

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, June 16, 1954, at 11 o'clock a.m., with Mayor Van Every presiding, and Councilmen Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Smith and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilmen Albea and Boyd.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Mayor Philip L. Van Every.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on June 9, 1954, were approved as submitted.

CAROLINA SPASTICS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES REQUEST CONTRIBUTION OF \$190,000.00 FOR ADDITION TO HOSPITAL.

Mr. M. E. Pierson, President of the Carolina Spastics Association, together with members of the Board of Trustees, appeared before Council and requested the City to contribute \$190,000.00 for the construction of an addition to the Spastics Hospital. Mr. Pierson stated the construction of the Hospital filled a great service to the crippled children, and every day the Board receives requests to take care of additional children, which is impossible because of lack of space. He stated that a larger hospital will also be an asset to the hospitals who can release such children after operations at an earlier date when they can be cared for in the Spastics Hospital. He stated that the three pressing problems in Charlotte today are for (1) a Health Center, (2) Better hospital facilities for colored people and (3) larger facilities for Spastic Children, all of which would cost approximately \$4,000,000.00, and the amount needed for the Spastics Hospital addition is only a small portion of this sum.

Mayor Van Every stated that the Council will begin a study of the 1954-55 Budget tonight or tomorrow night, and the Council will give serious consideration to the problem presented by Mr. Pierson.

ACTION DEFERRED ONE WEEK ON REQUESTED APPROPRIATION FOR PURCHASE OF SPECIAL CHEMICALS FOR EXTERMINATION OF THE WHITE FRINGE BEETLE.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, recommended that an appropriation of \$100,000.00 be made for the purchase of special chemicals for use by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the extermination of the white fringe beetle in Mecklenburg County. Mr. H. V. Autry of the Department of Agriculture present and explained the possible destruction to crops by the beetle, and the possibility of a quarantine against the shipments of produce until their requirements are met. He stated that Mecklenburg County will appropriate a like amount for their program. Councilman Brown moved that the requested appropriation be made, which was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson.

Councilman Baxter offered a substitute motion that the request be put under consideration and action be deferred for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Baxter, Dellinger and Smith.

NAYS: Councilmen Brown and Wilkinson.

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CONTRACT AWARDED INTERSTATE EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR PORTABLE CRANE FOR WATER DEPARTMENT, AND AWARD PROTESTED BY N. C. EQUIPMENT COMPANY.

Mr. Harry Curtis, representing the North Carolina Equipment Company appeared before Council and advised he understands the Council is considering awarding the contract for the Portable Crane to a bidder other than his company, who is the low bidder. Mr. Curtis stated his Company met all the specifications in every sense of the word and that they are a local concern and can furnish parts and service at all times. That he feels when the City submits specifications and a Company meets them in every way and is the low bidder, then he is entitled to the business. That if his Company's bid is not accepted, he would like to have all bids rejected and new specifications submitted.

Councilman Brown moved that the contract be awarded to Interstate Equipment Company for the purchase of One Portable Crane, Insley Model K-12, mounted on crane carrier, Model C-1564, at a net delivered price of \$18,028.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

USED CRANE UNIT NO. 702 AUTHORIZED ADVERTISED FOR SALE.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, directing the City Manager to advertise for sale the Used Crane Unit No. 702.

PLAT OF VANDERBROOK SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, approving the Plat of Vanderbrook Subdivision, as recommended by the Planning Board.

CLAIM OF MRS. CHARLIE C. CLAUDE FOR INJURIES REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the claim of Mrs. Charlie C. Claude was referred to the City Attorney, in the amount of \$5,000.00 for personal injuries on April 29, 1954, alleged to have been caused by stepping into an open meter box in the 900 block of West 5th Street.

AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED WITH STATE HIGHWAY & PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS IN ARNOLD DRIVE AND MARKHAM COURT.

Councilman Brown moved that agreements be authorized with the State Highway & Public Works Commission for rights-of-way for the installation and maintenance of water mains in Arnold Drive and Markham Court. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT WITH ERVIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR WATER MAINS CONSTRUCTION IN MOCKINGBIRD LANE.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with Ervin Construction Company for the construction of 1,140-feet of water mains in Mockingbird Lane, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$1,710.00. All costs to be borne by the said company, who will dedicate the mains to the City upon their completion.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWER MAINS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the construction of new sanitary sewer mains was authorized as follows:

- (a) Replacement of 440-feet of sewer main in Selwyn Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$1,000.00. All costs to be borne by the City.

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- (b) Construction of 260-feet of sewer main in Edinburgh Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$540.00, to serve two vacant lots. All costs to be borne by the City, and the deposit of the full amount by Taylor Realty Company to be refunded in accordance with the terms of the contract.
- (c) Construction of 107-feet of sewer main in Carver Street, at an estimated cost of \$300.00, to serve six family units. All costs to be borne by the City.
- (d) Construction of 850-feet of sewer main in Wendover Hills, at an estimated cost of \$2,110.00, to serve two family units. All costs to be borne by the City, and the deposit of \$1,310.00, by Seth M. Snyder, to be refunded as per terms of the contract.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of driveway entrances at the following locations:

- (a) One 20-ft. driveway on Cecil Street for 1204 East 4th Street.
- (b) One 12-ft. driveway at 1710 Camden Street.
- (c) Present 8-ft. driveway to be extended 22-feet, making total 30-ft. driveway at 1417 Central Avenue.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Anzi O. Goodrich, for Graves #1 and #2 in Lot 115, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$52.00.
- (b) Deed with T. M. Barnhardt, Jr., for Lot 180, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$501.50.
- (c) Deed with Ney M. Garmon and wife, for Lot 216, in Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.
- (d) Deed with Hall Thomasson for Lot 212, Section U Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from Mrs. Sara K. Thomasson, at \$1.00 for transfer.

LEASE WITH U. S. POST OFFICE DEPT. FOR SPACE IN AIRPORT TERMINAL FOR AIRMAIL SERVICE.

Councilman Smith moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a lease with the U. S. Post Office Department for Room #125, containing 1,303 square feet, in the Terminal Building at Douglas Municipal Airport, for a period of ten years, together with supplemental agreement for the extension of said lease for a period of 10 additional years, for Airmail Service, at \$1.00 per square foot per annum, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

SALE OF AIRPORT BUILDING NO. 326 TO EASTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the sale of Airport Building No. 326 to the Eastway Baptist Church at their bid price of \$100.00 was approved.

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CHANGE ORDERS AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACTS WITH P. C. GODFREY, INC. AND THOMPSON & STREET COMPANY FOR AUDITORIUM-COLISEUM PROJECT.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, approving the following Change Orders to contracts for the Auditorium-Coliseum Project:

- (1) Change Order No. 1 to Plumbing Contract with P. C. Godfrey, Inc., for the relocation of 48 downspouts, in the sum of \$292.00.
- (2) Change Order No. 1 to General Construction Contract with Thompson & Street Company for a schedule of seventeen items, in the amount of \$1,780.44.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY AUTHORIZED TO CONSTRUCT SIDETRACK-CROSSING ON OLD DOWD ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET SOUTH OF PRESENT CROSSING, TO SERVE REALTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

Councilman Brown moved that the Southern Railway Company be authorized to construct a sidetrack-crossing on Old Dowd Road, approximately 400 feet south of the present crossing, to serve Realty Development Company, subject to the approval of the City Manager, City Attorney and City Engineer; said railway crossing having been approved by the State Highway and Public Works Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.



City Clerk