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The weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, June 23, 1937, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Hudson, Huntley, Griswold, Little, Nance and Sides present. Councilman Wilkinson coming in at 5:05 P. M.

Absent: Councilman Hovis.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Durham, the minutes of June 16th meeting were approved with the correction that appointment of Dan B. Bradley as Special Officer, by request of Schmeer's, Inc., read "on the premises".

WIDENING OF EAST FIFTH STREET.

Mr. Carol Taliaferro, Attorney, representing the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, appeared before the Council, requesting that permit for remodeling building at the corner of Fifth and Tryon Streets, be issued, stating that the City Manager had refused to issue this permit in an effort to get his client to sell to the City 10ft. off the Fifth St. side of this property in order to widen this street. He stated that his client was not willing to give up this 10 ft. as it did not feel that the benefits to be derived therefrom would justify the cost, and that the future tenant cannot use the property if it is diminished by 10 ft.

Mr. Marshall explained that he had been negotiating for several months with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company for this 10 ft. off the present building and had discussed the matter with a representative of the company but had not heard from them for several months until request was made for the issuance of a permit. He stated that he wished the Council to be informed of the details since the property line from College Street to the alley had already been established and he felt it should be widened the entire block.

Arguments in favor of widening this street were presented by Mr. V. J. Guthery and Mr. G. W. Dowdy, while Mr. E. C. Griffith and Mr. Taliaferro opposed it.

After a lengthy discussion by the Council, Councilman Baxter moved that the request for permit be granted, which was seconded by Councilman Hudson and carried, the following vote being recorded:

- For: Councilmen Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hudson, Huntley and Nance.
- Against: Councilmen Albea, Little and Sides, Councilman Wilkinson not being present at this time.

This action was taken after Mayor Douglas had pointed out that widening of the street at this time would be expensive for the taxpayers since assessments could not be made against the property owners on each side of the street, for the next two years.

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AGREEMENT WITH CHARLOTTE CONSOLIDATED CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CHANGE IN BUILDING LINE.

Mr. Chas. Blackburn presented to the Council an agreement between the Charlotte Consolidated Construction Company and the City of Charlotte for the change in building line at the Dilworth School on Park Avenue, the original restrictions calling for any house or building on Park Avenue to be set back 35 feet and now being changed by this agreement to call for only 30 ft.

Thereupon, Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Griswold, moved that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign this agreement, which motion was unanimously carried.

RE-ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE - WEST TRADE STREET.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Griswold, the following re-assessment ordinance for property on West Trade Street, was unanimously adopted on three readings:

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO ORDAIN that the special benefits to the abutting property on West Trade Street, on account of the paving of the roadway and sidewalks, beginning at a point 238 feet in a westerly direction from the northwest intersection corner of West Trade Street and Tuckaseegee Road, and running thence in a westerly direction, a distance of 188.5 feet, be correctly resubdivided and re-assessed on the South side only, as follows:

NEW NO.	OWNER	FRONTAGE	WATER	SEWER	ROADWAY	WALK	TOTAL
1519-21	L. A. Severs Est.	41'	-	-	188.15	-	188.15
1523-25	Henry E. Kistler	41'	15.00	-	188.15	-	203.15
1527-29	Mrs. C.M. Rodgers	51'		-	234.04	-	234.04
1531-33	D. L. Kistler, Jr. and Mrs. Mary Jane Womack	55.5'		-	254.69	-	254.69

CONTRACT FOR CORPORATION STOPS TO MUELLER COMPANY.

On motion of Councilman Griswold, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign contract with the Mueller Company for 100- 1", 6- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 12- 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " Corporation Stops, at the total price of \$647.38. All bids received on this material were at the same price and contract was awarded on the usual rotation basis.

INTEREST OF 1932 TAXES OF MRS. J. L. HINES CANCELLED.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Nance, the interest on 1932 taxes of Mrs. J. L. Hines, 123 South Tryon St., amounting to \$7.80, was cancelled, it being shown that Mrs. Hines came to the tax office on July 5, 1935 to pay up all back taxes and was not at that time presented with the 1932 tax statement.

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ROCK QUARRY PROJECT.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Griswold and unanimously carried, the City Manager and City Treasurer were authorized to sign an application with the Works Progress Administration for the continuation of the Rock Quarry Project which has been operating for the last six months.

The City Manager reported that this Quarry will produce a large amount of stone that can be used in improving different type streets in the City and that under the project application it is proposed that the City furnish the supervision, skilled labor and machinery necessary to operate the Quarry and the W.P.A. would furnish the unskilled labor, dynamite, drill steel, etc. The application, as set up, shows Federal funds in the amount of \$39,424.36 and the Sponsor's contribution \$25,938.00. However, the Sponsor's contribution is made up of rent on crusher, which the City owns; on trucks and other equipment owned by the City and the actual expense to the City will approximate \$15,000.00. It is contemplated that this amount will be set up in the next year's budget.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF FELONY REFERRED TO POLICE COMMITTEE TO REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL.

The City Manager advised that he had received an ordinance providing for the registration with the Police Department of all persons previously convicted of a felony, which Chief of Detectives Littlejohn felt should be adopted, but upon recommendation of Mr. Marshall, Councilman Huntley moved that the ordinance be referred to the Police Committee for study and report back at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

SALE OF 44 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AT SUGAW CREEK DISPOSAL PLANT TO E. S. DELANEY.

Mr. Marshall reported in connection with the sale of the 44-acre tract of land at the Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant, authorized at a recent meeting of the Council, that this land had been advertised for sale and sold on June 7th, 1937, to Mr. E. S. DeLaney at \$1500.00. He stated that the City would actually receive \$1600.00 for this property but in view of the fact that the Agent cannot receive his commission any other way, it was necessary to bid it in at \$1500.00 in order to allow the City to pay him his commission.

Councilman Durham moved that the Mayor and Clerk sign the deed to Mr. E. S. Delaney or his assigns for this property, said deed to carry the necessary restriction regarding non-liability of the City from damages emanating from the Disposal Plant.

PETITION PROTESTING CONDITIONS AROUND THE ARMORY-AUDITORIUM.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried, the petition presented by a number of residents in the vicinity of the Armory-Auditorium, protesting drinking, unnecessary blowing of taxicab horns, loud talking, profanity, etc. in that neighborhood in connection with dances given by both white and colored citizens at the Armory, was referred to the Police Committee and the Police Department to handle.

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APPROVAL OF INVOICE FOR TITLE EXAMINATION FEES IN CONNECTION WITH PURCHASE OF WATER TANK SITES.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Griswold, invoice of Attorney J. M. Scarborough for examination of titles to Water Tank sites, in the amount of \$130.00, was unanimously approved for payment.

REQUEST OF QUEEN CITY BUS COMPANY FOR 75 FT. DRIVEWAY ON NORTH GRAHAM STREET REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

The City Manager reported receipt of request from the Carolina Coach Company for permission to build a ramp from the sidewalk to the building line of their property at 912-916 North Graham Street, stating that if islands are placed along the sidewalk their busses, when entering or leaving the building will drag the rear end on the street and in time, perhaps, cause serious damage.

The City Ordinance prohibits a driveway over 30 ft. in width without safety island, and Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that the present ordinance be complied with.

After discussion, Councilman Albea withdrew his second, but second was made by Councilman Baxter.

Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, then made a substitute motion that the matter be referred to the Public Works Committee for report back at the next meeting. The substitute motion was then voted on and was unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF PERPETUAL CARE AGREEMENT - ELMWOOD CEMETERY.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Nance the following perpetual care agreement for lot in Elmwood Cemetery was approved:

Mrs. Carrie R. Henderson, South Half Lot 220, Section "Q" \$50.00

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion of Councilman Albea to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hudson and unanimously carried.

*Alice B. McConnell*

City Clerk