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The City Council held its regular weekly meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, May 21, 1941, with Mayor Currie presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Little, Painter, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilman Hovis.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the May 14th. meeting were approved as read.

COMMUNITY CRUSADERS REQUEST FOR NEGRO POLICE OFFICERS REFERRED TO POLICE COMMITTEE.

A delegation of negroes, representing the Community Crusaders, headed by Henry Houston, Dr. J. S. Nathaniel Tross, and Bishop Dale, renewed their request for negro police officers in the negro districts, to the new Board, and after hearing these three men speak, Councilman Little made a motion that the matter be referred to the Police Committee, which was seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO EXTRA LEGAL SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH SECURING EASEMENTS OR RIGHTS OF WAY FOR SEWER LINE FROM AIR BASE TO DISPOSAL PLANT.

The Mayor read a letter from Mr. C. W. Tillett, City Attorney, relative to the sewer line from the Government Air Base to the City's Disposal Plant, which is covered by contract dated March 27, 1941, in which the City agreed to furnish the easement for the sewer line and the Government agreed to reimburse the City for engineering services, which also includes the fee of an attorney for examining the titles for these rights of way, and that former City Attorney Scarborough had employed Mr. Clayton Burwell but that Mr. Burwell has been unable to make these examinations and that the papers in connection with same had been returned to Mr. Scarborough. Mr. Tillett asked that a special attorney be employed to do this work, and on motion of Councilman Ross, duly seconded by Councilman Painter and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that J. H. McLain be and he is employed at a fee of \$150.00 to do the special work of examining the titles to the rights of way for the sewer line extending from the United States Government Air Base to the City's Disposal Plant, now in process of being acquired by the City, pursuant to it's contract with the United States Government, dated March 27, 1941; the aforesaid compensation to be paid out of the money which the United States Government, by the terms of the aforesaid contract, has agreed to pay to the City; upon certification of the titles to the rights of way for this sewer line, there shall be paid to the respective grantors (except H. P. Swinson, who is making no charge for that part of the right of way extending through his land) the sum of fifteen (15¢) cents per lineal foot.

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RESIGNATION OF MR. DABNEY M. CODDINGTON FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION.

The Mayor presented a letter from Mr. Dabney M. Coddington, tendering his resignation as a member of the Municipal Airport Commission, and on motion of Councilman Price, seconded by Councilman Beasley, this resignation was accepted, with the thanks of the Council to Mr. Coddington for his past services.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW AIRPORT COMMISSION.

The resignation of Mr. Coddington left the entire personnel of the Airport Commission vacant, Mr. Lambeth's term having expired and the resignation of Mr. Boyd having been accepted at the last meeting, and the Mayor called for nominations with respect to appointing a new Board.

Councilman Baker placed in nomination for Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Robert Lassiter, Sr., to serve for a term of one year. This was seconded by Councilman Price, and with no further nominations for this position, Mr. Lassiter was unanimously appointed.

Councilman Baker then nominated Mr. John H. Small as Vice Chairman of the Board, to serve for a term of three years, which nomination was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, with Councilman Little and Ward voting in the negative. Mr. Small was declared elected to fill this vacancy.

Councilman Baker nominated Mr. J. Norman Pease as the third member of the Commission, to serve for a term of two years. Seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and with no further nominations, Mr. Pease was declared elected to this office.

SANITARY SEWER IN SPRUCE STREET.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Slye, and carried, request was granted for installation of an 8" sanitary sewer in Spruce Street, between Cypress Street and Chester Street, a distance of 490 feet, to serve three houses already started. Cost of doing this work was estimated by the Engineering Department at \$559.90.

WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES FOR CONNECTING ROAD FROM NO TRYON STREET TO STATESVILLE ROAD.

The City Manager's report advised that the State Highway Commission has agreed to build a cut-off road 44 feet wide, with curbs, from the intersection of Plymouth Avenue and North Tryon Street to Statesville Road, approximately 200 feet north of Liddell Street, provided that the City furnish a 70 ft. right-of-way, and, also, the necessary utilities before the road is built. The right-of-way was secured without cost from Mr. Charles Dalton, Agent for the Park Land Company and the Hayman Estate. In accordance with the agreement with the property owners and the State Highway Commission it is necessary to secure authority of the City Council that the City install a water main, not less than 8 inches in diameter, in the north parking strip of the new street, and also, lay 6" lateral water lines across the paved portion of the new street to the south parking strip, at intervals of 400 feet apart. Also, to install an 8" sewer line in the proposed roadway, with laterals extending beyond the pavement at each

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street intersection. No cost will be made against the abutting property owners for either paving or curbing, nor for the above mentioned utilities.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried, authority for doing the above set out work in connection with water main and sewer line installations, was given.

STREET ASSESSMENT SETTLEMENTS REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY.

The City Manager's report stated that from time to time problems arise in connection with old street assessment accounts and the Collector of Revenue had suggested that a Committee from the Council be appointed to confer with him in regard to the handling of these accounts, but the Mayor stated that this matter had already been referred to the City Attorney for recommendation as to manner of handling.

WATER LINE CONTRACT FOR CHARLOTTE AIR BASE REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY.

The City Manager reported that the request made by the U. S. Government that the City submit a contract covering the furnishing of water to the Charlotte Air Base, had been referred to the City Attorney.

PURCHASE OF 100- WATER METERS FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

The following bids having been received on 100- 5/8" Water Meters for stock and for use in various locations for individual water connections:

Neptune Meter Company	\$882.00
Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Company	882.00
Hersey Manufacturing Company	882.00

Mr. Armstrong advised that where price and quality are the same, it has been the practice to alternate awards and he recommended that this order be placed with Neptune Meter Company, at the net delivered price of \$882.00.

After discussion as to prices on this item being the same from all three companies, and after a motion had been made by Councilman Ross to award the contract to the company receiving the last order instead of rotating, in an effort to break down this practice of set prices, which motion received no second, Councilman Baker offered a substitute motion that the Council accept the City Manager's recommendation and that the contract be awarded to the Neptune Meter Company, at the price quoted, until further investigation can be made regarding fixed prices. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and carried, with Councilman Price voting "No".

CITY OF CHARLOTTE'S AGREEMENT WITH RAILWAY SUPPLY & MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

The City Manager reported that the minutes of February 12, 1941, with reference to right-of-way for water line over the property of the Railway Supply & Manufacturing Company did not state that the amount of money the City was to pay for said right-of-way was \$497.00 and that likewise the City would make a charge of \$497.00 for private fire hydrant

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to be installed over and on the property of the said Railway Supply and Manufacturing Company. In other words, the City would pay \$497.00 for the right-of-way and the Railway Supply and Manufacturing Company would pay \$497.00 for private fire hydrant. In order for the Accounting Department to have authority to pay out this sum for the right-of-way and collect the same amount for fire hydrant, he asked the Council's approval of same, and on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Little and unanimously carried, this was given.

INVITATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF OFFICIALS AT CHAPEL HILL ON MAY 24th.

The Mayor presented an invitation from Mr. Albert Coates, of the Institute of Government, to attend a meeting of City Officials and others, at Chapel Hill on Saturday May 24th. Councilman Beasley reported in this connection that Chief Joyner would be unable to have any of his police officers attend this school, four having been invited to attend from Charlotte.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Ward, the following cemetery deeds and perpetual care agreements were approved for transfer:

Mrs. T. S. Bassett, South Half Lot No. 14, Section "BB", Elmwood	\$63.00
Dr. Andrew D. Taylor, Lot No. 16-A Section "X"	106.40
Perpetual care on " " "	93.60
Zacharis Antonio, Lot No. 46, Section "Y"	63.00
Estate of L. J. Fetner, perpetual care on Lot No. "00" Sec. "U"	24.00

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Albea, the meeting then adjourned.

Alice B. McFowell
City Clerk