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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, August 16, 1944 with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Atkins, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen ~~Alber~~, Baker, Bullard, Slye and Ward.

CONTRACT FOR CRUSHED STONE AWARDED CALDWELL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

Councilman Daughtry moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Caldwell Construction Company, for an estimated quantity of 2,100 tons of No. 7 and 1,500 tons of No. 9 Crushed Stone, at an estimated delivered price of \$7,635.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT FOR TAR AWARDED CROWLEY TAR PRODUCTS COMPANY.

Councilman Hovis moved that contract be awarded the Crowley Tar Products Company for an estimated quantity of 60,000 gallons of tar at \$5,142.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF STAMPS FOR TAX DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, duly seconded by Councilman Daughtry, authorization was unanimously given to purchase stamps from the Charlotte Post Office in the amount of \$510.00 for use in mailing out tax notices.

PURCHASE OF POSTAL CARDS FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, authorization was unanimously given for the purchase of 50,000 Postal Cards from the Charlotte Post Office in the sum of \$500.00, on which "Notice of Water Account Due" is to be printed.

PURCHASE OF PARTS FOR ELGIN SWEEPER FROM NORTH CAROLINA EQUIPMENT COMPANY.

Councilman Atkins moved that repair parts for the Elgin Sweeper be purchased from the North Carolina Equipment Company, at a net delivered price of \$164.92. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF CHAIRS FROM UNIVERSAL SCHOOL EQUIPMENT COMPANY, FOR FIRE DEPT.

Councilman Ward moved that 36 Chairs be purchased from the Universal School Equipment Company at a net delivered price of \$127.08, for use by the Fire Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis, and unanimously carried.

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 621 LEXINGTON AVENUE TO R. JACK SKINNER.

Upon the recommendation of the City Manager and City Treasurer, Councilman Ward moved that tax foreclosed property at 621 Lexington Avenue be sold to R. Jack Skinner upon reimbursement to the City for City and County Taxes, street assessments, and payment of equivalent of 1944 City Taxes, and that 120 days be given for the completion of the purchase; that \$30.00 per month rental be charged during this period, same to apply on the purchase price. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis and unanimously carried.

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY AT SOUTH COLLEGE AND HILL STREETS.

Councilman Daughtry moved that tax foreclosed property at the northwest corner of South College and East Hill Street be appraised, the cost of same to be charged to the Emergency Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins, and unanimously carried.

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APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY AT 1713-19 WEST FOURTH STREET.

Councilman Hovis moved that tax foreclosed property at 1713-1719 West Fourth Street be appraised, the cost of same to be charged to the Emergency Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins, and unanimously carried.

SALE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY - TWO LOTS AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF SPRING AND PHARR STREETS.

Councilman Hovis moved that deed in connection with the sale of school property, located at northeast corner of Spring and Pharr Streets be drawn up and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to sign same, and the City Attorneys be instructed to advise as to what funds should be credited with this money. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT WITH M. LEE HEATH AND D. MORGAN HEATH FOR EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN IN EASTWAY DRIVE.

Councilman Atkins moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a contract with M. Lee Heath and D. Morgan Heath for the extension of a 2-inch water main in Eastway Drive. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis and unanimously carried.

EXPENSES OF CITY ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR TO INSTITUTE FOR ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS AUTHORIZED FROM EMERGENCY FUND.

Councilman Ward moved that \$25.50 be paid from the Emergency Fund to cover expenses of P. F. McGuirt, City Electrical Inspector, to the Institute of Electrical Inspectors in Raleigh on July 11 and 12, 1944. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF STATE CONTRACT WITH BLYTHE BROS. COMPANY FOR CERTAIN PAVING.

Councilman Hovis moved that the City of Charlotte hereby requests that the State Highway & Public Works Commission extend its present contract with Blythe Bros. Company for the laying of sheet asphalt pavement to cover certain streets within the City of Charlotte; the City of Charlotte accepts full responsibility for paying for this work at the same rate as that accepted by the State, provided the total thereof does not exceed \$25,000.00; the Council authorizes and directs its officials to do all things legally required to make effective this motion. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

CONFIRMATION OF SALE OF HOUSE ON WILMOUNT ROAD.

Councilman Daughtry moved that the sale of lot and four-room house on Wilmount Road to M. L. Eudy, at \$2,050.00 on July 17, 1944 be confirmed, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the deed. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis, and unanimously carried.

AUTHORITY GIVEN TO NEGOTIATE FOR SALE OF LOTS LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF BREVARD & MOREHEAD STREET, AND LIBERTY & BREVARD STREETS.

Councilman Ward moved that the City negotiate with owners to ascertain at what price they would sell lots at northwest corner of Brevard and Morehead Streets, and Liberty and Brevard Streets, land to be needed in connection with the street widening program. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO EMPLOYING R. C. DOCKERY TO EXAMINE TITLES TO SIX TRACTS OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A NEW CEMETERY ON ALBEMARLE RD.

Councilman Daughtry moved the adoption of the following resolution, motion seconded by Councilman Hovis, and unanimously carried:

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WHEREAS, the City proposes to establish a new cemetery on Albemarle Road and, to this end, has procured options to purchase six contiguous tracts of land; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to exercise said options and to purchase said property, but before completing said sales desires to have an examination made of the public records in order to determine whether or not the deeds will convey a valid fee simple title; and

WHEREAS, the said H. C. Dockery of the Charlotte Bar, has offered to make the examination of the said six tracts of land for the sum of One Hundred and Seventy-Five (\$175.00) Dollars,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that H. C. Dockery be, and he hereby is, employed to examine the titles to the said six tracts of land for the sum of One Hundred and Seventy-Five (\$175.00) Dollars.

HOLIDAY GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1944 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.

Councilman Ward moved that a holiday be granted to all City Employees who could conveniently be away from their duties on Monday, September 4, 1944, in observance of Labor Day. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

JUDGE REDD COMPLIMENTED ON FINE WORK WITH DOMESTIC RELATIONS & JUVENILE DETENTION COURT.

Mayor Baxter stated he had received copies of a number of letters from citizens and organizations complimenting Mr. F. Marion Redd upon the fine work he is doing as Judge of the Domestic Relations & Juvenile Detention Court and that he, too, wanted to express his appreciation for the splendid job the Judge was doing. Whereupon, Councilman Daughtry moved that the Council go on record as complimenting Judge Redd. Councilman Ward moved that he would like to amend the motion to include an expression of appreciation to all Departmental Heads of the City for their fine work. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis and unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Councilman Hovis moved that the following deeds to cemetery lots be approved for transfer. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward, and unanimously carried:

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moffett, North Half Lot No. 110, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, \$70.00.
Perpetual Care on above lot. \$60.00.
E. E. Weikel, Lot No. 46, Section Z, Elmwood Cemetery, \$31.50.
R. A. Blocker, Jr. Lot No. 349, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, \$49.00.
R. C. Hartley and wife, Frances W. Hartley, South Half Lot No. 91, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, \$70.00.
Perpetual Care on above Hartley lot, \$60.00.
Caldwell P. Johnston, Lot No. 115, in Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, \$140.00.
Perpetual Care on above Johnston lot, \$120.00.
Mrs. Sophia G. Wyant, South Part Lot No. 54, Section A-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, \$37.45.
Perpetual Care on above Wyant lot, \$26.75.
Transfer from J. M. Harry & Bryant Co. to W.E. Boone, Lot No. 9, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$1.00.
Estate of Mrs. Celeste Wilder Blake, S.W. 1/4 and East 1/2 of Lot No. 15, in Section F, Elmwood Cemetery, \$1.00.
Transfer from Estate of Mrs. Celeste Wilder Blake, to Frank Hovis, Northwest 1/4 of Lot No. 15, in Section F, Elmwood Cemetery, \$1.00.
Deeds of Sam Hall, West Half Lot No. 6, Section 2nd "C", Elmwood Cemetery, 1.00 for Duplicate Deed.
Perpetual Care for Thad L. Take, Adm. Estate of Geo. L. Wright Lot Fraction 22, in Section F, Pinewood Cemetery.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Painter, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoopes City Clerk