

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, September 19, 1951, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every present.

Absent: Councilman Coddington.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

RESOLUTION PETITIONING NORTH CAROLINA SENATORS TO FIGHT ANY PROPOSAL TO TAX INTEREST FROM STATE AND MUNICIPAL BONDS AND/OR PROFITS DERIVED FROM ANY PROJECTS OPERATED BY STATE AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Petitioning North Carolina Senators to Fight Any Proposal to Tax Interest from State and Municipal Bonds and/or Profits Derived from Any Projects Operated by State and Municipal Governments" was introduced and read. Councilman Jordan moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 428.

SALE OF SURPLUS REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT AT AIRPORT TO C. N. REID.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, the sale of surplus refrigeration equipment in Building No. 100 at Douglas Municipal Airport was authorized to C. N. Reid, Owner of Park & Shop Store, at a price of \$500.00.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS IN WEST GRIFFITH STREET.

Councilman Jordan moved that the construction of 254 feet of 8 inch sanitary sewer in West Griffith Street be authorized at an estimated cost of \$440.00, to serve three family units, as requested by Charlotte Lumber and Manufacturing Company. All costs to be borne by the City and applicant's deposit of the entire amount be refunded as per terms of the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WATER MAINS.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing contracts for the construction of water mains as follows:

- (a) Contract with Godley Bros. Implement Company for the construction of 700 feet of 2 inch main in Rozzell's Ferry Road and Lawton Avenue, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$1,000.00 to serve industrial and residential property abutting on Lawton Avenue. All costs to be borne by the applicant who will own the main until territory is taken into the city, when said main will automatically become the property of the City.
- (b) Contract with Estate of C. A. Meisenheimer, for the construction of 700 feet of 2 inch main in Wendover Hills Subdivision, inside the City, at an estimated cost of \$875.00, to serve 5 residential lots. All costs to be borne by the City and applicant will guarantee a gross annual revenue equal to 10% of the original construction cost.

CONTRACT AWARDED THE J. F. W. DORMAN COMPANY FOR AUTOMOTIVE AND MOTORCYCLE TAGS.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, a contract was awarded The J. F. W. Dorman Company for 37,000 metal automobile tags and 400 metal motorcycle tags, on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$3,595.00.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of driveway entrances at the following locations:

- (a) One 9 ft. entrance at 909 Mount Vernon Avenue.
- (b) One 30 ft. entrance at 401 Eastover Road.
- (c) One 10 ft. entrance at 1842 Asheville Place.
- (d) Two 35 ft. entrances on North Tryon Street and Two 35 ft. entrances on East 36th Street, for Shell Oil Company.
- (e) One 30 ft. and One 27 ft. entrance on W. Morehead Street and One 30 ft. entrance on Walnut Avenue, for the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company building at 1527 W. Morehead Street.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO R. G. WOMBLE.

Councilman Albea moved approval of the issuance of a Special Officer Permit to R. G. Womble for use on the premises of Queens College. The motion was seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried.

SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the sale of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed to Martha Cox Capel and son Maxwell, for Lot #90, in Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$104.00.
- (b) Deed to Edward A. Meyer, for Lot #341, in Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.
- (c) Deed to Mrs. Annie B. Atkinson, for Lot #373, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$163.80.
- (d) Deed to Mrs. Louise Moore, for Lot #185, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$494.70.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT CHERRY STREET & INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD NOT JUSTIFIED.

The Reverend F. D. Brown asked for a decision relative to his request for a traffic signal at the intersection of Cherry Street and Independence Boulevard for the special benefit of school children. He was advised by Mayor Shaw that a survey made by the Traffic Engineer indicates that the signal is not justified insofar as traffic is concerned; that the Council is anxious to do everything possible for the convenience and welfare of the citizens but their decisions in such matters must be made on the basis of the results of the survey.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO REPORT RELATIVE TO STATE MERIT SYSTEM CONTROL OF PAY SCALE IN HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Boyd inquired as to the status of the forty employees in the City Health Department who have not received the salary increase authorized by the Council. Mr. Yancey, City Manager, advised that the Health Department employees operate under the State Merit System and the salary scale is fixed by them and cannot be regulated otherwise unless the City withdraws them from the System and thereby loses the allocation of some \$35,000.00 per year for local health purposes from the State Health Department. Councilman Albea advised that he was opposed to the adoption of the State Merit System some years ago and still did not favor it. The City Manager was requested to investigate the matter of the salary increases being given the employees and report to Council.

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**CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO FURTHER IMPROVE SIDEWALKS ON 11TH STREET BETWEEN BREVARD STREET AND BRIDGE.**

Councilman Boyd inquired if the sidewalks have been improved on 11th Street from Brevard Street to the Bridge as authorized by Council. Councilman Dellinger stated that some work has been done but the areas are still irregular and rough. Councilman Jordan suggested that the City Manager look over the work that has been done and have fine gravel, or whatever is necessary placed on the sidewalks.

**MAYOR REPORTS THAT CHAIRMAN OF STATE HIGHWAY & PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DOUBTS THAT REQUESTED IMPROVEMENTS TO PLAZA ROAD CAN BE MADE DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS.**

At the inquiry of Councilman Boyd as to the results of the conference with Dr. Henry Jordan, Chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission relative to the paving and widening of Plaza Road from Mecklenburg Avenue to the city limits, Mayor Shaw advised that he and the City Manager went to Raleigh and discussed the matter with Dr. Jordan, giving him complete details of the desired improvements, as well as the improvements to be made by the City to 36th Street; that Dr. Jordan stated he would take the request under advisement but due to the lack of funds/<sup>at this time</sup> for this district he doubted that the improvements can be made by the State. Mayor Shaw further advised that the matter would again be discussed with Dr. Jordan and Mr. Otis Poole, District Director of the Commission when they are in Charlotte on next Friday.

**COUNCILMEN DELLINGER AND VAN EVERY APPOINTED TO REAL PROPERTY REVALUATION SURVEY COMMITTEE.**

Mayor Shaw appointed Councilmen Dellinger and Van Every as the City's representatives on the Real Property Revaluation Survey Committee, to succeed former Councilmen Aitken and Wilkinson.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

*Lillian R. Hoffman*  
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City Clerk