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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, December 13, 1944, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Price and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen Bullard and Slye.

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MINUTES APPROVED.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANNING COMMITTEE APPROVED.

A delegation composed of members of the Board of Directors and Planning Committee of the Chamber of Commerce were present, and Mr. Coleman W. Roberts, Chairman of the Planning Committee presented to the City Council for approval recommendations which he stated the delegation felt was necessary for the future industrial and cultural development of Charlotte. Mr. Roy Palmer, President of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of the recommendations.

Mr. Roberts presented the first recommendations, designated as A, A-1 and A-2 - that the Council create a City Planning Commission and make available to it such funds as may be necessary to carry out its program; the preparation of a program for the extension of the city limits of Charlotte; that the Commission be empowered to approve all sub-division developments in and near the city. Mr. Cary Dowd, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, urged the approval of these recommendations.

Councilman Hovis moved that the City Attorneys be instructed to draw the proper resolution, or ordinance, creating a City Planning Commission, for presentation to the City Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Roberts presented Mr. Carl Flath, Chairman of the War Memorial Division, of the Committee, who outlined and urged the approval of recommendation designated as "C" - that a War Memorial Civic Center project be approved and the City and County create a War Memorial Commission to proceed with the project.

Councilman Ward moved that the Council go on record as approving this recommendation and the County Commissioners be advised of this action. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis and unanimously carried.

Mr. Frank Sherrill, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, was presented by Mr. Roberts, and spoke in behalf of recommendation "E" - that one or more city-county markets be established at the earliest possible date.

Councilman Albea moved that the Council approve this recommendation in principle. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Roberts presented Mr. C. W. Gilchrist, Chairman of the Educational & Cultural Division, of the Committee, who urged the Council to adopt recommendation "F" - that a new library be provided and that steps be taken to call for a bond issue for an amount not less than \$500,000.00 to provide the necessary library facilities. Mr. Art Mayor, Chairman, Charlotte Library Board, spoke in behalf of this recommendation.

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Councilman Daughtry moved that the Council approve this recommendation, it being understood that the County would have to call for the bond issue, should that be done. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Roberts expressed the appreciation of the group present, and on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, for the cooperation of and action taken by the City Council.

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT N.W. CORNER OF S. COLLEGE AND E. HILL STREETS TO JOHN JAMES CONTINUED.

Councilman Daughtry moved that the bid of \$900.00 by John James for the tax foreclosed property at the N.W. corner of South College and East Hill Streets be accepted, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the deed, as recommended by the City Treasurer. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

PERMITS TO OPERATE TAXICABS IN CHARLOTTE GRANTED TO SIXTY-FIVE MEN.

Councilman Albea moved that permits to operate taxicabs in Charlotte be granted the following sixty-five men, as recommended by the Chief of Police. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins, and unanimously carried.

Johnnie E. Austin 310 West 4th St.	Wm. C. Deaton 1565 Dowd Rd.	Lawrence King Route 7
Jack E. Austin 1601 Scott Ave.	Louis C. Fincher 119 S. McDowell St.	H. L. Ianchaster 419 N. Graham St.
James P. Allison 216 Piedmont Courts	John C. Garner 1010 W. 4th St.	Clarence Leonhardt 609 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. Brevard St.
Robert C. Brown 615 S. Summit Ave.	Lonnie L. Greene 1133 N. Tryon St.	Douglas M. Long 1029 Elizabeth Ave.
John P. Beatty 808 West 1st St.	Robt. H. Hamil 1601 Scott Ave.	Chas. F. Lefler 518 E. Trade St.
John O. Blakkmon 1004 McCall St.	Jesse C. Henry 641 E. 5th St.	Mark A. McManus Central Apts.
Elie Eugene Boone 317 W. 8th St.	Henry L. Helms 314 Gardner Ave.	Clarence F. Miller 709 E. 13th St.
John A. Beaver Yellow Cab Company	Garland P. Hurd 412 W. 8th St.	James L. Mixon 301 W. 12th St.
Leonard E. Crump 3514 Spencer St.	J. B. Hollingsworth 1009 N. Brevard St.	Joe Nixon Route 4
Charles B. Cuthbert 521 E. 5th St.	Martin L. Harkey, Jr. 123 W. 10th St.	M. T. Norkett 329 S. Cedar St.
Roy R. Coffee 110 E. 29th St.	Jessie J. Helms Route 9	Ernest A. Norment 3103 Tuckaseegee Rd.
Irwin J. Darnell 714 N. College St.	John T. Helms, Jr. 1917 Pegram St.	Richard C. Olliver Willard Hotel
Fred M. Dean Route 7, Box 74	A. D. Kaylor 827 E. Trade St.	Ernest W. Roberson 328 N. Graham St.

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Walter Privitt Walter Hotel	Orvill L. Stover 3040 N. Davidson St.	O. D. Taylor 429 Plymouth Ave.
H. G. Stogner 1013 N. Allen St.	Jas. R. Stogner 306 Piedmont Courts	A. E. Taylor 128 Piedmont Courts
Miller Sneed 314 Gardner Ave.	Chas. W. Sneed 314 Garner Ave.	Claude T. Truesdale 300 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. Tryon St.
Clarence E. Seagle 4222 Pineville Rd.	Brodus M. Smith 400 W. Trade St.	Geo. W. Taylor 235 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. Graham St.
William M. Smith 1403 S. Boulevard	Wayne R. Smith 104 S. Brevard St.	Jas. I. Vickery 1008 Grove St.
Hazel R. Scercy 805 Parkwood Ave.	W. H. Steakley Route 9	A. A. Wayne 325 E. Kingston Ave.
Frank E. Saul Route 7	Ralph Tucker 214 E. 11th St.	Clifford O. Watts 427 N. Pine St.
H. G. Wallace 708 Calvert St.	Eugene Yerton 927 E. 10th St. Apt. 83	James P. Wentz 34 Piedmont Courts

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO GASOLINE PIPE LINE UNDER NORTHEASTERN SIDEWALK OF EAST 7TH STREET EXTENDING EASTERN END SEABOARD RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY WESTWARD ABOUT 170 FEET TO NO. 321 EAST 7th STREET.

Councilman Hovis moved the adoption of the following resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, the City Council under date of June 22, 1938, authorized the F. C. Abott Company to install a two inch gasoline pipe line under the City sidewalk on the Northerly side of E. Seventh Street for a distance of approximately 170 feet, said pipe line then running under private property to an underground storage tank on the Easterly end and said pipe line on the Westerly end running under the Southern Railway right-of-way and the Seaboard Railway right-of-way to a tank car unloading spot on the Norfolk and Southern Railway, and

WHEREAS, Crown Central Petroleum Corporation has requested the right to continue the use of said pipe line as a lessee or owner of the property on which the underground storage tank is located, said property further being known as 321 E. Seventh Street, and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has advised that the use of this pipe line, in his opinion, does not furnish any hazard to any street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Crown Central Petroleum Corporation be, and it hereby is, authorized to continue to use, operate and maintain this pipe line as a gasoline line at its own cost and expense during such time as it may lease or own the property known as 321 East Seventh Street on which is located the underground storage tank served by said pipe line and in connection therewith any loss or damage caused or occasioned by the use, operation or maintenance of said pipe line shall be at the sole expense of Crown Central Petroleum Corporation and by accepting the benefits of this resolution and by continuing to use, operate and maintain said pipe line, Crown Central Petroleum does agree to indemnify and save harmless the City of Charlotte against any loss therefrom.

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SALE OF GROVETON SCHOOL PROPERTY CONTINUED.

Councilman Baker moved that the sale of the Groveton School property, located at the corner of Spring and Pharr Streets, at public auction on July 17, 1944, to the high bidder, Religious Public Service Corporation, at \$500.00, be confirmed, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the deed to same, as recommended by the City Treasurer. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward, and unanimously carried.

HOUSING AUTHORITY PRESENTS CHECK TO CITY IN LIEU OF TAXES.

Mayor Baxter advised that the Charlotte Housing Authority had paid to the City \$4,869.76 recently in lieu of taxes.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, duly seconded by Councilman Ward, the meeting was adjourned.

Lucian R. Hoffman  
City Clerk