

January 5, 1938

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, January 5, 1938, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilman Little.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15th. MEETING APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Durham, the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 1938 were approved as read.

ASSESSMENT AGAINST MR. E. T. CANSLER ON FOURTH STREET REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Mr. E. T. Cansler appeared before the Council at this time with reference to an assessment against his property on Fourth Street, due to the paving and widening of this street in 1928. Mr. Cansler read a letter dated December 30, 1937 addressed by him to City Attorney B. M. Boyd, in which he offered to settle the City's claim against him on account of this assessment for \$3,287.63, deducting the proportionate amount from the original assessment as was deducted by the City from the assessment against Mr. J. H. Wearn on his property on this same street, in 1931.

Mr. Marshall stated that the minutes of the Council in 1931 did not state why settlement was made on this basis with Mr. Wearn but that they simply stated that the assessment was too high, and after discussion of the matter Councilman Huntley moved that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee to report on at the next meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

ARMORY-AUDITORIUM DONATED WITHOUT CHARGE FOR PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY BALL.

Mr. William Winter, Mecklenburg County Chairman for the President's Birthday Ball, requested the Council to donate the use of the Armory-Auditorium for this Ball. The President's birthday coming on Sunday this year, he stated that they would like to arrange for the Ball to be held on January 28th., 31st. or February 1st., and after consulting the Armory engagement book, it was found that the nearest open date was Monday, January 31st.

Thereupon, Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Hudson moved that the Armory be donated to this organization for this Ball on January 31, 1938. Motion carried.

BILL OF SALE AND LEASE WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY FOR SUBSTATION ON CATAWBA RIVER.

Copy of a Bill of Sale and Lease agreement covering the substation and lot at the City Raw Water Pumping Station on the Catawba River, which the Council had, at a former meeting agreed to sell to the Duke Power Company, was presented by the City Manager, and on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute this agreement.

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STREET ASSESSMENT ADJUSTMENTS ON HAWKINS PROPERTY- SOUTH GRAHAM STREET.

Mr. Marshall read a letter from the City Attorney relative to the adjustment of an assessment against the property of Sallie and Rose Hawkins on South Graham Street and stated that when the awards and damages were set up on this street it was not taken into consideration that in cutting off the frontage of this triangular shaped lot that it also cut off the width of the lot and that another appraisal had been made of the lot in question. After discussion Councilman Hudson moved that the adjustment be made, but no second and after further discussion Councilman Hudson withdrew his motion and then made a motion that the matter be referred to the Real Estate Committee for report back to the Council, which motion was seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried.

CONTRACT WITH CHARLOTTE OBSERVER FOR PUBLISHING BUS ROUTE ORDINANCE.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried, authorization was given for a contract between the City of Charlotte and the Charlotte Observer for publishing of an ordinance re: Duke Power Company bus routes; this charge having already been approved by the Council but authorization overlooked.

INSTALLATION OF WATER MAIN IN MIDDLETON DRIVE.

Request having been received from the Middleton Homes, Inc. for installation of a 6" water main in Middleton Drive between Providence Road and Cherokee Road, estimated to cost \$1877.00; this request was granted on motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Durham, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to enter into a contract with Middleton Homes, Inc., whereby Middleton Homes, Inc. guarantee an annual revenue equal to 10% of the cost of this main.

PNEUMATIC TIRES FOR AUTO EDUCATOR.

The City Manager reported that it is the desire of the Superintendent of the Motor Transport Division to substitute pneumatic tires for the present solid tires on the City's Educator; that all existing solid tires are worn out and that the cost of switching over to pneumatics would be only \$94.00 more than buying new solid tires.

The following bids were received on the tires and material necessary for making this switch-over:

Fleming Tire & Vulcanizing Co.	-	PENNSYLVANIA	\$557.40
The Dayton Rubber Mfg. Co.	-	McCLAREN	572.61
Victor Shaw Company-	-	U. S.	574.75
Mills Auto Service, Inc.	-	SELBERLING	580.00
Goodrich Silvertown Stores	-	GOODRICH	580.33
C. H. Stroupe Tire Company	-	FISK	583.10
Goodyear Service Stores	-	GOODYEAR	595.03
McDonald Service Company	-	FIRESTONE	596.35
Myers Automobile Service Co.	-	U.S.	608.19

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Dayton Rubber Mfg. Company for these tires (McClaren), at a net bid of \$572.61.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT FOR MR. M. S. HUGGINS.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, Mr. M. S. Huggins was appointed Special Officers on the premises at Drake's Curb Service, 1326 West Trade Street; this having the approval of the Chief of Police.

APPOINTMENT.

The City Manager reported the appointment of Mr. Frank Stojie as a helper in the Street Department.

REPORT OF CITY MANAGER ON SEABOARD UNDERPASS- NORTH TRYON STREET.

Mr. Marshall reported to the Council upon his recent trip to Raleigh in the interest of the Seaboard Underpass on North Tryon Street, pointing out that the State Highway Commission had agreed to put \$125,000.00 into the underpass if the City would put up the difference in that amount and the estimated cost of \$178,000.00. Mr. Marshall stated he saw no way for the City to do this unless an election is held on the issuance of bonds.

However, after discussion as to further possible assistance being obtained from the Seaboard Railway, Mr. Marshall asked that the Council defer any action in the matter until he can investigate further and thereupon, Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Albea, made a motion that this matter be investigated further promptly and an opinion rendered next Wednesday. Motion unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson the following cemetery deeds were authorized:

Mrs. Lily W. Cabaniss,	Lot No. 7, Section "Y"	ELMWOOD	\$63.00
Paul E. Haddock Estate	" " 6, " "Y"	" "	63.00
P.L. Jones, Sr.	" " 123 " "Y"	" "	35.00
John Talford,	Lots 19 and 20, Section "E", WEST PINWOOD		36.00

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk