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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, June 10, 1942, with Mayor Currie presiding and all members of the Council being present, namely: Messrs. Albea, Beasley, Baker, Daughtry, Hovis, Little, Painter, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward.

Absent: None.

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WAR TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

Mr. Coleman W. Roberts, the newly appointed Administrator, War Transportation Committee, for Charlotte, appeared before the Council and stated that the importance of the task before them and the need for doing something with as little delay as possible is emphasized by information coming out of Washington effecting all automobile owners, and that the people of Charlotte must reconcile themselves to the fact that it is going to be necessary to re-adjust bus schedules, etc.

He stated that there would be some expense involved in order to do a thorough job and asked that the Council provide in the new budget funds to take care of such expenses as may be necessary; also, that the City erect two or more bicycle parking racks in the business area where bicycles may be parked and locked while their owners are at work, shopping or in the theaters. He stated that there is an urgent need for a revaluation of the traffic signal system of Charlotte, with a view of eliminating many signals, speeding up others, and changing others to "Stop then Go" signals rather than complete stop signals. He said that this is necessary because there has been a great decrease in automobile traffic and it is going to continue in a downward trend. He urged that the City undertake this immediately.

After hearing Mr. Roberts, Mayor Currie expressed to him, on behalf of the Council, appreciation for having accepted this appointment, and referred the requests made by Mr. Roberts to a committee composed of the City Manager, the City Attorney and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, to determine just what can be done in connection with the requests.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the meeting of June 3rd. were approved as read.

RESOLUTION FIXING TAX RATE PREPAYMENTS.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Ross, who moved its adoption. Motion seconded by Councilman Little and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1942 has not been finally fixed but it is necessary to give the Collector of Revenue instructions regarding the acceptance of prepayments of taxes;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that prepayments of taxes for the year commencing July 1, 1942 shall be made to the Collector of Revenue upon the basis of a tentative tax rate of \$1.48 on the \$100 of valuation of real and personal property, discounts to be allowed as provided by law.

RESOLUTION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AGENT.

City Manager Flack stated that in connection with the building of the U. S. Rubber Company shell-loading plant near Charlotte, Mr. Vest, Superintendent of the Water Department, had requested appointment of an agent to secure the necessary rights-of-way for the water line, and that in accordance with this request, the following resolution has been prepared by the City Attorneys for consideration of the Council:

RESOLVED that the City Manager be, and he is, authorized to employ a right-of-way agent to perform all necessary services in connection with the acquisition by the City of a right-of-way for the water main proposed to be laid to serve the Munitions Plant of U. S. Rubber Company which is to be built in Mecklenburg County nine and a half miles south of the City.

On motion made by Councilman Little, duly seconded by Councilman Ross and unanimously carried, the above resolution was adopted.

NECESSARY MATERIALS FOR WATER LINE TO U.S.RUBBER COMPANY PLANT TO BE ADVERTISED FOR.

The following motion was made by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Slye, and unanimously adopted:

The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for the necessary materials for a water line to be constructed solely for the purpose of furnishing water to the U. S. Navy Shell Loading Plant, to be operated by the U. S. Rubber Company under Contract NOrd (F) 1075. Said water line is to be financed and owned by the City of Charlotte. But for said Shell Loading Plant the line would not be constructed. Said Plant is approximately 4-1/2 miles beyond the corporate limits of the City of Charlotte. The City will advertise for bidders to construct said line; the City to furnish materials for same.

PURCHASE OF 12 REPLACEMENT RECEIVERS FOR RADIO DEPARTMENT.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Painter, authority was given for the purchase of 12 replacement receivers for the Radio Department, at an estimated cost of \$900; purchase to be made from Fred M. Link, the Mayor and Clerk being authorized to sign the contract.

PRIORITY RATING TO BE SECURED ON MATERIALS FOR WATER LINE TO U.S.RUBBER COMPANY PLANT.

On motion of Councilman Painter, seconded by Councilman Ross, the City Manager was authorized to make application to Sanderson & Porter, Engineers and Agents for the U. S. Rubber Company in the con-

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struction of the Navy Munitions Plant to be located south of the City of Charlotte, for the necessary Priority Rating, in order that this may be included in the advertisement and general conditions of the contract for furnishing materials for the water line to be constructed by the City of Charlotte to said plant.

RECESS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL.

At 4:28 P. M. a recess was declared by the Mayor, and the Council adjourned to the Mayor's office, where it remained until 5:50, at which time it returned to the Council Chamber, and took up the remainder of the business of the meeting, as follows:

PURCHASE OF SEWER PUMP AND ROTOR.

Upon motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the City with the DeLaval Steam Turbine Company, of Trenton, N. J., for 1- Horizontal Sewage Pump, complete with motor, couplings, etc., and 1- DeLaval Rotor, at a net delivered price of \$2,509.00; bids having been received on this equipment on June 8th., only one bid being received; payment for this equipment to be made from the Water Emergency Appropriation.

CONTRACT FOR DUST LAYING MATERIAL.

As authorized by the Council on May 27th., bids were advertised for and taken on June 9th., on 100,000 gallons of Dust Laying Material, a by-product of gas tar. The City Manager reported that only the bid of the Duke Power Company was received, at 6¢ per gallon, totaling \$6,000, and on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Little and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to execute contract with Duke Power Company covering this purchase.

SURVEY REPORT OF PROPOSED WATER MAIN TO NEW MUNITIONS PLANT COMPLETED.

The City Manager reported that the Pitometer Company, Inc., of New York, has completed the Survey Report in connection with the water to serve the proposed Naval Ordnance Plant, as authorized by the Council, and asked for authority to pay their invoice for this work in the amount of \$150.00 from the Water Department's Emergency Fund, Division 613.

Upon motion made by Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Beasley, this authority was given.

REVENUE ORDINANCE 1942-43 TO BE PUBLISHED BY CHARLOTTE NEWS.

Bids having been received covering the publishing of the 1942-43 Revenue Ordinance one time in a local paper, the furnishing of 3900 copies of the Ordinance in booklet form, without covers, and 100 copies with manuscript covers, and the printing of same in both the Minute and Ordinance Books, as follows:

The News Publishing Company	\$381.10
The Charlotte Observer	395.00

Upon motion made by Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Slye and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract with

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The News Publishing Company at the price bid, any change in the number of inches to be a credit or debit to the City, at the unit price bid.

REPAIRS TO HOSKINS RESERVOIR.

Mr. Flack reported that the Water Department is in need of 100 cubic yards of Class "B" concrete mix for repairing splash wall at the Hoskins Reservoir on Oakdale Road and that the following prices have been received on this material:

Caldwell Construction Company	\$775.00
Transit-Mix Concrete Company	875.00

Upon motion made by Councilman Little, duly seconded by Councilman Ward and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the lowest bidder, Caldwell Construction Company, at the net delivered price of \$775.00.

SALE OF JUNK AT CITY HALL.

Upon motion made by Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Albea, authority was given for the sale of an accumulation of scrap junk in the basement of the City Hall, to the highest bidder, Schwartz & Son, Inc., at the following prices:

License Plates	.35 per cwt.
Miscellaneous scrap iron	1.00 " "
Brass grill-work	9.00 " "

PAYMENT OF INVOICE FOR BOND IN SUIT OF WHITEHEAD VS CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO BE MADE FROM THE EMERGENCY FUND.

Approval was given for the payment from the Emergency Fund of an invoice from W. E. Price & Son in the amount of \$20.00 covering premium on bond executed in the case of Mrs. Janie Whitehead vs. the City of Charlotte, as authorized by the Council on June 3rd. This was given on motion made by Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Baker and carried.

FINAL EXPENSES INCURRED DURING WAR MANEUVERS.

The City Manager reported that a final accounting of expenses incurred during the war maneuvers last fall has been submitted by the City Treasurer, which shows a total expenditure of \$3,761.80. Of this amount \$1,253.93 was paid by the County, as agreed upon, with a balance of \$2,507.87 as the City's part. At various times the Council authorized certain sums for maneuvers expenditures, totaling \$2,383.07, which leaves in excess of the amount authorized the sum of \$124.80. In order to clear this account Councilman Baker moved that payment of this amount be made from the Emergency Fund to this Account. Motion seconded by Councilman Little and carried.

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DRUID CIRCLE, SOUTH, TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Hovis, Druid Circle, South, was accepted by the City for maintenance; this street having been put in condition for such acceptance.

SALARY OF PRIORITY CLERK AUTHORIZED TO BE PAID FROM EMERGENCY FUND.

Mr. Flack reported that on October 14, 1941, Mr. Geo. P. Fort was employed as a Priority Clerk and continued in said position until February 23, 1942. No appropriation was made for his salary, which was at the rate of \$135.00 per month, amounting to a total of \$550.52 for this period, the charge to the budget having been deferred. In order to clear up the Accountant's books, he asked that approval be given for the payment of this amount from the Emergency Fund, and on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, this was given.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN STREET NAME OF NASSAU BOULEVARD REFERRED TO OPERATING COMMITTEE.

The City Manager advised that a petition has been received from residents of Plaza Court, a short street in the eastern section of the City, requesting that Nassau Boulevard, from the end of Plaza Court to Belvedere Avenue, be changed to Plaza Court, owing to the inability of people to locate Plaza Court. This request was referred to the Operating Committee for investigation and report.

VACATIONS FOR MEN GOING INTO ARMED FORCES.

Some time ago the City Council authorized that men going into the armed forces be granted one week's vacation, but at this time the City Manager recommended that from this time on all men going into the armed forces, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, be granted two weeks vacation with pay.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Little, the City Manager's recommendation was approved.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT FOR PREMISES OF LANCE AND COMPANY.

Upon motion made by Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Ward, special officer permit was granted to J. L. Carson on the premises of Lance & Company.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea, the following cemetery deeds and perpetual care agreements were authorized to be issued:

Mrs. Ethel T. Marlowe, South Half Lot #84, Sec. "X", Elmwood -	\$70.00
Perpetual Care on " " " " " " " "	60.00
Mrs. Louise W. Smith, North " " #84 " " " "	70.00
Perpetual care on " " " " " " " "	60.00
Mrs. Addie W. Bogan, South " " #69 " " " "	70.00
Perpetual care on " " " " " " " "	60.00
Miss Frances Douglas, Lot No. 242, Section "Y" " "	35.00
Transfer from Frederick Jackson to his son, Frederick Raymond Jackson, Lot No. 8, Section "D" Elmwood, together with perpetual care	1.00

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RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND STREET ASSESSMENTS.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilman Ward, who moved its adoption. Motion seconded by Councilman Slye:

RESOLVED that it is necessary for the proper administration of the City that an assistant to the Collector of Revenue be employed for the purpose of assisting in the collection of delinquent taxes and street assessments, and to that end the City Manager is authorized to appoint such an assistant at a salary not to exceed \$375.00 per month.

The following vote was recorded on this motion:

For the motion: Councilmen Ward, Slye, Daughtry, Hovis, Little and Albea.

Against the motion: Councilmen Baker, Beasley, Painter, Price and Ross.

The Mayor stated that the motion had carried but was not adopted at this meeting, due to the fact that it had not received a two-thirds majority, and at this time Councilman Ward placed the resolution on second reading, which was again seconded by Councilman Slye and carried, on the same vote as recorded above. Third reading is to be held over until the next meeting of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion made by Councilman Albea, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McCoull
City Clerk