

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, November 16th, with Mayor pro tem Aitken presiding, and Councilmen Boyd, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Mayor Shaw and Councilmen Albea and Coddington.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Mr. W. A. Gamble, Pastor, Saint Paul's Presbyterian Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on November 9th, were approved as submitted.

CLOSING OF SEABOARD RAILWAY CROSSING AT PECAN AVENUE PROTESTED.

A delegation of citizens from the Chantilly section appeared before Council to protest the closing of the Seaboard Railway crossing at Pecan Avenue upon the completion of the overhead bridge on Independence Boulevard.

Mr. Lucius Stanley, owner of a Drug Store at East 7th Street and Pecan Avenue, presented a petition which he stated contained the signatures of 1,000 residents of the area. He stated the closing of the Pecan Avenue crossing would be injurious to business and an inconvenience to residents.

The Reverend W. A. Gamble, Pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, presented a map indicating the increase in distance via the overhead bridge to East 7th Street; he stated Independence Boulevard does not touch street level until it reaches Lamar Avenue, a distance of one-half mile farther than by the present Pecan Avenue crossing. He also stated he understood the City had an Agreement with the SAL Railway Company relative to closing the Pecan Avenue crossing and wished to know what the agreement is. The Resolution adopted by the City Council on May 12, 1948 was read, and contains the provision, in part "that when the overhead bridge across the tracks of the SAL Railway Company is completed and open for traffic the grade crossing of Pecan Avenue across the tracks of the said SAL Railway Company just west of the junction of Rowan Ave. and Pecan Ave. be closed to traffic effective as of said date". The City Attorney advised the State Highway Commission has authority to request railroad companies to eliminate grade crossings; that the Highway Commission did request the City of Charlotte to pass the resolution above referred to, and the resolution may be tied in with the contract between the State Highway Commission and the SAL Railway Company.

Councilman Boyd, who stated he was in favor of leaving the crossing open unless there is some contract that is binding upon the Council, recommended that the City Attorney go into the matter with the City Manager and give the Council a full report as to whether the crossing may be kept opened or must be closed. The Council concurred in the recommendation.

Councilman Daughtry suggested that it might be well to survey the area with the view of opening some of the streets from the Chantilly Section to East 7th Street.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAKING OVER STREETS FOR CITY LIMITED MAINTENANCE.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing the Taking Over of Streets for City Limited Maintenance" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, unanimously carried, and the resolution was adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 218.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the following new sanitary sewers were authorized constructed:

- (a) 8-inch sewer in East 10th Street Alley for a distance of 291 feet from North Alexander Street west toward North Davidson Street, at an estimated cost of \$830.00, to serve 11 family units using battery toilets.
- (b) 8-inch sewer in Truman Road, for a distance of 200 feet, at an estimated cost of \$400.00, to serve 3 houses and 6 vacant lots.
- (c) 8-inch sewer in Shuman Avenue, for a distance of 150 feet from end of present sewer north toward Willmont Road, to serve one building and one vacant lot, at an estimated cost of \$200.00.
- (d) 8-inch sewer in Briar Creek Road, for a distance of 212 feet from present end of sewer toward Shenandoah Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$400.00, to serve 2 houses and 1 vacant lot.

CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following purchases and the execution of contracts therefor, and the allocation of funds if required:

- (a) Contract with Crawford Sprinkler Company, for 18 Tapping Sleeves and Valves, as specified, at a total price of \$1,560.20, subject to 2% cash discount.
- (b) Contract with Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, for schedule of lighting equipment, as specified, representing a net delivered price of \$1,113.31.
- (c) Contract with the Micheals Art Bronze Company, for 19 - 90-minute Parking Meters, at a total price of \$978.50.

LEASE OF SPACE AT AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING TO CHARLOTTE CAR RENTAL SERVICE, INC.

The City Manager reported the lease of space in the Airport Administration Building to the Charlotte Car Rental Service, Inc., on a month to month basis, at a rental of 5% of gross revenue derived from car rentals.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, Special Officer Permits were authorized issued as follows:

- (a) To Cline J. Faulkner, 1415 E. 8th Street, to serve on the premises of Whitin Machine Works.
- (b) Renewal of Permit to J. A. Busby, 624 E. Kingston Ave., to serve on the premises of A & P Tea Company.

HOLIDAY GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES ON THANKSGIVING DAY.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried, granting a holiday to City Employees on Thursday, November 24th, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN PRESENTATION OF UNDOCKETED ITEMS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the unanimous consent of Council was given the presentation of the following undocketed items by the City Manager.

PURCHASE OF SANITARY SEWER LINE IN BRIARWOOD ROAD, FROM JACK D. STROUP.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that 372-feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer line in Briarwood Road be purchased from Mr. Jack D. Stroup, at a cost of \$1,062.50, on presentation of satisfactory Bill-of-Sale or Deed, approved by the City Attorney. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICY WITH RESPECT TO PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR HOSPITALIZATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Establishing Policy with Respect to Payroll Deduction for Hospitalization for City Employees" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, was unanimously adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 219.

APPLICATION FOR LOCATION OF WAREHOUSE AND OFFICE BUILDING AT 2200 THRIFT ROAD APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, approving the application of Mr. A. Collins to construct a Warehouse and Office Building at 2200 Thrift Road, in an Industrial area.

DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION AT 730 WEST TRADE STREET APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the request of Mr. E. R. Bumgarner for the location of a driveway at 730 West Trade Street was approved.

LEASE OF LAND TO PINOCA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. FOR ERECTION OF FIRE STATION.

Councilman Daughtry moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a lease with the Pinoca Volunteer Fire Department for a tract of land on Oakdale Road for the erection of a Fire Station, for a term of 15 years, at a rental of \$1.00 per annum. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hayman
City Clerk