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The City Council held its regular weekly meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 P. M., Wednesday, December 13, 1939, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Barter, Britt, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides and Ward present.

Absent: Councilmen Albea and Wilkinson.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with until the close of the business of this meeting.

CLAIM OF MISS MAGGIE BLACK PRESENTED.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Sides and carried, the claim of Miss. Maggie Black, who alleges she was injured by falling in a defective hole in one of the City's sidewalks, was referred to a special committee to investigate and report back at the next meeting as to a possible settlement of this claim. Miss Black was presented to the Council by her attorney, Mr. H. L. Taylor, who stated that she had no desire to bring suit on this claim but felt that she should be reimbursed for doctor's fees and time lost from her work.

DONATION OF \$100.00 MADE TO PROVIDE CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR INMATES OF TRAINING SCHOOLS.

Following the request of Judge Marion Redd, of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Detention Court, Councilman Sides moved that the City donate \$100.00 from the Emergency Fund to assist in providing Christmas for the inmates of the five training schools serving this section of the state, also the members of the Juvenile jail and local jails. Motion seconded by Councilman Nance and unanimously carried.

ARMORY TO BE GIVEN TO NATIONAL GUARDS FOR TRAINING PERIOD DECEMBER 31ST. TO JANUARY 6TH.

Col. John Trescot, of the National Guards, appeared before the Council, asking that the City furnish the Armory for an extra training period to be conducted in Charlotte December 31st. thru January 6th., and that this include the water, lights and heat necessary for that period. He stated that it was customary for the Government to have a letter from the proper authorities, stating that the property can be used and he asked that Mr. Marshall be authorized to give him this letter, if the use of the Armory is granted.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried, this requested was approved.

RENT ON ARMORY FOR BENEFIT WRESTLING MATCH DECEMBER 11TH WAIVED.

At the request of Mr. Richard L. Young, of the Charlotte News, and on motion of Councilman Ward, duly seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, the rental fee on the Armory for the benefit wrestling match held on December 11th. for the News Empty Stocking Fund, was waived. Mr. Young reported that \$470.00 was turned over to the Empty Stocking Fund from this match, which would be increased by \$50.00 on account of this waiver.

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PURCHASE OF ONE YEAR'S SUPPLY OF CHEMICALS FOR WATER PURIFICATION PLANT.

Bids were received on December 12th. on one year's supply of Chemicals for the Water Purification Plant, and awards on the different items were made as follows:

Item No. 1, 20 Tons of Soda Ash. On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Little and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Solvay Sales Corporation for this material, at a total delivered price of \$542.52.

Bids were received from Kuester Bros., American Cyanamid & Chemical Corp., Arnold Hoffman Company, Inc., Solvay Sales Corp., Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc., and the Hercules Powder Company all at the above price, while E. I. du Pont de Nemours were high bidders at the price of \$554.40.

Item No. 2, 150 Tons of Aluminum Sulphate. On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Sides and carried, contract for this material was awarded to the lowest bidder, American Cyanamid & Chemical Corporation, at the total price of \$4260.00, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

Bids from Activated Alum Corp., Hercules Powder Company and Penn Salt Company were all \$4380.00.

Item No. 3, 150 Tons of Chemical Hydrate Lime. On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Little, award was made to the Doggett Lumber Company, the lowest bidder, on this item, and the Mayor and Clerk authorized to sign the contract, at a total price of \$1539.00.

Other bids received on this item were as follows:

Tucker-Kirby Company	\$1573.50
M. J. Grove Lime Company	1599.00
City Lumber Company	1611.00
J. L. Wiggins & Son Lbr. Co.	1611.00
Charlotte Lumber Corp.	1611.00
American Cyanamid & Chemical Corp.	1611.00
(Alternate Bid)	1596.00
Louisville Cement Company	1821.00

Item No. 4, 80 Tons Ferric Chloride. The only two bids received on this item were from E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Innis, Speiden and Company, both at a total delivered price of \$4197.60, and on motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Britt, award was made to E. I. du Pont de Nemours on this material, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign contract on behalf of the City of Charlotte.

Item No. 5, 18,000 Pounds Liquid Chlorine. On this item, all seven bids received were quoted at the same price, \$1425.60. Upon recommendation of the City Manager, Councilman Hudson moved that contract be awarded the Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc., which was seconded by Councilman Baxter and carried.

The seven concerns bidding were:

Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc.
Monsanto Chemical Company
Arnold Hoffman Company
Solvay Sales Corp.
Hercules Powder Company
Penn Salt Company
American Cyanamid & Chemical Co.

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Item No. 6, 30,000 Pounds Activated Carbon. On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Huntley, award on this item was made to the American Cyanamid & Chemical Corp., at a total price of \$1410.75 and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

Bids on this material were as follows:

American Cyanamid & Chemica Corp.	\$1410.75
West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co.	1410.75
L. A. Salomon	1410.75
Hercules Powder Company	1485.00

Item No. 7, 4,000 Pounds Anhydrous Ammonia. Councilman Hudson moved that contract on this item be awarded to Selby & Hines, at a total price of \$720.00, which motion was seconded by Councilman Ward and carried. Bids received from Mathieson Alkali Works; Monsanto Chemical Company; Penn Salt Company; American Cyanamid & Chemical Corp. and Selby and Hines were all the same.

SEWER EXTENSION ON GIBSON STREET.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Baxter and carried, the extension of a sewer on Gibson Street, from Parkway Avenue 225 feet west, estimated to cost \$198.00, was authorized

HORTON MOTOR LINES GRANTED PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT DRIVEWAYS ON CLARKSON ST.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, duly seconded by Councilman Britt and carried, Horton Motor Lines were granted permission to put in driveways on the west side of Clarkson Street, between Dunbar and Post Streets, similar to those into their premises on the opposite side of this street.

NOTICE OF SUIT OF WILLIAM JACKSON VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

The City Manager reported formal notice of claim of William Jackson against the City of Charlotte for alleged injuries sustained by stepping into a meter box on East 4th. Street, in the amount of \$100.00. This notice came from plaintiff's attorney, T. L. Kirkpatrick, and was turned over to the City Attorney for handling.

FORMAL NOTICE OF SUIT OF MRS. MABLE HERRON VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Formal notice from Uhlman S. Alexander, Attorney, of the claim of Mrs. Mable Herron against the City of Charlotte, who alleges injuries sustained from an accident due to the collision of an automobile in which she was riding with a City of Charlotte car, driven by Dr. L. B. Ford, was presented. This accident involved another automobile and after a lengthy discussion, Councilman Britt made a motion that the matter be turned over to the City Attorney for an opinion as to liability and his recommendation for compromise if he deems advisable. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and carried.

CITY TO PAY FOR GASOLINE FOR SPRAY TRUCK.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried, the payment of a bill of \$31.50 for gasoline used for operation of the spray truck operated by the United

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States Government in spraying certain sections of the City of Charlotte where the Japanese Beetle is in evidence, was authorized to be paid from the Emergency Fund.

GALVANIZED WATER FITTINGS.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Baxter and duly carried, the action of the Council in awarding contract for certain Galvanized Water Fittings, on November 28th. to the Allen Hardware Company, was rescinded and award of the contract was made to the Grinnell Company, at the price of \$318.48. This action was necessary due to an error on the part of the City in figuring bids; the award to the Allen Hardware Company being on the basis of \$277.25, whereas, their net bid should have been \$335.65.

ACTION ON TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AGAIN POSTPONED.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Baxter, action on the proposed Traffic Ordinance was postponed until the first meeting of the Council in the New Year.

PERSONNEL CHANGES.

The City Manager reported that he had dispensed with the services of Wilbur Irby, at the Armory, and had employed E. H. White.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Hovis, and carried, all City employees who can conveniently be away from their duties, were granted December 25th and 26th as Christmas holidays, also on motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Britt, New Years Day is to be a holiday for City employees.

ARMORY FOR POWER SHOW OCTOBER 4TH TO OCTOBER 15TH. 1940.

Mr. Marshall reported that Mr. David Clark had requested use of the Armory Auditorium for October 4th. thru October 15th. 1940, for a Power Show which he is hoping to have put on in Charlotte at that time. He stated that this would be a highly desirable affair for Charlotte but that plans were not yet complete and it is not definitely known whether it can be held or not, but on motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Ward, request for the use of the Armory was granted, if needed.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF TWO CITY EMPLOYEES.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in the Providence of Almighty God, it has pleased Him to call from this temporal life Armand John Dumas; and

WHEREAS, by the death of this man the City has lost a faithful and efficient employee, who served the City well for a number of years, and we, The City Council, mourn his passing and honor his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Charlotte extend to his family our deepest sympathy and pray

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God's blessing may rest upon them.

That a copy of this Resolution be delivered to his widow and a copy spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Sides, the following Resolution was also unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in the Providence of Almighty God, it has pleased Him to call from this earth Frank J. Graham; and

WHEREAS, this man was a capable and faithful employee, we the City Council, mourn his death and honor his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Charlotte extend to his family our deepest sympathy and pray God's blessings to rest upon them.

That a copy of this Resolution be delivered to his widow and a copy spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CLAIM OF MISS MAGGIE BLACK.

The matter of the claim of Miss Maggie Black, which was referred to a committee for investigation and report back, having been handled at the beginning of this meeting, Mayor Douglas at this time appointed on this special committee Councilman Huntley, Chairman, Councilman Little and City Attorney Scarborough.

NO COUNCIL MEETINGS UNTIL JANUARY 3, 1940.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Ward, no meetings of the City Council are to be held until January 3, 1940, unless called by the Mayor.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Little, the following cemetery deeds were unanimously approved for issuing:

Mrs. Annie Belote, Lot No. 53, Section B.B. Elmwood Cemetery	\$67.20
Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Morrison, Lot No. 14, G-Annex, with Per.Care	96.00
W. E. & Julia K. Jordon, Lot No. 22, G-Annex, with Per. Care	128.40
J. A. Klassette, Lot No. 323, Section "U"	70.00
Mrs. W. W. King, East Half Lot 328, Section "U"	35.00
J. C. Gregory, East Half Lot 345, Section "U"	70.00
Transfer of S.E. 1/4 Lot No. 68 from Heirs of Mrs. Mary Bloom to Mrs. Lester B. Paysinger and Mrs. Daisy B. Beckham	1.00
Ella Holly, West Part Lot #13, Section "F", WestvPinewood	21.15
Mrs. Walter Wright, Lot No. 11, Section "G" " "	22.50

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the minutes of the meeting of November 29th. were approved as read.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Britt, the meeting adjourned until January 3rd. 1940, unless called by the Mayor.


City Clerk