



EXTRACT FROM CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 24, 1944

RELATIVE TO CHANGE IN NUMBERING MINUTE BOOKS

AND

RECORDING OF CITY ORDINANCES IN ORDINANCE BOOKS.

(Recorded in Book 31, Page 2.)

"WHEREAS, the City Clerk is about to open a new Minute Book and, whereas, confusion has resulted heretofore by reason of the fact that the Minute Books have carried two numbers, and, whereas, there has been substantial duplication of labor by reason of the fact that heretofore ordinances have been copied in full both in the Minute Book and the Ordinance Book;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, beginning with the new Minute Book, there shall be only one number and the new Minute Book shall be numbered 31.

RESOLVED FURTHER that in the future it shall not be necessary for the City Clerk to copy ordinances into the Minutes of Council Meetings, but in the Minutes of each meeting she shall refer to the fact that a given ordinance has been adopted and has been inserted in the Ordinance Book with appropriate reference to the book and page, and she shall copy each ordinance into the Ordinance Book and at the bottom of each ordinance in the Ordinance Book shall certify to the passage of same over her signature with appropriate reference to the book and page in the Minute Book showing its adoption."

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, duly seconded by Councilman Atkins, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

Therefore, this Minute Book is No. 31, and not Book 11 (31) as it would have been had the above change not been made.

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, May 24th, 1944, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Price and Slye being present.

Absent: Councilman Ward.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Painter the minutes of the meeting of May 17th were approved as read.

PURCHASE OF POSTAL CARDS.

Councilman Baker moved that 50,000 postal cards be purchased from the Charlotte Post Office at \$500.00 for use by the Water Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENT TO CONTRACT WITH THE BARRETT COMPANY, DIVISION OF ALLIED CHEMICAL & DYE CORPORATION, FOR 10,000 GALLONS OF TAR.

Councilman Slye moved that authorization be given for a supplement to the Contract with The Barrett Company, Division of Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation, for 10,000 gallons of Tar, at a unit price of 10.77 cents per gallon. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

MAINTENANCE OF DANIELS STREET APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried, Daniels Street for a distance of 250 feet north of Stratford Avenue was taken over for city maintenance.

CONFIRMATION OF SALE OF PROPERTY ON NORTH GRAHAM STREET, BETWEEN WEST 5TH AND WEST 6TH STREETS.

Councilman Hovis moved that the bid of \$18,000.00 by Mr. Frank H. Kennedy, Agent, submitted on May 1, 1944, on property located on North Graham Street, between West 5th and West 6th Streets, be confirmed. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

SALE OF PROPERTY AT 218 EAST VANCE STREET, BEING TAX SUIT NO. 331, REFERRED TO EVALUATION COMMITTEE.

Upon the recommendation of the City Manager, Mayor Baxter referred to the Evaluation Committee the matter of whether the City should raise the bid of \$1,000.00 on tax foreclosure property at 218 East Vance Street, being Tax Suit No. 331.

RENEWAL OF LEASES WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR ORIGINAL AIRBASE PROPERTY AND BIDGOOD TRACT OF LAND.

Councilman Baker moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Charlotte renewal leases with the United States Government, covering (1) the original airbase property (U.S. Lease No. W-54-QM-1915), and (2) Bidgood tract of land, (U. S. Lease No. W-231-eng-594). Motion seconded by Councilman Price and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS REQUIRED FOR OILING STREETS.

The City Manager suggested that through the Press the citizens be notified that city streets would be oiled only upon petition by residents; the reason being that some citizens do not desire streets oiled. The Council concurred in the suggestion.

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EMPLOYMENT OF MISS JUANITA THOMAS.

The Manager reported that due to the manpower shortage he had employed Miss Juanita Thomas who resides outside the city limits, as a stenographer in the administrative offices.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION INSTRUCTING CITY CLERK REGARDING NUMBERING OF NEW MINUTE BOOK AND THE RECORDING OF CITY ORDINANCES IN ORDINANCE BOOK ONLY.

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MAYOR ADVISES LETTERS OF RESIGNATION RECEIVED FROM CITY RECORDER DAVID J. CRAIG AND RECORDER PRO TEM PAUL R. JAMISON.

Mayor Baxter advised he had received a letter of resignation from Mr. David J. Craig, as City Recorder, effective at once, as he would enter the Navy, and from Mr. Paul R. Jamison, as City Recorder Pro Tem. Councilman Slye moved that the resignations be accepted with regret. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATIONS OF RECORDER AND VICE-RECORDER AND FILLING VACANCIES CREATED THEREBY.

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

RESOLVED that the resignations of David J. Craig, Jr. and Paul R. Jamison, as recorder and vice-recorder, respectively, of the City of Charlotte be, and they are, accepted, effective at once.

RESOLVED that E. McA. Currie be, and he is, elected and appointed recorder of the City of Charlotte to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of David J. Craig, Jr. and to serve for the remainder of the said Craig's term and until his successor is elected and qualified, and that he be paid a salary of \$375.00 per month, payable semi-monthly;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the amount of his salary in excess of the amount heretofore appropriated to pay the salary of the recorder shall be paid from, and charged to, the emergency appropriation contained in the General Fund of the budget for the current year.

RESOLVED that H. I. McDougale be, and he is, elected and appointed vice-recorder of the City of Charlotte to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Paul R. Jamison and to serve for the remainder of the said Jamison's term and until his successor is elected and qualified, and that his compensation shall be at the rate of \$15 per day for each day, or fraction thereof, that he holds court;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the amount of his compensation in excess of the amount heretofore appropriated to pay the compensation of the vice-recorder shall be paid from, and charged to, the emergency appropriation contained in the General Fund of the budget for the current year.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN BULLARD AS CHAIRMAN OF THE POST WAR PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Councilman Bullard made the following statement:

"Having just returned from a three week's business trip north, I wish to report a keen interest everywhere in Post War Planning. From Waterville, Maine to Wilmington, Delaware, I found town and city governments working without partisanship or selfish motives and with the greatest spirit of cooperation to make better towns and cities for our returning members of the armed forces. Improvements and additions long planned and now delayed by reason of the war are on the drafting board or in the blue print stage for early priorities; so that construction can start at a time when it is probable that many returning soldiers and sailors will need immediate employment. This post war planning is a project too vital for any selfish employee or official of a town or city to "buck", or for any partisan group to oppose by a temporary working majority. We all know that our returning service men will expect complete blue prints of post war projects, making our city a bigger and better one for them to live in, and providing employment where and when necessary. We have 20,000 young men and women from our city and county in the armed forces; we must safeguard their rights and anticipate their requirements when they return to civilian life. I believe our tax payers will be willing and ready to finance such projects. The Council's Post War Planning Committee of which I have been Chairman, has endeavored to carry out your wishes with respect to developing the various points of your Honor's plans. Mr. Baker and Mr. Atkins have been most effective members of this committee and have given you and me loyal support. During my absence from the city on business trips north and east, Councilman Baker has most effectively served as Acting Chairman. Now comes a time when my business in New England needs more of my time because of greatly increased war work with a diminishing staff of officials and executives; so I respectfully request that you relieve me from the Chairmanship and membership of this Post War Planning Committee. My deepest thanks to you Mr. Mayor, to you Councilmen Baker and Atkins for the 100% cooperation you have given me during my chairmanship of the Council's Post War Planning Committee, and for your valuable contributions to the work of the Committee.

Mayor Baxter stated he regretted very much that Mr. Bullard could not continue to serve as Chairman of this important Committee, as he had done a splendid job in this capacity. Councilmen Atkins and Baker expressed regrets that Mr. Bullard could no longer serve as Chairman.

The Mayor requested Mr. Baker to serve as Chairman. Mr. Baker stated he was out of the city much of the time and did not feel that he should accept the Chairmanship. Mayor Baxter asked that he think it over until next Council Meeting, and then advise him of his decision. The Mayor then appointed Councilmen Albea and Price to serve on the Committee.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

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

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hutcheson, Lot No. 36-B, Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$72.10.

Furman and Margaret Greene Smith, Lot No. 25, Section "A-Annex", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$144.55.

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J. Arthur Henderson, Lot No. 301, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00.
Mrs. Nettie Minyard, South Half Lot No. 62, Section "BB", Elmwood Cemetery,
\$56.00.
Perpetual Care on Lot No. 25, Section "A-Annex", Furman and Margaret Greene
Smith, at \$103.25.
Perpetual Care on Lot No. 36-B, Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, Mr. and Mrs.
William G. Hutcheson, at \$61.80.
Perpetual Care on Lot No. 27, Section "B", Elmwood Cemetery, Mrs. E. L.
Keesler, at \$144.00.
Perpetual Care on South Half Lot No. 110, Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery,
Leslie D. Weeks and wife, Caroline W. Weeks, at \$60.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk