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The City Council met in regular weekly session at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, January 14, 1942, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor Pro Tem Albea presiding and Councilmen Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter and Slye being present.

Absent: Mayor Currie, Councilmen Little, Price, Ross and Ward.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 7TH. MEETING APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Slye, the minutes of the meeting of January 7th., were approved as read.

CHARLOTTE CITY SCHOOLS GRANTED USE OF ARMORY-AUDITORIUM FOR MUSICAL CONFERENCE.

At the request of Mr. Alfred Cook, Director of Music in the Charlotte City Schools, and on motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Baker, the use of the Armory-Auditorium on March 28th., for a meeting of the District Musicians was granted free of charge.

CHESTER NIXON SPEAKS TO COUNCIL.

Chester Nixon appeared before the Council at this time and greatly denounced Charlotte for letting Monroe secure the Army camp soon to be established there. Mr. Nixon also entered into his protests against the W. P. A.

PURCHASE OF CAR OF MIXED ASPHALT.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Painter, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with The Texas Company, low bidder, for one car of Mixed Asphalt (6600 gallons), for use by the Street Maintenance Department, at a net delivered price of \$741.89. The only other bidder on this material was the Standard Oil Company of N. J., at a price of \$846.77.

PURCHASE OF SERVICE MASKS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

On motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Beasley, authorization was given for the purchase of 6 Service Masks for use in the Fire Department, from the Federal Laboratories, Inc., of Pittsburgh, Pa., at a net delivered price of \$198.00. The bid of the Mine Safety Appliance Company, the only other bidder, was \$213.00.

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BREATHING APPARATUS ALSO PURCHASED FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The City Manager reported that Chief Palmer, of the Fire Department had requested the purchase of 1 one-hour Breathing Apparatus for use in the Department, and that this item is classed as a specialty and can only be secured from the Mine Safety Appliance Company, who submitted a price of \$226.00 delivered for this item. Thereupon, Councilman Daughtry moved that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the contract with the above company for this apparatus at the price quoted. Motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and unanimously carried.

CHANGE IN CONTRACT FOR GATE VALVES.

Mr. Flack advised that under date of June 20, 1941, the Council authorized the purchase of 70 Bronze Gate Valves from the Grinnell Company, some of which have already been delivered, but that the City has now been advised by the contractor that they will be unable to furnish the balance of the order, namely 20- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  inch valves- because of Government restrictions on the manufacture of valves under bronze specifications. That the Grinnell Company have offered to substitute in lieu thereof iron body, bronze mounted valves, at the same price quoted in the original order, and that these valves will be acceptable to the Water Department.

On motion made by Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Baker and unanimously carried, the change in contract to conform to the above, was authorized.

HANOVER STREET AND McDONALD AVENUE ACCEPTED FOR MAINTENANCE.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, Hanover Street, 150 feet south from Bay Street, and McDonald Avenue, from South Boulevard to Wintthrop Avenue, were taken over for city maintenance; these streets having been put in shape for taking over.

APPROPRIATION FROM EMERGENCY FUND FOR TRAVELING EXPENSES OF MESSRS HOVIS, McCORKLE AND KELLY.

On motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Slye and duly carried, authority was given for a charge of \$353.34, traveling expenses of Messrs. Hovis, McCorkle and Kelly to Richmond, Va. and Holyoke, Mass., to be made against the Emergency Fund. This trip was for the purpose of making a study of the utilities system as installed by Remington-Rand, Inc.

STATEMENT OF UNCOLLECTED TAXES FURNISHED COUNCIL.

A copy of Statement of Uncollected Taxes for the week ending January 8, 19 42 was furnished each member of the Council by the City Manager.

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INDEPENDENCE SQUARE TO BE ROPED OFF FOR DEFENSE BOND SALES ON JANUARY 19TH.

Councilman Beasley reported that Chief Joyner had asked that permission be granted for roping off the intersection of Tryon and Trade Street, better known as "Independence Square" for thirty minutes, during the hour of 12:30 and 1 P.M., on January 19th., for the sale of Defense Bonds, and on motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, this request was unanimously granted.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Baker, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell  
City Clerk