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The City Council met in regular weekly session at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, November 17th, 1937, with Mayor Pro Tem Claude I. Albea presiding and Councilmen Baxter, Griswold, Hovis, Huntley, Little, Nance and Sides being present.

Absent: Councilmen Durham, Hudson, and Wilkinson.

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MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Griswold, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the minutes of the November 10th. meeting were approved as read.

REQUEST FOR PERMIT TO OPERATE CRIME DISPLAY.

Mr. John H. Small, Jr., attorney, appeared with Mr. Herman Arrington and others, requesting permit to operate an anti-crime exhibit on West Trade Street, stating that this exhibit had opened for business and was closed by Mr. Jas. W. Armstrong until the Council had given permission for this show, citing Section 3 (a) of the Revenue Ordinance, which states that any person, firm, etc. desiring to engage in such business "may be required to appear in person before the City Council for a license--".

Mr. Small also stated that this exhibit had the approval of the Chief of Police and also of the Revenue Collector.

Thereupon, Councilman Griswold, seconded by Councilman Hovis, moved that they be granted the privilege of carrying on this show.

Councilman Nance stated that a number of businessmen in that neighborhood objected to this display as they consider it a school for crime instead of a deterrent to crime. A lengthy discussion followed before the following vote was taken on Councilman Griswold's motion:

For: Councilmen Griswold, Hovis and Little.

Against: Councilmen Baxter, Huntley, Nance and Sides.

The Mayor declared the motion lost, and Mr. Small made a strong plea to the Council to re-consider their action, Mr. John Dillinger, Sr., father of the notorious John Dillinger being present and also the man who gives a lecture on the display, but the Council took no further action in the matter and passed on to other business.

LEASE WITH GULF OIL COMPANY.

Mr. States Lee, Jr., Chairman of the Airport Commission, presented to the Council for consideration a lease between the Commission, the City of Charlotte and the Gulf Oil Company, covering the lease of land at the Airport for installation of storage tanks and equipment for the storage of gasoline which is to be sold exclusively by the Gulf Oil Co. to the Eastern Air Lines, the Council having already granted the Eastern Air Lines this privilege. Mr. Lee explained that the Gulf Oil Co. had requested that the lease be made directly with them instead of Eastern Air Lines and that the City Attorney had already gone over the lease very carefully and desired the approval of the Council before it was approved by him. It was the recommendation of the Airport Commission that this lease be signed.

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Councilman Huntley made a motion that the matter be put off for one week, which was seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried.

INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF TWO MEN BY POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED.

Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Nance, moved that the City Manager and the Chief of Police make a full report to the City Council relative to the accidental shooting of a colored man by a police officer and that they see what can be done to prevent a similar occurrence in the future.

Councilman Sides explained that he was not attempting to hold anyone responsible for this accident nor was he condemning the officer, but that he did feel that an investigation should be made and instructions given to the officers as to when they should legally use their guns.

Councilman Baxter stated that the policemen were not to blame and that the officers have to protect themselves and are supposed to shoot, when necessary, although it was unfortunate that this man was killed.

Councilmen Griswold and Hovis also were heard on this subject, Councilman Hovis stating that he felt that the Council should not make an investigation as it was the duty of the Civil Service Commission to do this. Councilman Nance stated that he thought Councilman Sides motion was in order, and when a vote was taken the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILL FOR SERVICES OF MR. JAS. L. DeLANEY.

City Attorney Boyd stated that in bringing the two test suits in the Superior Court it was necessary for him to employ the services of an attorney to bring these suits. Mr. James L. Delaney, whom he considers a good constitutional lawyer, was employed and he asked that the City approve an advance of \$150.00 to Mr. DeLaney for services.

On motion of Councilman Griswold, seconded by Councilman Little, this bill was ordered paid.

ARMORY-AUDITORIUM GRANTED NEGRO PLAYGROUND WORKERS AT MINIMUM COST.

The Negro Playground Workers, headed by Ethel Lewis, requested the use of the Armory on December 27th. for a colored dance, at a minimum price of \$35.00; the customary charge for paid admission being \$75.00, but the money raised at the dance is to be used for negro park and playgrounds and the Council granted them a similar request last year.

Thereupon, Councilman Griswold, seconded by Councilman Sides, moved that this request be granted, which carried unanimously.

REPORT OF MAYOR PRO TEM AND COUNCILMEN ON TRIP TO RALEIGH.

The Mayor Pro Tem and several Councilmen who made the trip to Raleigh in the interest of the petition for abandonment of street cars in Charlotte presented to the Utilities Commission, reported a successful trip, stating that this petition was granted the Duke Power Company by the Utilities Commission without any trouble whatsoever.

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CEMETERY DEEDS.

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

J. B. Pettit, Lot No. 126, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery	\$35.00
Perpetual care on same	25.00
Everett Cunningham, Lot No. 8, Section "F", West Pinewood	25.00

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. Mc Powell  
City Clerk