

Special Meeting  
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A special called meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber at 11 o'clock A. M., Tuesday, February 18, 1941, pursuant to notice having been delivered to each member of the Council six hours or more prior to said meeting. Mayor Ben E. Douglas presided and the following members were present: Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Hovis, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides, Ward.

Absent: Councilmen Britt and Wilkinson.

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PURPOSE OF MEETING.

The Mayor announced that this special meeting had been called for the purpose of asking the Legislature, now in session, to authorize a Bond issue for the purpose of buying land and other things pertaining to a secondary Airport for the City of Charlotte and for the extension of the Douglas Municipal Airport and other work in connection therewith, also any other matters that may legally come before the meeting.

\$60,000.00 BOND ISSUE TO BE REQUESTED.

Mayor Douglas stated that at a mass meeting of prominent citizens of Charlotte held at the Chamber of Commerce last night, endorsement was given for the passing of a resolution by the City Council asking the Legislature to authorize the holding of a special bond election for Airport purposes in the sum of \$60,000.00.

Councilman Baxter stated that he thought the public would like to know how the figure of \$60,000 was arrived at, and the Mayor explained that the purchase of 300 acres of land for the secondary port would be approximately \$14,000.00; also that it probably would be a good idea to purchase more to permit of growth later on. He advised that the Graham Street property has not been sold to pay off the note endorsed by a group of citizens for the purchase of land at the Douglas Municipal Airport for an Army Air Base, and that while the notes were for \$15,000 and \$7,000, only \$10,000 has been spent. He stated that hangars and office building at the new port will be needed and that the rough figure of \$60,000 was arrived at to meet all of the above. However, the amount of the bond issue will be up to the Council to decide.

Thereupon, Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that the City Council of the City of Charlotte recommend to the Mecklenburg County Delegation of the General Assembly that an Act be passed by the Legislature calling for a special election for the issuance of \$60,000.00 worth of bonds for the buying of land and/or building, erecting, improving Municipal Airports for the City of Charlotte.

Councilman Hovis made a substitute motion to raise the amount of the bond issue to \$75,000.00, which was seconded by Councilman Ward, but failed to carry.

A vote was then taken on the original motion made by Councilman Baxter, which motion carried unanimously.

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TENTATIVE DATE FOR ELECTION SET.

City Attorney Scarborough stated that he would draft the Act to be presented to the Legislature and get it to Raleigh at the earliest possible moment, and that the registration books would have to be opened not later than March 8th., 15th., 22nd., and challenge day March 29th., with the election during the week of April 1st.

After discussion, Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Little, moved that the election on the Airport bond issue be held on April 3rd. if the bill carries in the Legislature. Motion carried unanimously.

WEST CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL (COLORED) GRANTED FREE USE OF ARMORY-AUDITORIUM APRIL 6TH. AND MAY 9TH.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Little and carried, the West Charlotte High School (colored) was granted free use of the Armory-Auditorium on Sunday, April 6th., for an Easter Cantata, and also on May 9th., for May Day exercises, the proceeds from which will be used to sponsor their school paper.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO BE PRESENTED AND REGULAR MEETING FEB. 19TH. DISPENSED WITH.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Ward, the City Manager was authorized to present his report at this special meeting and that the regular meeting tomorrow (February 19th.) be dispensed with.

SEWER EXTENSION WEST 28TH STREET.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Huntley, authority was granted for the extension of an 8" sanitary sewer in West 28th Street, from the end of the present sewer near North Tryon Street, westerly 576 feet, to proposed end manhole near North Poplar Street; estimated to cost \$520.96 and to serve five houses.

SEWER EXTENSION - POINDEXTER DRIVE.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Ward, the request of Mr. S. A. Leslie, for extension of an 8" sanitary sewer in Poindexter Drive, from the present end of sewer near Windsor Avenue, westerly 472 feet, to Lot 15, Block 6, was granted. This sewer will serve two houses and the estimated cost of same is \$399.52.

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PURCHASE OF TWO CARS TERRA COTTA PIPE.

The following bids having been received on two cars (1302 feet each) of 8" Terra Cotta Pipe, for use on various sanitary sewer projects:

Tucker-Kirby Company	\$653.93
Cathey Lumber Company	654.75
T. J. Wiggins Lbr. Co.	675.67
Doggett Lumber Company	681.99
J. L. Wiggins & Son L.Co.	681.99
Isenhour Brick & Coal Co.	681.99
Caldwell Construction Co.	681.99

Councilman Ward made a motion that the award be made to the lowest bidder, Tucker-Kirby Company, at a net delivered price of \$653.93 and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried.

VACATION ALLOWANCE FOR EMPLOYEES DRAFTED IN ARMY.

Mr. Armstrong reported that one or more City employees have received notice from the Draft Board to report and that the question of vacations for these employees has been brought up. He stated that in view of the fact that such vacations have already been earned, he would recommend that same be granted.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Little and carried unanimously, these employees are to be paid for earned vacations.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT FOR SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Albea, special officer permits are to be granted to the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Elmwood and Pinewood Cemeteries, for use on these premises only.

BUDGET STATEMENT FURNISHED.

A copy of the Budget Report for seven months period ending January 31, 1941 was furnished each member of the Council.

COUNCIL OPPOSED TO HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION BILL.

Considerable discussion was held regarding the proposed bill in the Legislature to exempt 50% of the first \$1,000 on small homes in the State, and on motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried, the Council went on record as opposing this bill. The City Attorney was instructed to instruct the Mecklenburg delegation to this effect while in Raleigh.