

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, December 7, 1949, with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

CONSIDERATION OF STOPPING STREET BUSES AT THE SQUARE DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.

Mr. Clarence Bradshaw requested that Duke Power Company be permitted to stop their west bound busses at The Square as was formerly done, in lieu of passengers having to disembark at the College and Church Street stops. He stated the present plan worked a hardship on persons having to walk the three-quarters of a block to The Square to transfer to another bus, and the time element involved often resulted in missing the desired bus. Mr. Bradshaw also urged that something be done about the matter of transferring from one bus to another in the residential section, eliminating the necessity of going to The Square in order to complete a transfer.

Mr. Fred Bradshaw also requested that the busses be allowed to stop at The Square. He stated ^{along} the 150-foot space ~~at the side of Liggett's~~ Drug Store there are no store entrances that would be blocked by persons waiting on the Busses, while at present the store entrances between The Square and College street are blocked by these persons. Also, it was understood that when the enlargement of Liggett's Drug Store was completed the bus stop at The Square for west bound busses would be restored.

Mr. H. E. Marks also requested that the change be made.

Councilman Boyd requested that the matter be deferred for one week in order that he might confer with the City Manager regarding the question. The Council concurred in the request.

REPAIRS REQUESTED TO PAVEMENT AND SIDEWALKS IN FIRST BLOCK OF KESWICK AVENUE.

Mr. George F. Faille, resident of 201 Keswick Avenue, stated that trucks from the Truckers Terminal have damaged the pavement and sidewalks in the first block of Keswick Avenue to the extent it is practically impassable for pedestrians. He asked that the ordinance regarding such damages be enforced so that the owner of the trucking line be required to pay for the repairs.

Mayor Shaw requested the City Manager to make an investigation of the matter and render a report to the Council at the next meeting,

CONTRACT WITH CHARLOTTE HOUSING AUTHORITY GOVERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF 400 HOUSING UNITS.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, a contract was authorized executed by the Mayor and City Clerk with the Charlotte Housing Authority governing the construction of 400 housing units.

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RESOLUTION TAKING OVER CERTAIN STREETS FOR CITY LIMITED MAINTENANCE.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing the Taking Over of Streets for City Limited Maintenance", being Forest Road from East Ford Road to Country Club Drive; Sunset Drive from Windsor Avenue to Poindexter Drive, and Pharr Street from Maple Street to Canton Street, was introduced and read. Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson that the resolution be adopted, and was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 225.

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY ON GREENWOOD CLIFF CONFIRMED TO F. B. GARRISON.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the sale at public auction on October 3, 1949 of tax foreclosed property at 1343-45, 1347-49 and 1351-53 Greenwood Cliff was confirmed to F. B. Garrison, at \$1,800.00.

SALE OF PROPERTIES ON STATESVILLE ROAD CONFIRMED TO C. D. SPANGLER, AND CITY ATTORNEY DIRECTED TO DRAW RESOLUTION OUTLINING THE TERMS OF THE SALE.

Councilman Jordan moved that the sale of land on Statesville Road, at public auction on November 21, 1949, be confirmed to C. D. Spangler, at his bid price of \$14,400.00, and the City Attorney be requested to draw the proper resolution outlining the terms of the sale. Motion seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM VOLNEY THREATT AND WIFE AUTHORIZED FOR OPENING HAWTHORNE LANE TO UNION STREET.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the purchase of a right-of-way for the opening of Hawthorne Lane to Union Street be authorized from Mr. Volney E. Threatt and wife, at a price of \$2,065.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL CARBON COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO PERMIT FIRE HYDRANT INSTALLATION TO SERVE SOUTHERN FRICTION COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, an amendment was authorized to the contract with the National Carbon Company to permit the installation of a fire hydrant to serve the Southern Friction Company.

CURB CUTS FOR DRIVEWAYS

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, to authorize the following curb cuts for driveways:

- (a) 50-foot curb cut at 2800-14 North Tryon Street for Overnight Transportation Company.
- (b) 20-foot curb cut on North Tryon Street at West 9th Street, and 20-foot cut on West 9th Street, both at the request of the American Trust Company for entrances to their Branch Bank.
- (c) 9-foot curb cut at 1717 Pegram Street, at the request of Mrs. F. W. Wright,

PLAT OF ECHO HILLS SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the plat of Echo Hills Subdivision, located north of Independence Boulevard between the Monroe Road and the old Washburn property, was approved as recommended by the Planning Board, upon the request of Mr. J. M. Wallace.

DEPOSIT FOR SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION IN WESLEY AVENUE AUTHORIZED REFUNDED TO CENTRAL BUILDERS, INC.

Councilman Alba moved that \$3,726.80 be refunded to Central Builders, Inc., as per terms of their contract dated May 11, 1949, representing the amount deposited with the City for the construction of a new sanitary sewer in Wesley Avenue. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS AT CITY'S EXPENSE, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of the following new sanitary sewers, at the City's expense:

- (a) Sewer in Beverly Place, from Georgia Avenue to Kentucky Ave, for a distance of 723 feet, at an estimated cost of \$1,760.00, to serve 13 family units and 7 vacant lots, at the request of A. M. Kramer.
- (b) Sewer near Princeton Avenue up Willow Oak Road, for a distance of 1,060-feet, at an estimated cost of \$3,400.00, to serve 17 family units, at the request of R. G. Lineberger.
- (c) Sewer from a North Tryon Street up West 31st Street, for a distance of 280 feet, at an estimated cost of \$400.00, to serve 2 buildings, at the request of R. C. McCord.

PURCHASE OF SEWERS IN COUNTRY CLUB HILLS SUBDIVISION FROM INDEPENDENCE POST HOUSING CORPORATION.

Motion was made by Councilman Alba, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, authorizing the purchase of 4,365 feet of 8-inch trunk sewer and mains in Country Club Hills Subdivision, taken into the city on January 1, 1949, from the Independence Post Housing Corporation, at a price of \$12,205.53, upon presentation of deed, or bill of sale approved by the City Attorney.

CONTRACT AWARDED H. B. OWSLEY & SON FOR AIR COMPRESSOR.

Mayor Shaw called for a discussion of the bids on an Air Compressor, which matter was deferred until today at the last meeting upon the request of Mr. K. O. Hobbs that the purchase of a Leroi Compressor be made from his company in lieu of the Schramm Compressor, as recommended by the City Manager.

Mr. Hobbs was not present at the meeting, and the Mayor requested Mr. C. E. Beatty, Purchasing Agent, to give his reasons for recommending the award of said contract to H. B. Owsley & Son for the Schramm Compressor, to the City Manager.

Mr. Beatty stated the Air Compressor will be used by the Water Department, and the recommendation that the Schramm Compressor be purchased is concurred in by the Superintendent of the Water Department. That the City has in service both a Schramm and Leroi compressor and finds the Schramm machine best meets the City's needs; that service and parts for the Schramm unit are always locally available, and the weight and operation of the Schramm unit is better suited for the City's needs.

Councilman Daughtry moved that the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, Superintendent of the Water Department and City Manager be accepted and contract be awarded H. B. Owsley & Son, at the bid price of \$2,372.52. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR PURCHASES.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the following contracts for purchases were authorized:

- (a) Contract with International Harvester Company, for One International Harvester Chassis and Cab with Dump Body, at a net delivered price of \$1,922.70, for the Water Department.
- (b) Contract with Pettit Motor Company, for One Chassis and Cab with Stake Body, Ford F-5, at a total price of \$2,041.30, subject to cash discount of \$296.25.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF FIVE-DAY WORK WEEK FOR CITY EMPLOYEES DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that consideration of the adoption of a Five-Day Work Week for City Employees be deferred for one week. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried. Councilman Daughtry stated he thought the matter was of major importance to both the employees and citizens, and that a conference should be arranged by the Council to study the matter prior to next week's meeting.

REPORT OF LEASING OF BUILDINGS AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

The City Manager advised that leases had been concluded for buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport, as follows:

BUILDING NO.	LESSEE	MONTHLY RENTAL	DATE AND TERM OF LEASE	
47 (renewal)	Chester A. Hughes	\$25.80	9-1-49	1 year
292 & 265	S. H. Kirkpatrick	82.50	12-1-49	2 years
116	M & G Box Company	30.00	12-1-49	2 years
117	M & G Box Company	96.39	12-1-49	2 years
41 (south end, renewal)	Hanover Distributing Co.	41.60	11-1-49	1 year

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a deed to Mrs. J. E. Simmons for Lot 332, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$140.40.

RECESS TAKEN AT 11:45 A.M. TO CONSIDER CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR TO LIFT RENT CONTROLS IN THIS AREA. MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:25 P.M. AND MAYOR ANNOUNCED NO DECISION MADE IN THE MATTER.

Mayor Shaw stated the Council had not reached a decision in the matter of requesting the Governor to lift rent controls in this area, since the public hearing last evening, and a recess would be taken to his office to further consider the question. The recess was taken at 11:45 o'clock a.m.

The Council reconvened at 1:25 o'clock p.m., and Mayor Shaw announced that the Council had not arrived at a decision on the question of rent controls in this area.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.


City Clerk