

Special Joint Meeting.
April 29, 1942

A special called meeting of the City Council was held jointly with the Board of County Commissioners, in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, at 3 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, April 29, 1942, with Mayor Currie presiding; due notice having been sent to each member of the City Council as required by law.

Present for the City: Mayor Currie, Councilmen Albea, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Little, Painter, Price, Ross and Ward, and City Manager Flack and City Accountant McCorkle.

For the County: Chairman McAden, Commissioners Cashion, Hamilton, McDonald, and Price, County Attorney DeLaney and County Accountant Bradshaw.

Absent: Councilmen Baker and Slye.

PURPOSE OF MEETING.

The Mayor announced that this meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing and adopting the joint accounts of the City and County for the year 1942-43.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT.

The first joint account item considered was that of the Domestic Relations Court. Chairman McAden announced that Judge Redd had asked for salary increases for five employees of that Department, of \$10.00 each, making a total of \$50.00 per month increase in the salary item budget. Also, that the Grand Jury had ordered two days per month off for employees of that Department, which will necessitate additional help and increase in the budget.

After a long discussion, during which Councilman Ross moved that the salaries of Misses Auten and Ballance be increased to \$90.00 each, which received no second, and Councilman Albea moved that the five for which increases were recommended be raised 10.00 per month as recommended, no second; on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, an increase of \$5.00 per month was given to each of the five employees, as follows: T. C. Phillips, C. S. Wilson, Misses Miriam McFaddyen, Miriam Ballance and Jessie Auten.

After discussion of certain other items, during which reductions in the amounts asked for transportation and telephone expense was made, on motion of Councilman Price, seconded by Commissioner McAden, the budget was adopted on the same basis as last year, not to exceed \$22,897.50; this being on a fifty-fifty basis for the City and County.

TAX LISTING.

The Tax Listing budget as submitted, called for an appropriation of \$32,490.00, but after discussion, this was reduced, and on motion of Commissioner Cashion, seconded by Councilman Albea, was adopted as recommended, at \$29,690.00, upon the same basis as last year, viz: two-thirds for the County and one-third for the City.

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INDUSTRIAL HOME.

On motion of Councilman Price, seconded by Commissioner McDonald, the budget for the Industrial Home was adopted at \$7726.00, to be shared by the City and County on a fifty-fifty basis as last year. The \$500 loan, due the County General Fund, being an interfund bookkeeping entry of the County, the City is not to be billed for any part of it.

HOSPITALIZATION.

City Manager Flack explainted to the joint groups that Mr. R. S. Dickson, of the Memorial Hospital Board, had requested an increase in the allowance for charity patients from \$2 per day for white patients to \$3 per day, and from \$2 to \$2.50 per day for colored patients, and also for an appropriation to take care of x-rays and laboratory fees. This called for a lengthy discussion, it being brought out that the Memorial Hospital does the majority of x-ray and laboratory work of charity patients due to the fact that they have the proper set-up and equipment for doing this type of work.

Commissioner McDonald moved that the hospital budget for the coming year be set at \$40,965.00, upon the following basis: that the County participate to the extent of 35% of the patients living within the city and 100% for patients living outside the city; that the hospitals be allowed \$3 per day for white charity patients and \$2.50 per day for colored charity patients, and that an amount of \$1500 be paid for x-ray and laboratory fees, when needed, the basis of distribution of this amount to be agreed upon by the Administrators of the participating hospitals. Motion seconded by Councilman Price and carried, with Councilman Ross voting "No".

W.P.A.

This budget item called for a long discussion as to the need for this type of work at this time, and whether or not this item could be left out of the budget entirely, it being agreed that it was not possible to

The budget for 1941-42 called for the payment by the City to the

Councilman Hovis moved that the City and County participate on the same basis as last year, and that the tentative budget being submitted at this time, when the WPA submits its final budget and the County makes a final appropriation for WPA project expense, that should the amount adopted by the County be less than the amount of the appropriation for the previous fiscal year then the City is to budget a reduction under the \$5000 on a percentage basis of the total decrease under last year's total. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

Commissioner McDonald moved that the County give the same amount of money for this budget as last year, provided the budget is as great as it was last year, and that if a reduction can be made in the budget, that the County participate in the same ratio and that the budget for the County be approved at not to exceed \$20,273.85. Motion seconded by Councilman Price and carried, although Councilman Ross contended that if the County participates in any decrease in the budget, it should likewise bear it's share of an increase should same be necessary.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Price, the weights and measures budget was approved at \$2905.00 and the City and County are to participate on the same ratio as last year.

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PAUPER BURIALS.

Councilman Hovis moved that the joint operation of this item be handled on the same basis as last year; the City to pay the cost of all burial lots and grave digging, and the County to pay for all pauper coffins at \$7.50 each for infants, \$12.50 for adolescents and \$20.00 for adults. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

JOINT RADIO ACCOUNT.

On motion made by Councilman Hovis, seconded by Commissioner McDonald and carried, the joint radio account of the City and County is to remain on the same basis as last year, with the provision that an increase of \$3.00 per month be allowed to the chief operator and two repair men in order to take care of their telephone bills, which they are required to have; this to become effective as of July 1, 1942; making a total of \$2994.00 for the County.

FIRE SERVICE IN THE COUNTY.

After a full discussion of this item, the suggestion was made that Mayor Currie appoint a committee with power to act, and on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the matter of fire service to be rendered by the Charlotte Fire Department outside the city limits was referred to a joint committee composed of Chairman McAden and Commissioner Cashion from the Board of County Commissioners, and Mayor Pro Tem Albea and Councilman Ross from the City Council, this committee to have power to act.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Chairman McAden, seconded by Councilman Painter, the meeting of the joint boards was adjourned; the City Council to go into regular session.



City Clerk