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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p. m. on Wednesday, May 16, 1945, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Childs, Hinson, Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White present.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

SELECTION OF HIGHWAY-STREETS TO BE RESURFACED DEFERRED.

The City Manager gave a report of the State Highway Department's allocation of funds for the maintenance of highway-streets within Charlotte, stating that the city receives approximately \$52,000.00 annually for this purpose; that Charlotte now has an accumulated credit of \$80,000.00, approximately. He stated the City Engineer and State Highway Department were recommending the resurfacing of the following highway-streets:

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| 1. U.S. 74 | Pecan Ave. to Laurel Afe. |
| 2. U.S. 74 | Laurel Ave. to city limits. |
| 3. U.S. 21 | E. Boulevard to Tremont Ave. |
| 4. U.S. 21 | End Wide Pavement back to Charlotte. |
| 5. U.S. 29 | 13th Street to Dalton Ave. |
| 6. U.S. 74 | East Boundary St. to Trade Street. |
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| 8. Plaza Road | Mecklenburg Ave. to end wide pavement. |
| 9. Plaza Road | End wide pavement to concrete pavement at overpass. |
| 10. Belvedere Ave. | Club Road to city limits. |
| 11. Crescent Ave. | Caswell Road to Colville Place. |
| 12. Crescent Ave. Ext. | Colville Place to Dotget Avenue. |
| 13. Crescent Ave. Ext. | Dotget Ave. to end of pavement. |
| 14. Queens Road | Selwayn Ave. to Briarwood Road. |
| 15. Briarwood Road | Queens Road to city limits. |
| 16. Princeton Ave. and Willow Oak Road. | Somerset Drive to Willow Oak Road and Willow Road to city limits. |
| 17. Shuman Ave. | From U.S. 21 to N. C. 49. |
| 18. Wilmore Drive | Wilmount Road to Dowd Road. |
| 19. Hutchinson Ave. | Dalton Ave. to end wide pavement. |
| 20. Hutchinson Ave. | End wide pavement to city limits. |
| 21. Commonwealth Ave. | Morning Side Drive to city limits. |

Councilman McIntyre stated he had looked at these street in company with city and state engineers, and made a motion that the proposed resurfacing be restricted to those streets designated as No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 17 and 21, and the other streets on the list be eliminated from the resurfacing program, as in his opinion they were in good condition. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston.

Councilman Newson made a substitute motion that the entire list of streets be resurfaced as proposed. Motion not seconded.

Councilman Puette moved that decision in the matter be deferred until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

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TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 1009-19 SEIGLE STREET AUTHORIZED ADVERTISED FOR SALE.

Councilman White moved that the three 50-foot lots located at 1009-19 Seigle Street, being tax foreclosed property, be advertised for sale and no bids less than \$2,300.00 be considered. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 2600-04 SOUTH BOULEVARD AUTHORIZED ADVERTISED FOR SALE.

Councilman White moved that tax foreclosed property located at 2600-04 South Boulevard be advertised for sale, and no bids less than \$1,750.00 be considered. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO E. I. du PONT de NEMOURS & COMPANY FOR ADDITION TO CONTRACT FOR FERRIC CHLORIDE.

Upon motion of Councilman McIntyre, seconded by Councilman Childs, payment of \$2.50 was unanimously authorized to E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, for an additional 100 pounds of Ferric Chloride delivered on contract dated December 6, 1944 for an estimated quantity at 40 tohs, at \$2,000.00.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH STAR PRINTING COMPANY FOR PRINTING CITY CHARTER.

Motion was made by Councilman Puette, and seconded by Councilman McIntyre, that payment of contract with Star Printing Company for printing 500 copies of the City Charter, at \$230.00, be authorized. Motion unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF REPAIR PARTS FROM GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Childs moved that repair parts, namely: Six bearings and one collar, for an electric motor used by the Water Department, be purchased from General Electric Company, at a price of \$153.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

PARKING STRIP ON EAST 4TH STREET AUTHORIZED FOR APPLICANTS FOR DRIVERS LICENSE.

The City Manager reported the State Highway Safety Department and State Highway Patrol had requested the Police Department to designate parking space in the vicinity of the Court House where applicants for drivers license could be examined. It was suggested by the Chief of Police that a parking strip 90-feet in length be marked off for this purpose on the north side of East 4th Street, between Myers and Alexander Streets. Councilman Newson moved that the space be designated as recommended. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

DECISION DEFERRED ON MAINTENANCE OF LLEWELLYN PLACE.

The City Manager recommended that Llewellyn Place, between Cherokee Place and Lockely Drive be taken over for city maintenance. Councilman McIntyre moved that action be deferred and the Mayor appoint one or more Councilmen to investigate the matter. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT GRANTED J. W. THOMASON ON PREMISES OF A & P TEA CO.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Puette, a special officer permit was unanimously granted J. W. Thomason, for one year, on the premises of A. & P. Tea Company.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT GRANTED R. L. GASSAWAY ON PREMISES OF DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman McIntyre moved that the special officer permit now held by R. L. Gassaway be renewed for one year, on the premises of Douglas Municipal Airport property. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

HOLIDAY GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES IN OBSERVANCE OF THE SIGNING OF THE MECKLENBURG DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Childs, a holiday was unanimously granted city employees on Monday, May 21, 1945, in observance of the Signing of The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775.

DECISION DEFERRED ON ELIMINATION OF PORTION OF PARKING STRIP IN EAST MOREHEAD STREET.

Councilman McIntyre moved that the City Manager be instructed to eliminate the parking strip in East Morehead Street, in front of Alexander Graham High School, with the exception of a five foot strip in the center of the plot upon which trees stand. He stated his request was based on the fact that the wide parking strip created a traffic hazard. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette.

Councilman Newson made a substitute motion that decision in the matter be deferred until the Council could view the location, and, also, receive the recommendation of the City Engineer. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

RETIREMENT PLAN DATA REQUESTED FURNISHED COUNCIL.

Mayor Baxter requested the City Manager to furnish the Council with comprehensive information regarding the Retirement Plan for city employees as proposed and approved by the former City Council. The City Manager advised that over 90 percent of the employees had signed for participation in the proposed Plan.

AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS REQUESTED.

Mayor Baxter stated the Council desired the City Manager to furnish an Agenda For Council Meetings each week prior to the meeting, and recommended that no items be accepted for presentation to Council after noon on Saturday preceding the meeting.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES REQUESTED FURNISHED COUNCIL.

Councilman McIntyre requested the City Clerk to furnish the Council copies of the Minutes of each Council Meeting.

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FORMER COUNCILMAN, MR. JOHN S. WARD A VISITOR AT COUNCIL MEETING.

Mr. John S. Ward, a member of the former City Council, was present. He offered his apologies for not being present at the Induction Ceremonies on May 14th, and stated he was prevented by illness. He congratulated the Mayor and Councilmen upon their election, wished them well and offered his support and cooperation.

SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS AND ISSUANCE OF DEEDS AUTHORIZED.

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

- To - C. T. Hanline and wife, Margaret E. Hanline, Lot No. 179, in Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$63.00.
- To - H. O. Hopper, Lot No. 376, in Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00.
- To - Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan, North Half of Lot No. 31, in Section A-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$72.10.
- To - Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan, Perpetual Care on North-half of Lot No. 31, in Section A-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$51.50.
- To - William Beach Hodge and wife, Mrs. Jessie H. Hodge, Lot No. 122 and South Half of Lot No. 123, in Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$215.95.
- To - William Beach Hodge and wife, Mrs. Jessie H. Hodge, Perpetual Care on Lot No. 122 and South Half of Lot No. 123, in Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$185.10.
- To - S. P. Alexander, Perpetual Care on Lot No. 2, in Section H, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$144.00.
- To - Ralph J. Hanline, transferred from C. T. Hanline and wife, Margaret E. Hanline, Lot No. 180, in Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk