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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, November 15, 1944, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter and Slye being present.

Absent: Councilmen Ward and Price.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Atkins, duly seconded by Councilman Painter, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

SALE OF LOT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ON SUGAW CREEK DISPOSAL PLANT PROPERTY TO DUKE POWER COMPANY.

Councilman Slye moved that sale of Lot and Right-of-Way on Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant property be authorized to Duke Power Company at a total cost of \$1,030.43, for the erection of a Sub-Station and Power line, and the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to sign the deed to same. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENT OF CITY'S CLAIM AGAINST J. F. HOLLY FOR PAST DUE TAXES.

Councilman Baker moved the acceptance of the following resolution, which motion was duly seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte has a tax claim in the principal amount of \$121.79 against approximately fifteen acres of land known as part of the Mary Fair Miller property which was regularly listed for taxation in 1930 in the names of G. L. Miller et al as being inside the City, but was listed in 1931, 1932 and 1933 in the names of G. L. Miller et al as being outside the City, and upon discovery of said property not having been listed for taxation by the City for said years, was listed late on the 1936 Tax Book in the names of G. L. Miller et al., care of J. F. Holly, for taxation by the City only for said three years; and whereas, the validity of said claim is controverted by J. F. Holly, who acquired title to the property by deed dated August 7, 1933, upon the ground that the City taxes against said property for all of said years have been paid pursuant to a late listing of six acres of the Mary Fair Miller lands on the 1933 City Tax Book for the years 1928 through 1933 and upon the further ground that he was not given notice as required by statute prior to the 1936 late listing; and, whereas, the said J. F. Holly has proposed to pay \$121.79 in full settlement of the City's claim for taxes against said property and the City Attorneys advise that the City Council has authority under the provisions of Subsection 4 of Section 1109 of the Machinery Act to settle or adjust that portion of the City's claim which is based upon the 1936 late listing for the years 1931, 1932 and 1933.

RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that the Collector of Revenue be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to accept from J. F. Holly \$121.79 and to apply so much thereof as may be necessary to the payment in full, principal and interest, of the City's claim for 1930 taxes and the remainder thereof in full compromise and settlement of the City's claim for 1931, 1932, and 1933 taxes against said property.

CLAIM OF MRS. GENEVA CHANEY AGAINST CITY FOR ALLEGED INJURIES.

The City Manager stated a Claim had been filed by Attorney Wade E. Williams against the City by Mrs. Geneva Chaney, in the amount of \$5,000.00, for alleged injuries sustained from stepping into a hole in the sidewalk on North Church Street, between 7th and 8th Streets, on November 4, 1944.

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APPROPRIATION FROM EMERGENCY FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER LINE TO AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

Councilman Baker moved that \$355.00 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund for the construction of a water line to the Airport Administration Building. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

SALE OF SCRAP METAL.

Councilman Slye moved that the Water Department be authorized to sell the accumulation of scrap metal to the high bidders as follows:

Mixed Scrap Iron to Schwartz & Son, Inc, at \$13.00 per ton
Brass Pipe to Schwartz & Son, Inc. at \$.065 per pound
Bronze Scrap to Schwartz & Son, Inc. at \$.095 per lbs.
Cast Iron Scrap to Charlotte Iron & Metal Co. at \$17.00 per ton

Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

DEED ACCEPTED TO PROPERTY AT NORTH GRAHAM AND LIDDELL STREETS FROM GULF OIL COMPANY TO INCREASE RADIUS OF STREET.

Councilman Albea moved that deed, and conditions of transfer, be accepted to property of Gulf Oil Company, at North Graham and Liddell Street, in order to increase the radius of the street. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis, and unanimously carried.

HOLIDAY GRANTED ON NOVEMBER 23rd IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING DAY.

Councilman Albea moved that City Employees be granted a holiday on November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

POSTPONEMENT OF MATTER RELATIVE TO OBTAINING OPTIONS ON NORTH SIDE OF 600 BLOCK OF EAST TRADE STREET.

The Mayor advised that since talking with various Real Estate men relative to the matter of obtaining options on the property in the 600 block of East Trade Street on the north side, it had been decided to postpone the matter for the time being.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEEDS.

Councilman Slye moved that the following cemetery deeds be approved for transfer. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins, and unanimously carried:

J. W. Baxley, Lot No. 355, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$32.55
Mrs. Leonard Thomas, Lot No. 270, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00
Duplicate Deed to M. B. Edwards, Lot No. 54, Section "M", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00.
Mrs. Fred N. Hall, Sr. Lot 103 and North Half Lot No. 104, in Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$210.00.
Perpetual Care on Lot 103 and North Half Lot No. 104, as above, \$180.00.
L. W. Van Pelt, Lot No. 141, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$63.00.
Sam R. Trull, Lot No. 155, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$63.00.
Mrs. Selma E. Davey, Lot No. 55B, in Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, \$72.10
Perpetual Care on Lot No. 55B, as above, \$61.80.
Mrs. Margaret S. Smith and Helen F. Shuleber, Lot 50, Section A-Annex, \$152.95.
Perpetual Care on Lot 50, as above, \$109.25.
Perpetual Care on Lot 68, Section "S", Elmwood Cemetery, J. E. Denton, \$144.00

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk