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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, December 30, 1942, with Mayor Currie presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Ross, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen Little and Price.

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MINUTES APPROVED.

Councilman Beasley moved that the minutes of the December 23rd. meeting be approved as read, which was seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

NEW YEAR'S DAY TO BE HOLIDAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

Upon motion made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Slye, January 1st, 1943, New Year's Day, is to be observed as a holiday by all City employees who can conveniently be away from their duties.

TRAFFIC SITUATION DISCUSSED AND SURVEY TO BE MADE.

Councilman Ward suggested that Mr. Beasley, Chairman of the Police Committee, investigate the traffic situation with the view to allowing right-hand turns off Fourth and Fifth Streets into Tryon Street. This brought on quite a discussion of the traffic situation and the City Manager was asked to have a survey made of traffic in the business district at the present time.

Councilman Baker asked that the situation at Morehead and McDowell, at the Addison Apartments, also be investigated, and Mr. Flack stated that he will have a report on these two suggestions for the next regular meeting.

CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE FOR EAST STONEWALL STREET PROPOSED EXTENSION AUTHORIZED.

The City Manager reported that the Park & Recreation Commission desires the Council to authorize construction of a bridge across Sugaw Creek needed in connection with the opening of the proposed street through the Thompson Orphanage; it being necessary to construct the bridge ^{first} in order to get materials in for the building of the street. The estimated cost of the bridge is \$4,750.00. However, construction will not start prior to all right-of-way questions being settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. He advised also in this connection that the City will have to purchase private property to complete a right-of-way for said roadway in an estimated sum of \$5,700.00, which expenditure of course, would not be made until all matters pertaining to the deal are settled. Mr. Flack stated that the City Council has already given approval for the construction of this street, and that this specific approval at this time is desired by Mr. Stone, Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission, in order to have everything in shape for the annual meeting of the Thompson Orphanage Board in January.

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Councilman Beasley moved that construction of this bridge be authorized, as recommended by Mr. Stone, and that the City proceed with the necessary right-of-way, etc. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS APPROPRIATED FROM EMERGENCY FUND FOR RELIEF OF TYPHUS SITUATION.

The City Manager advised that he had been giving considerable study and time to the typhus situation in Charlotte and asked the Council to make an appropriation from the Emergency Fund of \$1,000. for work in the stricken area; this to be used for the extermination of rodents and fleas.

Councilman Ward was of the opinion that such extermination could be handled by the City Health Department in having each property owner clean up his own property, and this question was discussed quite fully. Mr. Flack stated that the appropriation asked for would not rid that area of all rats but that this was an emergency measure until the property owners could cooperate.

After the discussion, Councilman Albea moved that the \$1000. requested by the City Manager for this purpose be appropriated from the Emergency Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker and carried.

ACTION OF COUNCIL OF SEPTEMBER 2ND. REGARDING TIRES FOR MOTOR GRADERS RESCINDED AND NEW PURCHASE AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Slye moved that the action of the City Council of September 2, 1942, in authorizing the purchase of 4 new tires and tubes for the City's motor graders, from Victor Shaw Company, at the price of \$134.04, be rescinded, and that the purchase of a different type of tires and tubes, be authorized from the same company, at the net delivered price of \$154.04. This action being necessary due to the fact that the Shaw Co. were unable to deliver the type of tires originally quoted on, but have delivered a type of tire suitable for the grader operation. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

PIPE CLAMPS FOR WATER WORKS ADDITIONS.

Upon motion made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker and carried, authority was given for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into contract with the Dresser Mfg. Company, of Bradford, Pa., for 20 - 20 inch bell joint clamps, with necessary gaskets, bolts and nuts, for the Water Department, at the price of \$245.42 f.o.b. Bradford, Pa.

The only quotation other than the Dresser Mfg. Company was that of M. B. Skinner Co., South Bend, Inc., which was \$307.20 f.o.b. Charlotte.

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PURCHASE OF TWO TRUCKS.

Quotations were called for on 1- one ton and 1 half ton pick-up trucks for the Motor Transport Division, and the Purchasing Agent reported only one bid received, that of Norfleet Motors Co. Inc., as follows:

1- 1 Ton pick-up truck (Dodge)	\$1079.93	
Less trade-in allowance Ford Half ton truck, Equipment #411	<u>100.00</u>	
Making net delivered price		\$979.93
1- 1/2 Ton pick-up truck	878.66	
Less trade-in allowance Ford Half ton truck, Equipment #505	<u>150.00</u>	
Making net delivered price		728.66

The Superintendent of the Motor Transport Division is satisfied to accept the amount offered for the trade-ins, and the Norfleet Motors Co. agrees to deliver the trucks within 10 days after all priority papers are cleared.

Thereupon, Councilman Baker moved that purchase of these two trucks be authorized from the Norfleet Motors Co. Inc., at the total net delivered price of \$1708.59 and that the Mayor and Clerk sign contract covering. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and carried.

A representative of Norfleet Motors Co. was present and stated that due to the fact that all papers have not been handled yet to clear delivery of these trucks and that the two trade-in trucks will be in operation until delivery of the new trucks are made, and that inasmuch as they are more interested in the tires on these old trucks than anything else, he would like to have some adjustment made by the City on these trucks for the time they are in use over the ten-day delivery period promised. The Council assured this representative that the City will cooperate in this respect.

REASSESSMENT ORDINANCE - SOUTH CEDAR STREET.

The following reassessment ordinance covering property originally assessed against L. C. Burwell and C. G. Smith, as a whole, was read by the Clerk and upon motion made by Councilman Albea, seconded in each instance by Councilman Baker, was unanimously adopted on three readings and declared by the Mayor to be an ordinance of the City of Charlotte:

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, N. C. DO ORDAIN that the special benefits to the abutting property on South Cedar Street on account of the paving of the roadway, beginning at a point on the westerly side of South Cedar Street, which point is 115 feet south of the southwest corner of the intersection of South Cedar Street and West Hill Street, and running thence in a southerly direction 60 feet, and being originally assessed as a whole against L. C. Burwell and C. G. Smith, is hereby subdivided and reassessed on the west side only as follows:

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>FRONTAGE</u>	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>	<u>STREET</u>	<u>SIDEWALK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
800	L. C. Burwell	30'	-	-	209.94	-	\$209.94
802	G. C. Smith	30'	-	-	209.94	-	\$209.94

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tillett & Campbell, City Attorneys

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT FOR BILTMORE DAIRY FARMS PREMISES.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, special officer permit was granted to C. W. Hoglen on the premises of Biltmore Dairy Farms.

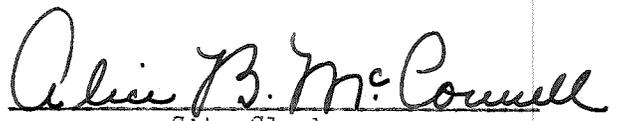
RECESS TO MAYOR'S OFFICE.

A short recess was taken by the Council to go into the question of an offer to purchase certain land on Seigle Avenue taken over by the City of Charlotte for taxes, etc.

After the recess, the Council returned and the meeting was again called to order by the Mayor, after which Councilman Ross moved that this piece of land, fronting 100 feet on Seigle Avenue, between the Orr property and the City garage, be appraised and advertised for sale, and that the City bid the appraised value for same, and if a bidder increases that price, that it be sold to the highest bidder. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Ross, duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.


City Clerk