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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, December 23, 1942, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor Currie presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Price, Ross and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen Little and Slye.

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MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilmen Baker moved that the minutes of the December 16th. meeting be approved as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

REQUEST OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY TO DISCONTINUE WATCHMAN AT SECOND STREET CROSSING DENIED.

Councilman Beasley, Chairman of the Police Committee, reported that it was the recommendation of his committee that the request of the Southern Railway to discontinue the watchman at the 2nd. Street crossing, be denied, and made a motion to that effect, which was seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

SALE OF KAVANAUGH PROPERTY AT CORNER PLAZA AND COMMONWEALTH AVENUE ORDERED.

Councilman Ross reported that the Kavanaugh lot at the corner of the Plaza and Commonwealth Avenue, taken over by the City for taxes and street assessments, has been appraised at \$650.00 and that the Kavanaughs' are desirous of clearing off the matter. It was his recommendation that the lot be advertised for sale.

Whereupon, it was moved by Councilman Ross, duly seconded by Councilman Price and carried, that the City advertise this lot for sale and that if a bid of more than \$650.00 is received, that it be sold.

STREET NAME CHANGED - COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE TO COUNTRY CLUB LANE.

The street shown on City map as "Country Club Drive" leading off Mecklenburg Avenue, approximately 1000 feet inside the city limits, is known as "Country Club Lane" beyond the city limits, and it is, therefore, the desire of the Engineering Department that this portion of the street within the city limits be changed to "Country Club Lane" in order that corrected sign post may be placed at its intersection with Mecklenburg Ave. Councilman Ward moved that the name of Country Club Drive be changed to Country Club Lane. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker and carried.

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RESOLUTION REGARDING CASE OF MUTUAL BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION V. CITY.

At the request of the City Attorneys, the following resolution was introduced by Councilman Price, seconded by Councilman Albea and duly carried:

WHEREAS, the City Attorneys recently made a motion in the case of Mutual Building & Loan Association v. City of Charlotte to set aside a judgment by default which was entered against the City Nov. 21, 1934, which motion was heard at length before Judge Clarence E. Blackstock and denied and, whereas, the City Attorneys duly entered notice of appeal to the Supreme Court and have asked instructions as to whether or not the appeal shall be prosecuted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Attorneys be and they are instructed to abandon the said appeal.

MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL LAW OFFICERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Ward, the continuation of membership in the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers was authorized, and also that the fee for the year 1943, in the amount of \$100.00 be paid.

At this time, City Manager Flack asked that all future bills covering membership in the various organizations be sent to the Finance Committee for investigation, but Councilman Ross asked that the matter be referred to a smaller committee, and the Mayor appointed Councilmen Ross, Baker and Albea as a special committee to handle the matter.

RESOLUTION REGARDING BIDS TO BE MADE BY THE CITY IN TAX FORECLOSURE SALES.

The following resolution having been prepared by the City Attorneys, was read by Councilman Ross, who moved its adoption. Motion to adopt seconded by Councilman Baker and unanimously carried. Whereupon, the resolution was declared adopted:

WHEREAS, pieces of real estate are being sold from time to time by commissioners duly appointed by the Superior Court of Mecklenburg County in actions instituted by the City for the foreclosure of tax liens and liens for special improvements, and other liens, and likewise sales are being made pursuant to similar actions instituted by Mecklenburg County, and, whereas, the person representing the City at such sales should be instructed as to what amount the City desires to bid on such property:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that J. H. McLain, Assistant Collector of Revenue, or who ever else represents the City at such foreclosure sales, for the purpose of placing the bid on the real estate sold at said sales be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to place a bid on such property in the name of the City in an amount not exceeding the amount of the County's and City's lien against said property, when the said lien represents past-due taxes, special assessments, or both, or any other lien that the City may have against said property, provided,

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however, that in no event shall such bid exceed fifty percent (50%) of the valuation of said property as shown on the city tax books for the year in which said sale is made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event a bid in the amount above set out is not the last and highest bid for said property, then a report in regard to same shall immediately be made to the City Manager, which report shall set forth the amount bid on behalf of the City, the last and highest bid entered at the sale, a description of the property and such other information as the City Manager may desire; and the City Manager thereupon shall take such steps in the matter as he deems appropriate. Likewise, in the event said bid entered on behalf of the City is the last and highest bid entered and before said sale is confirmed a raised bid is entered, then a report shall be made to the City Manager setting out the fact that a raised bid has been entered, and the City Manager shall thereupon take such steps in the matter as he deems desirable.

PURCHASE OF WROUGHT IRON GALVANIZED PIPE.

Bids having been received on 5,000 feet of 3/4" wrought iron galvanized pipe as follows:

Grinnell Company, Inc.,	net delivered price	\$684.04
Atlas Supply Company	" " "	685.02

upon motion made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, the purchase was authorized from Grinnell Company, Inc., at the net delivered price of \$684.04 and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract covering.

WATER WORKS ADDITIONS - MANHOLE RINGS AND COVERS.

In connection with contract with Boyd & Goforth, Inc., for the installation of water line to the munitions plant, 13 thirty-inch manhole rings and covers and 9 2'x3' frames with blank covers are needed. Bids on same were received from-

Queen City Foundry, Charlotte,	net delivered price	\$493.25
Royal Foundry Co.	" " " "	502.50

Upon motion made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign contract for this material with the Queen City Foundry Company, at the net delivered price of \$493.25.

SUPPORTS IN CONNECTION WITH AGITATORS INSTALLATION.

Councilman Ward moved that the purchase of 8 support beams with angles and bolts, required in connection with the installation of agitators at the Filter Plant, be made from the Southern Engineering Company, at the net delivered price of \$195.00; this being the only company quoting on same. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

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MEALS FOR PRISONERS.

Invoice from the Purity Cafe, in the amount of \$121.60, covering 608 meals furnished to prisoners from December 1st. through 15th., was authorized paid, on motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Baker and carried.

BIDS RECEIVED ON YEAR'S OUTPUT OF DIGESTED SLUDGE.

The City Manager reported that bids were received on December 21st., for the sale of the entire output of digested sludge for a period of one year, produced by the City of Charlotte, Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant, f.o.b. stock pile, estimated quantity- 2,000 cubic yards, excepting amounts retained by the City for its own use. These bids were as follows:

Harkey Bros. Nurseries, Inc.	Bulk Form,	60¢	per	cu.yd.
Myers Park Club,	"	"	58¢	" " "
R. W. Dulin,	"	"	55¢	" " "

Contract for this material was authorized to be entered into with Harkey Bros. Nurseries, Inc., the highest bidder, at the price of 60 cents per cubic yard, totaling \$1200.00, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract, upon motion made by Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Ross and carried.

PAYMENT OF MEDICINE FOR CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Ross, payment of \$422.25 covering medical supplies furnished the City Health Department by the State Board of Health during the first and second quarters of this year, was authorized to be made.

APPLICATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE BY INDIVIDUALS WHO OWN HOMES ON NATIONS FORD ROAD ADJACENT TO THE 12-INCH WATER MAIN LAID TO NAVY MUNITIONS PLANT.

The Superintendent of the Water Department, W. E. Vest, recommended that applications from W. S. Sims and Mrs. W. A. Wright, for water service connections to the 12-inch water main laid to the Navy Munitions plant, be permitted, with the condition in each permit that the City can withdraw service at any time for no reason at all.

Councilman Ross moved that the Superintendent of the Water Department be authorized to make these connections. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

RIGHT OF WAY OVER TWO TRACTS OF LAND OWNED BY W. W. GRAY AND OTHERS FOR WATER MAIN TO NAVY MUNITIONS PLANT AUTHORIZED TO BE PAID.

Payment of \$114.65 to the Gray Family, to be divided as follows: \$100.00 to the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C., and the other \$14.65 to go to Belk Bros. Co., covering right of way over the two tracts of land owned by W. W. Gray and others for water main laid to the Navy Munitions Plant, was authorized on motion made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Beasley.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS.

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, the following special officer permits were authorized to be issued for duty on the premises of the Charlotte Quartermaster Depot:

John S. Wallace  
Sam J. Sasser  
Donald C. Owens  
Fred J. Polk  
Walter R. Wallace  
Harry D. Hunter  
Harold C. Hart  
Rufus P. Smith  
James F. Sharpe  
Deaton Marshall  
James W. Redfern  
Blackburn H. Litton

James J. Mims  
Wesley G. Coleman  
Wade E. Barber  
Dennis M. Pharr  
Julius E. Donaldson  
Key Howard  
Geo. P. Williams  
Jeb Prince  
Walter W. McNeil  
Wm. C. Hood  
Robert D. Harris  
Chas. B. Alexander

TRANSFER OF LOT IN CEMETERY FROM H. M. WADE & WIFE TO PARKS H. DALTON & WIFE.

The following lot in Elmwood Cemetery was approved for transfer from H. M. and Rosalie T. Wade to Parks H. Dalton and wife, Mae Orr Dalton - Lot No. 88, Section "S", upon motion made by Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Ross.

RECESS TO MAYOR'S OFFICE.

The Council took a short recess to the office of the Mayor to discuss the tax question with Mr. McLean, Assistant Collector of Revenue, and Mr. James, Attorney, after which it returned to the Council Chamber, and on motion made by Councilman Ross, duly seconded by Councilman Baker, immediately adjourned.

*Alice B. McConnell*  
City Clerk