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The City Council met in weekly session at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, October 29, 1941, in the Council Chamber, City Hall. Mayor Currie presided and the following Council members were present: Albea, Beasley, Daughtry, Painter, Price and Ross.

Absent: Councilmen Baker, Hovis, Little, Slye and Ward.

OBSERVER FRESH AIR CAMP FUND GRANTED USE OF ARMORY AT MINIMUM COST.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Price and unanimously carried, the Observer Fresh Air Camp Fund of The Charlotte Observer, was granted the Armory-Auditorium on October 16th. past, at the minimum cost of \$25.00; no heat being required at that time.

REQUEST OF McCOY SERVICE STATION FOR FIRE HYDRANT ON WILKINSON BOULEVARD REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR INVESTIGATION.

Mr. H. L. Taylor, attorney, representing the McCoy Service Station on the Wilkinson Boulevard, presented a request for installation of a fire hydrant on the premises of his client, stating that when the water line was constructed to the Army Air Base, a right-of-way over the property of McCoy was granted provided the hydrant was installed and that he was ready to pay to the City check in the amount of \$504.00 covering cost of installation of this hydrant.

This request was referred by the Mayor to the Finance Committee for investigation and report back to the Council.

PLEA FOR NEGRO POLICE OFFICERS TO CONTINUE TO PATROL DISTRICT ON FOOT.

Woods Morgan, colored, representing certain negro citizens interested in the civic welfare of his race, asked that no change be made in the present method of patrolling the negro districts by the two negro police officers, stating that crime had been greatly reduced in the section worked by these men since they were placed there, and that while it was advantageous for them to have access to two-way radio, the use of cruising cars would cut down their efficiency and made a plea that the Police and Fire Committee abandon the idea of taking them off foot.

Councilman Beasley, Chairman of the Police & Fire Committee, assured this man that the committee had no intention of making such change at this time.

CHANCELLOR CLUB OF CHARLOTTE ASKED FOR TWO DATES AT ARMORY FOR DANCES.

A representative of the Chancellor Club of Charlotte, a colored organization, asked the use of the Armory-Auditorium on December 2nd. and 25th. at cost, for the purpose of putting on dances, the proceeds of which will be used in charitable work done by the Club, providing needy colored families with baskets at Christmas, etc.

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After some discussion, Councilman Price moved that they be granted use of the Armory at the minimum rate on December 2nd. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

The Mayor then referred the request for the date of December 25th. to the City Manager, there being some doubt as to whether that date would be available or not.

INVITATION TO COUNCIL TO ATTEND MASS MEETING OF COMMUNITY CRUSADERS.

An invitation was extended by Dr. J. S. Nathaniel Tross, colored, to the Mayor and Council to attend a mass meeting at the Grace A.M.E. Zion Church, on Sunday, November 2nd., which meeting will be under the auspices of the Community Crusaders, a colored organization fighting crime among the negro race.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22ND. MEETING APPROVED.

Upon motion made by Councilman Price, seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, the minutes of the October 22nd. meeting were approved as read.

COMMITTEE REPORT REGARDING REQUEST OF AMERICAN TRUST COMPANY FOR UNDERGROUND OIL TANK.

Councilman Price reported that the committee appointed to investigate the request of the American Trust Company for the placing of an oil storage tank under the sidewalk on West 4th. Street, had met and gone into the matter with the American Trust Company and that the plans of the building had been changed so that the request was no longer desired. The Mayor, thereupon, discharged this committee.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

Councilman Beasley introduced the following ordinance amending the Traffic Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE
TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED SEPT. 3, 1941,
ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TRAFFIC ORD-
INANCE ADOPTED JANUARY 10, 1940".

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE,
N.C.:

Section 1. That Section 1(4) of the Ordinance adopted Sept. 3, 1941, amending the Traffic Ordinance adopted January 10, 1940, which section was amended on the 24th day of September 1941, be, and the same is, further amended as follows:

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(1) Strike from said Section 1(4) the words "Graham and Brevard Streets", and in lieu thereof insert "Poplar and College Streets" to the end that said Section 1(4) will read, in its entirety, as of the date of the adoption of this amendment, as follows: "When signs are erected giving notice thereof, vehicular traffic shall proceed only in a westerly direction on that portion of Fourth Street between College and Mint Streets, and vehicular traffic shall proceed only in an easterly direction on that portion of Fifth Street between Poplar and College Streets," it being the purpose and intent of this Section to include the above described portions of the aforesaid streets in Schedule 6 provided for by Section 43 of the Traffic Ordinance adopted Jan. 10, 1940.

Section 2. All Ordinances and clauses of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and cause the same to be published.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

Read, approved and adopted on three readings, on motion made by Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, and declared by the Mayor to be an Ordinance of the City of Charlotte, this the 29th day of October, 1941.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tillett & Campbell
City Attorneys

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk

STREET DANCE FOR SOLDIERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Albea, the City Manager was granted authority to delegate the block in which the street dance for soldiers will be held on the coming Saturday night, this block to be worked out between the City Manager and Mr. Paul Sheehan and his committee.

PURCHASE OF FILING CABINET FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, authority was given for the purchase of a 10-drawer steel filing cabinet for the Record Bureau, City Police Department, from Bill Shaw Company, at a net delivered price of \$113.13. The type of cabinet desired for this department to be uniform with the equipment now in use can only be purchased from the above company.

APPROVAL OF INVOICE OF BLYTHE BROS COMPANY FOR REPAIR WORK ON EAST 11TH ST.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, approval was given for the payment of invoice of Blythe Bros. Company, in the amount of \$119.00, for 20 tons of sheet asphalt used in surfacing concrete base on East 11th. Street, from N. Tryon to N. College St., this payment to be made from the street Bond Funds now available.

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MATTER OF REBUILDING INCINERATOR HELD IN ABEYANCE ONE WEEK.

A resolution relative to the City entering into a contract with Mark H. Allen for preparing plans and specifications and supervising the rebuilding of the west unit of the Incinerator, was read by the Mayor, but after Councilman Price informed the Council that he had been asked by the man in charge of the incinerator to have the committee look over the incinerator at 1 a.m. any date convenient before proceeding with the work of repairing this unit, Councilman Price, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that the matter of adoption of the resolution be postponed for one week and that a committee be appointed to investigate thoroughly, with the City Manager and the man in charge at the incinerator before the next meeting. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Currie appointed on this committee Councilmen Daughtry and Price to serve with the City Manager.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY TO USE CITY LAND FOR PLACING OF TELEPHONE POLE AS A MATTER OF SUFFERANCE.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company requested the privilege of locating a pole line on the City's property on the east side of Wilmont Road, 4 miles from the intersection of Wilmont and Steele Creek Roads, outside the city limits, for placing an anchor and guy on pole to serve houses in that vicinity; the permit form stating that the City will retain its right to use this land for any purpose it sees fit, said Telephone Company to relocate the pole at their expense. The City Manager suggested that the City give them permission to go ahead and put up the pole, without signing the permit, and let them use the property as a matter of sufferance; in that manner, the City would not be encumbering the land for future purposes.

Thereupon, Councilman Ross made a motion that the City Manager's suggestion be approved and that the Southern Bell Telephone Company be so notified and that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare a permit that will so specify. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried unanimously.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, W. S. Starnes, 501 N. Smith Street, was granted a special officer's permit on the following premises, after some discussion; this request having the approval of the Chief of Police:

State Theatre, 122 East Trade St.,
Pettit Motor Company. 515 East 4th St.
M & M Service Station, 400 West Morehead
Grimes Cleaning Co. 305 West Morehead.
Auto Machine & Grinding Co., 510 West Morehead
Baker Equipment Engineering Co., 308 W. Morehead
Conder Body & Spring Service, 522 S. College St.
Carolina Rim & Wheel Co., 312 N. Graham St.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR VISITING SOLDIERS.

Councilman Ross moved that the report of the Treasurer, in connection with the expenditures to date, providing for visiting soldiers, in the amount of \$1,486.31 against an appropriation from the Emergency Fund of \$1,900.00, leaving an unspent balance of \$413.69, be approved and received as information. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

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CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, the following cemetery deeds were approved:

W. Irving Billard and Eleanor G. Bullard, Lot #37, G-Annex, Elmwood,	\$112.00
Perpetual care on same	80.00
Grady A. Fant, South Half Lot No. 85, Section "X", Elmwood	70.00
Perpetual care on same	60.00
Mrs. Ola K. Campbell, South Half Lot No. 50, Section B.B.	49.00
Perpetual care to Helen M. Smith, Lot #121, Section "T"	100.00
Perpetual care to Thad L. Tate, Lot 50, Section "H", Old Pinewood	144.00

CITY OWNED LAND ON EAST 7th STREET.

Motion made by Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Ross, that the matter of the purchase of land owned by the City of Charlotte on East 7th Street, at the intersection of 7th. and 5th. Street, by H.H. Todd, an employee of Douglas & Sing, and the later transfer of this lot by Todd to ex-Mayor Ben E. Douglas during the time of the Douglas administration, and the subsequent deeding of this land back to the City of Charlotte, be investigated by the City Attorneys to determine if this property has been duly turned back to the City in first class shape for the benefit of the new Council and new City Manager, failed to carry, only two affirmative votes being recorded for the motion.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Albea, the meeting then adjourned.

Allice B. McCowell
City Clerk