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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, February 26, 1941, with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Britt, Hovis, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilman Wilkinson.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF JANUARY 29TH. THROUGH FEBRUARY 18TH. APPROVED

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the minutes of the meetings of January 29th., February 5th and 12th., and special meeting of February 18th. were approved as read.

PURCHASE OF SUMMER UNIFORMS FOR POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

The City Manager reported the following bids received for Summer Uniforms for the Police and Fire Departments:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Belk Bros. Company	\$2,423.34
Charlotte Mercantile Co.	2,443.65
Elliott & Fink	2,497.18
Efird's Department Store	2,558.55
Martin's Department Store	2,585.85
Marion Davis Company	3,344.15
The Lilley-Ames Company	3,752.91

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Belk Bros. Company	\$ 2,651.47
Elliott & Fink	2,682.41
Charlotte Mercantile Co.	2,820.00
Efird's Department Store	2,895.70
The Lilley-Ames Company	3,051.95
Martin's Department Store	3,074.00
Marions Davis Company	3,187.41

The proposals of Belk Bros. Company include a statement that if both contracts are awarded to them a special discount of 1% as a trade discount would be allowed. Their total bid on the two contracts amounts to \$5,074.81, which would be reduced by \$50.75, representing 1%, or a net delivered price of \$5,024.06, and it was the recommendation of the City Manager that contract be awarded on this basis; Belk Bros. Company being the lowest bidder on both items.

Councilman Ward made a motion that contract for Uniforms for both Departments be awarded to Belk Bros. Company on the above basis, as recommended by the City Manager, at the net delivered price of \$5,024.06, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Little and carried.

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CANCELLATION OF RESERVE ACCOUNTS.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Little and unanimously carried, authority was given for the cancellation of a list of Reserve Accounts for Outstanding and Unclaimed Checks, some of which date back as far as 1924. The City Manager reported that practically all of these checks were in small amounts and were in some way lost or misplaced or the holders for various reasons left town without cashing them. This cancellation was asked for in order to clear the records in the Accounting Department.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT FOR JAMES R. MANNING AT PROFESSIONAL BUILDING.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Nance, special officer permit was authorized for James R. Manning on the Premises of the Professional Building; this man taking the place of B. B. Burnett, formerly given an officer's permit on these premises, who has left the employ of the Professional Realty Co.

REQUEST FOR LEASE SPACE FOR SIGN BOARDS DENIED.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, the request of the Schloss Poster Advertising for leases to erect sign boards at four different locations, at a rental of \$25.00 per year per location, was denied.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT FOR WILLIAM S. GREEN.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Ward, William S. Green was given a Special Officer permit in the Brown Building, to serve the three Draft Boards located in that building; Mr. Green being a member of Board No. 2.

CONTRACT WITH RAILWAY SUPPLY & MANUFACTURING COMPANY FOR EASEMENT FOR WATER MAIN AND FOR INSTALLATION OF FIRE HYDRANT ON THEIR PREMISES.

Mr. Scarborough, City Attorney, presented written contract between the City of Charlotte and the Railway Supply & Manufacturing Co., covering easement over the property of this company for water main laid by the City of Charlotte some time ago and for which right of way was not obtained at that time; and for installation of a fire hydrant on the premises of this company; the contract being drawn so that the Company will be paid by the City for the easement and they, in turn, to reimburse the City for the fire hydrant, all as authorized at the Council meeting of February 12th. Mr. John Small, attorney for the Railway Supply & Mfg. Co. was also present.

Councilman Sides brought up the question of stand-by charges on the fire hydrant, which was not incorporated in this contract, and after the Superintendent of the Water Department, Mr. W. E. Vest, was called to appear before the Council and clarify this question, and also after Mr. Small had called his client by telephone regarding the ordinance calling for a stand-by charge on fire hydrants on private property of \$20.00 per year, divided into monthly installments of \$1.67 per month, and it was agreed that they would accept this charge, this clause was added into the contract by Mr. Small, and on motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

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MILK ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON FIRST READING.

The proposed Milk Ordinance was read by the City Manager and on motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Huntley, was adopted on first reading. Drs. Rea and Wolfe of the City Health Department were present at the reading of this Ordinance but no representatives of the dairy trade were, and passage on second and third readings were deferred until next week.

LEASE BETWEEN CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR TWO TRACTS OF LAND ADJACENT TO PRESENT ARMY AIR CORPS BASE ON DIXIE ROAD.

Mayor Douglas read the following lease covering two tracts of land adjacent to the present Army Air Corps Base on the Dixie Road:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

L E A S E

COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG

The City of Charlotte through its governing body, the City Council, does hereby lease unto the United States of America to be used by Army Air Corps the hereinunder described land, which is adjacent to the present Army Air Corps Base on Dixie Road, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Adjoining the lands of W. R. Berryhill, and being a lot or tract of land cut off the homeplace of the said W. R. Berryhill, Beginning at a stone on the south side of the public road on W. R. Berryhill's line and runs South 87 W. 22 poles to a stone; thence South $4\frac{1}{2}$ E. 36 poles to a stone; thence S. $80\frac{1}{2}$ E. $22\frac{3}{5}$ poles to a stone on Blanchard's line; thence with his line N. $42\frac{1}{2}$ West 40 $\frac{4}{5}$ poles to the beginning, containing 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ acres, more or less.

Being in all respects the same tract of land conveyed to Richard Bidgood by W. R. Berryhill and wife by deed dated March 16th 1901, duly recorded in the Mecklenburg Registry in Book 242 at page 140, to which reference to hereby made.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at a stone by a Cherry tree, Bidgood's corner and runs thence N. $65\frac{3}{4}$ W. $8\frac{3}{5}$ poles to a stone; thence N $29\frac{1}{2}$ West $15\frac{1}{2}$ poles to an iron stake in the Dixie Road; thence N. $5\frac{1}{4}$ E. $26\frac{4}{5}$ (poles) to a stone; thence S. 88 E. $32\frac{3}{5}$ poles to a stake in a line of the School House property or lot; thence S. 4 E. $5\frac{3}{4}$ poles to a stone, Bidgood's corner; thence with 2 of his lines (1) S. 87 W. 22 poles to a stone (2) S. 4 E. 36 _____ to the beginning, containing 4 acres, more or less, being part of the same tract of land which was conveyed to W. R. Berryhill by E. E. Berryhill, by deed November 14th, 1908. Being in all respects the same tract of land conveyed to R. Bidgood by W. R. Berryhill and wife by deed dated January 7th. 1909, and duly recorded in the Mecklenburg Registry in Book 242, at page 141, to which reference is hereby made.

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for a period of five years from the date of this instrument at the rate of \$600.00 per year, which will be paid by the government on the 1st. day of April of each and every succeeding year hereafter for a period of five years.

After a period of five years from this date that the land herein described shall be added to that which has heretofore been leased to the government for Army Air Corps Base and shall be subject to the terms of the lease containing description of the other lands, which is to be rented from year to year for a period of 25 years from the date of the previous lease at the rate of \$1.00 per year.

All of which is done under and by authority of the governing body of the City of Charlotte, who after due motion or resolution passed, ordered this lease to be signed in its name by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and its corporate seal thereto affixed.

This the 26th day of February, 1941.

Mayor, City of Charlotte, N. C.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

By _____

The Mayor explained that this lease was necessary inasmuch as the government could not buy this additional tract of land and the City purchased same from Bidgood, and that after the five year period of rental at the price named in this lease, the City would have received the amount of the purchase price of the land.

After the reading of the above lease, Councilman Baxter moved that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign same on behalf of the City of Charlotte, which motion was seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried.

CHANGE IN WORDING OF THE NAME OF DOUGLAS AIRPORT.

On motion of Councilman Sides, duly seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried, the name of the Douglas Municipal Airport was changed to the Douglas Airport- Municipally Owned.

PERPETUAL CARE AGREEMENT ON LOT NO. 8 IN SECTION "P". ELMWOOD CEMETERY.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Ward, perpetual care agreement was ordered issued in the name of the Union National Bank, Trustee for Estate of Mrs. Rena McD. Roach, on Lot No. 8, in Section "P", Elmwood Cemetery, the amount of \$144.00 having been paid for this care.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Albee, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the meeting adjourned.

Allice B. M. Powell

City Clerk