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The City Council met in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, May 18, 1938, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Huntley, Nance and Sides being present.

Absent: Councilmen Hudson, Little, and Wilkinson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On motion of Councilman Sidas, seconded by Councilman Griswold, the minutes of the May 11th. meeting were approved as read.

STREET ASSESSMENT ON PARK AND CLEVELAND AVENUES.

In the matter of the request made several weeks ago by Mr. H. L. Taylor for cancellation of street assessment on property at Park and Cleveland Avenues, which the Council disallowed at the last meeting, Mr. Taylor stated that if the Council had turned this down because of being a double assessment he asked that they reconsider, as he was asking for cancellation due to the fact that the assessment was not properly indexed as required by law. Mr. Taylor discussed this with Mr. Durham, Chairman of the Finance Committee, who had recommended this be disallowed. City Attorney B. M. Boyd explained that he was involved in this request, since the firm of Scarborough and Boyd had certified the title in question to the H.O.L.C., upon the certificate of Mr. Fred Hasty, and that the matter of settlement was purely a question of law.

After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Durham agreed to take the matter up with the City Attorney as to the question of law involved and the matter was left standing until such time as that could be done.

TAXICAB ORDINANCE NOT PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING.

Attorney Taylor asked if the Council intended to present the taxicab ordinance adopted at the last meeting on two readings, and if so, he requested that it be brought up at this time. However, Councilman Baxter stated that inasmuch as a restraining order had been filed the Council would await the outcome of the Court.

SIDEWALK TO BE WIDENED ON EAST FIFTH STREET.

Councilman Albea reported for the Public Works Committee in the matter of the request of Belk Bros. Company for the widening of the sidewalk on Fifth Street in front of Belk's new store, stating that the committee had gone into the matter and unanimously recommended the widening of the sidewalk on that side of the street by eighteen inches provided the cost would be borne by Belk Bros. Company. Mr. Marshall presented a letter from Mr. Dowdy, of Belk Bros. Co., in which he stated that Belk Bros. Co. agreed to bear the cost of doing this work but asked that the City hold down the costs as much as possible.

Councilman Baxter then made a motion that the request of Belk Bros. Company be granted, at their expense. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

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CONTRACT FOR COPPER WIRE LET TO MILL POWER SUPPLY COMPANY,

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Sides, contract for 9 miles of No. 10 weatherproof solid copper wire, to be used in constructing the control line between the purification plant and the new storage tank, was let to the Mill Power Supply Company, at a total price of \$518.66. All bids received on this material were the same.

ASPHALT CONTRACT TO STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

Bids having been received on one car of mixed asphalt for use in repairing pavement, as follows:

Standard Oil Co. of N. J.	\$553.23
The Texas Company	579.23
J. B. Hunt and Sons	655.20

Councilman Albea moved that contract be awarded to the Standard Oil Company of N. J., the low bidder, at the price of \$553.23, and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried.

SALE OF GREENHOUSE IN ELMWOOD CEMETERY TO LOUIS G. RATCLIFFE, INC.

The City Manager reported that it was believed advisable to abandon the old green house in Elmwood Cemetery and that pursuant to an advertisement offering it for sale only one bid was received; that of Louis G. Ratcliffe, Inc., at a price of \$50.00 and the dismantling and removal from the property.

Thereupon, on motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea, the bid of Louis G. Ratcliffe, Inc. was accepted.

PURCHASE OF TWO WATER LEVEL RECORDING METERS.

Mr. Marshall reported that bids had been received on two Water Level Recording Meters for use in transmitting and receiving water levels between the raw water reservoir and the filtration plant and between the new storage tank and the filtration plant. He stated that these instruments are of different types and that the cost of installation would vary with the type selected. Therefore, comparison of prices was made on the basis of completed installation, as follows:

Leeds and Northrup Co. equipment	\$2,492.00
Builders Iron Foundry	2,000.00
Brown Instrument Company	2,002.00
The Bristol Company	1,600.00

The actual equipment required under The Bristol Company's quotation was for

Reservoir	\$525.00
Tank	315.00

and on motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Nance, contract was awarded to The Bristol Company, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract, for the above amount.

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PURCHASE OF MOTOR DRIVEN SLUDGE PUMP.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Griswold, contract for one 4" nonclogging motor-driven Sludge Pump for the Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant, was awarded to J. R. Purser, Sales Engineer, Inc., at a delivered price of \$560.00, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

Bids received were as follows:

J. R. Purser Sales Engineer (DeLaval Pump)	\$560.00
Yeoman Bros. Company	588.50
(the only two bids received on pump with horizontal split case, as per request)	

Other bids were as follows:

Worthington Pump and Machinery Corp.	486.00
Morris Machine Works	446.00
Dayton Dowd	386.25
Chicago Pump Company	396.00

REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER LINE IN BAY STREET HELD IN ABEYANCE.

A petition having been received from a number of residents of Bay Street requesting that a sewer line be constructed on Bay Street, from Westover Street to St. Julien Street, and the street be taken over for maintenance, and the City Manager reporting that there is one house on the street and a building permit issued for a second house, and that the cost of shaping and topsoiling the street had been estimated at \$227.00 and the construction of the sewer at \$338.00, after discussion the matter was held in abeyance for one week to determine if the property owners would put the street in condition for the City to take it over for maintenance

STREET MAINTENANCE ON LILAC ROAD.

The City Manager also reported receipt of a petition signed by seven citizens requesting the City to take over Lilac Road, from Avondale Avenue to Wilson, a distance of 1100 feet for maintenance. This was estimated to cost \$443.00 to put the street in shape. After discussion, Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that the residents on this street be notified that if they would put the street in shape the City would then take it over.

\$500.00 ALLOTTED TO W.P.A. FOR WORK ROOM PROJECTS.

Councilman Durham reported with reference to the request made by Mrs. Hannah Withers at the last meeting for additional funds for W.P.A. projects, stating that the committee recommended that the City contribute \$500.00 to this work, the County contributing a like amount, and Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that this be done. Motion carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

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

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W. I. Pickens, Lot No. 56, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery	\$63.00
Paul Short, Perpetual care on Lot N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 88, Section "E"	36.00

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. McConell

 City Clerk