

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, December 15, 1948, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, McKee and White present.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on December 8th, were approved as submitted.

PLANS FOR NEGRO ATHLETIC FIELD BY COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CLUB ENDORSED.

Mr. W. H. Moreland, representing the Community Improvement Club, outlined the needs for a modern athletic field for negro recreational activities. He stated it was the desire of the Club to undertake a Campaign for funds for a Field, similar to Richard Field at Harding High School, to be located adjacent to West Charlotte High School. He requested the support and endorsement of the Council.

Mayor Baxter stated the Council had indicated their endorsement of all additional recreational facilities by having approved a Bond Election for parks and playgrounds, to be held next spring, and that the City could not otherwise allocate funds for such purpose.

Councilman Childs moved the endorsement of the campaign for funds and the moral support of the plan for improved recreational facilities for negro citizens. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TAXICAB ORDINANCE FIXING TAXICAB FARES.

The following ordinance was introduced and read:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TAXICAB
ORDINANCE FIXING TAXICAB FARES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:

Section 1. That that certain ordinance passed December 8, 1948 and recorded in Minute Book 32, Page 442, regulating Taxicab Fares be and the same is hereby repealed.

Section 2. That Chapter 3, Article 3, Section 17 of the City Code of the City of Charlotte (O.B.10) be and the same is hereby amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma and inserting "provided that the taxicab fare in the territory comprising the City of Charlotte prior to January 1, 1949 shall not exceed fifty (50¢) cents, and provided further that the taxicab fare for the territory known as perimeter area added to the City of Charlotte on January 1, 1949 be and the same shall not exceed seventy-five (75¢) cents.

Section 3. That the ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after January 1, 1949.

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Councilman DeLaney stated he wished to be recorded as not favoring the installation of taximeters on July 1st should the taxicab companies render satisfactory service to the public during the interim.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman White, and unanimously carried, the ordinance was adopted.

APPLICATION TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR HIGH INTENSITY LIGHTING PROJECT AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a formal application to the Federal Government for the high intensity lighting project at Douglas Municipal Airport.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOR OUTPATIENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS.

Councilman DeLaney moved that \$5000.00 be allocated to the Good Samaritan Hospital for Outpatient and Emergency Departments, for period from July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949, to be paid from the Emergency Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO UNDERPASS LIGHTING INSTALLATION, FROM WEST BOULEVARD PAVING ACCOUNT.

Motion was made by Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman White, and unanimously carried, authorizing the transfer of \$1,000.00 from the West Boulevard Paving Account (Code 1513-A) to Underpass Lighting Installation Account (Code 1518).

MAINTENANCE OF PORTION OF NORRIS AVENUE AND DOGWOOD AVENUE.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, one block of Norris Avenue from Dogwood Avenue to Grimes Street, and 200-feet of Dogwood Avenue from Norris Avenue to present city limits, was taken over for city maintenance.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IN NORTH GRAHAM STREET, FROM FRANKLIN AVENUE TO NEAR MORETZ AVENUE.

Councilman Childs moved approval of the construction of a sanitary sewer in North Graham Street, from Franklin Avenue north to near Moretz Avenue, to serve 9 houses and 2 vacant lots, at an estimated cost of \$688.60, and the City to pay all construction costs. Motion seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS.

Motion was made by Councilman McKee, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the renewal of Special Officer Permits on the premises of the Federal Reserve Bank, to the following men:

Erjest L. Kale	Edgar H. Dellinger	Cleveland Townsend
Charles O. White	Milus Pruet	James E. Porter
Odus H. Turner	Wade H. Vause	Charles D. Rhodes
John E. Pettit	Cicero L. Ware	

RENEWAL LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDING TO THE PURE OIL COMPANY.

The City Manager advised that the lease of Airport Building No. 250 had been renewed with The Pure Oil Company, as of December 1, 1948, for a period of one year, at a monthly rental of \$30.00.

CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, contracts for purchases and the allocation of funds therefor if necessary, were authorized as follows:

- (a) Contract with R. C. Hicks, Contractor, for furnishing labor and materials for extra work not covered by the original contract for the construction of Fire Station #8, located at The Plaza and Commonwealth Avenue, in the amount of \$3,473.22.
- (b) Contract with Blythe & Isenhour for furnishing labor and materials for extra work not covered by the original contract for the construction of Fire Station #2, located on South Boulevard, in the amount of \$1,796.30.
- (c) Contract with Virginia Bridge Company, to furnish Three Complete Deck Plate Girder Spans, for the Hawthorne Lane Underpass, on a unit price basis of 11.20¢ per pound, representing approximately 162,344 pounds, at a lump sum delivered price of \$18,182.53, f.o.b. cars Charlotte.
- (d) Contract with The Union Metal Manufacturing Company, to furnish 1,286 lin. feet of Monotube Piling, for Hawthorne Lane Underpass, on a unit price basis of \$2.18 per lin. foot for 8"x24' piling, \$2.40 per lin. foot for 8"x35' piling, and \$2.82 per lin. foot for 14"x10' piling, representing a total price of \$3,022.68, f.o.b. shipping point, subject to change without notice.
- (e) Contract with Patterson Coal & Oil Company, for one Car Load (approximately 50 tons) of Pocahontas Coal at \$13.50 per ton or a total price of \$675.00, subject to cash discount of 1% if paid in 10 days.
- (f) Contract with Pomona Terra Cotta Company, for 1,401 feet of pipe, at a price of \$602.43.
- (g) Contract with Wil-Kin Theatre Supply Company, for Two Coin Machines, at a net delivered price of \$582.60, for the Water Department.
- (h) Contract with Southern Engineering Company, for furnishing schedule of steel and miscellaneous hardware, for the sidewalk bridge over Irwin Creek on West Boulevard, at a net delivered price of \$295.00.

CEMETERY DEEDS TRANSFERRED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman McKee and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed to W. R. Johnson, for Lot 333, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$122.85.
- (b) Deed to Archie Klepper, for Lot 84, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.
- (c) Deed to Mary Anna Carraway, for Lot 248, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Richard R. Haggman
City Clerk