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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 31, 1947, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan and White present.

Absent: Councilmen Lambeth and McKee.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meetings on December 17th and December 23rd were approved as submitted.

ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

A hearing was held on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, to change from Residence-2 district to Business-1 district the following area:

"That lot on the southwest corner of East Boulevard and Euclid Avenue, a distance of approximately 75 feet facing East Boulevard, and running in a southerly direction along Euclid Avenue, a distance of approximately 90 feet."

Mr. Charles Henderson, Attorney, representing the owners of said lot, spoke in support of the proposed change in zoning.

Councilman White moved that action on the amending ordinance be deferred for one week, and that persons desiring to do so appear and be heard at that time. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CONFIRMATION OF SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 1318 JEFFERSON STREET.

Councilman Childs moved the confirmation of the sale of tax foreclosed property at 1318 Jefferson Street to the high bidder, L. P. Spoon, at \$800.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS AWARDED BLYTHE BROS. COMPANY AND HUNTER ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AND ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION OF SLUDGE DIGESTERS AND DRYING BEDS FOR THE IRWIN CREEK SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, contracts for the general construction and electrical construction of Sludge Digesters and Sludge Drying Beds for the Irwin Creek Sewage Treatment Plant were awarded the low bidders, as follows:

For the General Construction: Contract with Blythe Bros. Company for Items No. 1 and Alternate No. 1, in the amount of \$363,472.00.

For the Electrical Construction: Contract with Hunter Electric Company, for the Base Bid and Alternate No. 1, in the amount of \$9,636.00.

CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES.

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

- (a) Contract with American LaFrance Foamite Corp. for repair parts for trucks, at a price of \$505.55, for the Fire Dept.
- (b) Contract with Atkinson-Norfleet, Inc., for One 1947 Dodge 1-ton Truck with express body, at a net delivered price of \$1,447.44, for the Street Department.
- (c) Contract with H. V. Johnson & Son Coal Company, for One Car of coal, at \$662.40, for the Buildings & Grounds Dept.
- (d) Contract with Pomona Terra Cotta Company, for 1,002 feet of pipe, at a net delivered price of \$385.77, for the Engineering Department.
- (e) Contract with Smith Equipment Company, High Point, N. C., for Two Clutches complete, for repairs to street roller, in the amount of \$206.30, for the Motor Transport Dept.
- (f) Purchase of 60,000 Postal Cards from the Charlotte Post Office, in the amount of \$600.00, for the Water Department.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED TO RALPH MILLER HARTIS AND THOS. L. QUERY.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea that Special Officer Permits be issued to the following men. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Ralph Miller Hartis, Route #1, for use on the premises of Southern Railway Freight House.
- (b) Thomas L. Query, 714 Grandin Road, for use on the premises of The A & P Tea Company.

LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS.

The City Manager reported that leases had been concluded on the following buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport:

BUILDING NO.	LESSEE	MONTHLY RENTAL	DATE AND TERM OF LEASE.
315	Stiwalt Furniture Company	\$20.00	10-1-47 1 year
221	Kool Vent Metal Awning Co.	106.20	9-15-47 2 years
242	Abernethy Sales Company	73.00	11-1-47 1 year

CEMETERY DEEDS.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed for the transfer of Lot 131, Section D, Elmwood Cemetery, and of Perpetual Care Deed thereon, from Mrs. L. D. Walker, Administratrix of Estate of Dr. L. D. Walker, to Dr. C. S. McLaughlin, at \$2.00.
- (b) Deed for Perpetual Care on west side of Lot 30, Section L, Elmwood Cemetery, to Estate of Mrs. D. D. Traywick, at \$1.00.

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APPOINTMENT OF BEN O. DICKERSON TO HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Mayor Baxter announced the appointment of Mr. Ben O. Dickerson as a member of the Charlotte Housing Authority, for a term of five years, to expire on December 17, 1952.

REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. R. B. MCKNIGHT TO LIBRARY BOARD.

The Mayor announced the reappointment of Dr. R. B. McKnight to the Public Library Board, for a term of four years, to expire on January 1, 1952.

ITEMS PRESENTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, the following recorded items were presented with the unanimous consent of Council.

REAPPOINTMENT OF PAUL V. GUTHERY TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR ZONING.

Councilman Childs moved the reappointment of Mr. Paul V. Guthery to the Board of Adjustment for Zoning, for a term of three years, to expire on January 28, 1951. Motion seconded by Councilman White, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF FRANK E. HARLAN TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR ZONING.

Councilman White moved the appointment of Mr. Frank E. Harlan to the Board of Adjustment for Zoning, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Charles E. Dudley, for the unexpired term ending January 28, 1950. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

LEASE OF OFFICE AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO NAVAL RESERVE, VOLUNTEER AVIATION UNIT.

Councilman Childs moved that lease be approved with the Naval Reserve, Volunteer Aviation Unit, for an office on the first floor of the Old Administration Building, at Douglas Municipal Airport, at a rental of \$1.00 per annum. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

SALARY INCREASES FOR TWO ASSISTANT COLLECTORS OF REVENUE.

Motion was made by Councilman White that the salaries of Mr. Roy Yarborough and Mr. William White, Assistant Collectors of Revenue, be fixed at \$350.00 per month as of January 1, 1948. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and carried, with the following votes cast:

AYE: Councilmen Albea, Childs, Jordan and White.
NAY: Councilman DeLaney.

Councilman DeLaney stated he was opposed to handling the matter of salary adjustments on an individual basis; that it was his opinion that such adjustments should be made generally or at the beginning of the fiscal year.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED FOR ASSISTANCE IN FUEL OIL SHORTAGE.

The following statement was made by Mayor Baxter relative to the fuel oil shortage:

"Charlotte's problem for the last two weeks has been the shortage of fuel oil for the needy and sick.

I want to thank the Oil Distributors for their cooperation, and especially The Standard Oil Company, Shell Oil Company, Sinclair Oil Company and Atlantic Refining Company for their willingness to contribute a part of

their supplies to the City's needy cases. The Oil Industry, as a whole, states they are doing the best they can with what they have, but when they fail to provide a source of supply for the needy and sick, I feel it is up to the City to step in and attempt to provide needed fuel to protect the health and welfare of our citizens.

I want to also compliment Mr. Fred McIntyre, Congressman Hamilton C. Jones and especially Mr. Ed O'Herron for their assistance in this emergency. Mr. O'Herron very kindly, and at his own expense, arranged to share with Charlotte the needed product from the Wilcox Oil Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, of which company he is an officer. Already, on three days notice, this company has shipped out one tank car (HMX-108) containing 8,120 gallons and a call has just been received that the second car (HMX-106) was shipped today.

Mr. Fred McIntyre arranged for the release of 16,000 gallons of oil for Charlotte.

I feel that such public-spiritedness in the time of an emergency should be recognized and publically complimented, and I should like to ask the Council to pass a motion of thanks to these gentlemen for their assistance in a time of need.

Councilman Childs moved that the Council go on record expressing their sincere appreciation to Mr. O'Herron and Mr. McIntyre for their valuable service to the citizens of Charlotte in this emergency. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Levi R. Hoffman
City Clerk