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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 2, 1944, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Price, and Painter being present.

Absent: Councilmen Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Slye and Ward.

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MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Hovis, the minutes of the last meeting, on July 19th, were approved as read.

REQUEST DENIED THAT POOL ROOM ORDINANCE BE AMENDED TO REDUCE AGE LIMIT OF PARTICIPANTS FROM 21 YEARS TO 18 YEARS.

Mr. Henry Dockery, Attorney, addressed the Council and stated he had been requested by the Manager of Rex Recreation Hall to ask that the Pool Room Ordinance be amended to reduce the age limit of those permitted to play pool from 21 years to 18 years. He stated he had talked with Chief Anderson regarding the matter, and that he was in agreement with the change due to the large number of men in the Armed Forces under 21 years of age. Councilman Daughtry moved that the Ordinance be amended for the duration of the War, to reduce the age limit from 21 years to 18 years for men in uniform only. Motion seconded by Councilman Price. Motion lost.

REPORT OF ORIGIN-DESTINATION TRAFFIC SURVEY OF CHARLOTTE PRESENTED BY CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager presented to the Mayor and Council a report on Origin-Destination Traffic Survey of Charlotte, prepared by Mr. J. S. Burch. He stated that Mr. Louis Peck, Division Engineer, on behalf of Mr. Charles Cannon, State Highway Director, had requested a meeting of City Officials and other interested persons to consider the report. August 23rd, at 3:00 o'clock P. M. in the Mayor's office was suggested as a tentative time and place for the meeting. The City Manager suggested that the Mayor, as Chairman of the City's Post War Planning Commission, arrange for the details and personnel who should participate in the conference.

IMPROVEMENTS TO MINT-MUSEUM OF ART AUTHORIZED.

The City Manager stated a number of improvements were needed at the Mint-Museum of Art and recommended that funds be made available for same. Councilman Albea moved that \$1,500.00 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund for improvements at the Mint-Museum of Art. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT WITH CHAPMAN VALVE COMPANY FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES.

Councilman Hovis moved that contract with Chapman Valve Company be authorized covering engineering services at the Catawba Pumping Station during June 1944 in the sum of \$212.53, same to be charged to the Emergency Water Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT WITH MR. GENE WILLIAMS FOR USED TRUCK.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be entered into with Mr. Gene Williams, 1226 West Morehead Street, Charlotte, for the purchase of a 1½ Ton Dump Body Diamond T Truck for use by the Street Department, in the amount of \$905.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

PAYMENT OF PRISONERS' MEALS TO PURITY CAFE.

Councilman Albea moved that \$118.60 be paid to the Purity Cafe for prisoners meals from July 16th through 31st, 1944. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

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**CONTRACT WITH CALDWELL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CRUSHED STONE.**

Councilman Hovis moved that contract be authorized with Caldwell Construction Company for approximately 440 tons of No. 7 Crushed Stone, at \$2.10 per ton, estimated total delivered price at \$924.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

**PAYMENT FOR PUBLICATION OF BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE AND ORDINANCE FIXING TAX RATE.**

Councilman Daughtry moved that payment of \$121.80 be authorized to The News Publishing Company for publication of the Budget Appropriation Ordinance and Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

**PURCHASE OF USED FLOOR POLISHING MACHINE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Councilman Hovis moved that purchase of a used Floor Polishing Machine/Be authorized from C. A. White, 2738 Commonwealth Avenue, for use by the Fire Department at the Palmer Fire School Building, and that same be charged to the Fire School Reserve Account. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

**PURCHASE OF STAMPED ENVELOPES FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.**

Councilman Hovis moved that purchase of 10,000 No. 13, three cent envelopes be authorized from the Charlotte Post Office, at \$324.80, for use by the Water Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

**CONTRACT WITH ECONOMY PRINTING COMPANY FOR PRINTING WATER BILLS.**

Councilman Daughtry moved that contract be authorized with the low bidder, Economy Printing Company, for printing 300,000 Water Bills in the sum of \$414.85. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried.

**CONTRACT WITH E. J. SMITH FOR LAWN MOWER SHARPENER.**

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Painter, authority was unanimously given to enter into a contract with E. J. Smith Company, for one Lawn Mower Sharpener for the Cemetery Department, at a price of \$222.50 f.o.b. shipping point.

**PAYMENT OF 1943 CITY AND COUNTY TAXES ON PROPERTY AT 530-34 BEATTIES FORD RD.**

The City Manager reported that when the tax foreclosed property at 530-34 Beatties Ford Road was bought back from the purchaser, H. B. Keller, it was stipulated in the deed that the City would pay the 1943 taxes. Councilman Price moved that \$6.74 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund to pay the City and County 1943 taxes on this property. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

**AUTHORITY GIVEN TO ADVERTISE FOR SALE TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY.**

Councilman Hovis moved that the properties obtained under Tax Suits Nos. 440, 481 and 226 be advertised, and that no bid be considered that is less than \$900.00, \$1,010.00 and \$600.00 respectively. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

**PAYMENT OF PORTION OF 1944 TAXES ON PROPERTY AT 1206-09 SOUTH BOULEVARD.**

Councilman Albea moved that upon presentation of paid 1944 City and County Tax Statements by Mr. W. E. Price on property recently purchased from him at 1206-09 South Boulevard, that the City issue check to him for \$14.78, from the Emergency Fund, for a portion of these taxes, on a prorate basis. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

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PERMITS ISSUED TO FIFTY-NINE MEN TO OPERATE TAXICABS.

Councilman Albea moved that based on the recommendation of the Chief of Police that permits be issued to the following men to operate taxicabs in the City of Charlotte. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis, and unanimously carried:

James E. Brown 212 S. Church Street	James F. Hucks, Jr. 728 N. Davidson St.	Marvin Hutchins 1515 W. Trade St.
David D. Byrd 400 E. 4th Street	John N. Keziah RFD #1, Matthews, NC	Jas. E. Kiser 318 Piedmont Cts.
James H. Brannon 400 E. 4th Street	Tom R. Livingston 329 Piedmont Cts.	James T. Lail 416 E. 5th Street
Wm. E. Connor 509 N. Graham Street	Otto Nixon RFD #4, Box 540	J. H. Nichols 522 E. 4th Street
James P. Correll 148 Piedmont Courts	Jasper C. Norwood 526 Arlington Ave.	Troy Nixon RFD #4 Box 540
John G. Clark 919 E. 4th Street	Alex D. Minor 1010 E. Trade St.	Edmond R. Marasi 1821 Pogram Street
Eddie N. Campbell 522 E. 4th Street	Clarence M. Morton 129 E. 7th Street	Roy R. McAlpine 150 Piedmont Cts.
W. Edward Davis 2328 Bay Street	Wilbert J. McDonaldn 1014 S. Tryon Street	J. C. Pressley RFD #3, York Road
J. T. Ellis 32 Piedmont Courts	J. B. Pressley 303 N. Graham St.	Logan E. Rayfield 515 N. Graham St.
E. E. Elliot 411 W. 10th Street	Samuel A. Richardson 1403 S. Boulevard	James H. Ritch 1015 S. Caldwell St.
W. L. Eady 1521 N. Alexander Street	James H. Picklesimen 1123 N. Tryon Street	George G. Ross 519 E. 5th Street
H. T. Freeman, Jr. 1304 Pogram Street	Joseph C. Riley 1026 W. 1st Street	Lee Roy Snipes 3101 Whiting Ave.
Revel E. Groves 530 E. 11th Street	Geo. L. Smith Carolina Hotel	B. A. Sine 609 N. Brevard St.
Hoy Greeson 2820 Wilkinson Boulevard	Jas. B. Simpson 511 Stephens St.	Jack Swanger Geo. Rd. N. Charlotte
Wm. D. Green 517 W. 9th Street	Luther Stevens 906 N. Davidson St.	G. W. Segee 825 Willis Street
Paul L. Green 275 Piedmont Courts	C. A. Stanford 914 N. Pine St.	Ovan Smith, Jr. 3104 Rush Avenue
John L. Gilmore 325 N. Pine Street	W. S. Steadman 2328 Bay Street	Bryce O. Thomas 3032 Greene Street
Chas. M. Graham 1213 Pogram Street	Orbra B. True Derita, NC	Richmond Williams Route #2
Vance M. Hudson RFD #1, Matthews, NC	Thomas C. Wall 1720 S. Boulevard	John W. Westbery 515 N. Graham St.
C. B. Halleman 517 E. 17th Street	Robert Williams, Jr. 919 E. 4th Street	

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RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT.

Upon motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, the Special Officer Permit of E. Z. Wilkins, Sr., was renewed for one year at the request of the Manager of Brooklyn Drug Store and Its Outdoor Annex.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Councilman Albea moved that the following Cemetery Deeds be transferred. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried:

Mrs. R. H. Ledford, Lot No. 268, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00.  
Duplicate Deed to C. S. Bostic & wife, Minnie P. Bostic, on North East Quarter of Lot No. 72, in Section "V", Elmwood Cemetery, \$1.00.  
Transfer of North West Quarter of Lot No. 72, in Section "V", from C. S. Bostic and wife, Minnie P. Bostic, to Marion G. Green & Wife, Cornelia Davidson Green, \$1.00.  
Transfer of West Half and Northwest Quarter of Lot No. 2, in Section "V", from Frank Hovis, to Mrs. J. T. McGee, Estate, \$1.00.  
Brevard Merritt & wife, Agnes M. Merritt, North Half Lot No. 91, in Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, \$70.00.  
Perpetual Care on above lot of Brevard Merritt, \$60.00.  
Mrs. Inez D. Porter, Lots No. 45B and 45C, in Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, \$144.20.  
Perpetual Care on above lot of Mrs. Inez D. Porter, \$123.60.  
Mrs. Theodosia Parker, South Part, Lot No. 56, Section A-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, \$40.95.  
Perpetual Care on above lot of Mrs. Theodosia Parker, \$29.25.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

*Lillian R. Hayman*  
City Clerk