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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, January 22, 1946, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Hinson, Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puetté and White present.

Absent: Councilman Childs.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by The Rev. A. B. Woods, retiring President of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Ministerial Association.

Mr. Woods stated that the Ministerial Association would be happy to supply a minister to open all future Council Meetings with prayer, as requested by Council.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Hinson, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

ACTIVITIES OF COUNCIL LAUDED BY MAYOR.

Mayor Baxter stated as this was the first Council Meeting he had attended in the new year; due to illness, he wished to remark on the progressiveness of the Council, and compliment them on their activities in a number of projects, which have, of necessity, been delayed during the war years. He particularly pointed to the work of Council on the following subjects:

1. Housing - and especially Council's efforts towards the acquisition of Morris Field and the development of the barracks into housing units.
2. Foreclosure on properties having past due taxes, and particularly the work of the Appraisal Committee in this connection.
3. The establishment of a retirement system for city employees.
4. Authorization of a bond issue for public improvements.
5. Institution of a Slum Clearance program.
6. Improvements in the control of traffic, and regulation of the taxicab situation.
7. Initiation of zoning laws.
8. Improvements to the City Health Program, especially the typhus control program.

Councilman McIntyre stated that in his opinion the most worthwhile accomplishment of Council was the improved method of garbage disposal by the land fill method.

Councilman Hinson advised that a serious study of Child Welfare was being made by the joint City-County Committee, and a definite program would be forthcoming in the near future for curbing juvenile delinquency and to provide needed recreational facilities.

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Councilman Newson complimented the Mayor on his excellent leadership; the City Manager for his executive ability and activities, and the City Attorney for his fine legal guidance.

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 2817 S. TRYON STREET CONFIRMED, AND PROPERTY AT 1015-17 EAST 4TH STREET AUTHORIZED ADVERTISED FOR SALE.

Motion was made by Councilman Newson, Chairman, Appraisal Committee, that the sale of tax foreclosed property at 2817 South Tryon Street (being Lot 1 in Block 2) be confirmed to the high bidder, W. Marshall Moore, at \$275.00.

Also, that the City Treasurer be authorized to advertise for sale, on the usual terms, property at 1015-17 East 4th Street, and that no bids be accepted for less than \$3,150.00.

Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

REVOCATION OF TAXICAB OPERATORS PERMITS.

Motion was made by Councilman Newson, seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried, that permits to operate taxicabs heretofore issued to Rex T. Jones, M. C. Pressley, W. H. Smith and Irwin J. Darnell be revoked, as recommended by the Chief of Police, due to their having been convicted for violation of the North Carolina Liquor Laws.

PROBATIONARY PERMITS TO OPERATE TAXICAB APPROVED FOR ISSUANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Puette, seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried, probationary permits to operate taxicabs were approved for issuance to Robert T. Todd, Harold L. Aughtry and Julius E. Weaver, as recommended by the Chief of Police.

CONTRACT WITH W. T. MINOR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER LINES IN COUNTRY CLUB HILLS SUBDIVISION AUTHORIZED, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.

Motion was made by Councilman Puette that contract be authorized with Mr. W. T. Minor for the construction of 8-inch water lines in Country Club Hills sub-division, subject to the approval of the City Attorney, as recommended by the City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman White, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AUTHORIZING REBATE ON PAVING ASSESSMENT TO MISS BEULAH COURTNEY.

Upon motion of Councilman Puette, seconded by Councilman Hinson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Miss Beulah H. Courtney is the owner of Lot 8 in Block 18 of Crescent Heights, according to a map thereof recorded in Book 230, page 143, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County, and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte is claiming 10 feet at right angles to Providence Road along the width of said lot on Providence Road, and

WHEREAS, said lot fronts on Circle Avenue 108.7 feet and there was original street assessment against said property of \$427.02, and

WHEREAS, Miss Courtney has offered to quitclaim said land to the City of Charlotte for sidewalk and street purposes in consideration of a rebate of the street paving assessment on said 10 feet of \$40.48, and two

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years sewer tax on said 10 feet of 30¢ per year, or 60¢ for the years 1945 and 1946.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay to Miss Courtney the sum of \$41.08 upon the delivery to the City Treasurer of quitclaim deed for said 10 feet of land, such 10 feet of land to be used for sidewalk or street purposes.

CONTRACT WITH GEO. G. SCOTT & COMPANY FOR WORK IN CONNECTION WITH RETIREMENT SYSTEM AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Hinson moved that contract with Geo. G. Scott and Company be authorized, for work done in connection with the city employees retirement system, in the amount of \$2,573.86. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IN SUMTER AVENUE AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Puette, the construction of an 8-inch sanitary sewer in Sumter Avenue, from end of the present sewer 193 feet north of Auten Street, 180 feet north towards Bruns Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$313.50, was unanimously authorized.

PAVING OF WEST 23RD STREET, FROM TRYON STREET TO END OF CITY MAINTENANCE AUTHORIZED.

The City Manager stated that Mr. Earl Gluck had deposited \$457.30 with the city to pay the cost of materials for paving West 23rd Street, from Tryon Street to the end of the city maintenance, and recommended that the work be done. Councilman Johnston moved that West 23rd Street be paved as recommended. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST FOR DEFERMENT OF EQUIVALENT ELIMINATION PROVISION OF AGREEMENT WITH CHARLOTTE HOUSING AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Johnston moved that the City Manager be authorized to request the deferment for one year, dating from March 25, 1946, of the equivalent elimination provision of the agreement with the Charlotte Housing Authority. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES TAYLOR AS A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Puette, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the necessity for having special peace officers who are Negroes, in certain areas of the City, as set out in a Resolution adopted on the 9th day of July, 1941, and recorded in Minute Book 9, beginning at page 98, and following, and

WHEREAS, Walter F. Anderson, Chief of Police, has recommended that James Taylor be reappointed as special peace officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That James Taylor be, and he hereby is, appointed special peace officer under Section 66 of the Charter of the City of Charlotte - being Chapter 366 of the Public-Local Laws of 1939;

2. That he shall hold said position during the pleasure and at the discretion of the Council, but not longer than July 21, 1946 under this appointment.

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3. His compensation, to be paid by the City, shall be and it is hereby fixed at \$160.00 per month, payable semi-monthly;

He shall, subject to the general supervision and direction of the Chief of Police of the City, police and guard the public and private premises within the area and boundaries set forth and described in the aforesaid Resolution of July 9, 1941, to which Resolution reference is hereby made and the description therein contained are incorporated herein by reference.

STREET BUSES OPERATING ON EAST 4TH STREET.

The City Manager advised that in response to his monthly request to Duke Power Company that street busses be removed from East 4th Street, they replied they were unable to do so at this time.

In the discussion of the matter, opinion was expressed that a definite date should be set by which time busses must be removed from 4th Street. The City Manager was requested to ascertain how many new busses were on order for use in Charlotte and when delivery was expected.

CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Johnston that the following contracts and purchases be authorized, and funds appropriated if necessary. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried:

- a. Contract with Harkey Bros. Inc., for 250 pieces of shrubbery for Elmwood Cemetery, at a total price of \$300.00.
- b. Purchase of 10,000 stamped, printed envelopes from the Charlotte Postoffice, for the Tax Department, at a cost of \$335.28.
- c. Payment of \$124.20 to Purity Cafe for prisoners board, from January 1st to 15th, 1946.
- d. Purchase of repair parts to tractor, dragline and shovel from E. F. Craven Company, at \$177.44.
- e. Contract with Chapman Valve Mfg. Company for repairs to 14-inch Chapman Cone Valve, at a cost of \$337.00.
- f. Purchase of brackets, frames and tubes for Kardex Index System in the City Clerk's office, from Remington-Rand Co., at a cost of \$121.50.

DATE FOR BOND ELECTION SET AS APRIL 16TH, 1946.

The unanimous consent of Council was given Councilman Newson to present the following matter, upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman McIntyre.

Councilman Newson moved that subject to proper approval of our Bond Attorneys, and the Local Government Commission, that April 16, 1946 be set as election date for the approval of the bond issue, as previously set by Council, and subject to the vote of the people. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT TO E. J. Hanson, Jr. FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH AIRPORT MATTERS.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinson that \$1,000.00 be made available, and transferred from the Airport Fund, for services rendered by Mr. E. J. Hanson, Jr., Attorney, in connection with airport matters. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried.

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SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman White, sale of the following cemetery lots was unanimously authorized:

- To - Mrs. J. W. Blythe, Lot 40, in Section Z, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$31.50. Perpetual Care on above lot, at \$22.50.
- To - Mrs. Caroline R. Fisher, Lot 320, in Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$58.80.
- To - Mrs. John C. Erwin, Agent, perpetual care on Lot 107, in Section S, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$144.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Johnston, the meeting was adjourned.

Helian B. Huffman
City Clerk