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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, July 21, 1937, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Durham, Griswold, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilmen Baxter and Hovis.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the minutes of the July 14th meeting were approved as read.

ADVERTISEMENT OF PROPERTY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES.

The City Manager presented a letter from the City Attorney in regard to the advertisement of property for delinquent taxes, in which he advised as follows:

First : That it is not mandatory to advertise and sell property annually for delinquent taxes; this is discretionary with the City Council.

Second: If the Council decides to advertise and sell annually as heretofore, then your sales date will be the second Monday in September, after you have advertised the property for thirty days in a newspaper.

Third : If you do not advertise and sell the property annually, as provided by the general law, then under this local bill the property would have to be sold on the first Monday in May.

Fourth: If the Council decides to proceed under the provisions of the local Act referred to, then they should pass a resolution postponing the sale until the first Monday in May 1939, or the first Monday in any May thereafter.

Fifth : I think it was the intention of the local delegation to eliminate the necessity for the annual advertising and the sale at the Court House door as we have heretofore done, but it is clear to me that the language of their bill does not accomplish this, and that before the City can proceed to foreclose the lien for unpaid taxes under Section 7990 of the Consolidated Statutes, that an advertisement and sale of the property will first have to be held, and this sale must be on the second Monday in September for the 1936 taxes if we are going to advertise and sell annually, or it must be the first Monday in May 1939 or any first Monday in May thereafter that the Council may set by resolution. It will be seen from this that the advertisement of delinquent taxpayer's property in the newspaper, and the same thereof was not only to be eliminated, but that the acting questions even made it mandatory to advertise it and sell it where we propose to proceed under Section 7990. Before this local act was passed, the Council could have proceeded under Section 7990 to foreclose the lien for the taxes without any advertisement and sale, but by this local act it seems that the advertisement and sale is mandatory in either event before a foreclosure suit can be brought.

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Sixth : In this connection I think that it is also necessary to advertise and sell each and every piece of property of every delinquent taxpayer, and not just one piece as we have heretofore done.

In view of the foregoing it would be my suggestion to proceed as we have been doing and advertise and sell this property on the second Monday in September of this year because the act passed by the 1937 General Assembly gives us no relief for this advertisement and sale, but even makes it mandatory where heretofore it was not mandatory, and the only thing that it does is to give the Council the right to postpone the sale date, and forces them to advertise and sell the property where heretofore this was not mandatory."

Whereupon, Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Griswold, moved that the Council proceed ~~in~~ in regular form as in the past. Motion unanimously carried.

STREET MAINTENANCE FOR PECAN AVENUE.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hudson and unanimously carried, Pecan Avenue, between Kensington Drive and Winton Street, was taken over for city maintenance.

PURCHASE OF BONDS FOR SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

Upon motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Griswold and unanimously carried, the purchase of the following Bonds for the Sinking Fund Account was approved:

\$25,000 Wilson, N. C., Electric Light Bonds 4-3/4%,
due 10-1-37, at 100.73

\$ 3,000 Fayetteville, N. C. Street Paving and Sewer
Bonds, 5%, due 8-1-38, at 102.516 to yield 2 1/2%.

The above investments have been approved by the Local Government Commission.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT FOR MR. JAS. B. PRATHER, AT FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Albea, the application from the Federal Reserve Bank for appointment of Mr. Jas. B. Prather as special police officer, was approved.

LIST OF SALARIES OF ALL CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENTED COUNCIL FOR STUDY.

Mr. Marshall presented each member of the Council with a complete list of salaries paid to City Employees for study before the adoption of the budget.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. JOHN SORROW AS MEMBER OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Councilman Sides, Chairman of the Parks & Playgrounds Committee, presented a recommendation from that Committee relative to the filling of the vacancy on the Park Commission, stating that his Committee had agreed unanimously on the name of Mr. John Sorrow, a man who is interested in the park situation and other civic enterprises, and as Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Sides moved that the name of Mr. John Sorrow

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be placed in nomination to fill this vacancy. This motion was seconded by Councilman Griswold, who concurred in the remarks made by Councilman Sides regarding Mr. Sorrow, as did also Councilman Albea, and on being put to a vote Mr. Sorrow was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

TRAFFIC SITUATION DISCUSSED.

Councilman Wilkinson stated that in order to relieve the congested traffic situation on College Street he felt that if the Council would permit traffic to turn right on the green light and mark the other or inner lane to go straight through that it would greatly relieve this condition.

Whereupon, Councilman Wilkinson made a motion lines be laid off at Fifth and Tryon and Fourth and Tryon and marked for right turn on the right-hand side, the other lane to keep going. Motion seconded by Councilman Huntley.

Councilman Albea offered a substitute motion to hold this matter up one week in order to get a report from the City Traffic Director, Mr. Skinner. Motion seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried.

CEMETERY DEED.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the following cemetery deed was approved for transfer:

S. B. McGinn and wife, Gertrude, to Mrs. W. H. Beardsley, N $\frac{1}{2}$ 31-X,
with perpetual care \$2.00

New deed to be made to S. B. McGinn for S $\frac{1}{2}$ 31-X.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Sides, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. W. Russell