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The City Council met at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, September 30th, 1942, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor Currie presiding and all members being present with the exception of Councilman Little. This was the regular weekly meeting.

INVITATION EXTENDED TO MAYOR, COUNCIL AND MANAGER TO VISIT MINT MUSEUM.

Mr. E. C. Griffith came before the Council and extended a cordial invitation to all, including the Mayor and Manager, to visit the Mint-Museum on Sunday, October 4th., to see just what is being done at the Museum, stating that a musical program will be followed by a program of entertainment for the men in uniform. Mr. Griffith was thanked for this invitation and assured that as many members will be present as can possibly do so.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT.

Councilman Ross reported that the Transportation Committee had met and gone over the two bus routes in question and had had a conference with officials of the Duke Power Company, Mr. Coleman Roberts of the War Transportation Committee also attending this conference; that another conference will be held after Mr. Roberts has presented and discussed the matter with his Board, and that they will then have a conference with Mr. Brock Barkley, Attorney for residents of the sections requesting bus service, in the near future; that nothing definite has yet been done but that the committee is making progress.

PAYMENT OF BILL OF C. E. HOBBS FOR DELINQUENT TAX COMPUTATION APPROVED.

Upon motion made by Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, approval was given for the payment of expenses of C. E. Hobbs for seven and one-half days work on delinquent tax computation, at \$15.00 per day, totaling \$112.50; this to be paid from "Collecting Expense Delinquent Tax & Street Assessment Account".

AUCTIONEER'S FEE FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT.

A fee of \$168.40 to Mr. J. Lee Phillips, Auctioneer, covering the sale of 3368 pieces of real estate for 1941 taxes, was authorized to be paid from "Tax Collecting Expense Account", upon motion made by Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Baker and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF CONCRETE FROM CALDWELL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, the purchase of 20 yards of Class "B" Concrete for the Hoskins Water Works reservoir, was authorized from the Caldwell Construction Co. at a net delivered price of \$165.00. The above named company is the only source of supply for this material at this time.

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DEMOLITION OF HOUSE AT 1101 OAKLAWN AVENUE.

City Manager Flack reported that the Chief Safety Inspector had contacted all responsible house wreckers for the removal of the frame dwelling on City property at 1101 Oaklawn Ave., and had received three bids, the highest offer being from L. A. Norman, who proposes to give the City \$30.00 in cash and remove the house and leave the lot in clean condition. Thereupon, Councilman Baker moved that the City accept the offer of Mr. L. A. Norman for this work and that the house be demolished and removed by him for the price of \$30.00 paid by him to the City.

At this point, Councilman Ross stated that he had been called by two negroes about the matter, who wished to buy the lot with the house on it and that they would tear out the interior of the house and make a store building out of it. He stated, however, that he did not know whether they would offer \$30.00 more than the price the lot will bring or not but that he had merely presented this information for the benefit of the Council. A discussion followed regarding the sale of this lot at public auction and the leaving open of the offer for ten days, with the possibility of an upset bid being entered, in which event it was decided to again leave the offer open for ten more days.

After all of the above discussion, a vote was taken on the motion to have the house demolished by Mr. Norman, and this motion carried.

RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO 1936 STREET ASSESSMENT AND TAX ACCOUNTS.

The following resolution was read by the Clerk, and upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO 1936 TAXES
AND STREET ASSESSMENT ACCOUNTS NUMBERS
8539 and 8540 AFFECTING PROPERTY AT
739-41 WEST FIFTH ST. AND 743-45 WEST
FIFTH STREET.

WHEREAS, the City, by deed dated June 11, 1936, and recorded in Book 899 at page 349 of the Mecklenburg County Public Registry, acquired certain property from E. Y. Keesler et al for the purpose of widening West Sixth Street, which property is known as 739-41 West Fifth Street and 743-45 West Sixth Street; and, whereas, as a part of the consideration for said conveyance the City assumed all paving assessments against said property, and likewise taxes for the year 1936 due both to the City and the County; and, whereas, in the deed it is recited: "This conveyance is made subject to all unpaid assessments for streets and sidewalks paving and city and county taxes for the year 1936, all of which are hereby assumed by the party of the second part"; and, whereas, said paving assessments are set out and contained in Account Numbers 8539 and 8540; and, whereas, said accounts have not been paid; and, whereas, the 1936 taxes to the City of Charlotte and the County of Mecklenburg have not been paid;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, instructed, authorized and directed to pay said paving assessment accounts, and likewise pay the taxes assessed against said property for the year 1936, both to the City of Charlotte and to the County of Mecklenburg, and charge same to the emergency fund.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR RENEWAL OF LEASES TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE SANITARY SEWER RIGHT OF WAY FROM THE AIR BASE TO THE IRWIN CREEK DISPOSAL PLANT AND FOR THE BIDGOOD PROPERTY.

Upon motion made by Councilman Ross, duly seconded by Councilman Ward, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the City entered into a lease dated March 10, 1941, and bearing No. W231 eng.-600 for a right of way for a sanitary sewer from the Air Base to the Irwin Creek Sewage Disposal Plant, which originally expired June 30, 1941, but was renewed so as to extend to June 30, 1942, and, whereas, the Government now wishes the City to accept notice of the renewal until June 30, 1943, of the said lease, at the same time waiving the notice of renewal required by paragraph 5 of the said lease,

AND, WHEREAS, under date of March 6, 1941, the City entered into a lease with the United States Government, and bearing No. W231 end.-594 for the Bidgood property, which lease originally expired June 30, 1941, and was renewed so as to expire June 30, 1942, and, whereas, the Government desires the City to accept notice of the renewal of said lease until June 30, 1943, at the same time waiving the three days notice required by paragraph 5 of said lease,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor be, and he is, authorized to accept notice of the renewals of the aforesaid leases, and, at the same time, waive the requirement contained in said leases that notice of said renewals be given three days or more before their respective operations on June 30, 1942.

REPORT OF PROGRESS ON FORDSON AVENUE SIDEWALKS.

The City Manager made a progress report on the work on Fordson Avenue; stating that he had received three leases today which will trade the City the right-of-way for sidewalk, which the Government will put in to their project, but that one property owner wants some adjustment for the assessment on his property and that it will be necessary to negotiate with him for right-of-way on the basis of an adjustment. He stated that progress was being made on this work.

TRANSFER DEED FROM NORMAN L. GEORGE AND WIFE, INEZ, TO MRS. BLANCHE MORGAN REYNOLDS GOURMAJENKO FOR LOT IN ELMWOOD CEMETERY.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Painter and carried, approval was given for the sale of Lot No. 103, Section "D", Elmwood Cemetery from Norman L. George and wife, to Mrs. Blanche Morgan Reynolds Gourmajenko, upon payment of \$1.00 fee for making transfer.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded and carried, the meeting then adjourned.

Alice J. McConnell
City Clerk