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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, November 17, 1943, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Price, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilman Painter.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Atkins the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

CONTRACT AWARDED AMERICAN OIL COMPANY FOR OIL AND LUBRICANT.

Upon motion of Councilman Price, seconded by Councilman Daughtry contract was awarded American Oil Company for 3,000 gallons of motor oil, at a total price of \$1,860.00; 2,000 pounds of chassis lubricant, at a total price of \$195.00, and 2,500 pounds of gear oil at a total price of \$250.00. All of above prices subject to 1% discount.

PURCHASE OF PUMPS, PAVING BREAKERS, BACKFILL TAMPER AND AIR COMPRESSOR.

Councilman Hovis moved that contract be awarded Barnes Manufacturing Company for One heavy duty Centrifugal Pump, at a net delivered price of \$246.97; One single diaphragm Pump, at a net delivered price of \$229.50 and Two sections each of 3-inch and 4-inch Hose, 2-feet long, at a net delivered price of \$154.01. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and carried.

Councilman Albea moved that a contract be awarded T. L. Pitts for Two Paving Breakers, at a net delivered price of \$303.80. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

Councilman Price moved that One Backfill Tamper be purchased from E. F. Craven Company, at a net delivered price of \$130.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be awarded Contractors Service, Inc., for One Air Compressor, at a net delivered price of \$2,965.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried.

APPROPRIATION FROM EMERGENCY FUND FOR PAYMENT OF PUBLISHING TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

Councilman Daughtry moved that \$140.65 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund to cover publication of the Traffic Ordinance in The Charlotte News. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED HUNEYCUTT PRINTING COMPANY FOR PRINTING TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

Councilman Daughtry moved that contract be awarded Huneycutt Printing Company for printing 25,000 copies of the Traffic Ordinance at a price of \$480.00, and that contract include payment of \$15.00 additional per page for all pages in excess of 32 pages included in the pamphlet, and that an appropriation be made from the Emergency Fund to cover the cost. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard and carried.

PURCHASE OF CRUSHED STONE FROM CALDWELL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

Councilman Slye moved that One Car of No. 9 Crushed Stone be purchased from Caldwell Construction Company at a total cost of \$110.30. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

COLEMAN W. ROBERTS APPOINTED SPECIAL LICENSE CLERK TO HANDLE SALE OF CITY AUTOMOBILE LICENSE STICKERS.

The City Manager recommended that Mr. Coleman W. Roberts, of

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the Carolina Motor Club be appointed Special License Clerk to handle the sale of city automobile license stickers for the year 1944, with compensation to be fixed at .07¢ per sticker sold. This being identical with the arrangement made for handling the sale of stickers for the year 1943. Councilman Albea moved that the recommendation of the City Manager be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried.

REQUEST FOR PHRENOLOGIST LICENSE DENIED, AND MATTER OF DELETION OF SECTION IN REVENUE ORDINANCE REGARDING FEE FOR SUCH LICENSE REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEYS.

The City Manager presented a letter from Mr. Wilson H. Price, Attorney, requesting a phrenologist license for Miller Urich. Councilman Albea moved that same be granted. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry. Councilman Ward made a substitute motion that request be denied due to several similiar requests having been denied in the past. Motion seconded by Councilman Price. The vote on the substitute motion was as follows: AYE: Councilmen Bullard, Cope, Hovis, Price, Slye and Ward. NAY: Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker and Daughtry. Councilman Albea then moved that Item k of Section 3 of the Revenue Ordinance, relating to license fee for fortune telling, etc., be deleted from the ordinance, and that the City Attorneys be instructed to draft an amendment to the Revenue Ordinance in accordance therewith. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard and carried, with Councilman ~~Ward~~ ^{Atkins} voting against the motion.

CONFIRMATION OF SALE OF PROPERTIES BELONGING TO THE CITY DEFERRED.

Upon motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea, confirmation of sale of City Auditorium Property, Water Works Property, Seigle Street Property and Lot on Wilmount Road was deferred until the Council Meeting of December 1st, in accordance with suggestion from the City Attorneys.

CONSOLIDATION OF ASSESSMENT RECORDS AND EMPLOYMENT OF CLERK APPROVED FOR OFFICE OF COLLECTOR OF REVENUE, AND CONTRACT WITH GEO. G. SCOTT COMPANY FOR SUPERVISING INSTALLATION OF RECORDS APPROVED. ALSO, APPROPRIATION FROM EMERGENCY FUND OF \$3,550.00 MADE TO COVER COSTS.

Mr. W. Irving Bullard and Mr. J. Murrey Atkins acting as a Special Committee to study the procedure in the office of the Collector of Revenue filed a written report which is on file in the office of the City Clerk. Briefly, the report recommended the installation of individual ledger cards for all uncollected taxes and uncollected street assessments, and the employment of an additional permanent clerk. Also, that contract be authorized with Geo. G. Scott Company to supervise the installation of the new system. And the Committee recommended that \$3,550.00 be transferred from the Emergency Fund to cover the costs of the above. Councilman Daughtry moved that the recommendations as a whole be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Slye and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH REGARD TO EMERGENCY SERVICES RENDERED BY CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Councilman Atkins moved the adoption of the following resolution and that funds for payment of emergency services be made from the Emergency Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, Charlotte Memorial Hospital Authority of Charlotte has presented the City of Charlotte with a claim for emergency services heretofore rendered by Charlotte Memorial Hospital to the indigent sick and afflicted poor of the City who have been brought to the Hospital for treatment; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has investigated said claim and is

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of the opinion that said claim reasonably represents the cost of services heretofore rendered to the indigent sick and afflicted poor of the City, for which no payment had been made by the City, and recommends that same be recognized and paid,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer and the City Accountant be, and they hereby are, authorized, empowered and directed to pay the sum of One Thousand and Eighty-Five (\$1,085.00) Dollars to Charlotte Memorial Hospital Authority of Charlotte, N.C., for all emergency services and all other services heretofore rendered by it or the Charlotte Memorial Hospital to the indigent sick and afflicted poor of the City, for which no payment has heretofore been made, provided that said payment shall not be made until Charlotte Memorial Hospital Authority of Charlotte has paid in full any amounts now due by it, and/or Charlotte Memorial Hospital, to the City of Charlotte for water, lights, traveling expenses, and any other amounts whatsoever due said City of Charlotte by or on account of said Hospital.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendation and payment of the present claim shall not be considered as a precedent, or authorization, for any future services to be rendered by the Charlotte Memorial Hospital Authority of Charlotte, N. C., under expectation of receiving payment therefor from the City, and it is to be distinctly understood that the City will not recognize or assume responsibility for any future services rendered by the said Hospital Authority without an understanding to that effect in advance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

H. B. Campbell, City Attorney.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED REGARDING CONVEYANCE OF LOT FROM INDEPENDENCE GUARANTY COMPANY IN EXTINGUISHMENT OF TAXES.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Cope, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Independence Guaranty Company is the owner in fee-simple of Lot 8 as shown on map of the Mrs. Laura M. Brown property, recorded in Book 230, page 13, of the Registry for Mecklenburg County, which lot is located at Nos. 252-254 Balch Lane in the City of Charlotte, free and clear of liens and encumbrances except the lien of the City of Charlotte on account of unpaid taxes for the years 1932 through 1943, together with interest thereon and advertising costs, in the total amount of \$58.31, and the lien of the County of Mecklenburg on account of unpaid taxes for said years, together with interest thereon and advertising costs, in the total amount of \$26.40, the aggregate amount of said liens being \$84.71; and

WHEREAS, said Independence Guaranty Company has proposed, pursuant to amendment to Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Charlotte enacted by the 1943 session of the Legislature of North Carolina, to execute and deliver its deed conveying said property to said city, subject to the lien of the aforesaid unpaid county taxes, in extinguishment of all liens of said city against said property; and whereas, the said property is assessed for taxation at a valuation of \$115.00 and its fair market value is in excess of the aggregate amount of the tax liens of both city and county and the cost of recording the proposed deed.

RESOLVED, therefore, that the City of Charlotte accept the proposed deed of Independence Guaranty Company in extinguishment of all of its liens against the aforesaid property; that the City Accountant and City Treasurer be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to issue checks in payment of the aforesaid taxes due the City of Charlotte and the County of

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Mecklenburg and of the cost of recording the proposed deed when it is executed and delivered, and that the City Accountant be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to set the property up on the real estate records of the city at a valuation equal to the aggregate amount of the aforesaid checks.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

H. B. Campbell, City Attorney

HOLIDAY GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES FOR THANKSGIVING DAY, November 25, 1943.

Councilman Albea moved that a holiday be granted all city employees who could conveniently be away from duty on Thanksgiving Day, November 25. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

COUNCIL MEETING DISPENSED WITH ON NOVEMBER 24, 1943.

Councilman Ward moved that the regular meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, November 24th, be dispensed with. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard and carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT RENEWED.

Upon motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Cope and carried, renewal of the Special Officer Permit of W. M. Fowler on the premises of Highland Park Manufacturing Company was approved.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Upon motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea, the following deeds to lots in Elmwood Cemetery were approved for issuance:

Geo. W. Brice, Lot No 82, north half, in Section "X", at \$70.00.

Perpetual Care on above lot, at \$60.00.

Perpetual Care on Lot 81, northwest Quarter Lot No 81, in Section "E", \$36.00.

TRIBUTE TO MR. HAL TRIBBLE.

Mayor Baxter stated he would like to recognize Mr. Hal Tribble, Reporter at the City Hall for The Charlotte Observer, who had just received a commission as Ensign in the United States Navy. Councilman Albea stated that the services of Mr. Tribble as a reporter were much appreciated and he was sure the Council joined him in expressing all good wishes to Mr. Tribble in the services of his county. Councilman Baker wished Mr. Tribble God-speed which sentiment was unanimously voiced by the Council. Mr. Tribble thanked the Council for their kind expressions and stated he hoped to "be included in the City's Post-war Planning" and again report the happenings of the Charlotte City Council.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Atkins, the meeting adjourned.

Lillian R. Hayman
City Clerk