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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, January 24, 1945, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Price and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilman Slye.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED RELATIVE TO SOUTHERN RAILWAY CROSSING SIGNAL LIGHT.

Representatives of the Southern Railway were present to confer relative to their request to install flashing lights signals at the railroad crossing on East 2nd Street in lieu of a watchman. Following the discussion, Councilman Daughtry moved that a Committee be appointed to investigate the matter and confer with the Railway Representatives at the location of the proposed installation, and report to Council at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward, and unanimously carried. Whereupon, Mayor Baxter appointed Councilmen Daughtry and Cope as the Committee.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITH REGARD TO SALE OF OLD AUDITORIUM PROPERTY AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF EAST FIFTH AND NORTH COLLEGE STREETS.

Councilman Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, the City, pursuant to a resolution adopted September 6th, 1944, as shown on Page 34 of Minute Book 31, adopted a resolution providing for the advertisement for sale of the property located at the Northwest corner of East 5th Street and North College Street known as the Old Auditorium property and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said resolution said property was duly advertised for sale and the sale was conducted on October 16, 1944, and at said sale Frank F. Jones, Agent, became the last and highest bidder for the sum of \$51,000.00, and

WHEREAS, more than twenty days expired and said bid was not raised and on November 8th, 1944, the sale of said property was duly ratified and approved for the sum of \$51,000.00 to Frank F. Jones, Agent, as appears in Minute Book 31 at Page 67, and

WHEREAS, Frank F. Jones, Agent, under date of December 6th, 1944, duly assigned in writing his bid to said property to Efird's Department Store of Charlotte, N. C., Inc., and said assignee is now ready to pay said purchase price of \$51,000.00 in full upon delivery to it of duly executed warranty deed for said property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Clerk be and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to execute on behalf of the City a fee simple warranty deed for said property to Efird's Department Store of Charlotte, N. C., Inc. and to affix thereto documentary stamp tax in the amount of \$56.10 and deliver said deed upon receipt of the purchase price of \$51,000.00 and they are further authorized and empowered on behalf of the City to deliver to said grantee a letter to the effect that if any ad valorem taxes shall be levied and assessed against said property by the City of Charlotte or Mecklenburg County for any time preceding the date of the delivery of said deed, that the City of Charlotte will pay for same and save the grantee harmless on account thereof.

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DELINQUENT TAXES AND INTEREST ON OLD AUDITORIUM PROPERTY AUTHORIZED PAID.

Councilman Alba moved that the City Treasurer be authorized to pay from the proceeds of the sale of the Old Auditorium property the sum of \$383.18 for unpaid taxes and interest, being \$20.40 for city taxes on property for 1933 and 1934, and \$362.78 for county taxes and interest on property for 1932, 1933 and 1934. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried.

TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 332 TUCKASEEGEE ROAD AUTHORIZED ADVERTISED FOR SALE.

Councilman Baker moved that tax foreclosed property at 332 Tuckaseege Road be advertised for sale, and no bid be accepted for less than \$600.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

NOTICE OF CLAIM TO J. W. LILLY FOR ALLEGED INJURIES.

The City Manager advised notice of claim had been received from Jones and Smathers, Attorneys, for alleged personal injuries to J. W. Lilly, claim being for \$2,000.00. He stated the claim would be referred to the City Attorneys.

CONTRACTS FOR USED TRUCKS AWARDED GENE WILLIAMS AND GENERAL TRUCK COMPANY.

Councilman Alba moved that contract be awarded Mr. Gene Williams, Charlotte, for one 1940 model 1½ Ton Diamond T used truck, at \$700.00, and contract be awarded General Truck Company for one 1941 model 1½ Ton Chevrolet Truck at \$965.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED BELK BROS. COMPANY FOR OVERALLS AND SHIRTS FOR SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Alba moved that contract be awarded Belk Bros. Company for 213 pairs of overalls and 284 shirts for the Sanitary Department, in the amount of \$876.85. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins, and unanimously carried.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO COLEMAN W. ROBERTS FOR SALE OF AUTO LICENSES.

Councilman Ward moved that payment of \$399.28 be authorized to Coleman W. Roberts, Special License Agent, for sale of 5704 automobile licenses during December 1944. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins, and unanimously carried.

IMPROVEMENTS TO JUDGE REDD'S OFFICES APPROVED.

The City Manager reported that Mr. McAden, Chairman, Board of Mecklenburg County Commissioners, desires to make improvements to the offices of Judge Redd, in the Court House. Funds for the improvements are already set up in the budget. Councilman Baker moved that the Council approve having the improvements made. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward, and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF ACT PROVIDING FOR INCREASE OF COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION OFFICIALS.

The City Manager presented a copy of an Act prepared by Mr. Chase Brenizer, Chairman, Mecklenburg County Board of Elections, for submission to the North Carolina Legislature, providing for an increase of compensation for various election officials in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Councilman Alba moved that the Act be approved as drawn. Motion seconded by Councilman Hovis, and unanimously carried.

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ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO LEASE OF SMALL AREA AT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE USE OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDBY POWER GENERATING SYSTEM.

Councilman Baker moved the adoption of the following resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried:

WHEREAS, the United States of America desires to lease 375 square feet more or less at the Charlotte Municipal Airport (Douglas Airport) and the Airport Commission has approved and recommends the execution of said lease,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the City of Charlotte approves the execution of the lease by the Airport Commission for said space in accordance with the terms of a lease dated December 20th, 1944, and the Mayor is authorized to execute said lease on behalf of the City for the purpose of showing the City's approval of same.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Councilman Hovis moved that the following cemetery deeds be approved for transfer. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried:

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Wilkinson, South Half Lot No. 68, in Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$70.00.
Perpetual Care deed on above lot, at \$60.00.
Perpetual Care Deed on lot of Mrs. Mary Doll McCord, Adm. being south half of Lot No. 23, in Section "M", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$72.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Hovis, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hayzman
City Clerk