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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, February 9, 1944, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Baxter presiding and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Price and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilman Slye.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF WATER MAIN IN CAMP GREENE AVENUE.

Upon the recommendation of the City Manager and Superintendent of Water Works, Councilman Price moved that 500 feet of 6 inch water main in Camp Greene Avenue be purchased from W. D. Wilkinson, at a cost of \$437.40, and be paid for from the Water Bond Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker and unanimously carried.

NOTICE OF CLAIM OF MRS. ELLA KLASSETT.

The City Manager presented a Notice of Claim against the City signed by Attorneys Arthur Goodman and John M. Robinson in which Mrs. Ella Klassett is claiming damages in the amount of \$15,000.00 for alleged personal injuries sustained from a fall on the sidewalk on East Trade Street on November 18, 1943, near Liggett Drug Company, and stated same would be referred to the City Attorneys.

APPROVAL OF TAX FORECLOSURE SALE ON PROPERTY AT 1004-06 EAST 17th STREET.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Atkins, and carried, the City Manager was instructed not to raise the bid of Mecklenburg County, at \$600.00, on property located at 1004-06 East 17th Street, being Tax Suit #517, sold on February 7, 1944.

CONTRACT APPROVED WITH T. L. PITTS & SON FOR TAR AND ASPHALT KETTLE.

Councilman Albea moved that a contract be entered into with T. L. Pitts & Son, Charlotte, for a Tar and Asphalt Kettle, at a net delivered price of \$330.00, and that funds be appropriated from the Emergency Fund to cover the cost. Motion seconded by Councilman Price and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT APPROVED WITH GRINNELL COMPANY, INC., FOR PIPE.

Councilman Price moved that a contract be entered into with Grinnell Company, Inc., Charlotte, for 4000 feet of 3/4 inch and 1000 feet of 1 inch genuine wrought iron pipe, galvanized, at a net delivered cost of \$686.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT OF ASSISTANT IN OFFICE OF COLLECTOR OF REVENUE AND EMERGENCY FUND APPROPRIATION MADE TO COVER EXPENSE.

The City Manager stated the Collector of Revenue desired to employ an additional man in his department, at a salary of \$150.00 and with a car allowance of \$35.00 per month. Councilman Baker moved that the man be employed and that an appropriation of \$740.00 be made from the Emergency Fund to cover these expenses to July 1, 1944. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and carried.

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AUTHORIZATION OF CONSTRUCTION OF ROADWAY THROUGH THOMPSON ORPHANAGE PROPERTY AND PURCHASE OF STEEL FOR SAME.

Councilman Baker moved that we proceed with the construction of the roadway through Thompson Orphanage Property and apply to the War Production Board for permission to purchase steel, as called for in the original design for the bridge over Sugaw Creek. Motion seconded by Councilman Price and carried, with Councilman Atkins voting against the motion.

SALE OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE OPTIONS ON NORTH CEDAR STREET PROPERTY FOR EXPANSION OF ELMWOOD CEMETERY.

The City Manager advised the City Treasurer wished Council approval of the sale of bonds in such amount as was necessary to exercise the options on the North Cedar Street property to be used in the expansion of Elmwood Cemetery. Councilman Albea moved that a sufficient number of bonds be sold to close this transaction. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard and unanimously carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT OF COUNCIL POST-WAR PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Councilman Bullard, Chairman of the Council Post-War Planning Committee, presented a preliminary report from the Superintendent of Water Works, covering the water system and sewage disposal plants; he, also, presented a report in which the Committee recommended that the extension of and improvements to the Sewage Disposal Plants be immediately started. Councilman Albea moved that the report be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard and unanimously carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF ENGINEERS TO BEGIN WORK ON EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANTS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Baker moved that Engineers be employed immediately to start work on the Sewage Disposal Plant extensions and improvement program. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and unanimously carried.

STREET NAMED "HARGROVE PLACE".

At the suggestion of Mayor Baxter, Councilman Albea moved that that street running south from West Trade Street to West Fourth Street, between South Graham Street and Southern Railway Tracks, be named "Hargrove Place" in honor of Sergeant Marion Hargrove of Charlotte. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard and unanimously carried.

REQUEST FOR PERMIT TO OPERATE TAXICAB BY H. H. JOHNSON REFERRED TO SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE.

Mr. H. H. Johnson, 414 Belmont Avenue, requested a permit to operate a taxicab in Charlotte, stating his application had been refused by the Chief of Police due to a record of transporting liquor against him. Councilman Price moved that a committee of Council be appointed to investigate the matter with the Chief of Police. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried. Whereupon, Mayor Baxter appointed a Committee composed of Councilmen Price, Albea and Hovis.

APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT FOR J. E. PHILLIPS.

Councilman Albea moved that the Special Officer Permit of Mr. J. E. Phillips on the premises of Pettit Motor Company be renewed for one year. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried.

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CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Painter, the following cemetery deeds were approved for transfer:

Mrs. Mary J. Lyles, Lot No. 290, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00.
Mrs. Herbert Holder, North Half of Lot No. 34, in Section "BB", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$49.00.
Mrs. D. L. Meacham, Lot No. 58, in Section "Z", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$31.50.
B. R. and Agnes J. O'Shields, Lot No. 26-B, in Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery at \$75.25.
Perpetual Care Deed on above lot of O'Shields, at \$64.50.
Miss Inez M. Collier, South Half of Lot No. 90, in Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$70.00.
Perpetual Care Deed on above Collier lot, at \$60.00.
Alda Russell and Mrs. Nora Dunlap, East half of Lot No. 57, in Section "X-Annex", in Elmwood Cemetery, at \$71.05.
Perpetual Care Deed on above Russell-Dunlap Lot, \$50.75.
Furman Smith and Margaret Greene Smith, Lot No. 93, in Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$77.00.
Perpetual Care Deed on above Smith Lot, at \$66.00.

Duplicate Deed to Mary Culver, on Lot No. 10, Section "St. John", West Pine-wood Cemetery, \$1.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk