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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, February 3, 1937, with Mayor Pro Tem John L. Wilkinson presiding in the absence of Mayor Douglas, and Councilmen Albea, Boyd, Durham, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides and Tipton present.

Absent: Councilman Baxter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 27TH MEETING.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the minutes of the meeting of January 27th. were unanimously approved as read.

INDEPENDENT FOOD DEALERS ASSOCIATION PROTEST FAMILY SERVICE HANDLING OF GROCERIES TO POOR.

Mr. J. N. Berryhill, Secretary of the Independent Food Dealers Association, appeared before the Council, protesting the manner of handling of orders from the Family Service Association for food, stating that these food orders were specifying only certain stores, which he felt was unfair to other grocermen and that the orders should be issued and the parties allowed to take them to whatever stores would honor them.

With the consent of the Council Mayor Pro Tem Wilkinson referred this matter to Councilman Durham to make investigation and report back at the next meeting.

LAWYER SANDERS APPEARED RELATIVE TO PROBATION OFFICER FOR COLORED SECTIONS.

Lawyer Sanders, colored, again appeared before the Council to receive a report on his previous request for a truant and probation officer for the City's colored population.

He was advised that Messrs. Scarborough and Boyd were both in Raleigh and while there would confer with Mrs. Bost regarding this matter and that nothing could be done until their return.

CONTRACT FOR REINFORCING STEEL.

On motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, contract was awarded to Easterby and Mumaw for reinforcing steel for the retaining wall of the Snyder Building on West Sixth Street, at a price of \$339.66 and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

Bids on this steel were as follows:

Easterby & Mumaw	\$339.66
Southern Engr. Co.	341.00
The Southern G-F Co.	344.00

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RE-ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE - THE PLAZA.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the following re-assessment ordinance for The Plaza, was unanimously adopted on three readings and declared 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 The Plaza on account of the paving of the street and walks, beginning at a point, the center of an alley on the westerly side of The Plaza, which point is 149.07 feet north of the corner of the intersection of The Plaza and Commonwealth Avenue, and running thence in a northerly direction, a distance of 120.59 feet, and being originally assessed as a whole against Mrs. J. H. McClintock, is hereby subdivided and re-assessed on the West side only, as follows:

New No.	Owner	Frontage	Water	Sewer Extra	Street 0.21	Sidewalk	Total
$\frac{1}{2}$ Alley	Mrs. J. H. McClintock	9.07	-	-	50.44	7.77	\$58.42
1213-15	"	61.52	-	16.98	342.14	52.70	411.82
1217-19	"	50.00	-	14.08	278.07	42.83	334.98

WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS.

Mr. Marshall advised that two weeks previous he had recommended that the amount received by the City for the property taken from the water works tract on North Graham Street be used for water main extensions, which was at that time referred to the City Attorneys for an opinion. This opinion was read by Mr. Marshall, which stated that the City had a right to use the sum of \$704.00 above obtained.

Thereupon, Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Sides, made a motion that this money be used for water main extensions. Motion unanimously carried.

PENALTY ON PRIVILEGE LICENSE OF MR. R. E. CATO WAIVED.

On motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Sides, the request of Mr. R. E. Cato that penalty on privilege license be waived, was granted.

INTEREST ON TAX PAYMENT OF T. L. STROUPE DENIED.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Nance, and carried, the request of Mr. T. L. Stroupe that interest on the 1925 taxes on property listed at that time in the name of A. S. Kidd on Parkwood Avenue, was denied.

RESIGNATION OF W. M. SPURRIER REPORTED.

Mr. Marshall reported that Mr. W. M. Spurrier of the Tax Collection office had resigned, effective as of February 1st, 1937.

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CITY MANAGER TO CONFER WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY REGARDING BUS ROUTE TO SERVE MIDWOOD SECTION.

Councilman Albea stated that in the past several petitions have been secured asking the City of Charlotte to use its influence with the Duke Power Company to put a bus route in the Midwood Section of the City, and he asked the City Manager what has been done regarding these petitions. Mr. Marshall advised that in each instance they had been referred to the Duke Power Company and that he had had several conferences with officials of that Company but had been unable to induce them to put them on, they maintaining they would not pay.

Councilman Albea then asked, in view of the fact that this section has built up so within the last year that the City Manager again take this request up with the Duke Power Company.

Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved to refer this matter to the City Manager to take up with the Duke Power Company to see what could be done. Motion unanimously carried.

COPIES OF JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL FOR 1936 PRESENTED.

Councilman Hovis presented very attractive copies of the 1936 Annual of the Junior Chamber of Commerce to each member of the City Council.

Councilman Sides stated that the Junior Chamber of Commerce should not only be complimented on this attractive annual but also on the work they have been doing throughout the year.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the following cemetery deeds were approved:

Miss Helen T. Hall,	Lot No. 359, Section U	\$70.00
Mrs. Edwin Bridges,	S.E. Quarter Lot No. 10-A, "D Annex"	35.00
William Ramsey,	W. Half Lot No. 290, Section "U"	35.00
C. B. Moore,	Lot No. 314, Section "U"	70.00

REPORT ON SURVEY MADE BY ROBERT AND COMPANY, INC., ON ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHARLOTTE WATER WORKS PLANT AND SYSTEM PRESENTED.

Mr. R. G. Hicklin, Manager of Municipal Engineering Dept. of Robert & Company, Inc., architects and engineers, of Atlanta, Ga., engaged to make survey and report of additions and improvements to the Charlotte Water Works plant and system, presented this report, explaining with a map some of the proposed improvements.

The estimated costs of the work as recommended by them are as follows:

Raw Water Supply	\$416,045.00
Filtration Plant	368,633.00
Distribution System	<u>580,792.00</u>
Total	\$1,365,470.00

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Mr. Marshall stated that the next step would be to call an election to authorize the issuance of bonds in that amount, and that the Council should not wait long, as this coming summer the City will be in a precarious condition as regards the water situation.

Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that the City Attorneys be instructed to prepare the proper resolutions for calling a bond election for this purpose.

Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Tipton, moved to accept the report of Robert and Company and receive it as information, which motion was unanimously carried.

The Mayor Pro Tem then called for a vote on the motion of Councilman Sides, which motion unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. McConell

City Clerk