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A special meeting of the City Council was held in the Chamber of Commerce Assembly Room, pursuant to action of the City Council at its meeting held on January 4th., and notices duly sent; at 1:30 P. M., Tuesday, January 10, 1939; this meeting being held at the request of the Charlotte Rotary Club. Mayor Douglas presided and Councilmen Albea, Barter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson were present.

Absent: Councilman Little.

READING OF MINUTES DISPENSED WITH.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

MAYOR DOUGLAS REVIEWED HIGHLIGHTS OF ADMINISTRATION FOR PAST THREE YEARS.

The Council having been invited to conduct this meeting as the guests of the Rotary Club, Mayor Douglas expressed the appreciation of the Council for the invitation and reviewed the highlights of this administration for the past three years, after which he called for any visiting delegations who might be present to be heard at this time, the meeting being open to the public.

A number of questions were asked by different members of the Club relative to the different departments of the City government, these questions being answered by Mr. Marshall, City Manager, and Mr. Boyd, City Attorney, after which the meeting proceeded with the regular business.

CONTRACT FOR CAST IRON PIPE AWARDED TO WALWORTH COMPANY.

The following bids having been received on 1500 feet of 3" Screw Joint Cast Iron Pipe for Water Main Extensions:

Walworth Company	\$537.00
McWane Cast Iron Pipe Co.	577.50
Grinnell Company	811.50

on motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried, the contract was awarded to the Walworth Company on a unit price basis of .358 per foot, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

CONTRACT WITH NEAL HAWKINS FOR LANDSCAPING ENTRANCE TO ELMWOOD CEMETERY.

The City Manager reported that for the general landscaping about the entrance to Elmwood Cemetery approximately 1,044 cubic yards of earth had been required for making fills and that this material was secured from the excavation for the underpass on North Tryon Street. The grading contractor agreed to deliver the earth to Elmwood Cemetery under his contract with the Highway Commission, which requires 1000 feet free haul and allows .005 for each additional 100 feet haul. The total haul was 6,000 feet, representing an overhaul of 5,000 feet at .005 for each 100 feet, or .25 per cubic yard delivered, making a total of \$261.00.

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On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with Neal Hawkins, the Contractor, for the above overhaul, totaling \$261.00.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS AUTHORIZED AT FIVE LOCATIONS.

Mr. Marshall advised that a short time ago the Traffic Inspector, Mr. B. A. Skinner, had submitted a list of intersections requiring traffic lights, and that the budget allotment for traffic lights for this fiscal year would warrant the purchase of lights for only five additional intersections. Mr. Skinner recommended the installations at the first five intersections shown on his report, which are as follows:

1. Louise Avenue and Central Avenue
2. First and Church Streets.
3. Davidson and Trade Streets
4. Ninth and Tryon Streets
5. Sixth and College Streets.

Councilman Hudson pointed out the necessity for a light at Eleventh and Church Streets, and a discussion followed; it being the opinion of a number of Councilmen that a light should be placed at this point instead of one of the above five.

Councilman Griswold, seconded by Councilman Huntley, moved that the above recommendation be complied with with the exception of substituting a light at 11th and Church Streets for one of the above five.

The Police Committee advised that it would be willing to accept this change.

Councilman Hudson then offered an amendment to the above motion that the above lights be purchased and that the light on 11th and Church be substituted instead of the light at 9th. and Tryon Streets. Motion seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried.

WATER SALES FOR SIX MONTHS.

The City Manager reported that water sales for the first six months of this fiscal year amount to a total of \$270,340.00, which compared with the \$261,644.88 received for the same period in the last fiscal year shows a total increase of \$8,696.11. The total amount anticipated for this fiscal year is \$530,000.00; therefore, the first six months show is encouraging.

He also called attention to an interesting point, that for the past calendar year the total number of applications for new water services is 653, of which amount 202, or 30.9%, are for services outside the city limits.

Councilman Baxter asked what the approximate saving in power would be with the new water plant in operation, and Mr. Marshall stated that the cost of power to pump from the Catawba river last year was about \$38,000.00, and with the normal 5% increase anticipated would have been in the neighborhood of \$40,000.00 and that the amount so far is under that; that there will be a saving of approximately \$19,000.00 in actual cost of power at the Catawba river pumping station.

MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT.

The City Manager reported that approval had been received from

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the Local Government Commission of the appointment of J. M. McCorkle as Municipal Accountant, and that Mr. McCorkle had assumed his duties as of January 1st., replacing Mr. M. L. Westmoreland, who resigned.

He also advised that Geo. G. Scott & Company had prepared balance sheets showing the postings on the books as of the date of this transfer and this report had been received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. McCornell
City Clerk