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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, April 2, 1946, with Mayor pro tem Childs presiding, and Councilmen Hinson, Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White present.

Absent: Mayor Baxter.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend John R. Hamilton, Pastor of Kilgo Methodist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Puette, the minutes of the meeting on March 26, 1946 were approved as read.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND ON NORTH SEIGLE STREET REFERRED TO APPRAISAL COMMITTEE.

Dr. Addison Brenizer requested that the City sell to the Seigle Street Presbyterian Church, located at 832 North Seigle Street, a strip of land adjacent to the church property. The request was referred to the Appraisal Committee for investigation and recommendation.

INVITATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF HOWARD HUGHES POST OF AMERICAN LEGION.

Mr. Harry Joyner extended an invitation to the Council to attend the Charter Night Meeting of the newly organized American Legion Post, composed of municipal employees, on Thursday evening, April 4th. He stated the Post was named in memory of Howard Hughes, the only municipal employee to lose his life in World War II; and, that a Proclamation had been issued by the Mayor pro tem designating April 4th as Howard Hughes Day and decreeing that the flags on all municipal buildings be flown at half-mast on that date.

Mayor pro tem Childs expressed appreciation for the invitation and accepted it on behalf of the Council.

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY CONFIRMED.

Councilman Newson advised that the following tax foreclosed property was sold at public auction on March 18, 1946 and the Appraisal Committee recommended that the sales be confirmed:

2114-20 Hutchinson Avenue, high bidder, The Dixon Company, at	\$1,916.25
2220-30 Hutchinson Avenue, high bidder, Ira B. Turner, at	3,255.00
2301-15 Hutchinson Avenue, high bidder, McCoy Moretz, Agent, at	5,700.00
Lots 9 and 10 Mason Circle (Grove Circle), high bidder C. P. Helms	310.00
1213-15 Parkwood Avenue, high bidder, Mrs. M. A. McCall, at	756.00
1516-18 Siegle Avenue, high bidder, Mrs. J. W. Barrett, Jr., at	562.00
204-06 State Street, high bidder, C. K. Callahan, at	460.00
212-14 State Street, high bidder, M. L. Watts, Jr., at	565.00
220-22 State Street, high bidder, C. K. Callahan, at	575.00
1629 Union Street, high bidder, T. L. Conder, at	445.00
1629-31 Wilkinson Street, high bidder, R. D. Moser, at	330.00

Motion was made by Councilman Newson that title to the property be transferred to the high bidders. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

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APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Motion was made by Councilman Puette that the entire Council serve as the Budget Committee. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

MATTER OF INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND COVERAGE ON AIRPORT REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER AND TREASURER.

Mr. Ledbetter, City Treasurer, reported concerning additional premiums on liability insurance carried by the City and insurance coverage on Airport property when property is transferred back to the city by the Federal Government. Councilman Newson moved that the matter be referred to the City Manager and City Treasurer with power to act. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

PAYMENT OF OVER-RUN AND SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT WITH BLYTHE BROS COMPANY FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman White moved that payment of over-run amounting to \$1,739.03 be authorized on contract with Blythe Bros. Company for sidewalk improvements on Cumberland Avenue, Clayton Drive, Mecklenburg Avenue and Wilmore Drive East, and a supplemental contract be entered into with Blythe Bros. Company for such items as the City Attorney deems necessary, as recommended by the City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR EXPANSION AND MAINTENANCE OF AIRPORT REFERRED TO THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY FOR ONE WEEK.

The City Manager presented a letter from Mr. John C. Erwin, Chairman, Airport Commission, requesting an appropriation of \$10,000.00 for expansion and maintenance of facilities at the Airport. The City Manager recommended that the request be referred to the Budget Committee.

Motion was made by Councilman McIntyre, seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried, that the matter be referred to the City Manager and City Attorney for one week to ascertain if funds were available for this purpose.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS AUTHORIZED FROM STREET MAINTENANCE FUND TO POLICE SALARIES AND POLICE COURT SALARY INCREASE.

Councilman Hinson moved that the transfer of \$12,670.00 be authorized from the Street Maintenance Fund (513 B-23) to Police Salaries (401 A-8) in the amount of \$12,555.00 and to Police Court Salary Increase in the amount of \$115.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

NORTH POPLAR STREET PROPERTY AUTHORIZED ADVERTISED FOR SALE.

Councilman Newson stated that several weeks ago the Appraisal Committee was requested to investigate the matter of disposing of the property at 111-117 North Poplar Street; that the Committee recommends that the property be advertised for sale at public auction and bids be accepted; he moved the adoption of the recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette.

Councilman White moved to amend the motion - that action on the proposed sale of the property be deferred for one month. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson.

Motion as amended lost, with the following vote recorded:

AYE: Councilmen Childs, Hinson and White.

NAY: Councilmen Johnston, McIntyre, Newson and Puette.

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The main motion to advertise the property for sale at public auction and accept bids thereon carried, with the following vote recorded:

AYE: Councilmen Johnston, McIntyre, Newson and Puette.  
NAY: Councilmen Childs, Hinson and White.

ENCROACHMENT RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED WITH STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR WATER MAIN IN MIDLAND AVENUE.

Councilman White moved that an Agreement be entered into with the State Highway Department for encroachment over their right-of-way in the construction of a 2-inch water main in Midland Avenue. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

ENCROACHMENT RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED WITH STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION ON MONROE ROAD.

Councilman McIntyre moved that an Agreement be entered into with the State Highway Department for encroachment over their right-of-way in the construction of a 2-inch water main in Monroe Road. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS FOR WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED WITH S.A. LESLIE, Q. M. RHODES AND J. H. CUTTER & COMPANY, INC.

Motion was made by Councilman Johnston that contracts be authorized for the construction of water mains to be financed by the city on a guaranteed minimum revenue of 10% of cost, with S.A. Leslie, in Rose Street, at an estimated cost of \$673.00; with Q. M. Rhodes, in Sunset Drive, at an estimated cost of \$488.00, and with J. H. Cutter & Company, Inc., in Princeton Avenue and Dickinson Place, at an estimated cost of \$1,145.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

GARDNER AVENUE TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

Councilman White moved that Gardner Avenue from Chamberlain Avenue to Spurrier Avenue be taken over for maintenance by the city. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES AUTHORIZED.

Councilman White moved that the following contracts and purchases be authorized, and funds appropriated if necessary. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried:

- a. Purchase from Bill Shaw Company of one steel File Cabinet at \$67.72 for the City Clerk's office, and appropriation of said amount from the Emergency Fund.
- b. Contract with The News Publishing Company for advertising Bond Ordinances and Notice of Special Election, in the amount of \$298.70.
- c. Contract with North Carolina Equipment Company for parts for Elgin Sweeper, in the amount of \$491.70.
- d. Contract with North Carolina Equipment Company for parts for Elgin Sweeper, in the amount of \$757.18.
- e. Contract with Concrete Supply Company for 8 cars of crushed stone, at an estimated total delivered price of \$910.25.
- f. Contract with Badger Meter Manufacturing Company for 90 5/8 inch water meters, at a net delivered price of \$930.00.

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- g. Purchase of Typewriter for Health Department from Royal Typewriter Company, Inc., at a net delivered price of \$102.06.
- h. Contract with Belk Bros. Company for 200 mattress covers for City Jail, in the amount of \$396.00.
- i. Contract with Cathey Lumber Company for 3003 feet of terracotta pipe at 31 cents per foot, at a net delivered price of \$930.93.
- j. Contract with Carolina Concrete Pipe Company for 663 feet of concrete pipe, for sewer construction, at a net delivered price of \$364.65.
- k. Purchase of couplings from Mueller Company, in the amount of \$159.86, for the water department.

VOTE OF APPRECIATION GIVEN TO TAXPAYERS FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE.

Councilman Newson moved that a unanimous vote of appreciation be given the Taxpayers Fact-Finding Committee, composed of Messrs. J. P. Hobson, Stanley Black, J. Murrey Atkins, Carl G. McCraw and J. F. Watlington, Jr., for their fine work in the preparation of the financial fact-finding statement relative to the tax rate in the proposed bond issues. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

DEBRIS ON ORR STREET PROPERTY ORDERED REMOVED AND PRACTICE STOPPED.

Mr. H. B. Campbell, Attorney, advised that his client wished to further develop his property on Orr Street, and requested the city to clear away the debris that has been scattered on the property from the City's Garage adjoining Orr Street, and to stop the practice of dumping debris thereon.

The Mayor pro tem referred the matter to the City Manager for proper handling to clear up the matter.

RECOMMENDATION THAT ESTIMATED TAX RATE FOR 1946-47 BE MADE PUBLIC.

Councilman McIntyre recommended that the City Manager and City Accountant compile a statement (similar to that prepared by the Taxpayers Fact-Finding Committee in connection with the proposed bond issues), showing the probable tax rate for 1946-47, and make it public for the benefit of those citizens who desire to know if there will be any change in the tax rate.

No action was taken on the recommendation.

DEEDS FOR CEMETERY LOT SALES AUTHORIZED EXECUTED.

Councilman Hinson moved that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute deeds for the sale of the following cemetery lots, and perpetual care thereon. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried:

Guy G. Reid and wife, Beatrice N. Reid, Lot 46, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, \$180.00.

Perpetual Care on above lot, \$100.00

M. H. Courtney and wife, Lina L. Courtney, Lots 85 and 86, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, \$236.25.

Perpetual Care on above lot, \$131.25.

Mrs. Frances Mahaley, Lot 360, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, \$48.30.

Transfer of Lot 179, north half, Section U, from Mr. and Mrs. John C. Shepherd to P. F. Dawson.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

*Lillian R. Huffman*  
City Clerk