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**RESOLUTION RECEIVED FROM CHARLOTTE PLANNING BOARD REGARDING PROPOSED PROJECTS BEING REFERRED TO SAID BOARD.**

The following resolution was filed with the City Council by the Charlotte Planning Board:

**RESOLVED:** That wherein certain matters will come before the Council from time to time pertaining to the future development of Charlotte. In all probability certain of these projects will already have been developed by groups and individuals without due consideration to the overall plan of the City. We urge that the City Council before taking any actions on said projects will refer same to the Charlotte Planning Board for analysis and their recommendations. After the Charlotte Planning Board has acted upon these they will be passed back to the City Council for final action. It would be advisable to refer all groups and individuals who contemplate the launching of a project to first confer with the Planning Board.

Councilman Newson moved that all projects be referred to the Planning Board before action taken by the Council, with instructions that the Planning Board's make recommendation to the Council on each project within 60 days. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

**THOS. GRIFFITH REAPPOINTED TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.**

Councilman McIntyre moved that Thos. Griffith be reappointed a member of the Civil Service Commission. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY-STREETS TO BE RESURFACED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.**

At the request of the City Manager, the City Engineer stated the State Highway Commission had advised him by letter that the list of highway streets recommended by the city for resurfacing with State Highway Funds was acceptable with the inclusion of the following three locations which were eliminated by the city from the original list recommended by the Highway Commission:

Plaza Road from end of wide pavement to concrete pavement at overpass.

Wilmore Drive from Wilmount Road to Dowd Road.

Hutchinson Avenue from Dalton Avenue to city limits.

Mr. Ross advised the Highway Commission stated the resurfacing of the entire list of streets as now recommended by them will cost approximately \$53,000.00, leaving an unexpended balance of approximately \$25,000.00 in this year's State Highway Fund for Charlotte. Councilman Puette moved that the three streets recommended for inclusion in the repaving program be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

**BID REJECTED ON TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 2220-30 HUTCHINSON AVENUE.**

Councilman Newson advised the Appraisal Committee had rejected the bid of \$1,800.00 on tax foreclosed property at 2220-30 Hutchinson Avenue.

**REQUEST FOR RELOCATION OF BARRINGER DRIVE REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD.**

The City Engineer reported that Marsh Land Company had requested that alignment of Barringer Drive, south of West Boulevard for a distance of approximately 1000 feet be changed in order that the road may be straightened and the lots on each side of the street may be more equally divided in

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**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE OF COAL.**

The following resolution was presented by the City Manager:

WHEREAS, numerous coal dealers have been communicated with in regard to supplying coal to the City for the ensuing year and it has been ascertained that coal cannot be obtained upon bids; and

WHEREAS, existing War conditions make it impossible for the City to purchase its coal requirements if the usual formalities of bids, bid bonds or performance bonds are insisted on; and

WHEREAS, the supply of coal available to be purchased by the City is scarce and difficult to find;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the City Council finds that there exists a special emergency involving the health and safety of the people and their property with respect to the coal situation as above outlined;

2. That the City Manager be, and he is, authorized to purchase coal up to, but not exceeding, a total cost of \$8,000.00, without advertising for bids or requiring bid bonds or performance bonds, such a waiver of formalities being authorized by law in the case of the emergency which is hereby found to exist.

3. That the City Manager be, and he is, directed immediately after each purchase of coal to report to the City Council the amount of coal purchased, the price paid for same and the person from whom the purchase has been made.

Councilman White moved the adoption of the resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

**CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH STANDARD OIL COMPANY FOR GASOLINE.**

Upon motion of Councilman Johnston, duly seconded by Councilman Puette, contract was unanimously authorized with Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, North Carolina Division, for 15,086 gallons of gasoline in the sum of \$2,443.33.

**CONTRACT AWARDED CONCRETE SUPPLY COMPANY FOR CRUSHED STONE.**

Councilman White moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Concrete Supply Company, to furnish an estimated amount of 440 tons of crushed stone for street maintenance and improvements, at an estimated amount of \$932.25. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried.

**PURCHASE OF BATTERIES FROM HOUGH-WILEY COMPANY.**

Councilman Puette moved that emergency purchase of six batteries for stand-by engines at the filter plant from Hough-Wiley Company, at \$153.06, be ratified and payment authorized. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

**PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO COLEMAN W. ROBERTS, SPECIAL LICENSE CLERK, FOR THE SALE OF LICENSE STICKERS FOR MONTHS OF FEBRUARY THROUGH MAY 1945.**

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Puette, payment of \$129.43 was unanimously authorized to Coleman W. Roberts, Special License Clerk, as commission on the sale of City Automobile License Stickers for the months of February through May, 1945.

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J. N. PEASE AND COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE SURVEY AND PREPARE DRAWINGS FOR THE SUGAW CREEK OUTFALL ABOVE EAST BOULEVARD, IN ACCORD WITH EXISTING CONTRACT FOR SEWERAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.

The City Manager recommended that J. N. Pease & Company be authorized to proceed with survey work and the preparation of final drawings for the Sugaw Creek Outfall above East Boulevard, in accord with the existing contract between the City and J. N. Pease & Company for improvements and additions to the City Sewerage System. Councilman Puette moved that the work be authorized as recommended. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 27, 1945 FOR CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF TRAFFIC BUREAU.

The City Manager requested that a conference be held for the consideration of recommendations made by the Traffic Bureau, and that officials of the Duke Power Company and city traffic officials be present. Decision was reached by the Council to hold the conference at 7:30 p. m. on Wednesday, June 27, 1945 at the City Hall.

BOND DONATED BY CITY COUNCILMEN, PERSONALLY, AS PRIZE IN "DOOR-KNOCKERS BOND SALE CAMPAIGN.

The Mayor advised the Chairman of the "Door-Knockers" Bond Drive had requested that the Councilmen and he donate, personally, a \$50.00 Defense Bond to be given as first prize to the Charlotte woman selling bonds to the largest number of individuals during the Drive. Funds for the purchase of the Bond were donated by the Mayor and Councilmen.

SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS AND ISSUANCE OF DEEDS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Puette, sale of the following cemetery lots, and issuance of deeds for same, was unanimously authorized:

- To - W. P. Smith and wife Xymena Smith, Lot 325, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00.  
Perpetual Care Deed on above lot, at \$25.00.
- To - Chas. F. Fisher, transfer of lot northeast 1/4 of #22, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, from Z. A. Hovis & Son, \$1.00
- To - Mrs. Robert A. Dunn, Perpetual Care Deed on Lot No. B, Elmwood Cemetery, \$225.00.
- To - Heirs of Mrs. Thetis Watson, Duplicate Deed covering Lot No. 5-Fraction, Section S, Elmwood Cemetery, \$1.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Newson, seconded by Councilman Johnston, the meeting was adjourned.

*Lillian R. Hayfman*  
City Clerk