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The City Council met in regular session at 4 o'clock P.M., Wednesday, December 9, 1942, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor Currie presiding and the following members of the Council being present: Messrs. Albea, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward.

Absent: Councilman Little.

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REQUEST OF CHARLOTTE DAY NURSERY FOR \$3600. DONATION TO CARRY ON WORK.

Mr. Henry Dockery, local Attorney, headed a delegation representing the Charlotte Day Nursery, asking the City to assist that organization in an expansion program, to the amount of \$3600.00; stating that St. Peter's Catholic Church has offered the Nursery the free use of a large building at the rear of the church property fronting on South Tryon Street, and that a local civic club will furnish the building, but that the \$3600.00 is needed in the operation of the Nursery to accomodate an additional fifty children, pointing out that no additional aid for this purpose can be secured from the Community Chest, of which the Nursery is an agency, and that due to defense work in the Charlotte area, this additional space is needed in order to permit mothers of small children to work. He stated that an effort has been made to secure aid through the Lanham Act but that they had been informed it would take too long to get same through to be of benefit to them. The City Manager advised that certain officials from the Lanham Fund were at the present time in Charlotte and that it was his understanding that funds could be procured without much delay.

After hearing Mr. Dockery, and Mrs. John Newitt, the Mayor referred the request to the Finance Committee to determine if funds could be made available for this purpose.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DECEMBER 2ND. MEETING.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, the minutes of the meeting of December 2nd. were approved as read.

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION ADOPTED DEC. 2ND. REGARDING STREET ASSESSMENT NO. 27655.

At the request of the Municipal Accountant, Councilman Ross moved that correction be made in the Resolution adopted on December 2nd., relative to Street Assessment Account No. 27655, appearing on page 140, of Minute Book 10, by rescinding that portion of the resolution which states that same be charged to the Emergency Fund; this not being necessary. Motion was seconded by Councilman Painter and was unanimously carried.

WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION OF RESIDENTS OF HARDING PLACE SECTION RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEGRO PARK IN THE AREA ADJACENT TO THAT SECTION.

Councilman Beasley presented a letter from Mr. Frank McCleneghan, of Cochran & McCleneghan, attorneys for the residents of the Harding Place Section, in which he asked that they be permitted to withdraw petition heretofore filed relative to the establishment of a Negro Park adjacent to that section, as it was their understanding that the City Council is to take no action relative to the location of the Park, but is only interested in the establishment of a street across the Orphanage property, and that they are heartily in favor of the opening of such street.

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Mr. McCleneghan, however, further added that his clients are still vigorously opposed to the location of the Negro park, as proposed by the Park and Recreation Commission.

In connection with the opening of the street above referred to, Councilman Beasley reported that his committee could report favorably on the duties assigned to them. This report was filed as information. Mr. Flack stated that the City Engineer has been directed to proceed with plans, specifications and profiles on this job and that when an estimate is made, then the matter will be brought to the Council to determine about the money for same.

MAXIMUM PENALTY SET ON PRIVILEGE LICENSES.

Councilman Slye moved that the maximum penalty on City privilege licenses be fixed at 25%, which is the penalty for December payment. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and unanimously carried.

STATE AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATES TO BE PURCHASED.

The City Manager was authorized to purchase from Edwin M. Gill, State Commissioner of Revenue 108 1943 license plates, at the total of \$108.00, for City equipment. This was on motion of Councilman Beasley, duly seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

CRUSHED STONE CONTRACTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Baker and duly carried, contract authorized on October 14th., calling for the purchase of crushed stone from the Caldwell Construction Company in the amount of \$832.50 was rescinded and new contract was authorized to be entered into with the same Company for the amount of stone received, totaling \$757.59 delivered. This was necessary due to the fact that the stone was shipped in minimum cars, the only cars available, and underrun the contract quantity.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES.

The purchase of \$158.60 worth of supplies of medicine for the Health Department, from Merck & Company, of Rahway, N.J., was authorized upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker and carried.

CONTRACT WITH F. H. ROSS & CO. FOR FERRIC CHLORIDE RESCINDED.

At the request of F. H. Ross & Co., Councilman Baker moved that the action of the City Council of December 2nd., in awarding contract for Ferric Chloride to that concern, be rescinded and that the City Purchasing Agent be directed to readvertise for bids on that material, and that F. H. Ross & Company's bid check be returned to them. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS.

Upon motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Albea, the following renewals of special officer permits on the premises of the Federal Reserve Bank were authorized to be issued:

Ernest L. Jale
Harold W. O'Shields
Oliver W. Smith
Cleveland Townsend
Luther N. Untz, Jr.
Wade H. Vause
Charles O. White
John F. Phifer.

SPECIAL OFFICER FOR QUEENS COLLEGE.

Request having been made for the cancellation of Special Officer permit issued to J. A. Glenn to patrol the premises of Queens College and the residence of Jas. J. Harris, on Queens Road, upon motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Albea, this cancellation was authorized and the appointment of Charles C. Hunter to succeed him was approved.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Councilman Albea moved that the Christmas holidays for City employees be set from Thursday noon, December 24th. through December 27th. 1942. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

Upon motion made by Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea, the issuance of a deed to Lot No. 36-A in Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, together with perpetual care agreement covering same, was ordered issued in the name of Geo. V. Gilbert and wife, Mary E. Gilbert, at the price of \$68.95 for the lot and \$59.10 for perpetual care.

RECESS:

At this time a short recess was taken by the Council to the Mayor's office, and after remaining out for a short length of time, the Council reconvened and the Mayor again called the meeting to order, whereupon, Councilman Hovis moved that the meeting then adjourn, which was seconded by Councilman Slye and carried.

Alice B. H. Council
City Clerk