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The final meeting of the outgoing City Council was held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, at 9 o'clock A. M., on Wednesday, May 5, 1937, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Durham, Hovis, Huntley, Nance, Sides, Tipton and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilman Hudson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 28th MEETING.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Durham, the meetings of the meeting of April 28th. were approved as read.

BIDS ON REPAVING WEST MOREHEAD STREET; CONTRACT TO F. N. THOMPSON.

The City Manager reported the following bids received for repaving West Morehead Street:

A. H. Guion & Company	\$37,910.00
Leon Ellis	37,945.00
Hobbs-Peabody Construction Co.	38,881.00
Blythe Bros. Co.	35,812.50
F. N. Thompson	35,581.50

Mr. Marshall advised that this work is to be done out of an appropriation from the State Highway Commission and that bids were submitted to the Highway Commission and they had approved the award to F. N. Thompson. However, the total amount of the bid is in excess of the money available in this year's appropriation and Mr. Marshall recommended that the contract be awarded to F. N. Thompson on the unit prices stated in the proposal and that the amount of work done be limited to the amount available in the appropriation, which is approximately \$30,000.00.

Thereupon, Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Huntley, moved that the contract be awarded to F. N. Thompson, the low bidder. Motion unanimously carried.

CONTRACT FOR JOINT CLAMPS FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Durham, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign contract with the National Supply Company of Toledo, Ohio, for Joint Clamps for use in the Water Department, at a total price of \$207.67, f.o.b. shipping point.

Bids received were as follows:

National Supply Company, Toledo, O.	\$207.67
M. B. Skinner Company, South Bend, Ind.	216.81
S. R. Dresser Mfg. Co. Bradford, Pa.	218.21
All f.o.b. shipping point.	

RESOLUTION REGARDING SALE OF PROPERTY ON SOUTH SIDE EAST 7TH STREET.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the following resolution, regarding the sale of property on the South Side of East Seventh Street at Briar Creek, was unanimously adopted:

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WHEREAS, the City Council has heretofore authorized the advertisement and sale at Public Auction of a piece of real estate at the corner of East Fifth Street and East Seventh Street in the City of Charlotte, containing approximately 13.4 acres, and

WHEREAS, the said property was duly advertised for sale and sold at Public Auction in the Courthouse in Mecklenburg County, N. C., on Monday, April 19th. 1937 and bid in by Marvin L. Ritch for the sum of \$2001.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte that the said bid of \$2001.00 for the said tract of land be accepted and that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a deed conveying the fee simple title to the said property to the said Marvin L. Ritch or his assigns.

DISCOUNT FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES DISALLOWED.

In regard to the discount for uncollected back taxes, the City Manager presented for consideration the Tabulation of the total amount of taxes which would be affected by the adoption of the discount rates contained in House Bill No. 1182.

This Tab Sheet showed total uncollected taxes for the years 1920 through 1927 of \$55,191.46, with interest of \$44,724.49, making a total of \$99,915.95. The proposed discounts would amount to \$19,983.18, with net receipts of \$79,932.77.

For the years 1928 through 1934, with discount of 10%, the total amount of uncollected taxes is \$386,530.77; interest due \$120,084.90, making a total of \$509,415.67. Proposed discounts would amount to \$50,941.57, leaving net receipts of \$458,474.10.

After a thorough discussion of these proposed discounts, Councilman Durham moved that the discounts not be allowed. Motion seconded by Councilman Sides and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

After Mayor Douglas expressed regret at the loss of two members of the present City Council for the ensuing two years, and a brief farewell from Mr. John F. Boyd, Councilman Wilkinson moved that the meeting adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. Motion seconded by Councilman Boyd and carried.

Alice B. McConnell

City Clerk

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The City Council convened at 10:00 o'clock A.M., Wednesday, May 5, 1937, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Hovis, Huntley, Nance, Griswold, Sides, Little and Wilkinson being present.

MEETING OPENED WITH PRAYER BY REV. WILLIS G. CLARK.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Willis G. Clark, President of the Ministerial Association.

REPORT OF COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

The following report, received by the City Clerk from the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections, was read:

"At a meeting of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections duly called and held at Eleven o'clock P. M., on May 4, 1937, the following members were present:

Chase Brenizer
S. Y. McAden
Henry C. Alexander.

It was duly declared and judicially determined as follows:

That the votes received in said election, held on May 4, 1937, by the candidates for Mayor, members of the City Council and School Commissioners, the following are declared elected to the various offices:

MAYOR:

Ben E. Douglas

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL:

Claude L. Albea
H. H. Baxter
John F. Durham
T. V. Griswold
W. N. Hovis
W. Roy Hudson
J. Hamp Huntley
A. Parks Little
J. S. Nance
L. R. Sides
John L. Wilkinson

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS:

Six Year Term- Herbert Spaugh
Six Year Term- Frank S. Worthington
Four Year Term- Mrs. G. S. Horne.

Report of the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections showed the votes received in said Election by the candidates for Mayor, Members of the City Council and School Commissioners are as follows:

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FOR MAYOR:

No. VOTES RECEIVED

Ben E. Douglas 4840

FOR MEMBERS CITY COUNCIL:

Claude L. Albea	5194
H. H. Baxter	4811
W. T. "Tony" Blackwell	2309
C. D. Brady	914
John F. Durham	4911
Ben F. Favell	2794
T. V. Griswold	3323
W. N. Hovis	4994
W. Roy Hudson	4917
J. Hamp Huntley	4640
A. Parks Little	3932
J. S. Nance	4697
L. R. Sides	4673
Thomas M. Webb	1385
John L. Wilkinson	4647
Wm. Emmett Wishart	2832

FOR SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS:

J. Spencer Bell	2361
N. C. Burns	1909
Mrs. G. S. Horne	3310
Herbert Spaugh	4246
Mrs. C. T. Wanzer	1991
Frank S. Worthington	3902

(Signed) Chase Brenizer

 Chairman Mecklenburg County
Board of Elections

S. Y. McAden

 Secretary Mecklenburg County
Board of Elections

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MAYOR.

The oath of office was administered to Mayor Ben E. Douglas by the Clerk at 10:08 A. M.

OATH ADMINISTERED TO CITY COUNCIL BY THE MAYOR.

The oath of office was administered to the City Council at 10:15 A. M. by Mayor Douglas, with the exception of Council Hudson, who is ill.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS ADMINISTERED OATH AT 10:21 A.M.

Mayor Douglas then administered the oath of office to the two new members of the School Commission who were present, Rev. Herbert Spaugh and Mr. Frank S. Worthington, at 10:21 o'clock A. M., Mrs. G. S. Horne being absent from the City at this time.

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SPEECHES.

Mayor Douglas expressed his appreciation of such a large assembly present for these exercises and pledged the support of the incoming Council for the next two years in giving Charlotte the best government possible, after which he called on the Council for a few words, each member responding and the two new members, Councilmen Griswold and Little expressing thanks to their many friends for their presence on the Council and their desire to give their best in these positions.

A rising hand was then given for the absent member, Councilman Hudson, who was unable to be present due to illness.

Short talks were also made by the two new members of the School Commission present, Rev. Spaugh and Mr. Worthington.

FIXING TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Durham, the City Council will continue to meet at 4:00 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday of each week, in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 11TH.

Councilman Wilkinson stated that in view of a very important speaking engagement of the Mayor, he moved that the Council hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 11th. at 4:00 o'clock P. M., instead of the usual date, May 12th. Motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF CITY TREASURER.

Councilman Sides arose and stated that according to procedure of the Council and the law, it was necessary to elect the City Treasurer and nominated Mr. L. L. Ledbetter, the incumbent Treasurer, as Treasurer for the next two years. This was seconded by Councilman Baxter.

The Mayor called for further nominations, but on motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the nominations were closed, and a unanimous vote was given Councilman Sides nominee, Mr. L. L. Ledbetter.

APPRECIATION FOR PAST CITY GOVERNMENT GIVEN TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

Mr. Ben Wellons, a visitor at this meeting, stated he felt that the Mayor and Council should receive a word of praise for the splendid work done during the past two years and expressed his appreciation for the service rendered by the outgoing body.

ADJOURNMENT.

Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Griswold, moved that business of the Council remain status quo until the next meeting, which motion was unanimously carried. And on motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McFarrell
City Clerk