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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held on Wednesday, February 21, 1940, at 4 o'clock P. M., in the Council Chamber, City Hall; Mayor Pro Tem Hovis presiding and Councilmen Baxter, Britt, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance being present.

Absent: Mayor Douglas, Councilmen Albea, Sides, Ward and Wilkinson.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the minutes of the meeting of February 7th. were approved as read.

REQUEST MADE FOR LIGHT AT BEATTYS FORD ROAD AND MILL ROAD.

Paul Richardson (colored) asked the Council to install a stop light just below Johnson C. Smith University, at the corner of Beattys Ford Road and Mill Road, where there is at the present time only a blinker. He stated that there is a colored theatre at this point and that a serious accident occurred there just recently and prior to that a wreck, and that a large number of school children cross the street at this corner. He informed the Council that no attention is paid to the amber blinker but that a "stop and go" light would greatly relieve the condition.

After discussion by the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Hovis stated that the matter would be taken up with the Traffic Engineer in an effort to work out something that will help the situation at this point.

NEGRO AMERICAN LEGION POST GRANTED FREE USE OF ARMORY FOR BOXING MATCHES.

Paul Richardson also asked, on behalf of the Negro American Legion Post, free use of the Armory-Auditorium for April 9th., 10th. and 11th. to stage the Golden Gloves boxing matches, the proceeds from these games to go to the Legion's Charity Fund.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Huntley, this request was granted.

WEST CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL TO USE ARMORY IN MARCH FOR SPECIAL PROGRAM.

The Principal of the West Charlotte High School (colored) requested free use of the Armory for a special program, on Sunday, March 17th., and on motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Britt, this request was also granted.

PURCHASE OF 300 BARRELS PORTLAND CEMENT.

The City Manager reported receipt of bids on 300 barrels of Portland Cement for use in the construction of sidewalk projects, which bids were as follows:

Tucker-Kirby Company	\$770.28
Doggett Lumber Company	776.16
Charlotte Lumber Corp.	780.00
Caldwell Construction Co.	780.00

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Building Materials Company	783.51
T. J. Wiggins Lumber Co.	784.98
McGee Lumber Company	793.80
North Charlotte Lumber Co.	793.80
J. L. Wiggins & Son Lbr.Co.	823.20
Cathey Lumber Company	823.20

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Little, the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Tycker-Kirby Company, at a total delivered price of \$770.28 and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign same.

PURCHASE OF SUMMER UNIFORMS FOR FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

Bids having been received on summer Uniforms for the Fire and Police Departments, as follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Elliott & Fink	\$2,325.81
Belk Bros. Company	2,446.50
Martin's Department Store	2,571.92
Hirsch-Tyloe Company	2,745.90
Charlotte Mercantile Co.	2,823.87
Efird's Department Store	2,853.42
Martin's Department Store	2,884.58
Wannemaker & Brown Uniform Co.	3,095.25

Councilman Huntley moved that contract be drawn in favor of the lowest bidder, Elliott & Fink, at a total delivered price of \$2,325.81, and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Hudson and unanimously carried.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Martin's Department Store	\$2,768.75
Hirsch-Tyloe Company	2,776.85
Wanamaker & Brown Uniform Co.	2,918.61
Belk Bros. Company	2,928.70
Charlotte Mercantile Co.	2,940.06
Elliott & Fink	3,054.60
Efird's Department Store	3,084.31
Martin's Department Store	3,149.34

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign contract with the low bidder, Martin's Department Store, at a total price of \$2,768.75.

PURCHASE OF TWO CARS OF TERRA COTTA PIPE.

Bids were reported received on two cars of 8-inch Terra Cotta Pipe from ten local companies, all at the price of \$681.99, and based on the City's policy of alternating awards where quality and price are the same, Councilman Baxter moved that one car be purchased from the Doggett Lumber Company, at a total delivered price of \$341.00, and the second car from the Building Materials Company at a total delivered price of \$340.99, and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contracts. Motion seconded by Councilman Hudson and unanimously carried.

REPAIRS TO POLICE CAR TO BE MADE BY CONDER BODY AND SPRING SERVICE.

Mr. Marshall advised that one of the City police cars collided with another car on an early call and was considerably damaged,

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and that bids received on repairing it were as follows:

Heath Motor Company	\$275.00
Pettit Motor Company	250.00
Condor Body & Spring Service	250.00

He recommended that the award be made to the Condor Body and Spring Service, in the amount of \$250.00, and on motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Britt, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract with the Condor Body and Spring Service for this repair work, at the total price of \$250.00.

REPAIRS TO IMPELLER ON AIR COMPRESSOR AT IRWIN CREEK DISPOSAL PLANT.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Little, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the General Electric Company for repairs to one of the impellers on an air compressor at the Irwin Creek Disposal Plant, at a cost of \$343.11. It was necessary that this work be done by the manufacturer.

EXTENSION OF SEWER IN NORTH POPLAR STREET.

On motion of Councilman Britt, seconded by Councilman Hudson, authority was given for the extension of a sewer in North Poplar Street, from West 24th Street, south 240 feet, to serve one house, and estimated to cost \$193.60.

CONTRACT WITH MARSH LAND COMPANY FOR EXTENSION OF SEWER IN MARSH ROAD.

Councilman Huntley moved that the City enter into a contract with the Marsh Land Company for the extension of a sewer to serve a portion of Marsh Road and estimated to cost \$2,328.98; the Marsh Land Company agreeing to post with the City \$1,328.98 for the cost of this sewer in excess of the amount allowed by the City, with the understanding that when seven additional connections are made to this sewer that the amount posted will be returned to the applicant. Motion seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried.

NOTICE OF SUIT OF JOSEPHINE REYNOLDS VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Notice of suit of Josephine Reynolds against the City of Charlotte for alleged injuries received from falling into a hole on Second Street, was turned over to the City Attorney for handling. Amount of the suit is \$1,000.00 and the plaintiff's attorney is T. L. Kirkpatrick.

REAL SURVEY PROJECT REPORT.

Mr. Marshall reported that he was in receipt of advice from W. H. Levitt, State Supervisor of Real Property Survey Project, that it will cost \$600.00 to print the report of the survey recently made by them in Charlotte.

After a lengthy discussion by the Council, Councilman Baxter made a motion that inasmuch as this information was not received in time to be of benefit to the Housing Authority, that it is not now needed, and, therefore, the City would not meet the expense of printing the report. Motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried.

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REPAIRS AT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

In the last budget the Council authorized \$1,000.00 for necessary repairs to the building at the Municipal Airport, but the work to be done in order to properly correct the trouble to the windows and to put on a roof that would be satisfactory, cost \$275.00 more than the \$1000.00 originally available, and the City Manager requested that an additional appropriation be made from the Emergency Fund to take care of this amount.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Hudson and carried, this amount was authorized from the Emergency Fund.

COPY OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT SUBMITTED.

A copy of the Annual Report of the Health Department was presented each member of the Council; also a copy of the budget statement showing the financial condition of the City at the end of the first seven months of this fiscal year, which statement shows a book surplus of about \$69,000.00.

PROPOSED SALE OF PROPERTY ON EAST SEVENTH STREET REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. J. M. Scarborough, City Attorney, reported that in accordance with the action of the Council, he had exposed for sale the tract of land on East 7th Street, and had received a bid of \$1,000.00 from T. C. Wilson, Agent, and that since no increased bids have come in, he asked the Council to either accept or reject this offer of \$1,000.00.

After discussion as to whether this was a fair price for this property, Councilman Baxter moved that a committee of three be appointed to investigate and report back to the Council on this offer. Motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Hovis then appointed Councilman Baxter as Chairman of this Committee, with Councilmen Huntley and Britt as the other two members.

CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA GRANTED USE OF ARMORY-AUDITORIUM FOR 1940-41 SEASON.

At the request of Mr. Spencer Bell, the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra was granted the use of the Armory-Auditorium for five dates, beginning October 18th, 1940 and ending May 16, 1941, for its 1940-41 season. This request was granted on motion of Councilman Baxter, duly seconded by Councilman Little and carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Hutley, seconded by Councilman Hudson the meeting then adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk