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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, February 2, 1944, at 4:00 o'clock P.M., with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Bullard, Atkins, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Price, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilman Baker.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Slye, duly seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

REQUEST APPROVED FOR APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO EMPLOY ARCHITECT TO DRAW PLANS FOR ENLARGING ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT DOUGLAS AIRPORT AND TO EMPLOY EXPERT TO MAKE SURVEY OF EAST-WEST AIR SERVICE NEEDS.

Mr. Ben E. Douglas, Chairman of the Aviation Section of the Charlotte Post-War Planning Committee spoke on the advisability of preparing plans for post war projects for Charlotte, and stated the Committee he represented wished to work with the City of Charlotte Officials on these plans. He requested Council to appropriate sufficient funds to employ an architect to draw plans for enlarging the administration building at the Douglas Municipal Airport, and for the retention of an expert to make a survey of the east-west air service needs for Charlotte. Appearing with Mr. Douglas, and speaking for his recommendations, were Mr. John C. Erwin, Chairman, Douglas Municipal Airport Commission, Mr. Julian Miller and Mr. Al Bechtold, all members of the Post-War Planning Committee; also, Mr. Ray Braud, Regional Field Supervisor, Eastern Airlines and Mr. M. A. McDaniel, Local Station Manager, of Eastern Airlines. Councilman Albea moved that the requests be granted. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and un-animously carried.

APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZED FROM EMERGENCY FUND FOR EXPENSES OF TWO HOME DEMONSTRATION WORKERS.

Mrs. Helen John Wright, Mecklenburg County Home Demonstration Agent, requested that funds be provided to assist in defraying the expenses of two assistant home demonstration workers to work exclusively in Charlotte. She outlined the manner in which the funds would be expended. Thereupon, Councilman Slye moved that \$405.00 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund to cover these expenses through June 30, 1944. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and un-animously carried.

PROPOSED PLAN TO PROVIDE RETIREMENT ANNUITIES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES SUBMITTED BY JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Mr. Jas. A. White, representing John Hancock Life Insurance Company, submitted a proposed plan to provide retirement annuities for city employees. Mr. Daughtry moved that the plan, as well as any others submitted within two weeks from today, be turned over to Mr. C. W. Tillett, City Attorney, with instructions that he forward same to Mr. Geo. B. Buck, Actuary Consultant for the City, for his recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman Price and un-animously carried.

APPROVAL OF EARNED VACATION PAY FOR PERSONNEL ENTERING ARMED FORCES.

Councilman Slye moved that in addition to the two weeks bonus previously provided for city personnel entering the Armed Forces, they be allowed one day's pay for each full month of service in the calendar year, provided the vacation allowed for year has not been taken prior to going into service, and that effective September 1, 1944 such personnel not having

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had his vacation receive a full two weeks vacation pay, same to be effective as of February 1, 1944, and not to be retroactive. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY TO RECONVEY LOT 9 BLOCK 13 IN CHANTILLY TO S. A. LESLIE AND WIFE LILLIE W. LESLIE.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. J. H. McLain, Assistant Collector of Revenue:

WHEREAS, at foreclosure sale of February 15, 1943, in Tax Suit No. 256, entitled "City of Charlotte vs. S. A. Leslie et al.", the City of Charlotte was high bidder for the lot of land located at No. 2332 Commonwealth Avenue in said City and being Lot No. 9, Block 13, of Chantilly as shown on map recorded in Book 230, Pages 248 and 249, of the Registry for Mecklenburg County, and said lot was conveyed to said City pursuant to said sale by deed dated March 24, 1943, and recorded in Book 1091, page 479, of said Registry; and

WHEREAS, S. A. Leslie and wife, Lillie W. Leslie, the owners of said lot prior to foreclosure, have requested that said City sell said lot to them, pursuant to provisions of Section 61 of the Charter of said City, at the price of \$739.86, which amount is to be paid in cash and represents, if paid during the month of February 1944, the taxes, interest, penalties and other liens which were enforced in said Tax Suit, together with Court and foreclosure costs.

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Charlotte be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute in the name of said City a deed of bargain and sale conveying said lot of land to said S. A. Leslie and wife, Lillie W. Leslie, subject to the lien of any taxes assessed subsequent to the year 1943, said deed to be delivered to them upon the payment by them to the City Treasurer of the sum of \$739.86 in cash, provided said payment is made during the month of February 1944, and the payment by them of the amount necessary to purchase the revenue stamp to be affixed to said deed, but if payment is not made during the month of February 1944, and is made before said City shall have otherwise disposed of said lot, then an additional amount of \$2.20 is to be added to the said purchase price for each subsequent month.

Councilman Ward moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES TO CHARGE THREE DOLLARS FOR THE BURIAL OF CREMATED REMAINS.

The City Manager presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, heretofore it has not been a practice of the Superintendent of Cemeteries to charge for the burial of cremated remains although in the opinion of the City Attorneys such charge is authorized by the existing ordinance regulating the operation of cemeteries, and

WHEREAS, the Council is of the opinion that such charge should be made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that from and after the 2nd day of February 1944, the Superintendent of Cemeteries be and is directed to make a charge of Three (\$3.00) Dollars for each burial of cremated remains in cemeteries operated by the City.

Councilman Ward moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Slye and unanimously carried.

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PASSAGE OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE WHICH REGULATES THE OPERATION OF CEMETERIES.

The following ordinance was presented by the City Manager:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:

Section 1. That Section 46 of the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Regulate the Operation of Cemeteries of the City of Charlotte, Owned and Operated by the City of Charlotte", adopted July 15th, 1931, be and it is amended by adding at the end of same the following:

"For each interment in a mausoleum the charge shall be Ten (\$10.00) Dollars. The charges stated in this section shall apply whether the remains are, or are not cremated".

Section 11. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Councilman Hovis moved the passage of the ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and unanimously passed.

PURCHASE OF REPAIR PARTS FOR PUMP AT SUGAW CREEK DISPOSAL PLANT.

Councilman Daughtry moved that repair parts for pump at Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant be authorized from John R. Purser Sales Engineer, Inc., Charlotte, at a net delivered price of \$868.30. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF CORPORATION STOP BODIES AND KEY CURB STOPS.

Councilman Slye moved that authority be given to purchase Corporation Stop Bodies and Key Curb Stops for use by the Water Department from Mueller Company, at \$112.85, f.o.b. Decatur, Ill. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF TWO FIRE HYDRANTS.

Councilman Hovis moved that the purchase of Two Fire Hydrants be authorized from Grinnell Company, Inc., at a delivered price of \$134.25, less 2% for cash. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and carried.

OFFER OF SALE OF PRIVATELY CONSTRUCTED WATER MAIN REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.

The City Manager reported that W. D. Wilkinson was offering for sale to the City a privately constructed water main in Camp Green Avenue and recommended that a Committee of Council be appointed to investigate the matter. Mayor Baxter appointed Councilmen Slye, Cope and Price to serve on the Committee.

REPORTS ON MEETING OF UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS.

Mayor Baxter and Councilmen Hovis and Ward reported on the meeting of The United States Conference of Mayors in Chicago which they attended in January. They reported a large attendance of city officials from the United States and Canada; that much helpful information was gained from the discussions and that one of the main topics discussed was post-war projects and their planning by municipalities.

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ENDORSEMENT OF SIXTEEN POST-WAR PROJECTS NAMED BY MAYOR BAXTER AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL TO ASSIST CITY MANAGER WITH PLANS.

Mayor Baxter requested Council to sponsor the following sixteen post-war projects, subject to change and recommended that the City Manager be instructed to begin immediate plans on the first two named projects:

1. Extension of Disposal Plants.
2. Enlargement of Water Works.
3. New Health Building.
4. Extensive street repair program.
5. New street paving program.
6. Two new Fire Stations, one in Dilworth and one in Chantilly.
7. Enlargement of Administration Building at Douglas Airport.
8. Survey to increase Airport Transportation, both passenger and freight.
9. New City Auditorium and Civic Center.
10. Covering over Sugaw Creek and construction of a Cross Town Boulevard over Creek bed.
11. New Union Station (to include Southern Railway, Seaboard Airline Railway, Norfolk-Southern Railroad and Piedmont & Northern Railway.)
12. Addition to Charlotte Memorial Hospital.
13. Extension and improvement of Recreational Facilities.
14. Two new Schools.
15. New Public Library.
16. New or enlarged Incinerator.

Councilman Slye moved that the Council endorse the recommendations. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried. Mayor Baxter then appointed Councilman Bullard, Atkins and Baker as a Committee to assist the City Manager with plans for these projects.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the following cemetery deeds were approved for transfer:

M. M. and Ellie O. Harris, Lot No. 319, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$58.80.
Gus and George Economou, South Half Lot No. 63, Section "BB", Elmwood Cemetery
\$56.00

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hayfman
City Clerk