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The City Council held its regular weekly meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, July 19, 1939, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Baxter, Britt, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen Albea and Wilkinson.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF JULY 5TH. AND 12TH READ AND APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Little and carried, the minutes of the meetings of July 5th. and 12th. were approved as read.

APPROVAL GIVEN FOR SOAP BOX DERBY TO BE HELD ON EUCLID AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried, authority was given for the promoters of the Soap Box Derby to use one block of Euclid Avenue on Tuesday, July 25th. for this event.

Mayor Douglas offered the cooperation of the City and the spokesman, Mr. Allen, stated that they would appreciate police protection in handling the traffic, which the City promised would be given.

PURCHASE OF ASPHALT.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Hovis, contract for 9500 gallons of AE-1 Penetration Asphalt for street construction, was awarded to the low bidder, American Bitumuls Company on a unit price of .0623 per gallon, representing a total net delivered price of \$579.91, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

All bids received were as follows:

American Bitumuls Company	\$579.91
J. B. Hunt & Sons, Inc.	619.11
Emulsified Asphalt Refg. Co.	668.46
Shell Oil Company, Inc.	679.63
W. F. Pollard Company	693.50

CONTRACT FOR SOIL PIPE.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Company for 100 feet of 12-inch Soil Pipe, for use in sewer construction, at a net delivered price of \$224.00.

Bids received on this material were as follows:

Charlotte Pipe & Fdry Co.	224.00
Crane Company	225.00
Hajoca Corporation	242.00
Grinnell Company	245.00

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DELINQUENT TAXES NOT TO BE ADVERTISED.

The City Manager advised that advertisement of Delinquent Taxes for the last fiscal year should be carried in the papers in August if it is the desire of the Council to advertise these taxes. He also advised that the Collector of Revenue felt that it speeded up collections by advertising, and that he felt that the Council should give more cooperation to the Collector of Revenue in the matter of collection of taxes than it has in the past.

When the matter of the cost of this advertising came up, a number of the Council felt that this expenditure was not justified. However, Councilman Hovis made a motion that delinquent taxes be advertised and Councilman Hudson seconded this motion with the explanation that the Collector of Revenue understood the situation better than he did and if he recommended they be advertised that he would second the motion. However, when put to a vote the motion lost; the vote being as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Hovis, Hudson and Huntley.

NAY: Councilmen Baxter, Britt, Little, Nance, Sides and Ward.

On this vote the delinquent taxes for the past fiscal year will not be advertised.

TAX REFUND TO WILLIAMS AND SHELTON.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried, authority was given for refund to Shelton and Williams Company of solvent taxes which were listed in error at the time of making returns to the Tax Supervisor's office, and which are payable only to the State.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF AIRPORT COMMISSION.

The City Manager presented a request from Mr. States Lee, Jr., Chairman of the Airport Commission for the appointment of a Vice-Chairman, as he intends to be away from the City for the next month or two.

This brought up the question of appointment of a member of this Commission, the term of Mr. John F. Boyd having expired this year, and Councilman Hudson moved that Mr. John F. Boyd be reappointed to the Airport Commission and be made Vice-Chairman. Motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried.

SEWER EXTENSION WEST 30TH STREET.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Hovis, authority was given for the extension of an 8" sanitary sewer in West 30th Street, from North Tryon Street, 360-feet towards North Church Street, to serve two houses and estimated to cost \$317.90.

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SEWER EXTENSION - LABURNUM AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Little and carried, the request of Mr. G. W. Stegall, 2052 Westmoreland Avenue, that the 8-inch sanitary sewer be extended in Laburnum Avenue, from Westover Street 243 feet east, to serve one house now under construction and another house to be erected, was granted. The estimated cost of this extension is \$199.54.

STREET MAINTENANCE CARLTON AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, Carlton Avenue, between Romany Road and Berkley Avenue, a distance of approximately 200 feet, was taken over for City maintenance; the improvement company having been the street in shape at its own expense.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT GRANTED TO MR. ALVIN E. SUISSÉ- WESTERN AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Ward, the request of the Western Auto Supply Company, 419 S. Tryon Street, for a Special Officer Permit for Mr. Alvin E. Suisse, for use on their premises, was granted, after much discussion.

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS - CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The following Resolution was presented, and on motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Little, was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertisements, bids for Kitchen Equipment for the Charlotte Memorial Hospital have been filed by the following:

Smith-Wadsworth Co., Charlotte, N. C.
Fred Casey Co., Charlotte, N. C. (representing Southern
Equipment Company)
Pound & Moore Company, Charlotte, N. C.
The Wright Company, Atlanta, Ga.
The John Vann Range Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Southern Scale & Refrigeration Co., Columbia, S. C.
S. Blackman Company, Weehawken, N. J.

And that said bids have been duly received, opened and publicly read:

AND WHEREAS, Walter W. Hook, Architect, has tabulated and considered all bids heretofore received for the Kitchen Equipment and has duly made recommendations to the City Council of Charlotte, N. C., and it appearing from said recommendations and report that the Wright Company, of Atlanta, Ga. is the lowest and best bidder for Section "A", covering tables, sinks, cafeteria equipment, etc., in the sum of \$13,336.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, N. C., as follows:

Section 1 - That the bid of the Wright Company for Section "A" of the Kitchen Equipment, in the sum of \$13,336.00 be hereby accepted, determined and declared to be the lowest and best bid, and that contracts for the furnishing and delivery of said material as heretofore prescribed by the plans, specifications and contract documents shall be forthwith

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executed for said installations.

Section 2 - That Ben E. Douglas, Mayor, and Alice B. McConnell, City Clerk, are hereby authorized and directed to execute said contracts for and on behalf of the City of Charlotte, N. C.

PETITION FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT AT CORNER OF GRANDIN ROAD, TUCKASEEGEE ROAD AND WEST TRADE STREET.

Councilman Britt presented a petition from residents in the vicinity of Grandin Road, Tuckaseege Road and West Trade Street, requesting a traffic signal light at this corner, on the grounds that traffic conditions at this junction is such as to endanger the lives of the citizenship and their property.

After discussion, Councilman Huntley made a motion that this be turned over to Mr. B. A. Skinner for his recommendations. Motion seconded by Councilman Sides and carried.

UPTOWN STREETS IN TRAFFIC LANES.

Councilman Hovis brought up the question of having traffic lanes laid off in the congested district and suggested the adoption of an ordinance, if necessary, to compel the traffic to stay within these lanes. However, it was decided to defer this until after the Commissioner of Police presents his report.

REPORT OF POLICE COMMISSIONER KEELY GRICE.

The following report was submitted by Mr. Keely Grice, Commissioner of Police, who explained before presenting same that the greater portion of it appeared in the Charlotte Observer about two weeks prior to this date but that he did not release it and did not know who did:

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Honorable Ben E. Douglas, Mayor,
and
Members of the City Council,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Gentlemen:

Since my appointment by you I have been making a study of the Police Department and I am of the opinion that by careful planning and orderly executed procedure the Department can function in a manner satisfactory to the citizens and justify their having a feeling of security that the life and property of the City are in good and capable hands.

It will be my purpose to come before you from time to time with certain recommendations, when it is deemed advisable, to secure your approval before proceeding with any major changes in personnel or policies as might be worked out with the Chief of Police, and at other times report to you the progress made as it becomes effective, which will be in line with your instructions to advise and recommend to the Chief of Police as to the best methods of creating efficiency in the Department and of improving its services.

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It appears both appropriate and timely that my first report should deal with some much needed changes and improvements to the building in which the Department is housed, to the end that the development and carrying out of the program may not be handicapped but expedited in every possible way. Therefore, the following recommendations are offered for your consideration:

- THAT all exterior wood work be re-painted;
- THAT the building be better identified by means of proper signs;
- THAT the Alexander Street entrance be recognized as the main entrance to the building;
- THAT the main lobby space be better equipped, furnished and lighted;
- THAT the basement windows on the North side have adequate protection to reduce the accident hazard;
- THAT the water from rains be drained away from the driveway on the north side;
- THAT frosted windows be put in the windows of the Toilets on the South side of the building and the mens' locker room;
- THAT the interior of the building be well marked, designating direction to offices, court, jail, etc;
- THAT the offices on the first floor be re-arranged to accomodate the Detective Division;
- THAT the Bureau of Records be transferred to the second floor;
- THAT all concrete floors be re-painted;
- THAT space be provided as headquarters for the Janitors and their materials and equipment;
- THAT the basement assembly room be re-painted and better furnished and equipped as a recreation and school room;
- THAT electric fans and a drinking fountain be included in the equipment for the assembly and recreation room;
- THAT the locker room be painted thru-out and properly equipped;
- THAT fifteen more lockers be furnished;
- THAT the shower bath section be re-built;
- THAT the toilet and lavatory facilities in the mens' locker room be re-built;
- THAT the Court Room be re-finished;
- THAT a first-aid station be established on the South side of the building on the second floor;
- THAT the Janitor service be reorganized with two head janitors on eight hour shifts kept on duty with the necessary additional help and they work under the supervision and direction of the Captain of Police on duty;
- THAT the Captain of Police, rotating daily, make a thorough building inspection, submitting his report to the Chief of Police;
- THAT the Chief of Police made a thorough weekly building

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inspection, submitting his report to the
Commissioner of Police and Safety;

THAT the recommendations of the Inspector for the Health
Department as contained in his reports attached hereto,
as to the Jail and Building, be carried out.

These recommendations are made with the understanding that,
if approved, the costs will not exceed \$1625.00 and that these funds will
be taken from the proper current budgets.

The contents of this report have been discussed with former
Chief Pittman and also with Chief Nolan and it meets with his approval and
endorsement.

In closing I wish to state this does not constitute all the
work that has been done. By intimate and close contact with a large portion
of the personnel I have learned much of their problems, etc. and finding
these individual members of the Department to be conscientious in their en-
deavors and desirous of improving the Department I am confident you can look
forward to substantial progress.

Respectfully submitted,

Keely Grice
Commissioner of Police & Safety.

At the conclusion of this report, Councilman Ward suggested
that the Council adjourn to the Police Building and make a personal inspect-
ion of conditions there, as brought out in Mr. Grice's report; which he
stated he knew, of his own knowledge, to be in bad condition. However, after
one or two of the Council objected to this, Councilman Sides moved that
Commissioner Grice's report be accepted, which was seconded by Councilman
Little, and carried.

Mr. Grice then reported that the Chief of Police, Mr. E. J.
Nolan, had taken over the job in fine shape and that he was making some
changes which would reflect in the Department later. He also advised the
Council of the change made by the Chief of Police in the handling of the
liquor room; it now requiring two sets of keys and two people to unlock the
door to this room. He asked if the Council had any suggestions or
recommendations to make at this time with regard to the Police Department,
but none were made.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE ASKED IN THE HANDLING OF CHARGES BEFORE CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION AND FOUR SUSPENDED OFFICERS.

Mr. Grice asked for legal assistance in preparing, presenting
and prosecuting the charges made by the Chief of Police against the four
officers named by Judge Sims at the last meeting, who are now suspended and
who will be tried before the Civil Service Commission at an early date.

The City Attorney advised that he could not serve as legal
adviser to the Civil Service Board and at the same time act as prosecutor,
and after discussion, Councilman Sides made a motion that the Chief of
Police ask the City Solicitor to represent him at this hearing, which motion
was seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried, with Councilman Hudson voting
"No".

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REQUEST OF COURT CAFE FOR BUSINESS OF FURNISHING MEALS TO CITY PRISONERS.

Mr. Lawrence Jones, representing the owner and operator of the Court Cafe, appeared before the Council, requesting that the Council appoint a committee with reference to the furnishing of sandwiches to the City jail. He stated that this business was taken away from the Court Cafe some time ago and given to another man, and that he was now appealing to this body to give the business back to the present owner, who purchased the business based on furnishing these meals and that it represented quite a large sum of money to this man, who is a Greek and who works his entire family in the Cafe.

He asked that his client be given a chance to secure this business or else that bids be taken on the furnishing of these meals.

Mr. Marshall advised that he was the Purchasing Agent for the City of Charlotte and passed upon all supplies bought by the City. He explained that the City entered into a contract with the Federal government for housing Federal prisoners in the City jail, and that the Government was under contract with Fred's Place to furnish meals to their prisoners, and that the meals furnished to the Federal prisoners were much better than those furnished to City prisoners and the Chief of Police recommended the change. He stated that he would want the recommendation of the Chief of Police on this matter.

CITY TO MEET AND STUDY PROPOSED BUDGET BEFORE FINAL ADOPTION.

Mr. Hovis, Chairman of the Finance Committee, advised that the City Manager had been instructed to furnish the Council with a summary of the proposed budget for the coming year, which will be necessary to have adopted on Monday, July 24th. He suggested that the Council meet and go over this proposed budget before that date.

Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Sides, moved that the Council recess until 7 o'clock P. M., this date, which motion carried, with Councilman Baxter voting "No".

TELEGRAM FROM COUNCILMAN WILKINSON.

The following telegram, received from Councilman John L. Wilkinson, was read by the Mayor:

Mackinac Island, Mich.
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Heartily approve recommendation City Manager and change in mind of Chairman Finance Committee on tax rate one forty eight approved. Oppose any amount for Police Commissioner for reason think it waste taxpayers money and office unnecessary. In case budget handled Wednesday read this wire into the minutes. Arrive home 23rd.

CONFISCATED LIQUORS TO BE TURNED OVER TO COUNTY AUTHORITIES FOR SALE.

At the request of the City Attorney relative to the disposition of confiscated liquors, the following motion was made by Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Baxter and carried: That the City turn over to the County authorities for disposition all confiscated liquors.

Commissioner Grice asked if this included such liquors as had not been disturbed as well as that that had, and Mr. Sides advised that his motion was intended to include all liquors that were salable to be turned over to the County authorities and that the other be distributed by the Council to the hospitals but Mr. Scarborough advised that it would all

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have to be turned over to the County authorities.

The City Manager asked who would be responsible for giving a receipt for this liquor to the County, and the City Attorney advised that the Chief of Police would get a receipt from the County showing the delivery of so much liquor on certain dates.

FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The City Attorney brought to the attention of the Council the fact that the rules and regulations which were prepared some time ago for the Fire and Police Departments had not yet been adopted by the Council, and it was decided that the Police Department rules would be submitted to the new Chief of Police, Mr. E. J. Nolan to see if they meet with his requirements and approval.

RECESS UNTIL 7 O'CLOCK P. M.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the meeting recessed until 7 o'clock P. M., this same date.

COUNCIL RECONVENES.

The Council reconvened at 7 o'clock P. M., in the Mayor's office, City Hall, with the following members present:

Mayor Douglas presiding, Councilmen Hudson, Hovis, Britt, Baxter, Sides, Nance, Little, Ward and Huntley.

Also present; City Manager Marshall, City Attorney J. M. Scarborough, and Municipal Accountant J. M. McCorkle.

PURPOSE OF MEETING.

The purpose of meeting at this time was to study the proposed Budget before its final adoption, and several hours were spent in going over the different items and changes in the budget. ~~after which, on motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Britt, the meeting adjourned.~~

MOTION NOT TO PUBLISH DELINQUENT TAXES RESCINDED.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the motion made by at the meeting in the afternoon not to advertise delinquent taxes this coming year, was rescinded, with Councilman Sides voting "No". after which, on motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Britt, the meeting adjourned.

Arthur B. Powell
City Clerk