

The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, April 30, 1941, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Hovis, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides, Ward and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilman Britt.

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On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, the minutes of the April 16th. and 23rd. meetings were read and approved.

Mr. Al Bechtold of the Merchants Association, presented Mayor Douglas with a straw hat, opening the official "Straw Hat Season" commencing May 1st.

#### NOTICE OF SUIT.

Mr. Elbert Foster, as attorney for Mrs. Wynona Backstrum, gave formal notice to the City Council of claim against the City of Charlotte for damages caused by his client stepping into an open meter box on Buchanan Street, on December 20, 1940. This matter was referred to the City Attorney for handling.

#### RESIDENT OF RADCLIFFE AVENUE REQUESTED STREET TO BE OILED.

Mr. George V. Gilbert, a resident of Radcliffe Avenue, appeared before the Council, asking that the street on which he resides and surrounding the Myers Park School, be oiled, Mr. Gilbert stating that he had been unable to secure any relief from the terrible dust situation through other channels. This was referred to the City Manager.

#### NEGRO JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GIVEN FREE USE OF ARMORY FOR MAY 18th.

A representative of the Negro Chamber of Commerce requested free use of the Armory-Auditorium on May 18th. for a Musical Program, and on motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Little, this request was granted.

#### ST. PAULS METHODIST CHURCH (COLORED) GIVEN FREE USE OF ARMORY MAY 29TH.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, St. Pauls Methodist Church (colored) was also given the use of the Armory-Auditorium, on May 29th., without cost, provided it is not wanted for a paying engagement on that date.

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SPACE UNDER SIDEWALK FOR S. H. KRESS & COMPANY.

The City Manager reported that on November 20, 1940, the Council granted to S. H. Kress & Company the right to use the space under the sidewalk at the southeast intersection of South Tryon Street and East Trade Street, for toilet facilities in connection with their new store at that location, but that since that time there has been changes made in the plan for the building and they are now requesting that they be granted permission to use the space under the sidewalk on the easterly side of South Tryon Street, in lieu of the space previously granted. He advised that this change had been passed upon as satisfactory by the City Attorney, City Engineer and Safety Inspector.

The description of the space to be used reads as follows:

"A strip of land lying under the sidewalk on North Tryon Street immediately west of the property line of S. H. Kress & Co., beginning 43 feet in a southwesterly direction from Trade Street, and running in a southwesterly direction 27 feet along South Tryon Street, said strip to be 13 feet wide under the sidewalk on South Tryon Street, and leaving a space of 1 foot 6 inches to the curb line, as provided by City ordinance. The entire area to be used for toilet facilities. It being agreed by S. H. Kress & Co. not to use prism glass lights in this area. It being further agreed that the use of this space may be discontinued if and when the City shall require the use of the same for its own purposes."

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Ward, new lease as provided above was approved.

INCINERATOR UNIT CONTRACT AWARDED TO BOYD & GOFORTH INC.

Bids were received on the removal of the present middle furnace unit and construction of a new unit at the Shuman Incinerator, as follows:

Boyd & Goforth, Inc.	\$16,275.00
Southeastern Constr. Co.	17,118.00
W. A. Ebert	19,999.00

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Boyd & Goforth, Inc., in the amount of \$16,275.00, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign same.

CONTRACT FOR CAST IRON WATER PIPE.

Bids having been advertised for on 10,000 feet of 6 inch cast iron water pipe for use in various locations, in The Charlotte News on April 19th., a copy of advertisement mailed to the following pipe manufacturers:

Walworth Company, Inc.,  
McWane Cast Iron Pipe Co.,  
U. S. Cast Iron Pipe Co.  
Glamorgan Pipe & Foundry Co.  
Lynchburg Foundry Company

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the City Manager reported that at the appointed time, as specified in the advertisement, 11 o'clock A. M., April 29th., bids were received, open and read, there being only one bid submitted, that of Lynchburg Foundry Company, as follows:

Lynchburg Foundry Company      \$7,300.00

and on motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Albea, contract was awarded to the Lynchburg Foundry Company at the net delivered price of \$7,300.00, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign same.

SEWER EXTENSION IN LOCKELY DRIVE.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Nance, the request of E. C. Griffith Company, for extension of 8" sanitary sewer in Lockely Drive, from Llewellyn Place to Colville Road, and Colville Road east 442 feet, with a total length of 865 feet, was granted. The estimated cost of going this work is \$795.30, and with only one house started, E. C. Griffith Company were required to post a check for \$595.30 to cover the installation, as required by the City, same to be refunded if and when three additional houses are built and served by this sewer. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract with E. C. Griffith Company to this effect.

NOTICE OF CLAIM OF J. W. WHITEHEAD AND WIFE.

Report was made by the City Manager of notice of suit of J. W. Whitehead and wife, Janie Whitehead, for injuries alleged to have been sustained by Mrs. Whitehead in an automobile accident in the 2700 block of North Tryon Street, on April 18, 1941, claiming that a hole or sag in the street caused the automobile to go out of control and turn over. This was referred to the City Attorney for proper handling.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT FOR WSOC PREMISES.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Albea, Joe H. Burns was granted a Special Officer permit for use on the premises of Radio Station WSOC.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO STREET CONNECTING HIGHWAYS US 29 AND US 21

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Wilkinson, and was seconded by Councilman Albea and upon being put to a vote was unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, that improvement designated by the State Highway and Public Works Commission as Project 6583 is considered to be the most necessary improvement in the highway system in the corporate limits of the said municipality, for the promotion of public safety and convenience:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the above Project 6583 be and is hereby formally approved by the Board of Commissioners of said municipality, and that the Mayor and Clerk of the said municipality be and are hereby empowered to sign and execute the required agreements between the said municipality and the State Highway and Public Works Commission".

The City Manager explained that this was a cut-off road extending from Statesville Avenue to North Tryon Street,

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REQUEST FOR LIGHT TO BE REPLACED AT FOURTH AND TRADE INTERSECTION  
REFERRED TO INSPECTOR.

The City Manager reported that request had again been made that the light be replaced at the intersection of East Trade and Fourth Streets, and on motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, the matter was referred to the Inspector for check-up and report on.

RIGHT OF WAY FOR TELEPHONE LINE TO ARMY AIR BASE.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign agreement with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company covering right of way for telephone line from the radio transmitter station on property of the City known as the Incinerator property, leading to the Army Air Base.

COUNCILMAN HUNTLEY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SERVING WITH COUNCIL SIX YEARS.

Councilman Huntley expressed his appreciation to the members of the Council and to the public for the honor accorded him in serving as a member of the Council during the past six years.

RECESSED UNTIL FURTHER CALL OF MAYOR.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley, this meeting was recessed until further call of the Mayor, this being the last regular meeting of the present City Council.

  
City Clerk