

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, April 7, 1948, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, Lambeth, and White present.

Absent: Councilman McKee.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Lambeth, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on March 31st, were approved as submitted.

REQUEST THAT AUTO THEFT BUREAU BE ESTABLISHED REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER AND CHIEF OF POLICE.

Mr. Pryde Basinger, President of the Stock Insurance Field Club, made an appeal for the establishment of an Auto Theft Bureau in the Charlotte Police Department, in order to curb car thefts. He stated that 1,504 cars had been stolen in Charlotte since January 1, 1944. He advised that if such Bureau was approved by Council, a trained man would be furnished by them, without cost to the City, to assist in its establishment, and the full cooperation of the National Theft Bureau and its offices in Atlanta and Raleigh was assured.

Councilman DeLaney moved that the proposal be referred to the City Manager and the Chief of Police. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS MADE TO SPANISH AMERICAN WAR VETERANS.

Councilman Childs moved that \$150.00 be allocated from the Emergency Fund for the benefit of the Spanish American War Veterans. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION GRANTING AMERICAN WAR DADS PERMISSION TO BEAUTIFY PLANTING STRIPS AS MEMORIAL TO THE LATE CLARENCE O. KUESTER.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Granting American War Dads Permission to Beautify Certain Planting Strips as a Memorial to the Late Clarence O. Kuester" was presented, and upon motion of Councilman Lambeth, seconded by Councilman Childs, was unanimously adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 105.

LEASE WITH CHARLOTTE LIFE SAVING AND FIRST AID CREW, INC., FOR LAND ON WEST SIXTH STREET FOR ERECTION OF BUILDING.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, authorizing the lease of a tract of land on West Sixth Street to the Charlotte Life Saving and First Aid Crew, Inc., for the erection of a building to be used as Crew Headquarters, for a period of ten years, at \$1.00 per annum.

ORDINANCE REASSESSING PAVING ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTY ABUTTING ON CUMBERLAND AVENUE.

An ordinance entitled, "Ordinance Reassessing Paving Assessments on Property Abutting on Cumberland Avenue" was introduced. Councilman Albea moved the passage of the ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 9, at Page 485.

PAYMENTS FOR RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR WATER LINE TO HOSKINS RESERVOIR.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman DeLaney, and unanimously carried, payments for rights-of-way for the water line to Hoskins Reservoir, as stipulated in the agreements, were authorized as follows:

- \$150.00 to Robert B. Elliott, Jr. et al.
- \$100.00 to G. E. Cooper and Etta A. Cooper.
- \$100.00 to C. A. Christenbury and Hazel Christenbury.
- \$206.00 to Lewis E. McGinn.
- \$696.75 to John H. Shell and wife, Thelma H. Shell.
- \$200.00 to H. W. Puckett and Deazree L. Puckett.
- \$650.00 to W. E. Hipp.

NANDINA STREET, FROM MCCLINTOCK ROAD TO CENTRAL AVENUE, TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the taking over of Nandina Street, from McClintock Road to Central Avenue, for city maintenance.

NOTICE OF CLAIM OF FRANK H. KENNEDY FOR DAMAGES TO AUTOMOBILE.

Report was made by the City Manager that notice of claim of Frank H. Kennedy, Attorney, in the amount not to exceed \$200.00, had been received, for damages to his car on March 23, 1948, while being driven on Avondale Avenue, alleged to have been caused by being struck by City Sanitary Truck No. 66.

CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES.

Upon motion of Councilman Lambeth, seconded by Councilman DeLaney, and unanimously carried, the following contracts for purchases, and the allocation of funds therefor, if necessary, were authorized:

- (a) Contract with Darling Motors, Inc., Charlotte, for One REO Chassis and Cab, at a net price of \$2,725.87, delivered to E. D. Etnyer Corp., Orange, Ill., for installing thereon the new asphalt distributor, and delivery of the complete unit to the City of Charlotte.
- (b) Contract with E. L. Mason, for one year's output of surplus digested sludge, approximately 1,600 cubic yards, f.o.b. Sugaw Creek Treatment Plant, at .86¢ per yard, or a total price of \$1,376.00.
- (c) Contract with Pettit Motor Company, for one 1948 Ford Tudor Car, at \$1,345.94, for the Police Department.
- (d) Contract with The Barrett Division, Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation, for 60 tons of Cold Patch Mix, at a price of \$630.60, for the Street Department.
- (e) Contract with Dresser Manufacturing Division, Dresser Industries, Inc., the low bidder on a firm quotation, for 25, 6-inch and 12, 8-inch cast iron Couplings, complete, at a price of \$390.56, f.o.b. Bradford, Pa., for the Water Department.
- (f) Contract with Martin's Department Store, for 316 trousers, 5 Chiefs coats, 4 vests and 158 caps for the Fire Department, at a net delivered price of \$4,452.85.
- (g) Contract with Belk Bros. Company, for 948 shirts for the Fire Department, at a net delivered price of \$2,370.00,
- (h) Contract with Charlotte Mercantile Company, for 125 Patrolmen caps, 9 Officers caps, 250 Patrolmen trousers and 18 Officers trousers, for the Police Department, at a net delivered price of \$3,820.45.

- (i) Contract with Efir's Department Store, for 750 Patrolmen shirts and 54 Officers shirts, for the Police Department, at a net delivered price of \$2,773.80.

CONTRACT WITH D. L. PHILLIPS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS IN SCOTLAND HILLS SUBDIVISION.

Motion was made by Councilman DeLaney, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing contract with Dwight L. Phillips for the construction of water mains in Scotland Hills Subdivision, to serve 158 lots, at an estimated cost of \$24,800.00; the applicant to pay all costs, and the City to maintain and operate the mains for the revenue produced.

LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDING NO. 348 TO COMMERCIAL LAUNDRY.

The City Manager reported that lease had been concluded with the Commercial Laundry, for the rental of Airport Building No. 348, for a period of 5 years from April 1, 1948.

DEED TO OPTIMIST PARK ACCEPTED FROM CHARLOTTE OPTIMIST CLUB.

Mr. Robert Hovis, representing the Charlotte Optimist Club, advised that the Club wished to turn over to the City a deed to Optimist Park, located on East 19th Street, which was developed by the Club. The deed to the property was presented to Mayor Baxter for the City by Mr. Arthur Whitehurst, President of the Optimist Club.

Upon motion of Councilman DeLaney, seconded by Councilman White, the following resolution authorizing acceptance of said deed was presented for consideration with the unanimous consent of Council:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DEED
OF OPTIMIST PARK, INC., TO PROPERTY AT
NOS. 400-30 and NOS. 401-31 EAST 19th STREET
AND AT NOS. 400-30 EAST 20th STREET IN
EXTINGUISHMENT OF TAX LIENS.

Whereas, Optimist Park, Incorporated, is the owner of Lots 9-16, inclusive, in Block 7 as shown on map of Phifers which is recorded in Book 209, page 458, of the Registry for Mecklenburg County, located at Nos. 400-30 East 19th Street, Lots 1-8, inclusive, in Block 8 as shown on said map, located at Nos. 401-31 East 19th Street, and Lots 9-16, inclusive, in Block 8 as shown on said map, free and clear of liens and encumbrances except city taxes for the years 1928 through 1947, amounting, principal and interest, to \$2,515.93, and county taxes for said years, amounting, principal and interest, to \$1,379.54; and whereas, the said Optimist Park, Incorporated, pursuant to the provisions of Section 52 of the Charter of the City of Charlotte, has proposed to execute and deliver its deed conveying all of said lots to said City, subject to the lien of county taxes, in extinguishment of all liens of said City against said lots; and whereas, said lots are assessed for taxation at a valuation of \$7,770.00 and the improvements thereon at a valuation of \$2,000.00, making a total of \$9,770.00; and whereas, the fair market value of said lots and the improvements thereon is in excess of the aggregate amount of unpaid city and county taxes.

RESOLVED, THEREFORE, that the City of Charlotte accept the proposed deed of Optimist Park, Incorporated, in extinguishment of all liens of the City against said lots, and that the City Accountant and City Treasurer be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to issue a check in payment of the unpaid city taxes for the years 1928 through 1947.

Councilman White moved the adoption of the resolution as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Baxter expressed his appreciation to the Optimist Club for the gift of the Park to the city, and extended his congratulations to them for their fine work in its development.

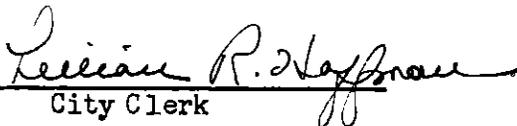
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SEABOARD AIRLINE RAILWAY ADVISES WILL CONTRIBUTE TO CONSTRUCTION OF UNDERPASS IN THE EXTENSION OF HAWTHORNE LANE.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, advised that Mr. W. D. Simpson, Chief Engineer for the Seaboard Airline Railway had telephoned him during the Council Meeting that the Railway Company would contribute \$20,000 towards the construction of an underpass at their track for the extension of Hawthorne Lane, as requested by the City; also, that, in accordance with their agreement, the City would be expected to share in the cost of widening the underpass, on the same pro rata basis, if and when the Railway Company should decide to do so.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.


City Clerk