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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, March 22, 1939, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Baxter, Griswold, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilmen Albea, Durham, and Hovis.

MINUTES OF MEETING APPROVED.

The minutes of the meeting of March 15th. were read and on motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, were unanimously approved.

CHANGE IN DATE FOR IDEAL SHOWS CARNIVAL.

At the request of Mr. Hood, representing the sponsors for the Ideal Shows Carnival, Councilman Wilkinson moved that the dates for the showing of this carnival be changed from April 24th. to April 15th. since these dates do not conflict with the Strait Shows opening. Motion seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL INVITED TO UNVEILING OF MARKER IN OLD PRESBYTERIAN CEMETERY.

Mayor Douglas read an invitation from Mrs. W. H. Belk to the Mayor and Council to be present at the unveiling of a marker in the old cemetery back of the First Presbyterian Church, at 12 o'clock Noon, March 29th.

COUNCIL INVITED TO WITNESS FORCED FEEDING OF PYTHON.

A representative of the Ideal Shows extended an invitation to the Council to witness the forced feeding of a python at the Winter Quarters of this carnival company, at 3 P. M. Saturday, March 25th.

CONTRACT FOR TWO CARS TERRA COTTA PIPE.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Caldwell Construction Company for one car (1203 feet) of 8" and (99 ft) of 10" Terra Cotta Pipe, at the price of \$351.36; and with the Charlotte Lumber Company for one car (1302 ft) of 8" at \$340.99, in accordance with the City's policy of distributing business where quality and price are equal.

Bids received on this material from eight concerns were all at the same price.

CONTRACT FOR 100 WATER METERS AWARDED TO PITTSBURGH EQUITABLE METER COMPANY.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Little, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Company for 100- 5/8" Water Meters, at the total price of \$900.00; this being in accordance with the policy of alternating awards where price and quality are the same. Bids were received on this equipment from Neptune Meter Company and Hersey Manufacturing Company in addition to the above company.

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CONTRACT FOR RAINCOATS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The City Manager reported bids had been received on 48 Raincoats for use by the Fire Department, as follows:

Midwestern Manufacturing Co.	\$291.46
McNeil Paper Company	291.65
Cairns & Brother	324.00

and it was his recommendation that the contract be awarded to the low bidder, Midwestern Manufacturing Company.

Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Baxter, made a motion that the award be made to McNeil Paper Company, a local concern, at the price of \$291.65, which was only a few cents higher than the lowest bidder, the Midwestern Manufacturing Company not having a local representative. After discussion, in which samples of the raincoats covered by the bids of Midwestern and McNeil, Councilman Sides made a substitute motion that the contract be awarded to the Midwestern Manufacturing Company in view of the coat submitted by this firm having advantages over the other coat. This motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried.

STREET MAINTENANCE FOR WOODDALE PLACE.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, Wooddale Place, in the Wilmore Section, was taken over for City maintenance if and when the development company signs an agreement to pay for the necessary storm drainage.

INVITATION TO ATTEND SPECIAL MEETING AS GUESTS OF SALVATION ARMY.

The Mayor and Councilman were extended an invitation to be the guests of the Salvation Army at a special meeting of the Civitan Club to be held at Thacker's on March 27th.

AMENDED APPLICATION FOR DRILL TOWER AND SCHOOL BUILDING.

Mr. Marshall reported that the building to be erected on the Drill Tower site, to be used as a school building by the Police and Fire Department, had been redesigned on a larger scale than at first planned; the stone for this building being donated by E. C. Griffith; and that everything had been taken care of by W.P.A., except a small increase in the sponsor's donation. He stated that there is on hand in a bond fund left over from the North Charlotte fire station about \$1714.00 and the City Attorney has ruled that this money could be used for this building since equipment, etc. will be stored in it by the Fire Department, but that the amount needed yet for the sponsor's donation is about \$2200. or \$2300.00. He also stated that there is an available fund left over from the sale of land, and asked if the Council would be willing to authorize the use of the money from these two sources for this building.

Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Little, moved that this money be used for this purpose and that the City Manager and Treasurer sign the amended application with W.P.A.

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INVITATION EXTENDED TO COUNCIL TO ATTEND CONCERT MARCH 25, 1939.

Councilman Sides invited the Mayor, Council, their wives and friends, to attend a concert at the Armory-Auditorium on Saturday night, March 25th., in which six local bands will participate.

Mr. Sides was called upon by the Mayor for a report of the accomplishments of the High School Orchestra in Atlanta the week previous, and Councilman Sides gave a brief but interesting account of this trip, and was congratulated by the Mayor for the work of this Orchestra and also the High School Band when it played at Shelby recently.

CEMETERY DEED.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Griswold, authorization was given for the issuance of a deed to Lot No. 61, Section "Y", in Elmwood Cemetery, to A. L. Wiley, Jr., at the price of \$63.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the meeting adjourned.

*Alice B. McCowell*  
City Clerk