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The City Council held its regular weekly meeting at 4 P. M., Wednesday, February 28, 1940, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor Douglas presiding. Present: Councilmen Baxter, Britt, Hovis, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides and Ward.

Absent: Councilmen Albea, Hudson and Wilkinson.

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MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Britt, the minutes of the February 21st. meeting were approved as read.

PROTEST OF MR. R. H. ATKINSON OVER PRICE OFFERED FOR LAND TO BE USED FOR STREET WIDENING ON TENTH STREET.

Mr. R. H. Atkinson appeared before the Council at this time in protest of the price offered him for the land to be taken from his property at the corner of Louise Avenue and Tenth Street on account of the widening of East 10th Street. Mr. Atkinson stated that Mr. Lee Kinney had made him an offer of \$250.00 for the 195 square feet which will be needed and that since this will necessitate the loss of several trees from his property, as well as other shrubbery, he felt that this offer was too low. He advised that he had originally wanted \$500.00 for this amount of land but had finally offered to settle for \$375.00, altho he would rather pay the City the amount of \$250.00 ~~rather~~ than lose the trees and damage his property. He stated that he did not know what effect this would have on the renting of his house and that it would also damage his filling station.

After discussion by the Council, at which time the map of this proposed widening was studied, Mr. Atkinson was advised that the City would go into this matter with him and see what could be done to effect a suitable settlement.

HOUSING REPORT TO BE CALLED FOR.

Councilman Baxter stated that while the Council had turned down the request of the State Supervisor of Real Property Survey Project to have this report printed, he thought the report should come to the City in its present form. Mr. Marshall stated that he had already called upon Mr. Levitt to furnish the report as they now have it.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS GRANTED.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Little and carried, special officer permits were granted to J. R. Coffey and A. J. O'Shields, on the premises of the Low-cost Housing Projects. These requests were approved by the Chief of Police.

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PURCHASE OF BONDS FOR SINKING FUND INVESTMENT.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried, approval was given for the purchase of the following Bonds for the Sinking Fund account, subject to the approval of the Local Government Commission:

- 1- \$1,000 New Hanover County School Building Bond, 3's due 7-1-40, and
- 3- \$1,000 New Hanover County School Building Bonds, due 7-1-41, all on a .75% basis.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, the following cemetery deeds and perpetual care agreement were approved for transfer:

Allen W. Heath, Lot No. 32, G-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery	\$58.80
Perpetual care on " "	42.00
Mrs. Edna Morgan, Lot No. 33, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery	63.00

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Little, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell  
City Clerk