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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, April 26, 1944, at 4 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Painter and Price being present.

Absent: Councilmen Hovis, Slye and Ward.

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BRIEF REQUESTING ADDITIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND RESOLUTION ENDORSING SAME SUBMITTED BY PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mr. Coleman W. Roberts, Chairman of the Planning Committee of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, presented a Brief requesting additional air transportation services for Charlotte, to be filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board, Washington. Mr. Roy Palmer, President, Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, stated the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce had, by resolution, today approved the Brief. Mr. Roberts submitted to Council the following resolution which he requested be adopted in approval of the Brief by Council:

WHEREAS, the community of interest between Charlotte and

Asheville, N.C.	Roanoke, Va.	Charlotte, N.C.
Knoxville, Tenn.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Roanoke, Va.
Cincinnati, Ohio		Charleston, W.Va.
Chicago, Ill.		Columbus, Ohio
		Toledo, Ohio
Raleigh, N. C.	Richmond, Va.	Detroit, Michigan
Norfolk, Va.	Washington, D.C.	
	Baltimore, Md.	
	New York, N. Y.	
Columbia, S. C.	Greenville, S. C.	
Savannah, Ga.	Atlanta, Ga.	
Jacksonville, Fla.		
Miami, Fla.		

makes it urgent that new and additional air transportation service be established between Charlotte and the foregoing points; and,

WHEREAS, the welfare and business interest of the people of the State of North Carolina is greatly in need of frequent feeder service consisting of a loop with two reverse daily trips, including

Charlotte  
to  
New Bern  
to  
Wilmington  
to  
Fayetteville  
to  
Charlotte  
to  
Asheville  
to  
Charlotte (and reverse)

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of Charlotte, N. C., in regular session assembled this 26th day of April 1944:

(1) That we fully endorse the proposals for new and additional air transportation service as outlined in the Brief prepared by the

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the Planning Committee of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, and dated April 21, 1944.

(2) That the Civil Aeronautics Board be urged to give favorable consideration to our request and grant Certificates of Necessity and Convenience to Air Lines that can provide these services without delay, and order those to whom Certificates are granted to establish these services immediately.

Councilman Albea moved the adoption of the resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Price.

Councilman Baker offered a substitute motion that action on the resolution be deferred until next week. Motion seconded by Councilman Cope and carried unanimously.

Mayor Baxter stated the Planning Committee and the Chamber of Commerce had taken a forward step in the preparation and approval of this fine Brief and he wished to express his appreciation to them.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RESCINDING ACTION ON FEBRUARY 9, 1944 DESIGNATING AN AREA AS "HARGROVE PLACE."

Mr. Hunter Jones, representing the Southern Railway System, presented the following resolution and requested it's adoption:

WHEREAS, on February 9, 1944, the City Council adopted a motion appearing in Minute Book 10, page 448, and reading as follows:

"At the suggestion of Mayor Baxter, Councilman Albea moved that the street running south from West Trade Street to West Fourth Street, between South Graham Street and Southern Railway Tracks, be named 'Hargrove Place' in honor of Sergeant Marion Hargrove of Charlotte. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard and unanimously carried"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant thereto, the City Engineer caused to be erected at the intersection of West Trade Street and the area designated in said motion as "Hargrove Place", a standard street sign containing the words, "Hargrove Place"; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that said area so designated as "Hargrove Place" is not a public street, but is private property of the Southern Railway Company, used by it and its customers as a driveway:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the motion appearing in Minute Book 10, page 448, and quoted above be, and the same is hereby rescinded, and the City Engineer is instructed to cause the said street sign designating the area in question as "Hargrove Place" to be forthwith removed.

Councilman Price moved that the resolution be adopted rescinding the action on February 9, 1944. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH GENERAL TRUCK COMPANY, INC. FOR TRUCK.

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Painter, contract was awarded the General Truck Company, Inc., for the purchase of a Used 1 1/2 Ton G.M.C. Truck, at a net delivered price of \$980.00 for use by the Health Department in the Mosquito Control work.

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APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR STRUCTURAL STEEL AND HARDWARE FOR STONEWALL STREET BRIDGE.

Councilman Albea moved that a contract be awarded the low bidder, Southern Engineering Company, to furnish the structural steel fabricated and delivered to the Stonewall Street Bridge site in sections, together with the required hardware, at a net delivered price of \$1,188.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard and carried, the vote being recorded as follows: YEA: Councilmen Albea, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Price and Painter. Councilman Atkins was recorded as not voting.

PURCHASE OF DESK FROM BILL SHAW COMPANY AND APPROPRIATION FROM EMERGENCY FUND.

Councilman Albea moved that the purchase of an office desk be authorized from Bill Shaw Company at \$58.25, and funds to pay for same be appropriated from the Emergency Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN WAGE SCALE FOR COMMON LABOR AND APPROPRIATION FROM EMERGENCY FUNDS TO COVER.

The City Manager outlined suggested increases in the wage scale for common labor by departments, effective May 1, 1944 to July 1, 1944, and stated sufficient appropriation was available for the increases provided the Council appropriated \$320.00 from the General Emergency Fund to take care of increases per month in the Sanitary Division \$120.00, Street Cleaning Division \$100.00 and Municipal Buildings Division \$100.00; and \$320.00 from the Water Emergency Fund to cover increases per month in the Sewer Maintenance Division \$60.00, Sewer Cleaning Division \$120.00 and System Distribution Maintenance Division \$140.00. Councilman Albea moved that the increases as outlined be authorized and funds be appropriated from the two Emergency Funds as requested. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and unanimously carried.

REQUEST THAT TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTY BE LISTED FOR SALE AND BIDS RECEIVED.

Councilman Baker stated he felt some action should be taken towards listing property acquired by tax foreclosures so as to make it available for sale to private individuals. He suggested that all such property be listed in the office of the Collector of Revenue and bids be received from persons wishing to purchase such property. Also, that such listing be given the Charlotte Real Estate Board. The Mayor requested the City Manager to work out the details of such a plan and present it at the next session of Council.

JOINT MEETING OF CITY AND COUNTY TO CONSIDER JOINT ACCOUNTS SET FOR MAY 1st.

The City Manager stated the Chairman of the Board of Mecklenburg County Commissioners was requesting that a Joint Meeting of the City Council and County Commissioners be held to consider joint budget appropriations for the coming year. The time was set for Monday, May 1st, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., in the City Council Chamber.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT RENEWED.

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Albea, the Special Officer Permit held by J. A. Busby was renewed for one year for use on the premises of A & P Tea Company.

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CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER AND ISSUANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Bullard, the following Cemetery Deeds were approved for transfer and perpetual care deeds to be issued:

- Mrs. H. M. Hirst, South Half Lot No. 113, Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, \$70.00.  
Perpetual Care Deed on above lot, \$60.00.
- Mrs. Marguerite B. Holmes, North Half Lot No. 111, in Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, \$70.00.  
Perpetual Care Deed on above lot, \$60.00.
- Wm. T. Harding, Jr. and Wife, Lot No. 114, in Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, \$140.00.  
Perpetual Care Deed on above lot, \$120.00.
- Mrs. Mary Lance Van Every, South half of Lots No. 97 and 104, in Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, \$140.00.  
Perpetual Care Deed on above lots, \$120.00.
- Perpetual Care Deed on Lot No. 9, in Section "E", Elmwood Cemetery, to George H. King, at \$144.00.
- Perpetual Care Deed to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Deal, on South Half Lot No 7, in Section "Q", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$50.00.
- Perpetual Care Deed to Mrs. Belle C. Albright, on Lot No. 26, in Section "C", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$144.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the meeting was adjourned.

*Lillian R. Steppan*  
City Clerk