOSIT DENIED.

The request of Mr. Jim Crockett for refund of deposit of \$10.00 for Armory engagement reserved for October 19th. and not used due to cancellation of card arranged for that date, was denied, on motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Sides and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT FOR 5,000 FEET OF FIRE HOSE AWARDED TO TEXTILE MILL SUPPLY COMPANY.

The City Manager reported that bids received on approximately 4000 feet of fire hose, were as follows:

Hewitt Rubber Corp.	@.80¢ ft.	\$3,200.00
Terrell Machine Company	"	3,200.00
Eureka Fire Hose Div. of U.S.Rub.Co.	"	3,200.00
Charlotte Supply Company	"	3,200.00
American-LaFrance & Foamite Industries, Inc.	"	3,200.00
B. F. Goodrick Company	"	3,200.00
Grinnell Company	"	3,200.00
Textile Mill Supply Company	@.71¢ ft.	2,840.00

All bids carrying 2% discount for payment in 10 days.

Mr. Marshall explained that the actual requirement for new hose is 5,000 feet and that \$4000.00 was budgeted for new hose and since the unit price per foot is such as to allow the purchase of 5,000 feet within the estimate and since the advertisement called for approximately 4000 feet, he concurred in Chief Palmer's recommendation that 5,000 feet be purchased from the Textile Mill Supply Company, at 71¢ per foot, totaling \$3,550.00, which he stated was a very good price for hose at this time.

Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Nance and carried unanimously, moved that the contract be awarded the Textile Mill Supply Co. for 5,000 feet at 71¢ per foot, and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract.

LETTER FROM STATE BOARD OF HEALTH RELATIVE WATER WORKS SITUATION.

Copy of a letter received by the City Manager from Mr. Warren Booker, Director of Sanitary Engineering, State Board of Health, Raleigh, was furnished each member of the Council for study and consideration.

COST INCURRED IN FORECLOSURE OF OLD AUDITORIUM PROPERTY CHARGED TO CONTINGENT FUND.

On motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, the cost of advertising, foreclosure and trustee's fees in the sale of the Old Auditorium property, amounting to \$496.13, is to be charged to the Contingent Fund.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations of City employees were reported by the City Manager: A. W. Findayson, Fireman, and J. F. Higgins, Asst. Radio Dispatcher.

SON OF MAYOR PRO TEM WILKINSON PRESENTED.

Mr. John M. Wilkinson introduced to the Council his son, John, Jr., who was visiting the City Council for the first time.

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CEMETERY DEED.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Tipton, the following cemetery deed was ordered recorded:

Warren Mobley, Northwest Quarter Lot No. 24-A, "D Annex" \$35.00

NO MEETING NOVEMBER 18th 1936.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried, no meeting of the Council will be held the following week, due to the absence of the Mayor and possibly other members of the Council, attending the Conference of Mayors to be held in Washington.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley, to adjourn unanimously carried.

Alice B. McJannet
City Clerk