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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, October 25, 1944, with Mayor Baxter presiding and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Hovis, Price, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen Cope, Daughtry and Painter.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Slye, the minutes of the meeting of October 18th were approved as read.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE ADOPTED RELATIVE TO DEDUCTION FOR HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Slye, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee recommended that the proposal be declined permitting payroll deductions for hospitalization for one company, namely Gate City Life Insurance Company, and that payroll deductions for hospitalization insurance now in effect be deducted for the present employees but no deductions be made for new employees, due to the volume of work and shortage of manpower in the Accounting Department. Councilman Slye moved the acceptance of the recommendation by the Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Wanzer, representing the Hospital Savings Association, and Mr. Hanks, representing the Hospital Care Association, were present and spoke against the adoption of the recommendation of the Committee relative to no deductions being made for new employees.

SECURITY LIFE AND TRUST COMPANY OF WINSTON-SALEM FILES PROPOSAL FOR GROUP INSURANCE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

Mr. D. W. Reed of the Security Life & Trust Company of Winston-Salem, presented a Proposal for Group Life, Accident & Health, Hospitalization and Surgical Benefits Insurance for City Employees, which proposal was filed with the City Clerk.

PURCHASE OF FOUR LOTS ON COMMONWEALTH AVENUE AND THE PLAZA FOR ERECTION OF FIRE STATION.

Councilman Baker, Chairman of the Evaluation Committee, reported for the Committee, and recommended that the City purchase four lots at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and The Plaza from the Chatham Estates, at a price of \$1,250.00 each, for the erection of a Fire Station, and that funds for payment thereof be appropriated from the Emergency Fund when funds are available therein ~~after being reimbursed from the \$100,000.00 Cemetery Bond Issue.~~ Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard, and unanimously carried.

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY ON COMMONWEALTH AVENUE REFERRED TO EVALUATION COMMITTEE FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT.

Councilman Hovis stated bid of \$4,700.00 was made at the sale on October 16th of 15 lots of tax foreclosed property on Commonwealth Avenue and recommended that the Evaluation Committee view these lots and report on same to Council before it is decided whether the bid shall be accepted. Council concurred in the recommendation.

APPROPRIATION MADE FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO WAR PRICE & RATIONING BOARD.

Councilman Hovis moved that \$150.00 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund to the War Price & Rationing Board for incidental office

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expense and supplies, as requested by Mr. Scoggins, Chairman of the Board. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL GIVEN TO EMPLOY ATTORNEY TO COLLECT PAST DUE PERSONAL TAXES OF H. E. MILLER.

Councilman Baker moved that the recommendation of the Collector of Revenue be approved that the collection of 15 years past due personal taxes, in the amount of \$233.50, of H. E. Miller, formerly of 612 Oaklawn Avenue, Charlotte and now residing in Brunswick, Georgia, be placed in the hands of an Attorney in Brunswick, Ga, on a 10% fee basis, with no guarantee of any fee unless collection made, same being permitted under the North Carolina Machinery Act. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS RENEWED FOR A. A. ALLEN AT HIGHLAND PARK MANUFACTURING COMPANY, AND FOR M. A. PATTERSON AT A & P TEA COMPANY.

Councilman Albea moved that the Special Officer Permits be renewed for one year for A. A. Allen, on the premises of Highland Park Manufacturing Company, and for M. A. Patterson, on the premises of A & P Tea Company. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis, and unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

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

C. W. Hoglen, Lot No. 328, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00 Perpetual Care Deed on Lot 351, Section "U", of Mrs. Elva Webb, at \$50.00 Perpetual Care Deed on Lot 2, Section "V", of Estate of Mrs. J. T. McGee, at \$144.00.

CITY COUNCILMEN INVITED BY MAYOR TO ATTEND CITY EMPLOYEES ANNUAL PARTY.

Mayor Baxter invited the Councilmen and their wives to attend the Annual City Employees Party at the Firemen's Hall, on November 16th, at 8 o'clock.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

*Lillian R. Hoffman*  
City Clerk