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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, December 3, 1947, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, Lambeth, and McKee present.

Absent: Councilman White.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Dr. Shuford Peeler, Pastor, First Reform Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman McKee, seconded by Councilman Albea, the minutes of the last meeting, on November 26th, were approved as submitted.

APPEAL BY Z. J. TALLEY FOR DECISION AGAINST REVOCATION OF TAXICAB DRIVER'S PERMIT DENIED.

An appeal was made by Mr. Z. J. Talley that the revocation of his Taxicab Driver's Permit by Lieut. McCall, Taxicab Inspector for the City, be over-ruled and a Permit be re-issued to him.

At the request of Mayor Baxter, Lieut McCall reviewed in detail the record of Mr. Talley since the issuance of his permit to operate a Taxicab on July 9, 1946, which included physical examination indicated venereal disease and necessity of treatment therefor; suspension for speeding on March 17, 1947 and again on April 28, 1947, at which time he was warned that another offense would necessitate revocation of Permit; involved in traffic accident on September 2, 1946, and arrested and fined for speeding and reckless driving on July 19, 1947, after which his Permit was revoked.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Mr. Talley spoke in defense of the charges. He stated that he was speeding in each instant quoted by Lieut. McCall but there was little traffic each time and no one was endangered, in his opinion; that the accident was caused by a truck backing into the Cab.

Councilman DeLaney moved that the appeal be denied and the action of the Taxicab Inspector in revoking the Permit be supported. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 1209-11 NORTH DAVIDSON STREET.

Councilman Lambeth moved the confirmation of the sale of tax foreclosed property, at public auction on November 17th, located at 1209-11 Davidson Street, to the high bidder, Belle Tarleton, at \$515.00. Motion seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY FOR POWER FOR WATER WORKS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contract was approved with the Duke Power Company for furnishing power for the City of Charlotte Water Works.

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CONTRACT WITH J. N. PEASE & COMPANY FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PLANNING BOARD.

Motion was made by Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with J. N. Pease and Company for engineering services to the Planning Board at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00, for a period of one year, to replace the present contract expiring on January 7, 1948.

LEASE OF AIRPORT FACILITIES WITH PENNSYLVANIA CENTRAL AIRLINES CORPORATION.

Councilman Albea moved that lease be authorized with Pennsylvania Central Airlines Corp., for 540 square feet of office space in the Administration Building at Douglas Municipal Airport, at \$32.40 per month, together with landing fees per scheduled flight; said lease dated December 1, 1947 for a period of five years. Motion seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried.

PAYMENT TO CHARLOTTE POLICE CLUB FOR MEALS FURNISHED AUXILIARY POLICEMEN.

Upon motion of Councilman McKee, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, approval was given for the payment of \$375.00 to the Charlotte Police Club for 125 meals served to Auxiliary Policemen for services rendered in assisting with the Christmas Festival Parade.

CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES.

Councilman Albea moved that the following contracts for purchases, and the allocation of funds therefor, if necessary, be authorized. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Contract with Mill Power Supply Company, for 28 Signal Bodies, at a net delivered price of \$1,461.60, for the Traffic Signal Division.
- (b) Contract with City Chevrolet Company, for One 1947 Chevrolet Sedan, at a net delivered price of \$1,287.75, for the Water Department, to replace old equipment.
- (c) Contract with E. J. Smith Company, for One Power Mower with Sulkey, at a net delivered price of \$748.15, for the Street Division.
- (d) Contract with Johnson Coal Company, for 60 Tons of Coal, at a price of \$662.40, f.o.b. Railroad Siding, for the Buildings & Grounds Department.
- (e) Contract with Pomona Terra Cotta Company, for 1,101 feet of Pipe, at a net delivered price of \$485.79, for the Street Division.
- (f) Contract with Armco Drainage & Metal Products, Inc., for 24 feet of corrugated metal Pipe, at a net delivered price of \$255.58, for the Street Division.

ACCEPTANCE OF SEWAGE WORKS IMPROVEMENT PLANS AS PREPARED BY J. N. PEASE AND COMPANY, ENGINEERS.

Councilman Albea moved the acceptance of the Sewage Works Improvements Plans for Irwin Creek Sewage Treatment Plant, as prepared by J. N. Pease & Company, Engineers, dated September 17, 1947. Motion seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried.

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AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY & PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR WATER MAIN IN PARK ROAD AND FOR SUSPENSION OF MAIN FROM BRIDGE AT PARK ROAD CROSSING.

Councilman Jordan moved the authorization of Agreement with the State Highway & Public Works Commission for the construction of a water main over their right-of-way in Park Road, and the suspension of a portion of said main from a bridge across Briar Creek in Park Road. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS GRANTED W. A. NISBET AND FRED O. REID.

Upon motion of Councilman Lambeth, seconded by Councilman McKee and unanimously carried, Special Officer Permits were authorized issued to W. A. Nisbet, Huntersville RFD #1, for use on the premises of Efird's Department Store, and to Fred O. Reid, Charlotte RFD #4, for use on the premises of Elmwood and Pinewood Cemeteries.

SALARY ADVANCE TO REGULAR CITY EMPLOYEES ON DECEMBER 15th.

Councilman Childs moved that a salary advance, for the period of December 15th through 31st, be paid to regular City Employees on December 15th, and that any employee not desiring such advance be paid on January 1, 1948. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, authorizing a holiday to City Employees in observance of Christmas, from Wednesday, December 24th, at 1 o'clock p.m. until Monday, December 29th, at 8:30 o'clock a.m.

EMERGENCY FUND APPROPRIATION TO GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOR INDIGENT ACCIDENT PATIENTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Albea, the City Manager presented the following item, not included in the Docket, with the unanimous consent of Council:

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, recommended that the sum of \$2,000.00, or as much thereof as necessary, be made available from the Emergency Fund to care for indigent accident patients at Good Samaritan Hospital until the close of the fiscal year on June 30, 1948; upon the condition that the County's portion of the requested appropriation be made upon the same basis that the City and County are now paying hospital costs. Councilman Childs moved the acceptance of the recommendation, and the authorization of said appropriation from the Emergency Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

GIFT FOR SANDY R. JORDAN, JR. PRESENTED TO COUNCILMAN JORDAN.

Mayor Baxter presented a gift, from the Council, the City Manager and himself, to Councilman Jordan for his son, Sandy R. Jordan, Jr., born on November 14, 1947, with expressions of best wishes for a long, happy and useful life.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk