

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, February 22, 1950, with Mayor pro tem Aitken presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Coddington, Daugherty Jordan and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Mayor Shaw and Councilman Boyd.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

ADEQUATE BUS SERVICE FOR CENTRAL AVENUE AND CHANTILLY AREA REQUESTED.

Mr. L. B. Andrews, President, Merry Oaks Civic Club, appeared before the Council in the interest of adequate bus service in the Central Avenue and Chantilly area, now that the Duke Power Company has stated the shuttle bus on Central Avenue from Morningside Drive to Eastway Drive will be discontinued this weekend, due to insufficient revenue being derived therefrom.

Mr. Andrews stated the Club's appeal to the City Council on June 22, 1949 was that adequate bus service be provided the residents of the area, in which case they would favor the increase proposed by the Duke Power Company. He stated the shuttle bus provided in August 1949 was only from 5:30 am to 8:30 am and 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and was poorly routed in that it did not serve the largest number of residents of the area; however, no protest was made by the residents, but it should have taken the Bus Company not more than 6 weeks, instead of 6 months, to tell that it would not pay. He further stated he wrote Councilmen Albea and Boyd on November 28, 1949 requesting them to convey to the Council the desire of the residents for a change of route. He advised the recent opening of Chantilly School has changed the situation, and the present route is not serving the school children.

Mr. Andrews advised there is no objection whatsoever to the discontinuance of the shuttle bus service, as it is serving no useful purpose. That the Club has made a survey of the residents to learn their wishes with regard to a new route and the following four routes have been suggested, any one of which will be satisfactory:

Route #1. Out Central Avenue to Eastway Drive; over Eastway Drive to Commonwealth Avenue; in on Commonwealth Avenue to present routing.

Route #2. Same as Route #1, except leave Central Ave. at Merry Oaks Drive; over Merry Oaks Drive to Draper Ave; turn and out to Central Ave., then proceed as in #1.

Route #3. Out Central Avenue to Briar Creek Road; over Briar Creek Road to Commonwealth Ave., in on Commonwealth to present route.

Route #4. Out Central Ave. to Briar Creek Road; over Briar Creek Road to Commonwealth Ave; over Commonwealth to Eastway Drive; over Eastway Drive to Central Avenue; in on Central Avenue.

He stated it has also been suggested that the Bus be routed over Independence Boulevard, which would serve a large number of residents, and not over Commonwealth Avenue, over which a bus now operates.

Mr. Andrews advised the residents of the area do not appreciate the attitude of the Duke Power Company; that when officials of the Company were contacted they did not appear interested in the Bus System in Charlotte, but were more interested in selling electricity; that it is the belief of the Club members that if the Company was more receptive to suggestions of citizens who ride the busses, the Bus System would be better routed and more revenue would result to the Company. He asked that the Company be forced to provide adequate service to the citizens or made to sell the System to the City. He asked that the Council take the matter up with the Company and unless their area of the city is furnished adequate service that the City file a formal complaint with the State Utilities Commission.

Mrs. L. B. Andrews asked for better service for the area, especially for the school children. She advised that prior to the area being taken into the city on January 1, 1949, a County School Bus serviced the school area, while now the children must walk a mile, or more, to school or be carried by their parents.

Councilman Coddington recalled the facts that prior to the increase in bus fares, the City stated to the State Utilities Commission they could not approve such increase unless adequate service was provided all sections of the city, and later the Council asked the Commission to make a survey of the present facilities and needs of the city, neither of which was done. He stated he wished to again go on record asking for a survey by the Commission.

Mayor pro tem Aitken advised Mr. Andrews that the Council is well aware of the bus situation and endeavoring to remedy it; that the Council will give consideration to the request and discuss it with the Duke Power Company and then with the residents of the area.

INFORMATION REQUESTED RELATIVE TO THE CITY'S APPROPRIATION FOR A VETERANS CENTER.

Mr. J. S. Bowser and a Committee representing the United Veterans Organizations of Mecklenburg County, were present and requested information regarding funds that had been appropriated for a Veterans Center. He was advised by the City Manager that funds had been appropriated, and he should contact Mr. W. A. Richard, Chairman of the Veterans Recreation Commission, regarding the use of the funds.

REQUEST FOR WATER MAINS AND STREET LIGHTS IN MONROE ROAD AREA.

Mr. B. H. Thomas, 2814 Monroe Road, requested information as to when water mains and street lighting will be provided for the Monroe Road area, which has been within the city limits over a year. Mr. Yancey, City Manager, advised he would check the schedules and advise him; that such services are being provided as rapidly as possible.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON ROCKWAY DRIVE FROM INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD TO CHANTILLY SCHOOL PROPERTY.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Rockway Drive from Independence Boulevard to Chantilly School Property" was placed upon its second reading, and upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Coddington, was unanimously adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 259.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING APPRAISERS IN CONNECTION WITH ROCKWAY DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Appointing Appraisers in Connection with Rockway Drive Street Improvements" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, was unanimously adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 261.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON PARKWOOD AVENUE.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Parkwood Avenue, Extending in an easterly direction from Parsons Street to The Plaza" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, was unanimously adopted, on its first reading. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 261.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON PARKWOOD AVENUE.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing Advertisement of Notice of Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Parkwood Avenue, extending in an easterly direction from Parsons Street to The Plaza" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, was unanimously adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 262.

CURB CUTS AUTHORIZED ON PROVIDENCE ROAD AND CECIL STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the following curb cuts were authorized:

- (a) One 21-foot curb cut at the Providence Road Shopping Center requested by Goode Construction Company.
- (b) One 44-foot curb cut on Cecil Street at the intersection of Elizabeth Avenue, requested by Southeastern Construction Co.

REMOVAL OF TREES ON SOUTH POPLAR STREET, AND ON EAST TRADE STREET AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, authorizing the removal of trees at the following locations:

- (a) Two trees from the planting strip at 320 South Poplar Street which block a proposed driveway.
- (b) One tree on East Trade Street at North Myers Street, which blocks a proposed driveway.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried, the construction of new sanitary sewers were authorized as follows:

- (a) Contract with W. R. Archer, 1748 Merriman Ave., for the construction of sewer mains for 855-feet in Willow Oak Road, at an estimated cost of \$1,660.00, to serve 7 houses and 3 vacant lots. The entire cost to be borne by the City and applicant's deposit of \$260.00 to be refunded according to the terms of the contract.
- (b) Construction of 339-feet of sewer main in Vinton Street to near Jennings Street, at an estimated cost of \$600.00, to serve 3 family units and 8 vacant lots. All costs to be borne by the City.
- (c) Construction of 484-feet of sewer mains in Turner Avenue and West Trade Street, at an estimated cost of \$990.00, to serve 7 family units. All costs to be borne by the City.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH E. C. GRIFFITH COMPANY FOR WATER MAINS IN EASTOVER.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be authorized with E. C. Griffith Company for the construction of 3630-feet of 6 and 8 inch water mains and 6 fire hydrants in Eastover Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$11,000.00, at the city's expense, with the applicant guaranteeing an annual revenue of 10% of said cost, except as noted in the contract. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS IN VICINITY OF WILLOW OAK ROAD AND YALE PLACE FROM B. W. ROBERTS AND WIFE.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the purchase of sanitary sewers from B. W. Roberts and wife, in the vicinity of Willow Oak Road and Yale Place, at a price of \$1,810.00, subject to the approval of bill-of-sale and right-of-way deed by the City Attorney.

DISPOSAL OF FERRIC CHLORIDE BY CITY.

Councilman Daughtry moved that the City Manager be authorized to dispose of 57,600 pounds of Ferric Chloride not now needed by the City, at a price of \$5.22 per cwt. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT WITH BELK BROS. COMPANY FOR OVERRUN IN CONTRACT FOR POLICEMEN UNIFORMS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, a contract was authorized with Belk Bros. Company for additional jacket, trousers and overcoats furnished on the original unit price basis, under contract dated August 31, 1949, representing an over-run in said contract of \$1,438.12.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, approving the issuance of a Special Officer Permit to Harry R. Fogg, 1206 Edgewood Road, for use on the premises of Rulane Gas Company and Charlotte Tank Company; and Permit was renewed to M. F. Patterson for use on the premises of A & P Tea Company.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN PRESENTATION OF UNDOCKETED ITEMS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, the unanimous consent of Council was given the City Manager to present the following two undocketed items.

APPOINTMENT OF DR. W. L. VENNING, JR. TO HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Upon nomination of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, Dr. W. L. Venning, Jr., was appointed to the Health Advisory Committee, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Monroe Gilmour.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING STREET LINES AT THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF MINT AND WEST SECOND STREETS.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Establishing Street Lines at the Southeasterly Corner of Mint and West Second Streets" was presented and read, and upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Coddington, was unanimously adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 263.

REPORT OF INJURIES SUSTAINED BY MRS. E. M. BELTON.

A report was made by E. M. Belton of injuries sustained by his wife, Mrs. E. M. Belton, 912 East Boundry Street, alleged to have been caused by falling into an open meter box in the 500 block of East First Street. Mr. Belton was requested to file the claim in writing with either the City Manager or City Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffmann
City Clerk