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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, September 8, 1937, with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilman Hudson.

READING OF MINUTES DEFERRED.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting were postponed at this time.

Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Griswold, then moved that the City Manager's report be heard at this time in order to allow him to leave. Motion carried.

PURCHASE OF FILING EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried, contract for six filing cabinets for the new Record Division of the Police Department was awarded to the low bidder, W. N. Stokes Company, Inc., at the installed price of \$432.40, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign this contract.

Bids received on this equipment were as follows:

W. N. Stokes Company, Inc.	\$432.40
Carolina Office Supply Co.	463.80
Pound & Moore Co.	457.87
Kale-Lawing Company	488.14
Remington-Rand, Inc.	536.36

PRINTING FOR RECORD DIVISION, POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hovis, moved that contract for printing 116,000 sheets, five different forms, for the new Record Division, Police Department, be awarded the low bidder, Huneycutt Printing Company, at the price of \$347.50 and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract.

Bids received were as follows:

Huneycutt Printing Company	\$347.50
Carolina Supply Company	352.00
Pound & Moore Company	397.50

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PURCHASE OF ADDING MACHINES FOR TREASURER, ACCOUNTING DEPT. AND TAX OFFICE.

Bids received on three (3) adding machines, one for the City Treasurer, one for the Accounting Department and one for the Tax Department, were as follows:

Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	
Burroughs Machines-	\$558.90
Underwood Elliott Fisher Co.	
Sundstrand Machines-	535.50
Business Equipment Company	
Allen-Wales Machines-	486.00

The City Manager stated that after careful investigation and comparison of the above machines, it was recommended that purchase be made from the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, as their machines had certain features which the others do not have.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that purchase be made from the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, at the price of \$558.90 for the three machines and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried.

SPECIAL RADIO RECEIVING SETS.

The City Manager reported the following bids received on five (5) Special Short Wave Receiving Radio Sets:

John Haynes, Bosch Equipment-	\$425.00
Graybar Electric Co. Bosch "	433.65
Federal Laboratories, Inc.	
R.C.A. Equipment-	600.00

and stated that in the interest of standardization he recommended that the RCA equipment be purchased from Federal Laboratories, Inc.

Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that the City Manager's recommendation be complied with.

After discussion between Councilman Sides and the City Manager as to the necessity for receiving bids when certain equipment is specified in order to standardize, this question being answered by Mr. Marshall, the above motion was carried, with Councilmen Sides and Nance voting "No".

DANIEL STREET TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, Daniel Street, from Margurite Avenue 300 feet north, was taken over for city maintenance; this work being estimated to cost \$144.00 to put the street in shape.

CHANGE IN PARKING TIME ON SOUTH MINT STREET.

Mr. Marshall reported receipt of request from Mr. Paul R. Younts, Postmaster, that the City change the parking time in the first block of South Mint Street, on the east side of the Post Office building, from the 30-minute limit to a 10-minute limit, stating that it was his belief that this would be desirable and would facilitate moving traffic in that block. He recommended that this matter be referred to the Police Committee.

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Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Hovis, so moved. Councilman Baxter, as Chairman of the Police Committee, stated that he felt that he could speak for the Committee in saying that this change would be satisfactory, and thereupon, made a motion that this request be granted, which was seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF BONDS FOR SINKING FUND INVESTMENTS.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hovis and unanimously carried, the following City of Charlotte Bonds were approved for purchase; together with one \$1,000.00 Rockingham County Bond, 4-3/4%, due Feb. 1, 1938, to yield 1 1/2%, at \$101.34, which is also subject to the approval of the Local Government Commission:

\$1,000.00,	4-3/4%,	due 2-1-38,	to yield 1%
15,000.00,	4-1/2%,	" 3-1-38,	" " "
3,000.00,	4-1/2%	, " 5-1-38,	" " "
1,000.00,	4%	, " 6-1-38,	" " "
1,000.00,	6%	, " 11-1-38,	" " "

SEWER LINE ON SHENANDOAH AVENUE.

Mr. Marshall advised that last fall he agreed with Mr. D. L. Phillips and Mr. T. C. Wilson that if they would build a sewer on Shenandoah Avenue in accordance with the City's specifications that the City would take over the sewer at the Engineering Department's estimated price when the number of connections were such as to make the expense to the City not more than \$200.00 per connection. He stated that this sewer has been completed; that there are now eleven houses contributing to it, and that the necessary rights-of-way have been executed by the parties constructing the sewer; that the engineer's estimated cost is \$2,094.40, and that he recommended that the City pay this amount to the above parties and take over this sewer.

Thereupon, Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Durham, moved that the City purchase this sewer. Motion carried.

EX-CITY-CITY OFFICIAL PICNIC TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16th.

The City Manager reported that the Ex City-City Officials Picnic would be held at the Red Fez Club on September 16th., and that those in charge had asked that the City Hall close at 3:00 o'clock p. m., for this picnic, but that inasmuch as the 17th. had already been granted as a holiday for City employees who can be away from their duties, he did not think that the City Hall should be closed for this long a period of time, and recommended that only those who could leave their duties without having to close the building should be permitted to do so.

Councilman Sides made a motion that this matter be left to the discretion of the City Manager, which was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried.

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PARKING LIMIT QUESTION IN VICINITY OF COURT HOUSE DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.

Mayor Douglas called for a report from the Police Committee on the matter of changing the parking time in the vicinity of the Court House and Law Building, stating before hearing this report, that a number of parties had called and asked that the matter be delayed one week longer. Councilman Baxter, Chairman of this committee, stated that it was agreeable with him that this matter be delayed for another week.

TELEGRAM FROM M. H. BRANDON, CHARLOTTE BOWLING CENTER READ BUT NO ACTION.

Mayor Douglas read the following telegram, which he had just received:

"If there are to be any changes made in the Sunday Ordinance will appreciate the same consideration that is shown followers of any participants in other sports. Anything less than this would be discrimination."

This message was signed by M. H. Brandon, of the Health Center Bowling Alleys. No action was taken on this.

REQUEST OF MR. Z. V. KENDRICK REGARDING SEWER TAX DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

At the request of Councilman Wilkinson, Chairman of the Public Works Committee that the matter of cancellation of sewer tax on the property of Mr. Z. V. Kendrick, made at the last meeting, be deferred for another week before making recommendation, Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, made a motion that this be deferred for one week.

SALE OF OLD INCINERATOR BUILDING NOT APPROVED.

Councilman Wilkinson reported in the matter of the offer made last week by Mr. John S. Davidson to purchase the old Incinerator building in the Greenville section, for \$60.00; that he had received a bid of \$125.00 for this property and that after looking it over he was of the opinion that the City had no use for it and moved that the sale be made to J. E. Pendleton at the price of \$125.00, which motion was seconded by Councilman Griswold.

Councilman Baxter stated that he had looked over this building himself and that he felt that the City should not sell; that it could be repaired and used as a warehouse by the City for some of its W.P.A. or other projects, and that there were over 150,000 brick in the building. Mayor Douglas also stated that he had accompanied Mr. Baxter on this inspection and that he, too, felt this price much too low.

When a vote was taken on the above motion, it failed to carry.

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CLAIM OF BERTHA MITCHELL TO BE SETTLED FOR \$300.00.

City Attorney B. M. Boyd reported that in the matter of claim of Bertha Mitchell against the City of Charlotte, for alleged damages received by falling into an open storm drain, that a number of witnesses had been examined before a Commissioner and that it was brought out that the top off this storm drain had been left off for approximately one year, and that this suit could be settled for \$300.00 and that he recommended that the City should do so, as that was the cheapest way out inasmuch as there was negligence on the part of the City in leaving this storm drain uncovered for that length of time.

Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Baxter moved that the City Attorney's recommendation be complied with, which motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Sides stated that the City Manager should be instructed to find out who was responsible for this condition prevailing that it was pure negligence on the part of some City employee and that the responsible party should have to pay this claim. Councilman Albea stated he concurred in Councilman Sides' remarks.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Durham, the following cemetery deeds and perpetual care agreements were approved:

<u>ELMWOOD</u>	
Mrs. J. F. Shoemaker, S.W. 1/4 Lot No. 43-A, D. Annex,	\$35.00
Chas. H. Rowan, Lot No. 69, Section "Y"	35.00
Perpetual Care " " " " "	25.00
Perpetual Care on Lot No. 4, Section "T", to Mrs. Dolph M. Young,	140.50
Transfer of North Half Lot No. 95, Section "S" by	
Z. S. and Addie Verona Jordan to Hugh W. and Nettie Jordan	1.00
New deed issued to Z. S. & Addie Verona Jordan for South Half.	

WEST
PINEWOOD

Mary Perry, Lot No. 7, Section "D"	20.00
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ADJOURNMENT

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

Alice B. McConell
City Clerk