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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, September 10, 1941, Mayor Currie presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Little, Price, Painter, Ross and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilman Slye.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3RD. APPROVED.

The minutes of the meeting of September 3rd. were read. Whereupon, Councilman Hovis moved that the affidavits presented by him at that meeting with regard to Mr. John Small, Jr., be included as a part of the records. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward, but failed to carry on the following vote:

For the motion: Councilman Albea, Hovis, Little and Ward

Against: Councilman Daughtry, Painter, Price, Baker, Ross and Beasley.

Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Beasley, then moved that the minutes of the meeting of September 3rd., be approved as read. Motion carried, with Councilmen Hovis, Little and Ward voting "no".

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6TH. APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the special meeting of September 6th. were approved as read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DELINQUENT TAXES.

Councilman Hovis, Chairman of the committee on Delinquent Taxes and Street Assessments, reported that members of this committee, with members of the committee from the Board of County Commissioners and the City and County Attorneys, had visited Winston-Salem and Greensboro and studied the methods used at those places in handling delinquent taxes, and that the manner or set-up at Winston-Salem seemed to be the most workable of the two. Councilman Ross gave a report of these set-ups, and of their trips to Winston-Salem and Greensboro.

It being the desire of the joint committees, that Mayor Currie also serve on the committee, Mayor Pro Tem Albea took the chair and appointed Mayor Currie to serve with the two members from the City Council.

PURCHASE OF CAST IRON PIPE.

Bids having been received on a 10-months supply of Cast Iron Pipe and fittings, as follows:

Lynchburg Foundry Co., Lynchburg, Va.	\$31,308.60
Central Foundry Co., Bessemer, Ala.	32,316.88
Chamorgan Pipe & Foundry Co., Lynchburg, Va.	32,618.50
American Cast Iron Pipe Co., Birmingham	33,323.64

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Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Ward, the award was made to the lowest bidder, Lynchburg Foundry Company, at a net delivered price of \$31,308.60, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

PURCHASE OF SINKING FUND BONDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, authority was given for the purchase of One \$1000.00 King's Mountain, N.C. Water and Sewer $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ Bond, due 7-1-42, at a price to yield 1%, subject to the approval of the Local Government Commission. Also, One \$1000.00 State of North Carolina School $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ Bond and Three \$1000.00 State of North Carolina $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ Bonds, due 1-1-42, at a price to yield one-half of 1%. Approval of Local Government Commission not required on State Bonds.

STREET LIGHT AT HEMPSTEAD PLACE NOT RECOMMENDED.

Mr. Ledbetter reported that he had taken the matter of the request for Street Light at Hempstead Court up with Mr. B. A. Skinner, Chief of the Inspection Department, as requested at the last meeting of the Council, and that due to the fact that the nearest point to the street lighting circuit is over four blocks, which is in excess of the 1000 ft. restriction contained in the City's contract for street lighting, it was recommended that this light not be placed at this time. No action was, therefore, taken by the Council.

RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE STATE HIGHWAY ROUTES THROUGH CITY.

Mr. Ledbetter advised that letter had been received from Mr. Louis Peck, State Highway Division Engineer, in regard to the money to be spent by the State on State highways within the city limits of Charlotte during the coming year, together with map showing where this work is to be done, and asking if the City wishes to carry out the same arrangement for handling this work as last year, namely, the State, who is in position to let larger amounts of work and receive cheaper rates on asphalt than could be gotten by the City, doing the work on City streets, using one of the City's inspectors to insure the City proper consideration. After discussion, motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Little that a committee be appointed to confer with the City Manager and City Engineer and report back at the next meeting with recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Currie appointed on this committee, Councilmen Ward, Little and Painter.

ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO PANORAM MACHINES.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the following Ordinance was unanimously adopted on three readings and declared by the Mayor to be an Ordinance of the City of Charlotte:

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AN ORDINANCE
LEVYING A LICENSE TAX UPON PANORAM
MOTION PICTURE MACHINES AND WINDOW CLEANERS
OR WASHERS.

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

Section 1. That the Revenue Ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1941, adopted June 4, 1941, be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding at the end of the division entitled Slot Machines and Slot Locks, the following:

"Each Panoram and other machine for the showing of small motion pictures, whether with or without music, and requiring the deposit of not more than 10¢ ----- \$5.00".

Section 2. That the said Revenue Ordinance be, and the same is, amended by adding the following after "welders" and before "wine license":

"Window Cleaners or Washers--
Window Cleaners or washers employing
two or more helpers ----- \$5.00".

Section 3. All Ordinances and clauses of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. W. Tillett
City Attorney.

REFUND ON PANORAM MACHINE LICENSE ORDERED PAID TO MR. ADRIAN SHARPE.

After the adoption of the above ordinance, Councilman Hovis moved that refund of \$100.00 on license paid on panoram machines by Mr. Adrian Sharpe be made. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR NATIONAL GUARDS AND DRAFTEES - CITY EMPLOYEES.

The City Manager reported that on September 4, 1940, the City Council went on record as granting a year's leave of absence for City Employees who were members of the National Guard or Draftees. Since Congress has extended this time eighteen months, he recommended that the Council extend the leave of absence for these employees to cover the additional time they are in service, as asked by the President and included in the law.

It was moved by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Ross and unanimously carried, that this be done.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS.

Moved by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, that the following special officer permits be issued: J. F. Murphy, Harvey O. Smith and C. D. Ware, all for work on the premises of the Quartermaster Depot, 1820 Statesville Avenue, under the employ of the Wm. Muirhead Construction Company.

PRIORITIES REPORT.

The City Manager submitted a Priorities Report with regard to the necessity for immediate purchases of supplies and equipment, which was received as information.

Statement of Uncollected Taxes for week ending September 4, 1941, was submitted.

ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO SIGNING OF PAYROLL CHECKS OF CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The following Ordinance was presented and on motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea in each instance, was unanimously adopted on three readings and declared by the Mayor to be an Ordinance of the City of Charlotte:

AN ORDINANCE
PRESCRIBING THE METHOD OF SIGNING PAY-
ROLL CHECKS OF CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL,
BEING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE ORIG-
INALLY ADOPTED APRIL 17, 1940 AND THERE-
AFTER AMENDED MAY 8, 1940.

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

Section 1. That the Ordinance originally adopted April 17, 1940, entitled: "An Ordinance Providing for the Creation of a Hospital Board Consisting of Nineteen Members, Prescribing the Powers, Duties and Functions of such Board and Repealing all Ordinances and Parts of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith", which Ordinance was amended by Ordinance adopted May 8, 1940, be, and the same is, amended by adding at the end of Section 5 a comma and then the following:

"provided, that in order to meet the payrolls of the Hospital, master payroll checks may be signed as above provided and deposited in a special payroll account from which funds may be distributed upon checks signed by the Administrative Assistant in the Hospital's accounting division."

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

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
C. W. Tillett, City Attorney

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MR. J. H. McLEAN EMPLOYED TO EXAMINE TITLE TO CERTAIN LAND ON EAST 11TH ST.

A letter from Mr. C. W. Tillett, City Attorney, stated that a deed tendered the City covering certain property located on East 11th. Street, which came through a former Administration, being a part of the Estridge property, offered certain legal complications, and that title should be examined; also that Mr. J. H. McLean could be employed to do this for \$15.00.

It was moved by Councilman Howis, seconded by Councilman Albea, that Mr. McLean be employed to examine this title for the sum of \$15.00. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CRUSADERS MAKING REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS.

The following request from the Community Crusaders, colored organization, was presented by Rev. J. S. Nathaniel Tross:

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL:

It seems to me almost an imposition on your time, your patience, your courtesy and your generosity to come before you at this time to present a matter to which you have already so unsparingly devoted your interest and attention. But, Mr. Mayor and Fathers of the City, whatever your thoughts, your attitudes or your actions in this body, they can and must have but one objective--- the economic, social, physical, moral and spiritual betterment of your community. And so, I am sure you will not, on my appearance here today, be less tolerant or indulgent.

I must at the outset, Mr. Mayor and members of the Council, bring you the appreciation and gratitude of our Negro constituency, for the fine contribution you have made to civic improvement, the reduction of crime and race relations in our city. We do not for one moment appropriate to ourselves any singular or exclusive credit for or contribution to this improvement, for you and the entire law enforcement agencies under your direction have made this possible. The appointment of Negro policemen by you has had immediate and magical effect wherever these officers have appeared in line of duty. We have come today to ask in the light of their achievement, if you would not take steps to consider immediately the appointment of two more Negro officers, two truant officers, a man and a woman, and two Negro detectives.

Reasons:

1. The success of Negro officers in reducing crime and restoring order in Negro sections.
2. The sudden upsurge of crime in other Negro sections.
3. The alarming rise of Negro juvenile delinquency.

I ask that you guard against a niggardly economy that may spawn its franensteins of vice and inevitably give rise to a tidal wave of crimes, the signs of which are already too evident."

The Mayor informed the committee that the Council had no authority with reference to the appointment of truant officers and referred the remainder of this request to the Police and Fire Committee for their consideration.

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CHARLOTTE AS RECREATION AREA DURING WAR MANEUVERS.

Mr. Ledbetter informed the Council that Charlotte had been selected as a Recreation Area for the War Maneuvers to be held in North Carolina, starting October 1st., and that this would mean the influx of soldiers and their families into Charlotte each weekend by the thousands; and that this presented a problem in sanitary and health measures which would have to be considered and faced.

He advised that he was calling a meeting of the Department Heads to go into this matter, and that he was giving the Council at this time the above information for their consideration.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Councilman Ross to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Little and carried.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk