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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, January 7, 1948, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, Lambeth, and McKee present.

Absent: Councilman White.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend T. W. McLain, Pastor Avondale Presbyterian Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE.

The hearing on an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance was continued from the meeting on December 31, 1947, and the following ordinance was read:

ORDINANCE NO. 34. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE CITY CODE WITH RESPECT TO THE ZONING
ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:

Section 1. That Chapter 21, Section 2 of the City Code of the City of Charlotte (O.B.10) be amended by having "Building Zone Map, City of Charlotte, North Carolina" amended by changing from R2 district to B1 district the following described area:

"That lot on the southwest corner of East Boulevard and Euclid Avenue, a distance of approximately 75 feet facing East Boulevard, and running in a southerly direction along Euclid Avenue, a distance of approximately 90 feet".

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption after a public hearing in connection therewith.

Mr. Charles Henderson, Attorney, representing the owners of the property in question urged that the requested change in zoning be made.

Councilman Childs moved the adoption of the ordinance as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman DeLaney, and unanimously carried.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF COUNCIL GIVEN PRESENTATION OF ITEMS NOT ON DOCKET.

Councilman Lambeth moved that the unanimous consent of Council be given for the presentation of a Resolution protesting the removal of the Regional Office Annex of the Veterans Administration, and of considering the adoption of an amendment to the Milk Ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

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RESOLUTION PROTESTING THE REMOVING OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE ANNEX OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION FROM THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

A protest against the proposed removal of the Charlotte Branch of the Veterans Administration to Winston-Salem was voiced by Mr. Mack Saunders, Commandar, Queen City Post, Disabled American Veterans, who stated that veterans organizations believed Charlotte to be the logical location for the offices, as it was easily accessible to all veterans of North Carolina and there would be at least one Veterans Hospital erected here. He requested that an endeavor be made by the City to retain the offices in Charlotte.

Mr. Charles Henderson stated that the members of the Independence Post, American Legion, urged Council to adopt a resolution protesting the removal of the Regional Office Annex and so advise the Veterans Administration in Washington and also Congressman Hamilton C. Jones.

The following resolution was presented and read, and upon motion of Councilman DeLaney, seconded by Councilman Jordan, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION PROTESTING THE REMOVING
OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE ANNEX OF THE
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION FROM THE CITY
OF CHARLOTTE.

WHEREAS, it has been called to the attention of the City Council of the City of Charlotte through the press and by representatives of all Veterans Organizations in this City that the Veterans Administration is beginning to remove its Regional Office Annex located in this City to Winston-Salem, and

WHEREAS, such Veterans Organizations vigorously protest such action by the Veterans Administration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. That, as the Veterans Administration is a service organization for the veterans of our country, and the City of Charlotte is the center of a large veterans population, has unsurpassed transportation facilities, is one of the South's leading medical centers in which there is to be located at least one Veterans Hospital, and has available office space for such Regional Office Annex for such Veterans Administration, the City Council of the City of Charlotte does hereby object to and enter its vigorous protest with respect to such removal of the Regional Office Annex of the Veterans Administration presently located in this City to any other location.

Section 2. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Veterans Administration and to the Honorable Hamilton C. Jones, Congressman for this District.

ORDINANCE AMENDING MILK ORDINANCE.

Councilman Lambeth moved that the effective date of the ban on the sale of raw buttermilk be as of July 1, 1948 and that the proper amendment to the Milk Ordinance be adopted. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea.

Pleas for the postponement of the ban until the fall season were voiced by Mr. Geo. Hobson, Mecklenburg County Farm Agent, Mr. S. E. Long President, Buttermilk Producers Association, and Mr. Dan Hood and Mr. P. W. Grass, milk producers. It was stated that it was not understood that the sale of raw buttermilk was to be prohibited under the ordinance adopted on

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August 6, 1947, to become effective on January 1, 1948; that a loss will be realized if cows must be disposed of now or during the summer months, and to raise their standard to Grade-A production will require additional time for the necessary preparation.

A letter was presented from the Council of Parent-Teachers Association protesting the deferment of the ban beyond June 1, 1948, and stating the only reason for not urging that the ban become effective immediately was out of consideration of the farmers on whom it might work a hardship.

At the request of Councilman DeLaney as to the dangers of postponement of the ban until September 1st, Dr. M. B. Bethel, Chief Health Officer, stated the use of raw milk products is always a danger to the health of the consumer. He stated that the United States Public Health Service reported to him yesterday that epidemics of gastro infection had been undergone in nine cities caused by the use of raw buttermilk. Dr. Bethel stated that he did not wish to appear wilfull nor cause undue hardship on the milk producers, however he would advise making the ban effective within a relatively short period.

Councilman Albea moved to amend the motion, and that the deadline on the sale of raw buttermilk be as of September 1, 1948, as requested by the milk producers and dealers and that it be clearly understood that no further extension will be granted after that date.

The amendment was accepted by Councilman Lambeth, and the following ordinance was unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 35. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MILK ORDINANCE TO DELAY THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF PASTEURIZATION WITH RESPECT TO RAW BUTTERMILK.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:

Section 1. That Section 2 of An Ordinance (No. 27) amending Chapter 10, Article 1, of the City Code of the City of Charlotte (O.B. 10) be amended and the same is hereby amended by changing the period at the end of said Section 2 to a comma, and adding the following words: 'provided that as to raw buttermilk, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after September 1, 1948'.

CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AT CITY SCHOOLS AND APPROACHES THERETO REQUESTED.

The Board of School Commissioners, the Superintendent of the City Schools and representatives of the Parent-Teachers Association were present in support of their request that improvements to sidewalks at and/or near certain City Schools be made by the City from funds other than School funds, which request was presented by Mr. Brock Barkley, School Commissioner.

Mr. Barkley stated that the Parent-Teacher Association had petitioned the School Commissioners to provide sidewalks at the following schools:

Midwood, Plaza Road, Villa Heights, Glenwood, Seversville, Tech High, and at all negro schools with the exception of Myers Street, Second War High and Biddleville, at which three schools the sidewalks are now paved.

Mr. Barkley stated that the School Commissioners first request was that the City Council consider their request to provide these sidewalks.

Secondly, that the Council consider the advisability and legality of paving connecting streets leading to schools, where needed.

Third, that a petition had been filed by the Chairman of Safety, P.T.A. President and Principal of Myers Park School that relief be given from the traffic situation at this school, and the Commissioners requested the Council to make an investigation and assist in correction the condition, and

Fourth, that the triangle at the Villa Heights School be maintained by the City.

A detailed schedule of the streets where the sidewalks are requested was presented by Mr. Barkley to the Mayor, each Councilman and the City Manager. Also, a report of the Findings of the Safety Committee of Myers Park School, with recommendations as to the possible solution of their traffic problem, was submitted to the City Manager.

Mayor Baxter stated that the subject of paving the sidewalks at the schools had come up many times before, and it was his sincere hope that something could be worked out whereby they could now be provided. He requested Mr. Yancey, City Manager, to study the requests and advise with Mr. Shaw, City Attorney, and Mr. Barkley of the School Board, as to the legal status of the matter.

LEASE OF LAND AT AIRPORT TO NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR USE IN TESTING AUTOMOBILES.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, a lease was authorized with the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, covering approximately 250 feet of paved area at the Airport, at an annual rental of \$1.00, for use in testing automobiles in accordance with a statute passed by the 1947 Legislature.

RADIO STREET AND EAST 25th STREET TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried, authorizing taking over for maintenance Radio Street, from a point approximately 200 feet south of Morehead Street to a point about 400 feet south of Morehead Street, and East 25th Street, west of Davidson Street for a distance of 400 feet.

PLAT OF SCOTLAND HILLS SUBDIVISION.

Councilman McKee moved the approval of Plat of Scotland Hills Subdivision, located between the Municipal Golf Course, Irwin Creek, Shuman Avenue and Beechnut Acres, being developed by D. L. Phillips, as recommended by the Planning Board. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES.

Upon motion of Councilman DeLaney, seconded by Councilman McKee and unanimously carried, the following contracts for purchases and the allocation of funds therefor, were authorized:

- (a) Contract with Atlas Supply Company, the low bidder, for 35 Hub End Gate Valves, at a net delivered price of \$668.25, for the Water Department.
- (b) Contract with Crawford Sprinkler Company, the low bidder, for 25 Cast Iron Standards, at a net delivered price of \$386.25, for the Water Department.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the issuance of Special Officer Permits as follows:

- (a) George D. Gaines, 419 South Church Street, for use on the premises of Barge-Thompson Co. 202 North Caldwell St.
- (b) Ed Wilson, 419 South Church Street, for use on the premises of Barge-Thompson Co. 202 North Caldwell Street.
- (c) Turner A. Farrell, RED #4, for use on the premises of Rulane Tank Company and Rulane Gas Company, 2317 Thrift Rd.

ANNUAL REPORTS FILED BY CITY ATTORNEY AND ASSISTANT COLLECTOR OF REVENUE.

The City Manager reported that Mr. John D. Shaw, City Attorney and Mr. J. H. McLain, Assistant Collector of Revenue for the collection of past due tax accounts, had today filed their Annual Reports for 1947, as provided by ordinance adopted January 10, 1945:

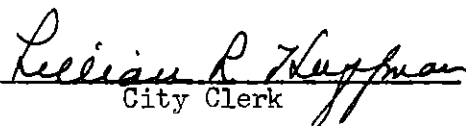
APPOINTMENT OF EVERGREEN CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, approving the appointment by Mayor Baxter of an Cemetery Advisory Committee to advise concerning the beautification and operation of Evergreen Cemetery, for a term of three years, composed of the following persons:

Mrs. P. F. Burns
George T. Carey
H. A. Merritt
Charles W. Bundy
James M. Yandle

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.


City Clerk