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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, November 17, 1948, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, McKee and White present.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Bishop B. G. Shaw of Birmingham, Ala., presiding officer of the Western North Carolina Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Churches.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on November 10th were approved as submitted.

ORDINANCE (NO. 55) AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP, ADOPTED.

Pursuant to the introduction on October 27th of an ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance, by changing the Building Zone Map from Residence 2 to Business-1 district on a lot on Thomas Avenue, between Central Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue, and the adoption of a Resolution fixing the date of hearing thereon on November 17th, and the advertising of same, the Mayor announced that interested persons would now be heard.

Mr. Frances Fairley, Attorney, representing Mr. E. O. Cole, owner of the property on Thomas Avenue, stated that Mr. Cole had requested the Zoning change in order to erect a building which the Postal Authorities have agreed to lease on a ten year basis for use as a Sub-Post Office. He urged that the change be authorized, as a Post-Office was badly needed to serve this area of the city.

Councilman DeLaney moved the adoption of the ordinance permitting the change from Residence-2 to Business-1 district. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 22.

PLANS TO CONVERT NINTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH AND ADJOINING PROPERTY INTO A MEMORIAL CENTER APPROVED AT REQUEST OF NEGRO RELIGIOUS LEADERS.

Dr. Nathaniel Tross presented Bishop B. G. Shaw, presiding officer of the Western North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Churches, who outlined their proposal to convert Ninth Street Baptist Church and adjoining property into a Memorial Center for Negroes. He stated the Center would include a Medical Clinic, Day Nursery, Recreational and other facilities which are badly needed. Also that funds were now being solicited to finance the program. Bishop Shaw requested the approval of the Council of their program.

Councilman Childs moved that their proposed plans be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SUGAW CREEK SEWER OUTFALL.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution With Respect to Acquiring Right-of-way over Property of W. I. Bost and wife, Anna P. Bost, for the Construction of the Sugaw Creek Sewer Outfall" was introduced and read. Councilman White moved the adoption of the resolution as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 148.

APPOINTMENT OF COLEMAN W. ROBERTS AS SPECIAL LICENSE CLERK TO HANDLE SALES OF 1949 CITY AUTO TAGS.

Motion was made by Councilman White that Mr. Coleman W. Roberts be appointed Special License Clerk to handle the sale of the 1949 City Automobile License Tags for a term of one year beginning December 1, 1948, with a fixed compensation of 10 cents per license tag. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the following streets were taken over for maintenance:

- (a) Chatham Avenue, from end of present pavement to end of street north of Belvedere Avenue.
- (b) Holt Street, between Matheson Avenue and 34th Street.
- (c) Clydesdale Terrace, between Carol Avenue and Berryhill Street.
- (d) Drummond Avenue, from Plaza Road to Pinckney Avenue,

CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES.

Councilman Albea moved that the following contracts for purchases and the allocation of funds therefor, if necessary, be authorized. Motion seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Contract with the Ford Meter Box Company, Inc., for 1,500 5/8 inch Meter Yokes, on a unit price basis of \$3.29, at a net delivered price of \$4,935.00.
- (b) Contract with Pettit Motor Company, for One Ford Chassis and Cab, complete with special built body and aerial ladder, at an exchange price of \$3,094.00, for the Fire Department.
- (c) Contract with Karr & King, Inc., for heating system installed at the Traffic Signal Shop, 914 Louise Avenue, at a price of \$1,600.00.
- (d) Contract with H. V. Johnson & Son, Inc., for One Carload of Pocahontas Coal (approximately 70 tons) at a unit price of \$13.50 delivered, representing a net delivered price of \$945.00.
- (e) Contract with H. B. Owsley & Son, for One Paving Breaker with two backfill pads, at a net delivered price of \$265.00 for the Engineering Department.
- (f) Contract with Homelite Corp., for One Homelite Centrifugal Pump, with 20 feet of hose and strainer, at a net delivered price of \$323.93, for the Water Department.
- (g) Contract with Raleigh Hearing Aid Company, for One Portable Audiometer, at an exchanged delivered price of \$261.00, for the Health Department.

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO J. A. BUSBY ON THE PREMISES OF A & P WAREHOUSE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the renewal of a Special Officer Permit to J. A. Busby, on the premises of the A & P Warehouse.

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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, granting a holiday to city employe@s on Thursday, November 25th, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

CITY MANAGER COMPLIMENTED FOR SAVING REALIZED ON PURCHASE OF METER BOXES.

Mayor Baxter complimented Mr. Yancey, the City Manager, on the splendid saving of \$15,750.00 realized through his efforts on the recent purchase of 2,000 concrete meter boxes, in lieu of the metal boxes previously used by the City. The Mayor called attention to the fact that this saving alone represented practically the annual salary now paid the City Manager.

Councilman White added his appreciation to the Purchasing Agent for his work in connection with the purchase.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk