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The City Council held its regular weekly meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 1937, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor Ben E. Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance and Sides being present.

Absenta Councilman John L. Wilkinson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES NOVEMBER 24th MEETING.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Albea, the minutes of the November 24th meeting were approved as read.

ARMORY-AUDITORIUM USE GRANTED FOR GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNAMENT WITHOUT CHARGE.

A delegation composed of Dr. Oren Moore, Mr. Vic Shaw and Mr. Harry A. Allen appeared before the Council with reference to the charge made on the Armory-Auditorium for the Golden Gloves Tournament. Dr. Moore explained that this is put on entirely antiraky as a charity show, the proceeds of which is to go to the Observer Fresh Air Camp Fund.

After hearing Dr. Moore, Councilman Sides moved that the Armory-Auditorium be given free this year for the Golden Gloves Tournamen, which motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

STREET MAINTENANCE ON SHENANDOAH AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Sides; seconded by Councilman Little, Shenandoah Avenue, between Hanover and LaFayette Streets, will be taken over for City maintenance when the development company brings the surfacing up to the standard specifications required by the City for such streets.

EMERGENCY PUMPING UNIT REPAIRS.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Durham and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Sterling Engine Company for repairing and recondition the Sterling engines on the emergency pumping units at the Filter Plant, the services of an expert totaling \$208.22.

RE-ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE - MORAVIAN LANE.

The following re-assessment ordinance covering property of the Estate of A. C. Thies on Moravian Lane, was unanimously adopted on three readings, on motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Albea, and the Mayor declared the same to be an ordinance of the City of Charlotte:

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO ORDAIN that the special benefits to the abutting property on MORAVIAN LANE on account of the paving of the street, beginning at a point, 271.03 feet easterly from the southeast corner of the intersection of Hermitage Road and Moravian Lane and running thence with the south edge of Moravian Lane and in an easterly direction 276.23 feet and being originally assessed

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against A. C. Thies, is hereby subdivided and reassessed on the south side only, as follows:

Frontage Water Sewer Street Sidewalk New No. Owner 601-05 Estate of A.C. Thies, Karl E. 75.0 15.00 8.70 223.39 \$247.09 Thies, Admn. 238,28 238.28 607-11 Mrs. Elsie T. Davis 80.0 613-21 Karl E. Thies 121.23 361.08 361.08

SUIT OF BERTHA FOWLER VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Mr. Marshall reported receipt of notice of suit of Bertha Fowler against the City of Charlotte for alleged injuries on May 25th. received from a fall on Second and South Graham Streets. The suit is for \$15,000.00 and her attorney is Mr. Marion Ross. This was referred to the City Attorney.

SUIT OF W. W. IRVING VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Report was made of notice of suit of W. W. Irving against the City for personal injuries and damages to his car, sustained when his car hit a loose manhole cover on West Trade Street on September 28th. The amount of the suit is \$15,000.00 for personal injuries and \$200.00 damages to the car. Attorney in this case is H. L. Strickland and this has been referred to the City Attorney for handling.

FREE LICENSE FOR CHARACTER ANALYST PRESENTED BY MECKLENBURG CHAPTER, DAR.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Sides and carried, the request of Mrs. H. J. Dunavant, Regent of the Mecklenburg Chapter, D.A.R., for free license for a Character Analyst, who is to be presented by this Chapter on December 8th., was granted; Mrs. Dunavant stating that the proceeds from this will be used for charitable, educational and patriotic purposes.

EMPLOYMENT OF METER READER-HELPER

Mr. Marshall reported that he had employed Mr. J. T. Conder as a meter reader-Helper in the Water Department.

ORDINANCE TO BE PREPARED RE-ROUTING GASOLINE TRUCKS THROUGH THE CITY.

Mr. Marshall reported on the matter of re-routing gasoline trucks through the City, which was presented by Councilman Sides at a previous meeting, that he had taken this matter up with a number of cities and had received a number of ordinances governing this. He stated that some cities have legislated against these trucks coming into the city entirely, while other cities only prohibited parking or standing on the streets, whether empty or loaded, while still others had re-routed them off the congested area streets. He called particular attention to one or two ordinances received which might be of interest to Charlotte, and a discussion as to the re-routing of these trucks off the main highways followed. Mr. Marshall presented a map of the City with the routes marked off and advised that he had been working to have Eleventh Street opened up so as to complete the loop around the City.

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Councilman Huntley then moved that the City Manager and City Attorney, with a committee from the Council, work out an ordinance on this for presentation to the Council, which was seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

It was also suggested that this ordinance be prepared and presented to the gasoline dealers prior to its adoption in order that they may befor suggestions or be present at the meeting when it is presented.

Mayor Douglas then appointed the Police Committee to serve with the City Manager and City Attorney on this.

CHWETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea, the following cemetery deeds were approved:

J. M. Griggs, Lot No. 125, Sec. "Y", Elmwood Cemetery

\$35.00

Everett Cunningham, Lots 10 & 11, Section "F", West Pinewood

36.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON SALVATION ARMY BUILDING.

Councilman Durham reported that his committee had met and gone into the matter of the request of the Salvation Army for cancellation, either directly or indirectly of the 1937 taxes on the building recently purchased by the Salvation Army, on North Poplar Street, and that the Committee feels that the City is not in position to do that and that it is the recommendation of the Committee that it not be done, (with regrets).

ADJOURNMENT.

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

City Clerk Coursell