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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, February 16, 1944, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Price, Slye and Ward being present.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Hovis, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

REQUEST FOR ADJUSTMENT IN PAYMENT OF PAST DUE TAXES ON NEGRO ELKS HOME DEFERRED.

Mr. L. P. Harris, representing the negro Elks, requested an adjustment in the payment of back taxes on the Negro Elks Home, covering the period from 1928 to 1939, and amounting to \$452.52. He stated payment of \$25.00 per month could be made by them. Mayor Baxter advised the matter would be discussed with the Collector of Revenue and Mr. Harris would be notified as to the decision reached.

CONTRACT AWARDED HONEYCUTT PRINTING COMPANY FOR PRINTING SPECIAL FORMS FOR TAX DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Atkins, seconded by Councilman Painter, contract was awarded Huneycutt Printing Company for printing special forms covering personal taxes, real estate and street assessments for the Tax Department, at \$292.29.

APPROPRIATION FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO MECKLENBURG WAR PRICE AND RATIONING BOARD.

Councilman Daughtry moved that \$150.00 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund to Mecklenburg War Price and Rationing Board, as requested by them. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF OVERALLS FROM BELK BROS. COMPANY FOR STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.

Upon motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Hovis, authority was given for the purchase of 100 pairs of overalls, for use by the negro employees in the Street Department, from Belk Bros. Company, at \$147.00, same to be paid from the Emergency Fund.

PURCHASE OF RECORDING CHARTS FROM SIMPLEX VALVE & METER COMPANY.

Councilman Ward moved that 1,200 No. 1284 and 2,400 No. 1051 Recording Charts be purchased from Simplex Valve & Meter Company, at a net delivered price of \$104.50, for use at the Water Pumping Stations. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried.

SALE OF OLD PHOTOSTATIC MACHINES IN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, the sale of an old Photostatic Machine not now in use, to Jerry Whitsett, Photographer, at \$200.00, was authorized by motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Ward and carried.

AMERICAN CYANAMID & CHEMICAL COMPANY GRANTED PERMISSION TO MAKE CONNECTION TO WILKINSON BOULEVARD WATER MAIN.

The City Manager recommended that permission be granted American Cyanamid & Chemical Corporation to have a 2 inch water pipe connection

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made to the Wilkinson Boulevard water main, and to take water therefrom at a constant uniform rate not to exceed 72,000 gallons per 24 hours. Councilman Alba moved that permission be granted them to tap onto the main as requested. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

REPORT ON SALE OF BONDS.

The City Manager reported the sale of the following bonds by the City Treasurer to Kirchofer & Arnold, Raleigh, N. C., as authorized by Council at the meeting on February 9th:

One, \$1,000.00 Greensboro, N. C., Water Refunding 3 3/4% Bond, due Dec. 1, 1953 at \$118.50.

One, \$5,000.00 Pitt County Chicod Township Road 5% Bond, due Jan. 1, 1946, at \$107.43.

The total amount being \$6,556.50.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO INVESTING CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS IN THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTY FOR THE EXPANSION OF ELMWOOD CEMETERY.

The following resolution was presented by the City Manager:

WHEREAS, Section 121 of the ordinance regulating the operation of cemeteries owned and operated by the City, which said ordinance became effective July 20, 1931, provides that the money received for the perpetual care of lots is to be placed in a fund and invested in a manner approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and desirable to acquire additional property for the expansion of Elmwood Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, there is in said perpetual care fund sufficient money to acquire said property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer and Municipal Accountant be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to use funds from the perpetual care fund account for the following purposes: To pay to the following persons the following amounts for the purchase of the following properties:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PROPERTY</u>
Raymond B. Williams and wife, Margaret H. Williams	\$3500	228-30 North Cedar Street
Misses Marion E. and Catherine V. Gregg	\$1750	222-24 North Cedar Street
Robert B. Street and wife, Margaret Berry Street	\$2500	218-20 North Cedar Street (with the right reserved to the Streets to remove the buildings therefrom at any time within 60 days from the date of the deed).
J. L. Stancill and wife Odessa B. Stancill	\$2500	214-16 North Cedar Street
Dorothy K. Schoenith and husband, J. Schoenith	\$ 650	212 North Cedar Street

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and to make the following payments from said fund in connection with the costs of purchasing the above property: \$112.50 to Messrs. Whitlock & Dockery for attorneys' fees in examining titles to said properties; and, also, the necessary recording fees for recording the deeds to said properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be expended from said perpetual care fund sufficient money to improve said properties and make same available for sale as cemetery lots and that said lots be sold at a price of 45 cents per square foot, exclusive of the amount necessary for perpetual care, and that the money thus received from the sale of said lots be put back into the cemetery perpetual care fund to take the place of the money herein authorized to be expended, together with interest on said money.

Councilman Alba moved the adoption of the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry and unanimously carried.

PLAN ADOPTED FOR SUPPLEMENTING MANPOWER IN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The City Manager outlined the following Plan for supplementing the manpower in the Fire Department to alleviate the shortage due to the war:

That the off days of firemen be suspended and the men work these off days, being compensated therefor at the per diem rate of their regular salary; and, that when the national emergency is ended and the personnel brought up to normal, all members discontinue working their off days and the present schedule again be resumed.

The City Manager stated the Plan was submitted by the Fire Fighters Association of Charlotte, and approved by the Chief of the Fire Department. Councilman Slye moved that the Plan be put into effect, as outlined, and operate in this manner through June 30, 1944. Motion seconded by Councilman Price and unanimously carried.

SURVEY OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF CITY BY NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION AUTHORIZED IF LEGAL TO EXPEND CITY FUNDS IN PAYMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Price moved that the City employ the National Recreation Association to make a survey of the parks and recreational needs of Charlotte at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00, if the City Attorneys rule it is legal for the City to expend the money for the survey. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL TO STUDY EFFECT OF SELECTIVE SERVICE ON CITY PERSONNEL.

Councilman Ward reported it was the unanimous decision of the Committee appointed to make a study of the Selective Service as it affects city personnel that no deferments be requested for city employees, but in case of an employee who was deemed essential to the City, that the Manager make a statement setting forth the particular duties of the employee and his essentiality to the City.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNCIL POST WAR PLANNING COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER WORKS SYSTEM.

Councilman Bullard gave the second report of the Council Post-War Planning Committee, in which they recommended the enlargement of the Water Works System, with emphasis on having the raw water storage reservoir bypassed and the purchase of a 17,000,000 gallon per day pumping unit and the building of a retaining wall around the reservoir. The Committee suggested that immediate steps be taken to remove, or reduce the silt in the raw water reservoir. A progress report was made on work on two other projects; namely, A New Library and Two New Fire Stations.

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Councilman Hovis moved that the recommendations be complied with as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously adopted.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT GRANTED MR. MILUS PRUETT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hovis, a special officer permit was granted Mr. Milus Pruett for use on the premises of Federal Reserve Bank.

RECESSED AT 4:45 P.M.

The Council recessed at 4:45 o'clock at the request of Mayor Baxter.

RECONVENED AT 5:10 P.M.

The Council reconvened at 5:10 o'clock.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Ward, the following cemetery deed was approved for transfer:

W. C. Pressley and wife Uela Pressley, North-half of Lot No. 63, in Section "BB", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$56.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Ward, the meeting adjourned.

Lillian R. Hozzmann
City Clerk