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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, November 17, 1954, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Van Every presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Dellinger, Smith and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Brown

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on November 3rd, were approved as submitted.

REQUEST OF CANNON AIRCRAFT, INC. TO LEASE PROPERTY AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

Councilman Smith moved the consideration of request of Cannon Aircraft, Inc. to lease property at Douglas Municipal Airport for the location of an additional fixed base operation be postponed for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

MEETING TO DISCUSS ADJUSTMENTS UNDER JOB CLASSIFICATION TO BE SET WHEN ALL COUNCILMEN CAN BE PRESENT.

A delegation of employees from the City Sanitary Department appeared before the City Council for the purpose of adjustment and increase in salaries and 5-day week. Mr. Ernest Regan and O. W. Barrier were spokesmen. Mr. Yancey announced that he has a plan ready to submit to the Council whenever the date is set for a meeting.

Mayor Van Every stated that due to sickness, it had been impossible to have a meeting with all Councilmen present.

Councilman Boyd moved that the Mayor arrange a meeting of the City Council at the earliest date possible when all the Councilmen could be present. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried.

STUDENTS FROM PIEDMONT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENT TO OBSERVE CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Van Every recognized a group of Piedmont Junior High School students sitting in the Council Chamber to observe the City Council in operation.

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL FOR NEXT WEEK TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd.

Councilman Smith moved that the regular meeting of the City Council for next week be held on Tuesday, November 23rd. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL AUTHORIZED AT NORTH TRYON AND TWENTY-SEVENTH STREETS.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing the installation of a traffic signal at North Tryon and Twenty-Seventh Streets.

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SEVEN POINT PROGRAM PROPOSED BY COUNCILMAN BAXTER.

Councilman Baxter made the following statement which was commented on favorably by several members of the City Council and the Mayor suggested that it be incorporated into the Minutes of the meeting and that each member of the Council receive a copy of same:

"Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen:

A year ago last week I presented to you a fourteen point program of needed improvements for our City and for your consideration. Thanks to your cooperation, seven points have been approved by you gentlemen and are now nearing completion.

Believing that it is the duty of a Councilman to plan and promote needed improvements to keep pace with our increasing population and business growth, I propose seven more new points to keep the fourteen point program going and ask your serious consideration of each one as well as the other seven points when presented again.

The following are my new seven points:

1. To recommend and request the School Board to plan a "Headquarters Building" in the next school building program, thereby moving offices out of City Hall to make way for necessary City Government expansion of services. This would make room for our Planning Board, which should be near our Engineering Department, and perhaps would provide space for the Civil Defense Director and the Coliseum Director, both of whom are now renting office space.
2. To recommend and request the Parks and Playgrounds to incorporate space for their administrative offices in the rebuilding of the Armory, moving out of City Hall for the same reason. These two organizations operate on a special tax voted by the people and are not really under the City Government.
3. To recommend and request cost data and proper plans and financing for the widening of Pineville Road, York Road, Park Road, Sardis Road, and Lawyers Road to the city limits. Also the widening of Fourth Street underpass.
4. To recommend and request the Traffic Engineer to allow left turns on red lights holding opposite traffic lanes back to increase the movement of traffic at selected downtown intersections.
5. Include in the next water bond election enough money to build storage tanks and run feeder lines to the city limits in growing business and residential areas, so that water will be available for new business and residential growth and to keep pressure up in the summer time when more water is needed and used.
6. To recommend and request the County Commissioners to provide legislation to patrol the Catawba River adjacent to Mecklenburg County in an effort to reduce the ever increasing drowning of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County citizens who enjoy the river.
7. To recommend and request that we re-instate the smoke-abatement problem by establishing an air-polution control program under the City Health Department as of July 1, 1955. My reasons for putting it under the Health Department are three fold. It is fundamentally a health problem, and furthermore, our three previous attempts have failed in setting up separate departments. Finally, it will save the tax payer about \$20,000.00 by combining it with the Health Department."

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RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 8TH ON ORDINANCE NO. 243 TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING ON INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD.

Following the introduction of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change the Building Zone Map from R-1 to B 1-A on a portion of a lot adjacent to the presently zoned B 1-A District on Independence Boulevard, a Resolution was introduced Providing for a Public Hearing on December 8th on the proposed ordinance. Councilman Albaea moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 8TH ON ORDINANCE NO. 244 TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING AT 1343-49 EAST MOREHEAD STREET.

Following the introduction of an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change the Building Zone Map from R-2 to B-1 on a portion of a lot at 1343-49 East Morehead Street, A Resolution was introduced Providing for a Public Hearing on December 8th on the proposed ordinance. Councilman Dellinger, moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

SUBDIVISION PLATS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the following Subdivision Plats were approved:

- (a) Plat of Portion of Markham Village Subdivision.
- (b) Plat of Clanton Park Subdivision.
- (c) Plat of University Park Subdivision.
- (d) Plat of Spangler Business property, south of Shuman Avenue.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO CEMETERIES BUDGET, REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS FROM EMERGENCY FUND FOR REPAIRS OF CITY'S HOUSE AT EVERGREEN CEMETERY.

Motion was made by Councilman Albaea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing the transfer of \$438.00 from the Emergency Fund (Code 110) to the Cemeteries Budget, Repairs to Buildings (Code 521 B-25) for painting inside and sanding floors of the City's house for the Superintendent of Cemeteries at Evergreen Cemetery.

CREIGHTON DRIVE, FROM BRIAR CREEK ROAD TO DEAD-END, TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Councilman Dellinger moved that Creighton Drive, from Briar Creek Road to dead-end, be taken over for maintenance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWER MAINS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, the construction of new sanitary sewers at the following locations was authorized:

- (a) 379-ft. of 8-inch sewer main in Independence Boulevard West, to serve properties before paving by the State Highway Commission, at an estimated cost of \$1,610.00, to be borne by the City.
- (b) 582- ft. of 8-inch sewer main in Independence Boulevard, to serve properties before paving by the State Highway Commission, at an estimated cost of \$2,230.00, to be borne by the City.
- (c) 300-ft. of 8-inch sewer main in Walnut Street, to serve properties before paving by State Highway Commission, at an estimated cost of \$1,080.00, to be borne by the City.
- (d) 800-ft. of 8-inch sewer main in Airlie Street, to serve one family unit and 11 vacant lots, at an estimated cost of \$1,800.00. All costs to be borne by the City, and the refund of deposit of \$1,600.00 to the applicant, David Clark, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

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TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO TRAFFIC ENGINEERING BUDGET, TRAFFIC SIGNAL ACCOUNT FROM EMERGENCY FUND FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT MOREHEAD AND CALVERT STREETS.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing the transfer of \$661.44 from the Emergency Fund (Code 110) to the Traffic Engineering Budget, Traffic Signal Account (Code 1518) to cover the cost of the installation of the new traffic signal at Morehead and Calvert Streets.

CONTRACTS FOR WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED WITH (1) THE ORR CORPORATION AND (2) J. A. JONES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the following contracts were authorized for the construction of water mains:

- (a) Contract with The Orr Corporation for the construction of 1,830 ft. of 12-inch mains and 4 fire hydrants in Orr Industrial Development abutting on West 32nd Street, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$10,350.00, to serve industrial property. All costs to be borne by the applicant, who will be refunded the cost of the project if and when the mains produce a revenue equal to 5% of the cost.
- (b) Supplementary contract (to contract dated October 30, 1953) with J. A. Jones Construction Company, for the installation of 2,000-ft. of 6-inch mains and 2 fire hydrants in Sherwood Forest Subdivision, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$6,000.00. All costs to be borne by the Applicant, who will own the mains until such time as the territory is taken into the city.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) One 30-ft. driveway on N. Church St. and One 30-ft. driveway on W. 6th St. both for 227 N. Church St.
- (b) One 20-ft. driveway at 105 S. Cedar Street.
- (c) One 25-ft. driveway on W. Trade St. and Two 25-ft. driveways on Andrill Terrace, all for 1226 West Trade Street.

REPORT OF LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDING NO. 70 TO ADVERTISING PRODUCTIONS CORP.

The City Manager reported that lease had been concluded for Airport Building No. 70, to Advertising Productions Corp., at a monthly rental of \$50.00, for a period of one Year.

CONTRACT AWARDED AMERICAN LAFRANCE FOAMITE CORP. FOR COMBINATION LADDER AND HOSE TRUCK FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, American LaFrance Foamite Corp. for One Combination Ladder and Hose Truck complete with booster system, as specified, at a net delivered price of \$38,300.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE FOR WORK CLOTHING FOR WATER DEPT.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Efird's Department Store for 72 pairs grey trousers, 72 grey shirts, 263 pairs khaki trousers, 618 khaki shirts, 285 pairs overalls, 142 overall jackets, 24 khaki jackets and 24 grey jackets, all as specified, at a total price of \$4,552.19 less cash discount of \$227.61, or a net delivered price of \$4,324.58.

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CONTRACT AWARDED BELK BROS. COMPANY FOR WORK CLOTHING FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the only bidder, Belk Bros. Company, for 44 pairs Corduroy trousers, at a net delivered price of \$259.60.

CONTRACT AWARDED EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE FOR WORK CLOTHING FOR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Dellinger moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Efird's Department Store, for 316 pairs khaki trousers, 971 khaki shirts, 544 pairs overalls, 262 overall jackets, all as specified, at a total price of \$6,219.88, less cash discount of \$311.00, or a net delivered price of \$5,908.88. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED BELK BROS. COMPANY FOR WORK CLOTHING FOR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the only bidder, Belk Bros. Company for 158 pairs Corduroy trousers, at a net delivered price of \$932.20.

CONTRACT AWARDED EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE FOR WORK CLOTHING FOR MOTOR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Efird's Department Store, for 1,325 pairs overalls, 1,343 khaki shirts, 15 pairs khaki trousers, 528 overall jackets, 106 pairs coveralls, and 267 caps with 1 extra cover, all as specified, at a total price of \$11,138.24, less cash discount of \$556.91, or a net delivered price of \$10,581.33.

CONTRACT AWARDED BELK BROS. COMPANY FOR WORK CLOTHING FOR MOTOR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Dellinger moved that contract be awarded the only bidder, Belk Bros. Company, for 6 Corduroy Coats, at a net delivered price of \$67.50. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE FOR WORK CLOTHING FOR FIRE DEPT.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Efird's Department Store, for 281 pairs blue dungarees, 32 pairs khaki trousers, 32 khaki shirts, all as specified, at a total price of \$895.46, less cash discount of \$44.77, or a net delivered price of \$850.69.

CONTRACT AWARDED EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE FOR WORK CLOTHING FOR CEMETERIES DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Efird's Department Store, for 96 pairs coveralls and 24 caps with extra cover, all as specified, at a total price of \$584.40, less cash discount of \$29.22, or a net delivered price of \$555.18.

CONTRACT AWARDED EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE FOR WORK CLOTHING FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL DIVISION.

Councilman Dellinger moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Efird's Department Store, for 60 grey shirts and 80 pairs grey trousers, all as specified, at a total price of \$441.00, less cash discount of \$22.05, or a net delivered price of \$418.95. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

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CONTRACT AWARDED EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE FOR WORK CLOTHING FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Efird's Department Store, for 10 pairs khaki trousers, 20 khaki shirts, 6 pairs coveralls, all as specified, at a total price of \$117.90, less cash discount of \$5.90, or a net delivered price of \$112.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE FOR WORK CLOTHING FOR HEALTH DEPT.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Efird's Department Store, for 8 pairs khaki trousers, 16 khaki shirts, all as specified, at a total price of \$66.48, less cash discount of \$3.33, or a net delivered price of \$63.15.

CONTRACT AWARDED EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE FOR WORK CLOTHING FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Dellinger moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Efird's Department Store, for 27 pairs khaki trousers, 27 khaki shirts, 6 pairs grey trousers, and 6 grey shirts, all as specified, at a total price of \$199.41, less cash discount of \$9.97, or a net delivered price of \$189.44. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE FOR WORK CLOTHING FOR PET DEPT.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Efird's Department Store, for 6 pairs overalls, and 6 overall jackets, all as specified, at a total price of \$42.00, less cash discount of \$2.10, or a net delivered price of \$39.90.

CONTRACT AWARDED EFIRD'S DEPARTMENT STORE FOR WORK CLOTHING FOR AIRPORT DEPT.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Efird's Department Store, for 8 pairs overalls, hickory stripe, 2 overall jackets hickory stripe, 2 caps with extra cover, 16 pairs blue overalls, 4 overall jackets blue, 8 khaki shirts, 24 pairs khaki trousers, and 40 khaki shirts, all as specified, at a total price of \$310.08, less cash discount of \$15.50, or a net delivered price of \$294.58.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLANKENSHIP BROS. FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON GOLD STREET AND ARGONNE DRIVE.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Blankenship Bros., for construction of street improvements, Gold Street and Argonne Drive Project, all as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$26,613.50. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with E. C. Selvey, for Grave #4, Lot 115, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$26.00.
- (b) Deed with Estate of Lea Meyerson Mann, for Grave #3, Lot #112, and Grave #1, Lot 113, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery at \$80.00.
- (c) Deed with Dr. Robt. H. Libby, for Lot 165, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.

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- (d) Duplicate deed with Mrs. Viola C. Gilliland, for Lot 49, Section Z, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00.
- (e) Deed with Mrs. Marjorie W. Blankenship, for North half and Southwest quarter of Lot 87, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00.
- (f) Deed with Mrs. Constantinos Kokenes, for Lot 104, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$252.00.
- (g) Deed with Frank E. Wood, for Southeast quarter of Lot 87, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$80.00.

ADDITIONAL MILK INSPECTOR AUTHORIZED EMPLOYED BY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Smith moved that the Health Department be authorized to employ an additional Milk Inspector at the salary provided for under the Merit System. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried.

CLAIM OF A. S. THOMAS AUTHORIZED SETTLED.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the claim of A. S. Thomas for damage to clothes, in the amount of \$45.00, was approved as recommended by the City Manager and City Attorney on condition that the claimant deliver the damaged clothing to the City for disposition.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.


L. L. Ledbetter
Deputy City Clerk