

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, August 25, 1937, with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Sides and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Nance.

 READING OF MINUTES OF JULY 28th., AUGUST 11th. AND AUGUST 18th.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Durham the minutes of the July 28th. meeting were approved as read.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Sides, the minutes of the August 11th. meeting were approved as read, and on motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Baxter the August 18th. minutes were approved.

PARKING IN FRONT OF COURT HOUSE AND LAW BUILDING.

Attorneys Taliaferro and Hasty appeared before the Council at this time and presented a petition signed by most of the attorneys in the Law Building, asking for two-hour parking limit on East Trade Street in front of the Court House and Law Building, and were advised by Mayor Douglas that this matter had been brought before the Council previously and had been referred to the Police Committee for investigation.

Mr. Hasty advised that his committee would be glad to go into the matter with the Police Committee and give them any information needed.

CONTRACTS FOR CARS, TRUCKS, CHASSIS, MOTOR GRADER AND OIL DISTRIBUTOR.

Mr. Marshall reported that bids had been received on Motor Equipment as follows:

ITEM 1.	1- 1-1/2 Ton Chassis and Cab, equipped with rear dual wheels and power take-off winch.	
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	North Charlotte Motor Company- FORD	\$776.00
	Pettit Motor Company - FORD	799.50
	International Harvester Co. - INTERNATIONAL	867.92
	Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co - G.M.C.	869.28
	White Motor Company - INDIANA	910.00
	Norfleet Motor Company - DODGE	939.04
	Carolina Truck & Trailer Co- DIAMOND T	961.00
	City Chevrolet Company - CHEVROLET	972.10
	Pyramid Chevrolet Company - CHEVROLET	972.10
	Mack International Truck Corp. - MACK	1,048.10

Mr. Marshall stated that in his opinion the bid of the International Harvester Company serves the City's best interest and recommended the purchase of this unit from the International Harvester Company at a net price of \$867.92. Whereupon, Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Hudson moved that contract be awarded the International Harvester Company on this item at the price of \$867.92 and that the Mayor and Clerk sign contract. Motion carried.

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ITEM 2. 3- 1-1/2 Ton Garbage Trucks, equipped with Wood Bodies
and under-body Hoists.

North Charlotte Motor Company - FORD	\$2,825.00
Pettit Motor Company - FORD	2,890.00
Carolina Truck & Trailer Co. - DIAMOND T	3,225.00
International Harvester Co. - INTERNATIONAL	3,228.29
Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co. - G.M.C.	3,251.56
Norfleet Motors Company, Inc. - DODGE	3,324.95
Pyramid Chevrolet Company - CHEVROLET	3,500.43
City Chevrolet Company - CHEVROLET	3,500.43
Mack International Truck Corp. - MACK	3,752.61
White Motor Company - INDIANA	3,816.00

Mr. Marshall stated that he believed the Diamond T Truck to be the best buy in this section and recommended the purchase of these 3 Diamond T Units from the Carolina Truck and Trailer Company at a net price of \$3,225.00.

Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson then moved that Contract be awarded to the Carolina Truck and Trailer Company at a net price of \$3,255.00 on these three trucks and that the Mayor and Clerk execute the contract on the part of the City.

ITEM 3. 4- Special Equipped Cars for Police Service.

North Charlotte Motor Company - FORD	\$2,368.36
Pettit Motor Company - FORD	2,505.60

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Hudson and carried, these 4 Ford Cars were awarded to the low bidder, North Charlotte Motor Company, at a net price of \$2,368.36 and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

ITEM 4. 3- Standard Sedan Cars.

North Charlotte Motor Company - FORD	\$1,610.60
Pettit Motor Company - FORD	1,697.45

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Hovis, contract was awarded to the low bidder, North Charlotte Motor Company, for these 3 Ford Sedans, at a net price of \$1610.60.

ITEM 5. 1- Standard Coupe

North Charlotte Motor Company - FORD	\$ 456.00.
Pettit Motor Company - FORD	509.15
Pyramid Chevrolet Company - CHEVROLET	625.15
City Chevrolet Company - CHEVROLET	625.15

The contract for this Ford Coupe was, on motion of Councilman Griswold, seconded by Councilman Hudson and carried, awarded to the low bidder, North Charlotte Motor Company at a net price of \$456.00.

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ITEM 6. 3 One-Half Ton Pick-Up Trucks

North Charlotte Motor Company - FORD	\$1,299.00
Pettit Motor Company - FORD	1,375.00
Norfleet Motors Company, Inc. - DODGE	1,551.46
Pyramid Chevrolet Company - CHEVROLET	1,659.15
City Chevrolet Company - CHEVROLET	1,659.15
International Harvester Co - INTERNATIONAL	1,683.91

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Little contract was awarded the low bidder, North Charlotte Motor Company on 3 Ford Trucks, at the net price of \$1,299.00.

ITEM 7. 1- 3/4 Ton Pick-Up Truck, Standard Express Body

Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co. O G.M.C.	\$ 660.68
Pyramid Chevrolet Company - CHEVROLET	715.80
City Chevrolet Company - CHEVROLET	715.80
Mack International Truck Co. - MACK	744.80
Carolina Truck & Trailer Co. - DIAMOND T	755.00
International Harvester Co. - INTERNATIONAL	760.00
Norfleet Motors, Inc., - DODGE	799.22

Mr. Marshall advised that the bid of the Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Company was in error. This price was intended for a similar unit but a 1/2-ton job instead of 3/4 capacity, and recommended that the purchase of this unit be made from the next lowest bidder, Pyramid Chevrolet Company at a net price of \$715.80. Whereupon, Councilman Hudson moved that contract be awarded to the Pyramid Chevrolet Company at the price of \$715.80 and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

ITEM 8. 1- 1-1/2 Ton Stake Body

North Charlotte Motor Company - FORD	\$ 636.50
Pettit Motor Company - FORD	684.00
International Harvester Co. - INTERNATIONAL	700.12
Norfleet Motors Co. Inc - DODGE	733.75
Carolina Truck & Trailer Co - DIAMOND T	801.80
Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co. - G.M.C.	834.17
Pyramid Chevrolet Company - CHEVROLET	835.95
City Chevrolet Company - CHEVROLET	835.95
Mack International Truck Co - MACK	911.17
White Motor Company - INDIANA	913.69

It was the opinion of the City Manager that the best value in this section is the International and he recommended purchase of this unit from the International Harvester Company at a net price of \$700.12. Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Hudson, then moved that contract be awarded to the International Harvester Company on this unit, at the price of \$700.12. Motion carried.

ITEM 9. 1- 4-Cylinder Tractor, approximately 65-inch Wheel Base.

Pettit Motor Company - FORDSON	\$ 798.00
North Carolina Equipment Co - INTERNATIONAL	805.56
Sims Implement Company - INTERNATIONAL	866.06

The City Manager recommended the purchase of this unit from the lowest bidder, North Carolina Equipment Company, at the price of \$805.56, stating that this was the cheapest bid submitted in that the bidder did not give an allowance for trade-in for an old Fordson which the City has on hand, but instead, will allow the City to keep the old piece of equipment and sell the International outright at \$805.56.

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Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, moved that contract be awarded to the North Carolina Equipment Company at \$805.56. Motion carried.

ITEM 10. 1- Truck Chassis and Cab, two to three ton capacity, equipped with rear dual wheels.

Carolina Truck and Trailer Co. - DIAMOND T	\$ 1,190.00
Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co. - G.M.C.	1,249.65
White Motor Company - WHITE	1,360.01
International Harvester Co.-INTERNATIONAL	1,362.24
Mack International Truck Co - MACK	1,492.35
Auto Car Sales & Service Co. - AUTO CAR	2,235.48

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, contract was awarded on this unit to the Carolina Truck and Trailer Company, the low bidder, at the price of \$1,190.00, which unit carries 37 x 7 tires; heavier than any other tires bid on in this section.

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2- Trucks, 2 to 3-ton capacity, equipped with steel dump bodies and under hoist.

Carolina Truck & Trailer Co. - DIAMOND T	\$ 2,353.60
Norfleet Motors Company, Inc. - DODGE	2,877.76
Mack International Truck Co - MACK	3,040.18
White Motor Company - WHITE	3,049.34
International Harvester Co.- INTERNATIONAL	3,220.00
" (alternate bid on 1½ to 2-ton capacity)	2,567.00
Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co. - G.M.C.	3,385.80
Auto Car Sales & Service Co - AUTO CAR	3,483.34

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, this contract was awarded the low bidder, Carolina Truck and Trailer Co. at a net price of \$2,353.60.

ITEM 12. 1- 3/4 Ton Pick-up Truck, equipped with extra heavy Generator and Special Body.

City Chevrolet Company - CHEVROLET	\$ 681.80
Pyramid Chevrolet Company - CHEVROLET	681.80
Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co. - G.M.C.	686.49
International Harvester Company- INTERNATIONAL	782.87
Carolina Truck & Trailer Company - DIAMOND T	791.00
Norfleet Motors Company, Inc. - DODGE	811.72

The low bids received on this unit are \$681.80, both bidders bidding on Chevrolet trucks and inasmuch as the Pyramid Chevrolet Company had already been awarded a unit on other equipment, it was recommended by Mr. Marshall that purchase be made from the City Chevrolet Company, and Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Hudson, moved that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign contract with the City Chevrolet Company on this unit at the price of \$681.80.

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ITEM 13. 1- 3-Top Chassis and Cab.

White Motor Company - WHITE	\$1,645.00
Carolina Truck & Trailer Co. - DIAMOND T	1,675.00
International Harvester Co.- INTERNATIONAL	1,784.00
Auto Car Sales & Service Co.- AUTO CAR	1,795.00
Mack International Truck Co - MACK	1,798.17
Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co. - G.M.C.	1,991.05

Contract for this unit was awarded to the low bidder, White Motor Company, at \$1,645.00, on motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried. This price includes the cost of switch over from old body to new unit.

ITEM 14. Motor Grader.

Contractors Service Company - WARCO	\$2,947.40
North Carolina Equipment Co.- GALLION	3,161.00
Carolina Tractor & Equipment Co- CATERPILLAR	3,188.60
E. F. Craven Company - ADAMS	3,192.00
Sims Implement Company- AUSTIN-WESTERN	3,215.00

Mr. Marshall advised that the low bid on this equipment is on a Warco machine, which is a comparatively new machine in this section, and he recommended that purchase of this motor grader be made from the Carolina Tractor and Equipment Company, on Caterpillar machine, at a delivered price of \$3,188.60. This recommendation was approved and contract awarded to Carolina Tractor and Equipment Company at the price of \$3,188.60, on motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Sides and carried.

ITEM 15. 1- Oil Distributor

Contractors Service, Inc. - ROSCO	\$1,972.00	
Less 2% cash discount	39.44	
Net Bid		\$1,932.56
Carolina Tractor & Equipment Co. - ENTYRE	1,951.75	
E. F. Craver Company- LITTLEFORD	\$2,125.00	
Less 5% cash discount	106.25	
Net Bid		2,018.75
North Carolina Equipment Co. - KENNY	2,207.00	
Less 5% cash discount	110.35	
Net Bid		2,096.65
Sims Implement Company - AUSTIN-WESTERN	2,717.00	

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, contract was awarded on this equipment to the Contractors Service, Inc., on a Rosco Distributor, at a net delivered price of \$1,932.56.

CONTRACTS ON UNIFORMS FOR POLICE, FIRE AND SANITARY DEPARTMENTS.

The City Manager reported the following bids received on Uniforms for the Police, Fire and Sanitary Departments:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Elliott & Fink, bidding on Charlottesville material, manufactured by Weiman & Sons	\$4,409.20	
Less 1% for cash	44.09	
Net Bid		\$4,365.11

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Belk Bros. Dept Store, bidding on Charlottesville, manufactured by Nifty Uniform Co.	\$4,405.07
Belk Bros. Dept Store, bidding on Charlottesville, manufactured by S. Abrams & Co.	4,879.17
Efirds Dept. Store, bidding on Charlottesville material, manufactured by Jacob Reid & Son	4,980.49
Elliott & Fink, bidding on Wanskuk material, manufactured by Weiman & Sons	\$3,790.90
Less 1% cash discount	37.91
Net Bid	3,752.99
Belk Bros. Dept Store, bidding on Wanskuk material, manufactured by Nifty Uniform Co	3,832.53
Belk Bros. Dept Store, bidding on Wanskuk material, manufactured by S. Abrams & Co.	4,207.92
Martin's Dept. Store, bidding on Wanskuk material, manufactured by Jacob Reid & Sons	4,676.50

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Elliott & Fink, Charlottesville material, manufactured by Weiman & Sons	\$3,760.20
Less 1% cash discount	37.60
Net Bid	3,722.60
Belk Bros. Dept. Store, Charlottesville material, manufactured by Nifty Uniform Company	3,742.11
Belk Bros. Dept. Store, Charlottesville material, manufactured by S. Abram & Co.	4,196.22
Efird's Dept. Store, Charlottesville material, manufactured by Fickheimer Sons and Company	4,022.85
Elliott & Fink, Wanskuk material, manufactured by Weiman & Sons	\$3,450.75
Less 1% discount	34.50
Net Bid	3,416.25
Belk Bros. Dept. Store, Wanskuk material, manufactured by Nifty Uniform Company	3,442.05
Belk Bros. Dept. Store, Wanskuk material, manufactured by S. Abrams & Co.	3,879.43
Martin's Dept. Store, Wanskuk material, manufactured by Jacob Reid & Sons	4,321.10

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STATE HIGHWAY ALLOTMENT FOR MAINTENANCE HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CITY.

Mr. Marshall reported receipt of a letter from Mr. L. B. Peck, Division Engineer, State Highway Commission, advising that the City's allotment for maintenance of highways within the City this fiscal year is \$25,000.00.

WATER LINE IN MARGUERITE STREET TAKEN OVER BY CITY.

The City Manager advised that he had received a claim from Mr. S. W. Dandridge in which he states that the City agreed to take over a certain water line constructed by his Company when this water line was productive to the City. The cost of the line was \$61.25 and the Superintendent of Water Works reported that the income from this line is enough to warrant the City purchasing it. Mr. Marshall recommended that it be taken over, and on motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Hudson and unanimously carried, this request was granted.

PURCHASE OF YEAR'S SUPPLY OF COAL FROM H. V. JOHNSON AND SON.

Bids having been received on a year's supply of Coal as follows:

H. V. JOHNSON COAL COMPANY

150 Tons	Pocahontas ROM	@ \$6.20 per ton	\$930.00
150 "	Red Ash Stove,	@ \$5.70 " "	855.00
1000 "	New River Egg,	@ \$6.65 " "	6,650.00
10 "	Blacksmith Coal,	@ \$5.50 " "	55.00
TOTAL			\$8,490.00

COCHRAN AND ROSS COAL COMPANY

150 Tons	Pocahontas ROM,	@ \$6.30 per ton	945.00
150 "	Red Ash Stove,	@ \$5.72 " "	858.00
1000 "	New River Egg,	@ \$6.75 " "	6,750.00
10 "	Blacksmith Coal,	@ \$5.50 " "	55.00
TOTAL			\$8,608.00

Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Huntley, moved that contract be awarded H. V. Johnson & Son Coal Company on a unit price basis and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract.

MILITARY SUPPLIES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Sides and unanimously carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Federal Laboratories, Inc. for gas projectiles, cartridges and military supplies to replace the present stock in the Police Department, in the amount of \$500.79.

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PLUMBING WORK AT THE STADIUM.

In the construction of the Stadium it was necessary to secure the services of a plumber and this skilled labor was secured from the C. R. Willmann Plumbing & Heating Co. on an hourly basis of \$1.75, including small tools, etc. The total amount of this labor was \$463.75, which was done by the City for the account of the Park and Recreation Commission. Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, moved that the Mayor and Clerk execute a contract with the C. R. Willmann Plumbing & Heating Company in this amount, which motion was carried.

FOOT BRIDGE ACROSS SUGAW CREEK AT EAST 15TH STREET.

In the matter of foot bridge across Sugaw Creek at East 15th Street and McDowell, which was referred to the Public Works Committee for report at a recent meeting, Councilman Wilkinson, Chairman of this committee, reported that this had been investigated and that his committee found that it would be necessary to obtain the right-of-way over a small strip of private property in order to do so, and recommended that if this right of way could be obtained that this bridge be built. The work is estimated to cost \$488.00 and Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, made a motion that when the matter of right of way is cleared up that the bridge be built. Motion unanimously carried.

AUTEN STREET TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE,

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hudson, Auten Street, from Sumter Avenue to West 4th. Street, was taken over for maintenance; the cost of this work being estimated at \$372.63.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. Marshall reported the employment of Mr. J. F. Haley as Radio Dispatcher in the Police Department, and Mr. M. A. Brown as Assistant Clerk in the Filing Bureau.

COPY OF 1927-1938 BUDGET FURNISHED EACH COUNCILMAN.

A copy of the 1937-1938 Budget was furnished each member of the Council at this time.

KENSINGTON AVENUE TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Albea, that part of Kensington Avenue between Kenwood Ave. and Fulton Street, was taken over for City maintenance, on agreement of the property owners that they would donate a strip of land to make this a 30-ft. street.

PROPERTY ON STATESVILLE ROAD TO BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE.

Councilman Huntley, Chairman of the Real Estate Committee reported that he had received another offer from Mr. Clay Rutledge for the property on Statesville Road on which he had made a previous offer, and that Mr. Rutledge was now offering \$125 per acre, which Councilman Huntley stated he felt was a good price for this land.

He thereupon moved that the City advertise this property at this price, which motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

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REFUND TO PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION INTEREST CHARGED ON MONEY ADVANCED.

Councilman Sides stated that the City of Charlotte had advanced to the Park & Recreation Commission at two different times sums of money, on which it had charged 6% interest, amounting to \$438.59 for the two advances, which he felt was an injustice inasmuch as the City received 8% on unpaid taxes, and he moved that the City refund to the Park & Recreation Commission the amount of interest already received on these advances, and to refrain from charging them on money furnished them in anticipation of collection of back taxes, if the City does not have to borrow the money in order to make the loans. This motion seconded by Councilman Durham and unanimously carried.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SUNDAY ORDINANCE.

Councilman Baxter stated that he felt that the City of Charlotte should do something to keep the baseball franchise owners in Charlotte and moved that the present Sunday ordinance be amended by striking out in Section 1 thereof the following paragraph:

"or to engage in or operate any place of amusement, show, game, or sport where a fee is charged for admission as a spectator, or to participate in any game or sport or amusement where an admission fee is charged, whether such admission fee shall be upon a club basis or otherwise."

This motion was seconded by Councilman Hovis

Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Huntley then offered a substitute motion to hold this over until next Wednesday because of the absence of two members of the Council.

The following vote is recorded on the substitute motion:

For the Motion: Councilmen Sides, Wilkinson, Huntley, Albea.
Against " Councilman Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Little.

After discussion, Mayor Douglas ruled the motion lost and a vote was then called for on the original motion, which was as follows:

For the Motion: Councilman Baxter, Durham, Hovis, Little and Sides
Against: Councilmen Albea, Griswold, Huntley and Wilkinson.

The Mayor also declared this motion lost.

TRAFFIC SITUATION ON TRYON STREET AT FOURTH AND FIFTH STREETS.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the restrictions regarding "no-turn" at 4th. and 5th. Streets on North and South Tryon Street, be withdrawn and traffic be allowed to make a right hand turn, traffic in the center not to be allowed to turn. No second.

Councilman Baxter then moved that traffic be allowed to turn on the red light. No second.

Mayor Douglas suggested that the Police Committee consult

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with Mr. Skinner on this question before taking any action, and both Councilman Wilkinson and Councilman Baxter withdrew their motions for further study.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Albea, the following cemetery deeds were ordered recorded:

Hugh B. Smith, East 1/2 Lot 62, "D Annex"	\$35.00
Mrs. Annie H. Helms, N.E. Part Lot 31-B, "D Annex"	35.00
Perpetual care on " " " "	25.00
Mrs. C. H. Pearre, N.W. Part Lot 23-B, "D Annex"	35.00
Mrs. Mary D. Kimble, East 1/2 Lot 16-B, "D Annex"	73.32
J. B. Farrington, Lot 66, Section "Y"	35.00
Perpetual care on " " " "	25.00
Mrs. Grace P. Deskau, S. E. 1/4 Lot 48, Section "X"	62.65
Perpetual care on " " " " " "	54.85
Mrs. W. C. Hope, perpetual care on Lot #4, Section "X"	45.00

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Sides, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McCornell
 City Clerk