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The City Council held its regular weekly meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, March 30, 1938, with Mayor Pro Tem Alba presiding and Councilmen Baxter, Durham, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Mayor Douglas, Councilmen Griswold and Sides.

READING OF MINUTES DEFERRED UNTIL CLOSE OF MEETING.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was deferred until the end of the meeting.

COOPERATION OF CITY COUNCIL ASKED IN CONNECTION WITH SWIMMING POOL CAMPAIGN.

Mr. John Sorrow appeared and asked the support of the Council in the Swimming Pool Campaign now being conducted, inviting the Council to attend the dinner on Friday, April 1st. for the workers in this campaign. Mr. Sorrow stated that the Council could assist in this work by helping to boost in the civic, patriotic and other clubs to which the Councilmen belong, also in an advisory capacity, etc.

Councilman Baxter stated that the Council had assisted in this movement by signing the application for W.P.A. aid and would be glad to do whatever called upon to do.

ARMORY-AUDITORIUM GIVEN WITHOUT CHARGE MAY 20th FOR ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM.

Miss Mable Bacon, Adult Education Director, asked for the free use of the Armory-Auditorium on May 20th. for a celebration to be put on under the Adult Education Program, celebrating the 1st. year of its organization, and asked the Council to extend a friendly hand to the visitors who would be in Charlotte at that time for this program.

On motion of Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Huntley, this request was granted.

RESIDENTS OF RADCLIFFE AVENUE ASKED FOR RELIEF ON DUST SITUATION IN THAT VICINITY.

Mr. George Gilbert appeared before the Council at the request of some of the residents of Radcliffe Avenue, asking for relief in connection with a situation existing in that neighborhood, namely: from the dust coming from the driveway of the Myers Park School when soft ball games are being played. Mr. Gilbert stated that large numbers of trucks park in this driveway and that in coming in and out the dust is terrible.

Mr. Marshall advised that this driveway would come under the supervision of the County Board of Education and the Park & Recreation Commission, but that he would take the matter up with Mr. Cartier and see if something could be done, either by oiling or closing up the driveway.

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NEGRO CITIZENS LEAGUE REQUESTS TRAFFIC LIGHT.

Henry Houston, representing the Negro Citizens League, asked that a traffic light be placed at Second and Alexander Streets, and that parking on both sides of Second Street, between Brevard and Davidson, be prevented, in order to eliminate the traffic dangers on Second Street.

MR. G. R. MILLS ASKED FOR TRAFFIC LIGHTS TO BE PLACED ON ELIZABETH AVENUE.

Mr. G. R. Mills, operator of a service station on Elizabeth Avenue and Cecil Street, appeared before the Council regarding the traffic conditions on Elizabeth Avenue, and asked that at least two additional traffic lights be placed on this street in order to cut down the speeding.

Mr. Mills also presented a suggestion for the buses to stop on the far corners of the street intersections instead of the near corners, in order to keep traffic moving, but Mr. Marshall advised that this had been tried out in several cities and discarded as not being practical.

After hearing the above two requests, Councilman Hudson moved that they be received as information, which motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

H. M. WADE STREET ASSESSMENTS SETTLED; GRAHAM STREET WIDENING PROJECT.

Councilman Durham, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported in connection with the request made some time ago by Mr. H. M. Wade for adjustment of the street assessments against property owned by him on South Graham Street, that the Committee had met with Mr. Marshall, City Manager, and Mr. Armstrong, Collector of Revenue, and after thorough investigation they were all of the opinion that an adjustment should be made.

He, therefore, moved that the following proposal made by Mr. Wade be accepted:

"Without prejudice to my claims as filed against the City of Charlotte, in reference to the above project and in an endeavor to adjust my claim without litigation, I hereby beg to confirm the proposal made to your committee yesterday afternoon, March 29, 1938.

If the City of Charlotte will cancel all benefits that have been assessed against lots 59, 60, 61-A, 61-B, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67-B, 71, 77, 78, 79, 81, 83, I will, in turn, endorse to the City of Charlotte all checks to be paid me by the Clerk of Court, covering damages that were awarded me by the appraisal committee handling this project.

I submitted at the time that I filed my protest, a statement showing my actual damages to be about 4600.00 more than the award of damages.

My statement also proved that the benefits assessed were in excess of uniform benefits by about 3700.00.

According to my claim, which I think could have been substantiated, I was entitled to additional protection amounting to over 8000.00.

The proposal of settlement, which I have submitted in an effort to adjust our differences, amounts to the

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cancellation by the City of slightly over 3000.00 in the matter of benefit assessments.

By this proposal I am assuming by far the greater loss, amounting to over 5000.00 and I have submitted this liberal proposal to effect a settlement without litigation.

In submitting this proposal I do so without prejudice to my claim and with the understanding that the proposal will be accepted at once."

Councilman Durham's motion to accept the above proposal was seconded by Councilman Hovis, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT FOR YEAR'S SUPPLY OF INCANDESCENT LAMPS.

The City Manager reported that bids had been received on a year's supply of Incandescent Lamps, amounting to approximately \$500.00; all bids being based on the same standard price list and the discount from the list price being as follows:

Jewel Incandescent Lamp Company		
Standard Pkg. Discount	43%	Jewel Lamp
Electrical Specialties Company		
Standard Pkg. Discount	38%	Jewel Lamp
Less than Standard Pkg.	33%	
Southern Electric Service Co.		
Standard Pkg. Discount	32%	Champion Lamp
Less than Standard Pkg.	27%	
The Charlotte Supply Company		
Standard Pkg. Discount	30%	Hygrade Lamp
Less than Standard Pkg.	25%	
Hygrade Sylvania Corp.		
Standard Pkg. Discount	30%	Hygrade Lamp
Less than Standard Pkg.	25%	

All bids received on Mazda Lamps were the same:

Anderson Electric & Supply Company		Mazda Lamp -
Standard Pkg. Discount	26%	Westinghouse
Less than Standard Pkg.	21%	

- S. L. Bagby Company " "
- Continental Electric Corp " "
- Carolina Houdaille Company " "
- Textile Mill Supply Company " "
- Charlotte Hardware Company " "
- Lyon's Drug Company " "
- Eptings, Inc. " "
- Boulevard Pharmacy " "
- Plaza Drug Store " "
- Elizabeth Drug Store " "
- Standard Drug Company " "
- Eagle Stores Company " "
- Civil's Service Drug Stores " "
- Charlotte Auto Parts Company " "
- Providence Drug Company " "
- Myers Park Pharmacy " "

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F. E. Robinson	26%	Mazda Lamp-
Seventh Street Pharmacy		Westinghouse
S. J. Smith		"
Westinghouse Eleteirc Supply Company		"
Blackwell's		"
Carolina Cut-Rate Drug Store		"
General Electric Supply Corp.		Mazda Lamp-
Standard Package Discount	26%	General Electric
Less than Standard Pkg	21%	
Carolinas Auto Supply Company		"
The Charlotte Supply Company		"
Mill-Power Supply Company		"
Economy Electric & Supply Co.		"
Hunter Electric Company		"
Interstate Electric Company		"
Woodside Electric Company		"
Graybar Electric Company		"
Robinson Electric Company		"
Duke Power Company		"
Timmons and Son		"
Independent Electrical Supply Company		"

Mr. Marshall stated that from experience and investigation, he felt that the best interest of the City could be served by purchasing the Mazda Lamp, manufactured by the General Electric or Westinghouse Electric Companies.

Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Hudson, moved that the contract be awarded to the Charlotte Supply Company on the General Electric Mazda Lamp. Before Councilman Durham's motion had been seconded, Councilman Hovis moved that inasmuch as General Electric Mazda's were purchased last year, that the contract be awarded to the Anderson Electric Company on the Westinghouse Mazda Lamp, which was seconded by Councilman Nance.

A vote was taken on Councilman Durham's motion, after being seconded by Councilman Hudson, with only four votes being recorded for the motion, and the Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion lost. A vote was then taken on Councilman Hovis' motion, with only five votes recorded for the motion, and after discussion, the Mayor Pro Tem ruled that this motion also failed to carry.

Councilman Huntley then made a motion that the contract be awarded to the Textile Mill Supply Company, which was seconded by Councilman Wilkin-son, but after Councilman Hovis stated that he would like to re-state his motion and call for another vote on it, Councilman Huntley withdrew his motion, and Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Nance, again moved that the Anderson Electric Company be given the contract on the Westinghouse Mazda Lamp, and the motion carried at this time.

WATER EXTENSION OFF BRANDYWINE ROAD.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Selwyn Avenue Water Company, for the extension of a 2" water main for approximately 80 feet from Brandywine Road; said Water Company to pay the entire cost of this water line.

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EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED BLYTHE BROS. COMPANY FOR PUMPING STATION IMPROVEMENTS AND RAW WATER LINE.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Durham and carried, Blythe Brothers Company were granted an extension of 60 days time for the completion of their contract, dated July 7, 1937, for Pumping Station Improvements and Raw Water Line.

STREET MAINTENANCE FOR COLVILLE ROAD.

On request of the Eastland Realty Company, Councilman Hovis moved that the City take over for maintenance that part of Colville Road extending 250 feet towards Eastover from the intersection of Scotland Avenue and Colville Road. Motion seconded by Councilman Nance and carried.

STREET MAINTENANCE FOR EAST SECOND STREET BETWEEN LONG AND MORROW STREETS.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the request of Mr. H. B. Keller that the City take over for maintenance East Second Street, between Long and Morrow Streets, was granted.

SEWER EXTENSION ON BLUFF STREET.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the request of Mr. Jack McClary for the extension of the sewer on Bluff Street, from Whisnant to Pryor Street, a distance of 210 feet, to serve one house, was granted. This was estimated by the Engineering Department to cost \$188.10.

OBSOLETE WATER ACCOUNTS TO BE CHARGED OFF.

Mr. Marshall reported that the Water Department had been carrying on its Accounts Receivable a number of charges against the City of Charlotte for repairs to hydrants, which were placed on the books in 1932. The amount of the charge is \$904.63 and it was the recommendation of Mr. Marshall that this be charged to Reserve, as Doubtful Accounts.

He also stated that the list of "A" construction jobs, amounting to \$952.16, were uncollectable and that the City Treasurer, after thorough investigation, recommended that it be charged off.

Thereupon, Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Little, moved that the item of \$904.63, in Accounts Receivable, be charged to Reserve, as Doubtful Accounts, which motion was unanimously carried. And Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Hudson, moved that the "A" construction list be charged off, as recommended by the City Manager and Treasurer. Motion unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the following cemetery deeds and transfers were approved:

Mrs. W. F. Stevens, Lot No. 11, Section "Y", Elmwood	\$63.00
Transfer of N. Portion of Lot No. 93, "D Annex" from Stanley Boekhout to Mrs. Margaret Wilson and Mrs. Helen Lunsford	1.00
New deed to be issued to Mr. Boekhout for portion retained by him/ No charge	
Transfer of N. Half Lot Np 219, Section "Q" from Mrs. Emily Boyd Garrison and R. L. Garrison, to Mr. & Mrs. Fred T. Alexander	1.00

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MINUTES OF MARCH 23RD. MEETING READ AND APPROVED.

At this time the minutes of the March 23rd. meeting were read, and on motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Little, were approved without change.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk