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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, January 6, 1954, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Van Every presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilmen Boyd and Smith.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on December 30, 1953 were approved as submitted.

SALE OF 3.76 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AT SUGAW CREEK SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AUTHORIZED ADVERTISED FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

Councilman Albea moved that the City Treasurer be authorized to advertise for sale at public auction an approximate 3.76 acre tract of the Sugaw Creek Sewage Treatment Plant property, at a starting price of \$500.00, as recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

CLAIM OF NICK COUCHELL, ADMINISTRATOR, FOR ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF THEOPHANIA COUCHELL INVOLVING A CITY GARBAGE TRUCK, DENIED.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the claim of Mr. Nick Couchell, Administrator for the Estate of Theophania Couchell, minor, who was killed in an accident involving a City Garbage Truck on North Caldwell Street on September 21, 1953, was denied as recommended by the City Attorney as no negligence on the part of the City was disclosed.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN ROSWELL AVENUE APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of 880 feet of 8 inch sanitary sewer main in Roswell Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$3,640.00 to the City, to replace the present 6-inch main.

SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACT WITH ERVIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR WATER MAINS IN BEECHWOOD ACRES AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Dellinger moved that a supplementary contract to contract dated February 11, 1953, be authorized with Ervin Construction Company, for the construction of 840 feet of 2 inch water mains in Beechwood Acres Subdivision, outside the City, at an estimated cost of \$1,260.00, with all cost to be borne by the applicant who will own the said mains until the territory is taken into the city. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

PLAT OF BARRINGER WOODS SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the Plat of Barringer Woods Subdivision, being developed by Marsh Realty Company, was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS FOR USE ON THE PREMISES OF SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing the renewal of Special Officer Permits to Messrs. C. D. Christopher, Earl E. Carter and J. D. Fulton for use on the premises of Southern Bell Telephone Company.

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DEED FOR TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a deed with Mrs. James J. Kilroy for Lot 197, in Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at a price of \$208.00.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO INSPECTION DEPARTMENT FOR PRINTING AND MAILING GAS CODE.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, \$400.00 was authorized transferred from the Emergency Fund to the Inspection Department for printing and mailing expenses in connection with the adoption of the new Gas Code.

MAXIMUM PENALTY ON CITY PRIVILEGE LICENSE FIXED AT 25 PERCENT.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that 25% be fixed as the maximum penalty on City Privilege Licenses for the year 1953-54. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

J. D. CROUCH, WATER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, PLACED ON HALF-PAY SALARY SCHEDULE THROUGH JUNE 30, 1954.

Councilman Albea moved that Mr. J. D. Crouch, Employee of the Water Department, who is ill, be placed on half-pay salary schedule through June 30, 1954, as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY FILED.

Councilman Albea moved that the Annual Report of Mr. John D. Shaw, City Attorney, for the fiscal year 1953, which has been submitted to the City Clerk, be filed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF J. A. MAYO TO LIBRARY BOARD.

Mayor Van Every announced that he had today reappointed Mr. J. A. Mayo to the Library Board of Trustees for a period of four years.

ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY RECOMMENDED FOR WIDENING OF SARDIS ROAD, PROVIDENCE ROAD, PINEVILLE ROAD AND ROSWELL AVENUE.

Councilman Baxter stated that with the Planning Board approving the relocation of Sardis Road, he would like the City Manager to be authorized to look into the possibilities of acquiring the rights-of-way for the widening of Sardis Road and also on Providence Road, Pineville Road and Roswell Avenue, as the City will be obliged to pay for these rights-of-way even if the State does the paving. Mr. Yancey, City Manager advised he will be glad to do so, however property cannot be acquired for these rights-of-way without a survey, which brings up the question of finances.

Councilman Baxter also requested that some action be taken on his 14-point improvement program submitted to the Council sometime ago.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hayman
City Clerk