

August 4, 1943

The City Council met at 4 o'clock P.M. Wednesday, August 4, 1943, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, in regular session; with Mayor Baxter presiding and the following members of the Council present: Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Hovis, Painter and Ward.

Absent: Councilmen Daughtry, Price and Slye.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, the Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

CONTRACT FOR PRINTING WATER BILLS.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Painter, and carried, contract was authorized with Huneycutt Printing Company, Charlotte, for printing 250,000 water bills, at a net delivered price of \$298.25.

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT DISAPPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Ward, and carried, request of R. H. McCullough for Special Officer permit for E. Z. Wilkins on the premises of Brooklyn Drug Store and Its Outdoor Annex was disapproved due to the Records of the Police Department reflecting a charge against said E. Z. Wilkins.

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Painter, and carried, approval was given to renew the Special Officer permits of Herman W. McCallum and Charles E. Knight on the premises of the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot.

NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES CONVENTION.

Mayor Baxter advised that the North Carolina League of Municipalities Convention would be held in Raleigh on August 11, 12 and 13th, 1943. Councilman Hovis moved that the City of Charlotte send as many Councilmen to the Convention as could go. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

BUSINESS CONCERNS IN 400 BLOCK OF WEST TRADE STREET REQUEST RELIEF FROM EXISTING PARKING CONDITIONS.

Mr. Duke Sanchez, Mr. C. S. Sergeant and Mr. M. O. Kirkpatrick owners and/or operators of business concerns in the 400 block of West Trade Street spoke to the Council requesting that action be taken to prevent taxicab drivers from monopolizing parking places along the sidewalk in this block; also, from using profane language in front of their places of business. They stated that taxicab drivers parked their cabs without inserting the required coins in the parking meters and prevented their customers from parking therein. Mayor Baxter stated that an ordinance would be presented to Council next week to correct this condition. Councilman Atkins moved that pending the passage of such ordinance that the Chief of Police be instructed to maintain supervision in this area. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and carried.

REQUEST THAT BOWLING ALLEYS AND SKATING RINKS BE ALLOWED TO OPEN DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON SUNDAY REJECTED.

Mr. H. H. Everett, Chairman Defense Recreation Committee, Mr. Henry Dockery, Chairman Mecklenburg County Civilian Defense Council and Mr. R. S. Dickson, Member Civilian Defense Council, spoke to the Council

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urging that bowling alleys and skating rinks be permitted to open during certain hours on Sunday for the exclusive use of service men and their lady companions, as previously requested by letter. The following ordinance was then presented:

AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE SUNDAY CLOSING ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:

Section 1: That the amendment which was adopted June 4, 1941 to the ordinance of July 24, 1935 as same had been previously amended by the ordinance adopted June 8, 1937, entitled: "An Ordinance to Prohibit the Performance and Operation of Certain Business and Commercial Sports and Amusements on Sunday" and as said ordinance was affected by the ordinance adopted Feb. 11, 1942 adopting war time be, and the same is, amended by adding at the end of the proviso which was adopted June 4, 1941 the following words:

"provided further, that nothing contained in this ordinance shall render it illegal, on Sunday, between the aforesaid hours, for bowling alleys and skating rinks which are more than 150 feet from a church to be operated for use by members of the armed forces of the United States and of the nations allied or associated with it in the present war, in uniform, and their lady companions, and no others, regardless of whether or not a fee is charged for admission to the same or for participation in the amusements, games or sports of skating and bowling carried on therein, and such operations are hereby declared to be legal; provided further, that no bowling alley shall be operated hereunder if there is made therein a charge in excess of fifteen cents per person per game on Sunday, and no skating rink shall be operated hereunder if there is made, for admission thereto and the use of its facilities, a charge in excess of thirty cents per person on Sunday."

Section 2: That all ordinances and clauses of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3: This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

Section 4: The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and cause the same to be published.

Councilman Bullard moved the adoption of the foregoing ordinance, which was duly seconded by Councilman Atkins. After considerable discussion, a vote was taken with the following result:

AYE: Councilmen Atkins, Bullard, Hovis and Ward.
NAY: Councilmen Albea, Baker, Cope and Painter.

The Mayor declared the motion lost.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, and carried, the following cemetery deeds were authorized to be issued:

Mrs. J. W. Sloop, Lot No. 261, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00
Claude L. Quick & Wife, Helen H., S.E. Quarter Lot No. 43, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from Chas. H. Fredrickson, \$1.00

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, the meeting adjourned.

Lillian R. Haysman
City Clerk