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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, January 17, 1945, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Painter, Price, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen Atkins and Daughtry.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Price, duly seconded by Councilman Painter, minutes of the meeting of January 10th were approved as read.

PROPERTIES ON HUTCHINSON AVENUE AUTHORIZED ADVERTISED FOR SALE.

Councilman Price moved that the three pieces of tax foreclosed property located at 2220-22, 2224-26 and 2228-30 Hutchinson Avenue be advertised for sale and no bid be accepted for less than \$500.00 per lot, as recommended by the City Treasurer. Motion seconded by Councilman Slye, and unanimously carried.

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY ON BURKE STREET TO T. C. WILSON, AND ON SOUTH CHURCH STREET TO H. E. AUSTIN.

Councilman Baker moved that tax foreclosed property located at 1212-14 Burke Street be sold to T. C. Wilson at \$100.00, and tax foreclosed property located at 1325 South Church Street be sold to H. E. Austin at \$200.00, being the high bids on the two properties at the sale on January 15, 1945. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE REGULATING ISSUANCE OF LICENSES TO PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, ROOFING, OR GENERAL CONTRACTORS.

Councilman Price moved the adoption of an Ordinance Regulating The Issuance Of Licenses To Plumbing, Electrical, Roofing Or General Contractors. Motion seconded by Councilman Slye, and unanimously carried, and same was declared by the Mayor to be an ordinance of the City of Charlotte. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 9, beginning at Page 239.

ACTION DEFERRED ON AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ISSUANCE OF LICENSES TO HUCKSTERS OR PEDDLERS.

Councilman Baker moved that action be deferred on an Ordinance Regulating the Issuance of Licenses to Hucksters Or Peddlers, as presented by the City Manager, and that ordinance be amended to provide for a periodic inspection of weighing equipment. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward, and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO PROPOSED RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

It was moved by Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried, that it is the sense of this meeting that the Council should put into effect a retirement system for all employees which would be identical with the plan outlined in Mr. Buck's report of October 1, 1943, except that the policemen and firemen would be given the privilege of retiring at age 55, and the benefits and other calculations would assume that 4% would be earned upon employee contributions and 3% earned on the City's contributions.

It is further the sense of this meeting that it would be desirable for the State law to be amended so that its benefits, retirement age and interest assumptions would be as above set forth, and that if the State law is so amended, the City will join the State System and have its retirement system administered by the board set up in the State law.

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It is further the sense of this meeting that if the State law cannot be amended so that it will conform to the plan outlined in the first paragraph of this memorandum, that the City have its charter amended so as to authorize it to set up such a retirement system, and that thereafter Mr. Buck be requested to draft appropriate city ordinance to make the whole retirement system effective July 1, 1945.

It is further the sense of this meeting that Mr. Buck be employed at once to draft all amendments to the State law that he considers desirable, including those necessary to make it conform to the plan agreeable to this meeting, and that he also be employed at once to draft the necessary amendment to the City's charter so as to enable the City to set up a plan in accordance with the above outline in the event the Legislature does not act favorably upon the amendments to the State law; that the amendments to the State law be forwarded to the Mecklenburg County delegation with the request that they undertake to have the Legislature act upon them, and if the Legislature does not act favorably upon them, that the amendment to the charter which Mr. Buck has drawn be then presented to them with the request that they have it adopted.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER WHICH WILL AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO PUT INTO EFFECT A RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN EVENT LEGISLATURE DOES NOT ACT FAVORABLY UPON AMENDMENTS TO STATE LAW WHICH CITY EXPECTS TO PROPOSE.

Councilman Ward moved the adoption of the following charter amendment. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously adopted:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER WHICH WILL AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO PUT INTO EFFECT A RETIREMENT SYSTEM SUCH AS THAT AGREED UPON BY THE COUNCIL JANUARY 17, 1945 IN THE EVENT THE LEGISLATURE DOES NOT ACT FAVORABLY UPON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE LAW WHICH THE CITY EXPECTS TO PROPOSE:

"(41) To establish and maintain a retirement system for all, or a part of, its employees, and in connection with the same the City is authorized to do any and all of the following: provide for contributions to the system by employees and the City; appoint a Commission with authority to invest and reinvest funds and manage property belonging to the System, which said funds and property shall not be mingled with the funds and property of the City; make rules and regulations concerning the same; pay benefits for disability as well as old age retirement; do any and every other thing that may be useful or necessary for the proper establishment and maintenance of a retirement system. Any retirement system established in accordance with this provision shall be on a reserve basis, and shall provide contributions of both members and City, actuarially computed, as level amounts or level percentages of the payrolls which will cover the currently accruing liability for benefits. The system shall also provide for the liquidation of any liability accrued at the date of establishment by similar uniform contributions over a term of years. To assure that this condition shall continue, the City shall provide for actuarial valuations of the contingent assets and liabilities of the system at least quinquennially."

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Councilman Ward moved that the following cemetery deeds be approved for transfer: Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried:

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Joseph Herbert Rhyne and wife Carrie L. Rhyne, North Half Lot No. 29, in Section A-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, \$72.28.  
Perpetual Care Deed on above lot, \$51.62.  
Mrs. Daisy H. Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kyles, Lot. No. 26-C, in Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, \$75.25.  
Perpetual Care Deed on above lot, \$64.50.  
Perpetual Care Deed on Lot No. S, in Section U, Elmwood Cemetery, belonging to Y. P. King, at \$54.00.  
Transfer from Leon Newell Atkinson to A. A. Short, Lot No. 47, in Section A-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00.  
Transfer from Leon Newell Atkinson to A. A. Short, Perpetual Care on Lot No. 47, in Section A-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albee, duly seconded by Councilman Ward, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman  
City Clerk