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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 29th, 1946, with Mayor Baxter presiding and Councilmen Hinson, Johnston, Newson, Puette and White present.

Absent: Councilman McIntyre.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Herbert Spaugh, Pastor of The Little Church On The Lane.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

ACTION DEFERRED ON APPLICATION OF VICTORY CAB COMPANY FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY.

Mr. Hunter Jones, Attorney for Victory Cab Company, was present to learn what action was taken by Council on their request for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for the operation of two taxicabs. The Mayor advised that Council did not desire to take any action on the matter today, that they wished to be just and fair to all concerned in their decision regarding the taxicab situation. Mr. Jones stated they were satisfied to await Council's decision.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING PLATTING AND SUBDIVIDING OF LAND AND THE FILING AND APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION MAPS.

Following a discussion as to whether an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING PLATTING AND SUBDIVIDING OF LAND AND THE FILING AND APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION MAPS, which was submitted and recommended for adoption by the Planning Board, should be considered today, motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Puette and carried that the ordinance be considered.

The ordinance was then presented and read, and motion was made by Councilman White that the ordinance be adopted to take effect from and after its passage. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and carried. The ordinance in full is recorded in Ordinance Book 9, beginning at Page 320.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH E. J. HANSON, JR. FOR EMPLOYMENT CONCERNING AIRPORT MATTERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Puette, the Mayor and Clerk were unanimously authorized to sign a contract with Mr. E. J. Hanson, Jr., for employment concerning airport matters and that he receive compensation therefor, the sum, which would be equitable, to be determined by the Council and such sum not to exceed \$3,500.60 and expenses.

PAYMENT ON COMPENSATION ACCOUNT AUTHORIZED E. J. HANSON, JR. UNDER CONTRACT.

Councilman Puette moved that action taken on January 22, 1946 authorizing payment to E. J. Hanson, Jr., be rescinded, and that payment of \$1,000.00 on account be made to Mr. Hanson, under the contract for employment in airport matters. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson and unanimously carried.

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TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN HEALTH DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinson to transfer within the Health Department budget the amount of \$2,000.00 from Administrative Salary Account (301 A-4) to 302 A-8 the sum of \$750.00, to 302 C-4,5 \$950.00 and to 1302 G-12 \$300.00, to take care of Technician Salary, Laboratory Supplies and Scientific Equipment. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and un-animously carried.

FUNDS AUTHORIZED TRANSFERRED TO TYPHUS CONTROL ACCOUNT.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Puette, unanimous consent was given the City Manager to present the following matter, not included on today's Docket:

That \$1,000.00 be transferred from the Reserve Unappropriated Income Account to Typhus Control Account. Motion was made by Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried that the funds be transferred as recommended.

PERMISSION GRANTED McDEVITT & STREET COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES TO MERCY HOSPITAL ACROSS THE SIDEWALKS.

Motion was made by Councilman Puette that permission be granted McDevitt & Street Company, agents for Mercy Hospital, Inc., to construct driveway entrances to Mercy Hospital across the sidewalks, according to the plan submitted. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

BID ON DITCHING MACHINE WITH TRAILER REJECTED.

Upon the recommendation of the City Manager, motion was made by Councilman Hinson that bid on Ditching Machine and Trailer, received on January 25, 1946 from Carolina Tractor & Equipment Company in the amount of \$9,823.00, be rejected due to increase in price and late delivery date. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

REPORT ON TAXICABS OPERATING IN CITY.

The City Manager reported there are now 152 taxicab in operation in the city, and 185 Certificates of Convenience and Necessity outstanding and issued. Also, that the production of taxicab meters had been suspended during the war emergency and the manufacture thereof will not be resumed until June 1946.

CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES AUTHORIZED.

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

- a. Contract with Burroughs Adding Machine Company for One 10-column Model 91053 Adding Machine for the Fire Department, at a net delivered price of \$230.40.
- b. Contract with Gray and Creech, Inc., for One Model 92 A. B. Dick Mimeograph Duplicator, at net delivered price of \$378.65.

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COUNCIL DOCKET FOR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 5TH TO CARRY ITEM REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF ZONING COMMISSION.

Councilman Newson requested that the appointment of the Zoning Commission be placed on the Council Meeting Docket for next week. Council concurred in the suggestion.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT RENEWED TO JAMES G. HASTY.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Hinson, renewal of a Special Officer Permit to James G. Hasty on the premises of the Mint-Museum of Art, was unanimously authorized.

PROGRESS REPORT MADE BY MAYOR ON DEVELOPMENTS IN HOUSING SITUATION.

In making a progress report on the developments in the housing situation, Mayor Baxter advised that Mr. A. B. Klien, representative of the Federal Public Housing Authority, Atlanta, Ga., on yesterday conferred with Mr. Dillehay of the Charlotte Housing Authority and himself and advised that funds had been reserved for 150 houses in Charlotte; that the city did not have to take fabricated houses but could secure funds instead; The Mayor further stated that as soon as Morris Field is turned over to the city, work can commence on converting the barracks into housing units.

INEQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF STATE HIGHWAY FUNDS AS APPLIED TO CITIES DISCUSSED BY CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager spoke briefly concerning the inequitable distribution of State Highway Funds as applied to cities. He stated that Charlotte paid over one million dollars in gas taxes, and received for street maintenance purposes approximately \$52,000.00. That he attended the mass meeting of Mecklenburg County citizens and was in sympathy with their endeavor to secure additional funds for county road upkeep and was in no way indicating that the city hinder their undertaking by stressing, at this time, its just and fair claim. He suggested that the Mayor and Council keep the matter in mind when making contacts for city improvement.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffmann
City Clerk