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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, February 21, 1945, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baker, Cope, Hovis, Painter, Price and Slye being present.

Absent: Councilmen Atkins, Bullard, Daughtry and Ward.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Slye, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO WILLIE WILLIAMS AND HUSBAND, D. W. WILLIAMS.

The following resolution was presented by City Attorney, H. B. Campbell, who recommended its adoption. Thereupon, Councilman Slye moved the adoption of the resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward, and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, Willie Williams has given the City due notice of a claim growing out of a fall which she sustained on November 19, 1944, on the sidewalk in the 700 block of South McDowell Street;

AND, WHEREAS, said claim has been duly investigated on behalf of the City by the City's Investigator, L. W. Hinkel, of the Police Department;

AND, WHEREAS, said Investigator and the City Attorneys have recommended that payment be made in this case;

AND, WHEREAS, The Duke Power Company and the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company are willing to contribute one-third each of said settlement, as it cannot be ascertained between the two corporations and the City which is primarily responsible for said defect in the sidewalk;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City contribute one-third of a settlement in the total amount of \$100.00 to Willie Williams and her husband, D. W. Williams, for all losses and damages which they have sustained as a result of said fall, and to this end the City Treasurer and Municipal Accountant are authorized and empowered to deliver a check on the part of the City in the amount of \$33.34, in full payment of said claim upon receipt of a duly executed release from said claimants.

REQUEST OF MRS. J. H. MCCALL FOR REFUND OF INTEREST AND FINES ON PAST DUE TAX ACCOUNT.

Mrs. J. H. McCall requested a refund of \$103.00 in interest and fines charged against past due city taxes from 1936 through 1940, on property inherited by her from her husband. Following a discussion of the laws governing the situation, Mayor Baxter advised her he would investigate the matter.

CONTRACT AWARDED MONROE CALCULATING MACHINE COMPANY FOR CALCULATING MACHINE.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Slye, contract was unanimously awarded Monroe Calculating Machine Company, Inc. for the purchase of a Monroe Standard Calculating Machine, at a net price of \$315.00, for use in the Health Department.

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PURCHASE OF TYPEWRITER AUTHORIZED FROM L. C. SMITH & CORONA TYPEWRITERS, INC.

Councilman Albea moved that authority be given for the purchase of one L. C. Smith typewriter from L. C. Smith & Corona Typewriters, Inc., at a net delivered price of \$114.01, for use by the Fire Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF POSTAL CARDS FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Price, seconded by Councilman Cope, authority was unanimously given for the purchase of 60,000 One Cent Postal Cards from the Charlotte Post Office at \$600.00 for use by the Water Department.

CONTRACT AWARDED ELECTRO RUST-PROOFING CORPORATION FOR RUST PROOFING WATER TANK AT FILTER PLANT.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be awarded the Electro Rust-Proofing Corporation of Dayton, Ohio, to furnish the material and labor for the rust proofing of water tank at the filter plant, at a price of \$1,290.00 and that \$290.00 be appropriated from the Water Emergency Fund to supplement the \$1,000.00 budgeted for this work. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis, and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED TO JAMES L. VAUGHN.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, the issuance of a Special Officer Permit was authorized to James Lewis Vaughn Route #9, Charlotte, as requested by J. L. Wilkinson, for use on the premises of the following locations:

Fruhauf Trailer Company, 1310 West Morehead Street
Brown Equipment Company, 929 S. Summit Avenue
Coca-Cola Bottling Company, 1401 West Morehead Street
Carolina Transfer & Storage Company, 1230 West Morehead Street
Carolina Transfer & Storage Company, 1226 West Morehead Street
Carolina Transfer & Storage Company, 1201 West Morehead St.

PRELIMINARY WORK AUTHORIZED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND CURBS ON CLAYTON DRIVE AND CUMBERLAND AVENUE, WILMORE DRIVE EAST AND MECKLENBURG AVE.

Councilman Baker moved that the City Engineering Department proceed immediately with the preliminary work for the construction of sidewalks and curbs on Clayton Drive, Cumberland Avenue, Wilmore Drive East and Mecklenburg Avenue; the construction to begin as soon after July 1, 1945 as funds can be made available. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried.

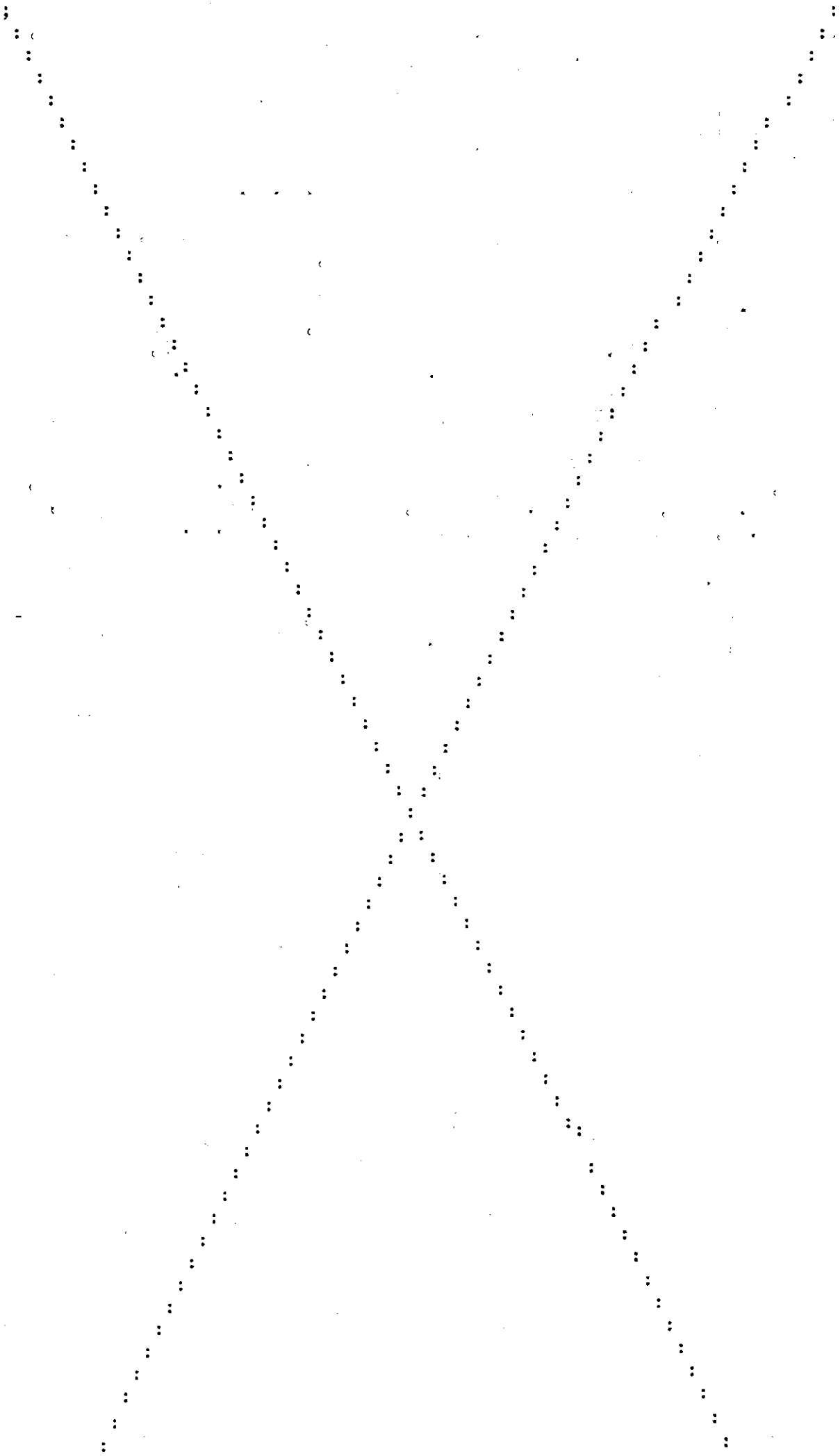
APPROPRIATION FOR UNIFORMS FOR LOCAL COMPANY OF STATE GUARDS AUTHORIZED FROM EMERGENCY FUND, IF LEGAL.

Councilman Hovis moved that \$523.00 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund for the purchase of uniforms for the local company of State Guards, if legal. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 50 OF CITY CHARTER APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE FOR PASSAGE.

The matter of the proposed amendment to Section 50 of the City Charter regarding the sale of tax acquired property which was pending from the last meeting of Council was presented. The City Manager outlined

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the opinion of the City Attorneys as to the desirability of the amendment, and he supplemented the opinion with the statement that he believed the passage of the amendment would be for the best interest of the city in the long run. Whereupon Councilman Baker moved that the Bill as drawn be forwarded to the Mecklenburg Legislators with request that it be introduced in the General Assembly for passage. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

OPTIONS ON PROPERTY IN 600 BLOCK OF EAST TRADE STREET, NORTH SIDE OF STREET, AND 600 BLOCK OF EAST FIFTH STREET, NORTH SIDE OF STREET, TO BE OBTAINED BY MESSRS. BARRENTINE AND KINNEY.

Mayor Baxter stated that Messrs. J. E. Barrentine and Lee Kinney had proposed to him that they secure options on the property in the 600 block of East Trade Street, on the north side of the block, and on the property in the 600 block of East Fifth Street, on the north side of the block, without cost to the city should said property not be purchased by the city. That in the event the property was purchased by the city their fee would be five percent of the purchase price, to be paid by the persons selling the property. The Council acquiesced in the proposal, and directed the City Manager to so advise Messrs. Barrentine and Kinney.

CEMETERY DEED APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hovis, cemetery deed was approved for transfer to Sam O. Bolton and wife, Eunice L. Bolton, on Lots No. 80 and 81, in Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$205.10, and for Perpetual Care on said Lots at \$175.80.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk