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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, October 21, 1936, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Durham, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides and Tipton being present.

Absent: Councilmen Hovis and Wilkinson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER 14TH MEETING.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Albea, the minutes of the meeting of October 14th., were unanimously approved as read.

RENTAL ON ARMORY-AUDITORIUM, CHARLOTTE EXPOSITION AND FOOD SHOW.

Councilman Hudson reported that he had conferred with the other members of the Building Committee regarding the request of Mr. J. B. Vogler, Secretary of the Charlotte Exposition and Food Show, for reduction in rent on the Armory-Auditorium for the ten days of the Food Show. Mr. Hudson pointed out that the recent Food Show held in the Armory had paid a rental of \$600.00 for eight days, whereas, Mr. Vogler is asking that he be given the use of the building for ten days at \$500.00, and he felt that if this is done, the other organization should be refunded on the rent paid by them.

Councilman Hudson then presented an amendment to the ordinance adopted on June 19, 1935 regulating the leasing of the Armory-Auditorium, which amendment would allow a fee of \$50.00 per day provided the Armory is used eight consecutive days, and moved that this amendment be adopted, which was seconded by Councilman Boyd.

A lengthy discussion as to the re-imbursing of others who had used the Armory on the old basis followed, and after Councilman Baxter suggested that since the original ordinance has been amended so much, it might be well to draft an entirely new ordinance, Councilman Hudson, with the consent of the second, withdrew his motion to adopt the amendment, and the matter was held in abeyance until the next meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF A REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

A special Real Estate Committee to handle all real estate transactions for the City of Charlotte was appointed by the Mayor, this committee to be composed of Councilman Durham, Chairman; Councilman Baxter and Councilman Sides, the Mayor advising that none of the standing committees of the Council at the present time were the proper ones to handle such matters.

Councilman Durham, as Chairman of this committee, asked that a thorough check of all city-owned real estate be made, with a map prepared showing the exact location of all property owned by the City.

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Councilman Boyd suggested that this Committee confer with owners of land which could be developed into a new cemetery inasmuch as Elmwood Cemetery is about filled.

This committee will determine the advisability of disposing of city owned land not used by the city and also investigate the purchase of property which the city is desirous of acquiring.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE REGARDING PAYMENT OF FUNERAL EXPENSES OF BOY KILLED BY CITY TRUCK.

Councilman Baxter reported as Chairman of the Public Works Committee, that he had investigated and found that the funeral expenses, doctor bills and hospital expense in connection with the death of child killed by a City truck would run approximately \$700.00. He stated that the family of this child are in very destitute circumstances and advised that his recommendation would be to allow at least \$250.00 on these expenses.

Several members of the Council stated they were in favor of paying the entire expense with the exception of the amount for the cemetery plot, if it could be done legally.

This question was discussed with City Attorney J. M. Scarborough, who stated that if this is done, he would like to know what the policy of the Council would be in the future on similar cases, since a number of damage suits against the City are now pending in court.

After lengthy discussion the matter was postponed for one week.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Durham, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk