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Regular weekly meeting of the City Council, held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, December 3, 1941, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor Pro Tem Alba opening the meeting, and later turned over to Mayor Currie, who presided. Present: Councilmen Alba, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Little, Painter, Price, Ross and Ward.

Absent: Councilman Slye.

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COPIES OF CITY CHARTER PRESENTED TO COUNCIL BY YOUNG CIVIC SOCIETY.

Mr. M. M. Rose, of the Young Civic Society of Charlotte, presented to the Mayor and Council members mimeographed copies of the Charter of the City of Charlotte.

COLORED SCHOOLS OF CITY GRANTED FREE USE OF ARMORY-AUDITORIUM ON DECEMBER 17TH.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Price, the request of C. L. Blake, of the West Charlotte High School (colored), for free use of the Armory-Auditorium on Wednesday, December 17th., for the purpose of the eight colored schools of the city putting on a play to raise funds for the various needs of the schools, was granted, with Councilman Ross opposing the granting of it free.

SALVATION ARMY GRANTED PERMISSION TO USE "DIME BOARD" ON THE STREETS.

Major McDonald, of the local Salvation Army, appeared before the Council and requested permission to use what is termed a "Dime Board" on the streets in the uptown section, to raise their Christmas funds. Major McDonald stated that this plan had been used very successfully in Asheville, and that he had already received permission from the Kress Stores to place it in front of their building if approved by the Council.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Little and carried, this request was granted.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Alba, the minutes of the meeting of November 26th. were approved as read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DELINQUENT TAXES.

Councilman Ross reported that the committee on Delinquent Tax Collection had met with the County Commissioners on Monday, and that after discussing ways and means, etc., the joint committee had arrived at a decision that it would be best for the City and County to go separate ways in collecting back taxes. This report was received as information and the Mayor asked the Council to meet in his office after the open meeting for the purpose of appointing a committee to work out definite plans for the collection of back taxes.

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CITY TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION IN BEAUTIFYING ARMORY.

Councilman Hovis moved that the Council work with the Community Concert Association to the extent that the City Manager be instructed to proceed in collaboration with them to beautify the Armory-Auditorium, the City not to spend in excess of \$200.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Ross and carried.

PURCHASE OF MOTOR EQUIPMENT.

The City Manager reported that bids had been received on motor equipment for various departments, as follows:

15-  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Ton Chassis and Cabs, for Sanitary Department,  
Less trade-in on 15 old chassis and cabs.

Pyramid Chevrolet Co. (Chevrolet)	\$16,716.00	
Less trade in	<u>3,750.00</u>	\$12,966.00
City Chevrolet Company (Chevrolet)	16,716.00	
Less trade in	<u>3,750.00</u>	12,966.00
Norfleet Motors Co. Inc. (Dodge)	13,914.00	
Less trade in	<u>750.00</u>	13,864.00
Pettit Motor Company (Ford)	15,490.20	
Less trade in	<u>2,310.00</u>	13,180.20
Heath Motor Company (Ford)	15,490.20	
Less trade in	<u>2,190.00</u>	13,300.20

A letter from the Pyramid Chevrolet Company and City Chevrolet Company advised that they were bidding jointly and should the order be placed with either Company, it would be furnished jointly by them. Mr. Flack stated that since the total balance remaining in the Capital Outlay for equipment is \$11,437.76, it was his recommendation that only thirteen (13) trucks be purchased and that only 13 old units be traded in, which, if purchased from the Pyramid Chevrolet Company, one of the lowest bidders, at \$864.40 each, would total \$11,237.20.

Thereupon, Councilman Ross moved that 13- $1\frac{1}{2}$  ton Chassis and Cabs, be purchased from the Pyramid Chevrolet Company, at a total net price of \$11,237.20, after trading in 13 old units, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

1-  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Ton Chassis and Cab, for Fire Department.

Norfleet Motors Co. Inc. (Dodge)	\$	935.00
City Chevrolet Company (Chevrolet)		975.00
Pyramid Chevrolet Company (Chevrolet)		975.00
Heath Motor Company (Ford)		1,000.00
Pettit Motor Company (Ford)		1,025.00

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, the order for this equipment was authorized to be placed with the lowest bidder, Norfleet Motors Co. Inc., at a net delivered price of \$935.00, and the Mayor and Clerk authorized to sign the contract.

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Reconditioning old Fire Truck Body, installing  
on new chassis, completely equipped.

Chas. E. Baker, Roanoke, Va. \$1,866.68

The above being the old bid received on this work, Councilman Baker moved that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract, at a net delivered price of \$1,866.68. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

PURCHASE OF SEWER RODS.

Bids having been received on 498 feet of 1½ x 1 3/8" heavy duty hickory sewer rods, in 3 foot joints, for use by the Engineering Department, from W. H. Stewart, Jacksonville, Florida, the manufacturer of the rods now in service; on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Painter, order was authorized to be placed with this manufacturer, at a net delivered price of \$162.68; these new rods to be used in conjunction with those already in service.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea, authority was given for the sale to W. H. Stewart of 103 joints of these sewer rods, completely worn out, at the price of \$10.30.

PURCHASE OF LIQUID CHLORINE.

The only bid submitted on 32,666 pounds of Liquid Chlorine, representing a year's supply, to be used by the Water Department in connection with water purification, was that of the Solvay Sales Corporation of Charlotte, at a total price of \$2,534.40, and on motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract with this company, on a unit price basis of .08 per pound, less 1% cash discount, representing net delivered price of \$2,534.40.

WATER MAIN EXTENSION IN MARYLAND AVENUE.

Mr. Flack reported that the Stephens Company has filed an application with the Water Department for the extension of a water main in Maryland Avenue, from Croyden Road to Westfield Road, to serve 34 lots already developed. Approximately half of this street is outside the city limits. It was his recommendation that authorization be given to proceed in accordance with letter from Mr. Vest, Supt. of the Water Department, which letter reads in part as follows:

"The statement in The Stephens Company's application letter recites facts and expenditures that are parallel with other requests of this kind that the City Council has approved because expenditures had been made for work done prior to the time the City Council pondered the question of supplying water to any lots outside of the City. Such applications as the City Council did approve had the proviso that the applicant should get the priority on material.

The most current ruling of the O.P.M. indicates projects of this character may get priority rating for the materials for any one project that does not require an amount exceeding \$1,500.00 for materials. However, these rulings are changed from day to day.

Because of the uncertain state of affairs regarding material, the best interests of the City require that the source from

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which this material is obtained should be left to the best judgment of the Superintendent of the Water Department."

On motion of Councilman Alba, seconded by Councilman Baker, the extension was authorized as recommended by the City Manager and the Superintendent of the Water Department, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign contract with The Stephens Company.

AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF EAST TENTH AND EAST ELEVENTH STREETS, AND NORTH MCDOWELL STREET, WIDENING PROJECT.

An agreement for the construction of East 10th., East 11th., and North McDowell Streets widening and paving program with the State Highway Commission was presented to the City Council on April 10, 1940 and was approved for execution by the City. However, it is now found that this agreement, due to oversight, was never executed by the City and forwarded to the State Highway Commission, and the Commission now requests that this be done, as the work covered by the agreement is practically completed. The agreement has been submitted to Tillett & Campbell, City Attorneys, who approve it and suggest that it be ratified and approved.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Painter, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign this agreement on behalf of the City of Charlotte.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Little Special Officer permit was granted to Mr. R. Easley Dunn to serve on the premises of the following concerns:

Carolina Transfer & Storage Company  
International Harvester Company  
Charlotte Coca-Cola Company  
Brown Equipment Company  
McLain Distributing Company  
Southern Radio Company

CONDEMNATION SUIT BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON RIGHT OF WAY FOR 8" WATER LINE OVER CERTAIN PROPERTY NEAR ARMY AIR BASE.

City Manager Flack stated that in connection with the condemnation suit of the Federal Government for right-of-way for the 8" water line over certain property necessary to take the line over to serve the housing project being built for the Army Air Base, he thought it should be a matter of record that in the lease the City has with the Government for the Air Base, the City has granted and guaranteed adequate supply of water over the demised premises with no limitations. This suit will extend the water line beyond the premises of the demised but will get the water from the same lead, and in adopting the necessary resolution it should indicate that the City would not guarantee any supply of water that this new line might serve. Mayor Currie stated that the City Managers suggestion was well taken and that this should be incorporated in the resolution for the City's protection.

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PURCHASE OF STATION WAGON FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR USE OF SIGNAL DEPT.

The City Manager asked permission of the Council for authority to purchase from the Airport Commission a station wagon, for the sum of \$220.00, the sum the Commission has been offered for it from other parties, to supplement the transportation of Mr. Graham, who handles the traffic signals, etc.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Little, this station wagon was authorized to be purchased at the price above stipulated.

CHRISTMAS VACATION PERIOD FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

After some discussion, it was moved by Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, that the Christmas holidays for City employees who can conveniently be away from their duties, begin at noon Christmas Eve Day, December 24th., and extend through December 28th., and also that all City employees be paid the full month's salary on December 15th.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

The following cemetery deeds were approved, on motion made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker:

R. L. Cook and Mrs. Hannah Cook, Lot No. 232, Section "Y", Elmwood,	\$35.00
J. B. Willis & Wife, Vella Willis, " 286 " "Y" "	35.00
Transfer of Lot No. 90, Section "Y", from A. B. Kelly & Wife, Mary Kelly, to Miss Marguerite Kelly	1.00

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion made by Councilman Hovis, duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

*Alice B. McConnell*  
City Clerk