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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, January 26, 1938, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides being present.

Absent: Councilman Wilkinson.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Albea, the minutes of the meeting of January 19th. were approved as read.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND CENTRAL LABOR UNION TO ARBITRATE DATES FOR CARNIVALS.

Mr. Moore, representative of the Charlotte Central Labor Union, advised the Council that the Knights of Columbus and the Labor Union were arbitrating the dates on which they are to hold their respective carnivals and, therefore, the Council would be relieved of making the selection, and asked that the matter be continued for another week.

CLANTON ASSESSMENT MATTER.

Mr. Arthur Goodman, attorney, representing Mr. Ed Clanton, appeared before the Council relative to the matter of charging off interest on this assessment, stating that when the Council handled this at the last meeting they were not acquainted with all the facts and that the lot involved in the assessment was the property of the W. S. Clanton Estate and Mr. Ed Clanton did not know that the Estate even owned the lot on Cottage Place, against which the assessment is charged.

Councilman Durham stated that he had again gone into the matter and found the facts as stated by Mr. Goodman and his committee recommended that the interest be cancelled and only the principal be paid. Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Griswold, therefore, moved that Mr. Clanton not be charged with interest on this street assessment. Motion carried.

PETITION FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT AT CORNER OF EUCLID AND MOREHEAD STREETS.

A petition requesting the placing of a traffic light at the corner of Euclid Ave. and Morehead Street was presented by a representative of that vicinity, who advised the Council of the existing traffic situation on that street during school assembly hours. Mr. Goodman stated he also knew this was badly needed, as well as did Mr. C. C. Kuester, who was present at this time.

Mr. Marshall advised that the City has no funds on hand to take care of this but he would be willing to take the matter up with the Traffic Instructor and see what could be done.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Griswold, the matter was referred to the Police Committee.

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Councilman Hudson then moved that a policeman be placed at that point temporarily to stop the speeding of traffic. Motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried.

Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that the petition be turned over to Mr. Skinner, Traffic Instructor, for investigation.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GRANTED FREE USE OF ARMORY-AUDITORIUM FOR CERTAIN CONVENTION MEETINGS.

Mr. C. O. Kuester, Secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, requested free use of the Armory-Auditorium for March 23, 24 and 25th., for the Shrine Division Association Convention, which meets in Charlotte at that time.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Griswold, and carried, the Chamber of Commerce was given free use of the Armory for these three days.

Mr. Kuester then asked for the Armory for one day during March, the date to be set later, for the Republican Convention, and on motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Griswold, this was also given without charge.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the Chamber of Commerce was granted use of the Armory rent free for one night in August (date not yet known) for a dance to be given by the Junior Order American Mechanics, which would hold a convention in the City during that month, provided the date desired would be open.

COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER MADE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNOR'S HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE.

Councilman Hovis asked the City Council members and the City Manager to meet with the Governor's Hospitality Committee at the Chamber of Commerce on Friday evening, January 28th., at 7:30 o'clock, stating that they want every member of the Council and the City Manager on this permanent committee.

Each member of the Council was also urged to attend a meeting of the North Carolina Industrial Commission, on Safety, at the Alexander Graham Junior High School on Thursday evening, and Councilman Pro Tem Albea was asked to represent the Mayor at that meeting.

ARMORY GRANTED COLORED Y.M.C.A. FOR BASKET BALL GAMES.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Griswold the Colored Y.M.C.A. was granted free use of the Armory for basket ball games on February 9th. and 23rd., March 10th. and April 1st, with the provision that if the City has the opportunity to rent the Armory on any of these dates, this reservation will be cancelled on proper notice.

CANSLER SETTLEMENT.

Mr. Marshall informed the Council that the Collector of Revenue had made a very satisfactory settlement for the City with Mr. E. T. Cansler in connection with his Fourth Street assessment, in that the check tendered Mr. Cansler in return for the check which he had posted with the City pending acceptance or refusal of his compromise

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offer had been endorsed by Mr. Cansler back to the City as part payment on this account and the City still had it's claim against Mr. Cansler.

#### SEABOARD UNDERPASS.

Mr. Marshall also informed the Council that State Highway Commission was working on a revised estimate on the Seaboard Underpass on North Tryon Street, which he had hoped to receive in time for the meeting but which had not yet come, but would be ready for the next meeting and the Commission had advised that the City would be given a reasonable length of time to accept or reject the proposition.

At this point Mayor Douglas stated that inasmuch as each member of the Council had voiced his opinion regarding this project, he too would like to do so and that he felt that it would be well worth raising the City's tax rate two or two and one-half cents in order to go ahead and do the work while other funds were available, as the City could not expect to receive Government funds always.

#### INVOICE OF CHARLOTTE NEWS RE LAST MUNICIPAL ELECTION APPROVED FOR PAYMENT.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Grsiwold, the bill of the Charlotte News, in the amount of \$30.00, for publishing the names of candidates in the last City primary, as required by law, was approved for payment; this invoice having been overlooked by the Election Board in sending in bills for the election expense, and to be paid from the Contingent Fund.

#### WIDENING OF QUEENS ROAD AND THE PLAZA DISCUSSED.

The City Manager advised the Council that the condition existing on Queens Road and on The Plaza brought about by the abandoning of the street car line and the substitution of busses is such that cars cannot pass the busses on these streets and are having to travel on the drive-ways, which are only 15 feet wide. He advised that in some manner this will have to be remedied.

He stated that the W.P.A. was interested in this as they have more labor in Mecklenburg County at this time than projects and that from estimates gotten up it would cost \$18,147.00 to widen The Plaza four feet on each side of the center parkway, put in curbs and beautify the center strip, etc., of which the sponsor's donation would be approximately \$4,000 in money. The estimate on Queens Road is around \$63,600.00, of which \$28,000 would be the sponsor's donation, which could be cut to about \$15,000 in addition to stone, equipment rental, etc., which the City already has.

Mr. Marshall stated that the City had two alternates for doing this work, one was from a bond issue, and the other was to use the \$20,000 fund from the Duke Power Company which was to cover car tracks in the City and take care of that work later. Councilman Sides objected to using money provided for covering the car tracks throughout the City on these two projects, stating that the residents of other parts of the City would object.

After discussion, the Mayor suggest that a committee be appointed to work with the City Manager on this, and on motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the Mayor was authorized to appoint this special committee.

Mayor Douglas appointed Councilman Hovis as Chairman of this committee, with Councilmen Baxter and Little as the other two members.

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AMENDMENT TO THE SUNDAY ORDINANCE PASSED ON JULY 24TH 1935.

Councilman Hovis introduced the following amendment to the Sunday ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE  
TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE  
PERFORMANCE AND OPERATION OF CERTAIN  
BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL SPORTS AND  
AMUSEMENTS ON SUNDAY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte:

Section I. That that certain Ordinance passed by the City Council on the 24th day of July, 1935, and recorded in Ordinance Book 7, at Page 120-A in the office of the City Clerk, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE PERFORMANCE AND OPERATION OF CERTAIN BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL SPORTS AND AMUSEMENTS ON SUNDAY", be amended by striking out of said Ordinance the following provisions:

"Or to engage in or operate any outdoor game or sport where a fee is charged for admission as a spectator or to participate in any game or sport or amusement where an admission fee is charged, whether such admission fee be upon a club basis or otherwise".

Section II. That all of the provisions of the said Ordinance adopted July 24th 1935 shall remain in full force and effect except the provisions above quoted.

Section III. That this Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Sides, the above ordinance was adopted on first reading. The vote cast upon said first reading was as follows:

Councilman Albea	NAY
Councilman Baxter	AYE
Councilman Durham	AYE
Councilman Griswold	AYE
Councilman Hovis	AYE
Councilman Hudson	NAY
Councilman Huntley	NAY
Councilman Little	AYE
Councilman Nance	NAY
Councilman Sides	AYE
Councilman Wilkinson	ABSENT

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Sides, the above ordinance was passed on second reading. The votes cast on second reading were as follows:

Councilman Albea	NAY
Councilman Baxter	AYE
Councilman Durham	AYE
Councilman Griswold	AYE
Councilman Hovis	AYE
Councilman Hudson	NAY
Councilman Huntley	NAY
Councilman Little	AYE
Councilman Nance	NAY
Councilman Sides	AYE

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On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Sides, the above ordinance was passed on third and final reading, and the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted. The votes cast on third and final reading were as follows:

Councilman Albea	NAY
Councilman Baxter	AYE
Councilman Durham	AYE
Councilman Griswold	AYE
Councilman Hovis	AYE
Councilman Hudson	NAY
Councilman Huntley	NAY
Councilman Little	AYE
Councilman Nance	NAY
Councilman Sides	AYE

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Albea, the following cemetery deeds were approved:

A. D. Neal, West Half Lot No. 38-B, Section "D Annex"	\$56.00
Mrs. Grace V. Deskau, South Half of Lot No. 48, Section "X"	62.65
Perpetual care	54.85
(This deed in lieu of deed to S.E. 1/4 already made to this party and the S.W. 1/4 being held for purchaser).	

ADJOURNMENT.

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

*Alice B. McCowell*  
CityClerk