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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, July 2, 1941, with Mayor Currie presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Little, Painter, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilman Hovis.

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MINUTES READ AND APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea, the minutes of the June 25th. meeting were approved as read.

COUNCILMAN DAUGHTRY APPOINTED TO SERVE ON POLICE COMMITTEE IN ABSENCE OF COUNCILMAN SLYE.

Councilman Beasley, Chairman of the Police and Fire Committee, advised that Councilman Slye, a member of this committee, would be out of town for the ensuing three weeks and since the committee expects to select the negro police officers during that time, he asked that Councilman Daughtry be appointed to serve on this committee during the absence of Mr. Slye. The Mayor stated that this was agreeable if Mr. Daughtry could serve and he consented to do so.

COMPLAINT OF CONDITIONS AT MINUTE GRILL.

A petition was presented from a number of residents in the neighborhood of the Minute Grill on West Morehead Street, complaining of the loud speaker being used on the outside of this building in parking cars, etc., and on motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Albea, the City Manager was instructed to investigate the matter and take it up with the Chief of Police.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the report of the committee on Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court was presented by Councilman Baker, Chairman of the Committee, and accepted as information. This report was read at the joint meeting of the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners at 2:30 P.M. this date, and is contained in the minutes of that date.

APPOINTMENT OF THE TWO MEMBERS OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH THE JUDGE OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT.

The report of the Committee, referred to above, calling for the appointment of a permanent committee to work with the Judge and staff of the Court in an advisory capacity, two members of this committee, a man and a woman, to be appointed by the City Council, the Mayor called for nominations for these two appointments.

Councilman Price presented the name of Mr. Laurie C. Dickson, which was seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea, nominated Mrs. R. E. Evans to serve on this committee, which carried, and the Clerk was instructed to notify these parties of their appointment.

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SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF F. W. McCOMB VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Baker presented a letter from the City Attorney relative to the claim of F. W. McComb, who alleged injuries received as a result of negligence of the W.P.A. or the City of Charlotte, or both jointly, in which Mr. Tillett recommended acceptance of the offer of Mr. McComb to settle his claim upon payment by the City of Charlotte of \$50.00.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Ross and unanimously carried, this claim is to be settled for the sum of \$50.00, as recommended by the City Attorney.

EMPLOYMENT OF MR. HENRY DOCKERY ON TITLE WORK FOR NEW STREET BETWEEN NORTH TRYON STREET AND STATESVILLE AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Little, Mr. Henry Dockery is to be employed to examine titles to the rights-of-way for the new street between North Tryon Street and Statesville Avenue, for the sum of \$50.00.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY CHECK.

The following letter from the City Attorney was read by the Mayor, relative to the signing of City of Charlotte checks:

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Mr. E. McA. Currie,
Charlotte, N. C.

In Re: Checks

Dear Sir:

Some time ago you asked for my opinion as to whether or not provision could be made for disbursement of the City's funds upon checks that are not signed by you. I am of the opinion that this can be done.

The charter makes provision for the disbursement of public funds in Chapter 68. It is specified in that section that the City's funds shall be disbursed upon checks signed by the Treasurer, the City Accountant, the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore "unless otherwise authorized by the governing body".

At the present time checks are signed by the above named three officials and also by the City Manager. After conference with you, I have drawn a resolution providing for the disbursement of the City's funds by checks signed by the Treasurer, Accountant and Manager, except for a special provision relating to payroll checks.

I enclose the resolution herewith.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) C. W. Tillett
CITY ATTORNEY

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Ross, the following resolution was adopted on three readings:

RESOLVED, that from and after the passage of this resolution it

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shall not be necessary for the Mayor or the Mayor Pro Tempore of the City to sign checks for the disbursement of funds of the City; resolved further, that from and after the passage of this resolution no funds of the City shall be disbursed except upon check signed by the Treasurer, the City Accountant and the City Manager, provided that in order to meet the City's master payroll checks may be signed by the City Treasurer, the City Accountant and the City Manager and deposited in a special payroll account from which funds may be disbursed in order to meet the payrolls signed by the City Treasurer alone.

PURCHASE OF GUTTER BROOM STEEL.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Little and unanimously carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the General Iron & Steel Corp., for 2 tons of Gutter Broom Steel, at a net delivered price of \$503.08.

Bids received on this material were as follows:

General Iron & Steel Corp.	\$503.08
Keystone Brush Company	656.00

CONTRACT FOR CONCRETE GRAVEL.

In connection with the pedestrian underpass on East 10th. Street, 150 Tons of concrete gravel will be required, and the following bids having been received on this material:

Transit-Mix Concrete Co.	\$315.00
Caldwell Construction Co.	337.50

Councilman Price moved that the order be placed with the lowest bidder, Transit-Mix Concrete Company, at the net delivered price of \$315.00, and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and unanimously carried.

WATER METERS.

The following bids having been received on 100- 5/8" Water Meters for the Water Department:

Atlas Supply Company	\$819.28
Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Co.	882.00
Hersey Manufacturing Company	980.00
Neptune Meter Company	980.00

and after canvassing these bids and finding that the lowest bidder offered a meter which does not meet specifications and is, therefore, not acceptable to the Superintendent of the Water Department, Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that the contract be awarded to the Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Company, at a net delivered price of \$882.00, and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the said contract. Motion unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF SUPPLY OF STATIONERY.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea, the purchase of 29,000 letterheads and 12,000 mimeograph stock letterheads, making a total of 41,000 letterheads, was authorized to be purchased from the lowest bidder, The Huneycutt Printing Company, in the amount of \$105.25.

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The following bids were received on this work:

The Huneycutt Printing Company	\$105.25
Southern Printing Company	115.00
Pound and Moore Company	127.20
News Printing House	122.50
The Piedmont Printery	140.00

PURCHASE OF GASOLINE, MOTOR OIL AND GREASE.

The following bids were received on one year's supply of Gasoline, Motor Oil and Grease:

GASOLINE

Standard Oil Company of N. J.

27,000 Gals. gas -tank wagon delivery @ .169	\$ 4,563.00
172,000 " " -tank car " @ .1491	25,645.20
4,000 " High Octane gas @ .189	756.00
Net delivered price	\$30,964.20

The City Manager reported that the only other bid received on this item was that of the Gulf Oil Corporation, which was informal, being submitted in a letter form and certified bid check, as required, was not furnished, therefore, bid was not considered. Also, that gasoline is purchased on a sliding scale and any change in the posted tank wagon or terminal tank car price will affect the gallonage price of gasoline to the City. The above quotation is based on today's posted prices.

MOTOR OIL

5,000 Gals. Motor Oil, being Nos. 10,20,30,40,50 & 60 in 350 lb. drums:	
Standard Oil Company of N. J. (drum or bulk)	\$ 1,782.00
Wm. C. Robinson & Son Company (drum)	1,930.50
Wm. C. Robinson & Son Company (bulk)	1,831.50

GREASE

3500 Lbs. chassis lubricant and 2500 lbs. gear oil:

Standard Oil Company of N. J.	\$ 411.84
Wm. C. Robinson & Son Company	423.22

The Standard Oil Company of N. J., being the lowest bidder on all three items of gasoline, motor oil and grease, on motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign contract with this Company on the basis above quoted, namely gasoline on a sliding scale unit price basis, net \$30,964.20; motor oil representing net delivered price of \$1,782.00, based on unit price of .36¢ per gallon; and grease totaling net delivered price of \$411.84.

METER BOXES.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Morgan Heater Company, Inc., for the purchase of 250 meter boxes complete with covers; these boxes to be made strictly in accordance with specifications furnished by the City, at a net delivered price of \$750.00.

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In addition to the bid of the Morgan Heater Company, Inc., the following other bids were received:

Queen City Foundry Company	\$875.00
Jones Iron Works, Inc.	1062.50

SALE OF JUNK.

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Price, the sale of one used hot water tank from Fire Station No. 5, was approved. this tank being sold to The Southern Metals Company for junk, in the amount of \$2.50.

PURCHASE OF MOTOR EQUIPMENT.

The following bids were received on Motor Equipment for the City of Charlotte; for use in the Water Department:

- 1- 1-1/2 Ton Truck, with standard Metal open express body as specified, less trade in allowance on Chevrolet Truck No. 519:

Heath Motor Company	\$880.00
Pyramid Chevrolet Company	995.00
City Chevrolet Company	995.00
General Truck Company	1040.00
Pettit Motor Company	1042.95
Norfleet Motors Company	1105.80

- 1- 1-1/2 Ton Truck, with special built all-steel motor and general service body as specified, less trade in allowance on International Truck No. 511:

Heath Motor Company	\$1152.00
General Truck Co. Inc.	1250.00
City Chevrolet Company	1295.00
Pyramid Chevrolet Company	1295.00
Pettit Motor Company	1350.45
Norfleet Motors Company	1458.30

- 1- Heavy duty pole trailer as specified, less trade in allowance on Ford Car No. 225:

Baker Equipment Engineering Co.	\$539.00
Carolina Truck & Trailer Co.	564.38

- 2- 3/4 Ton Trucks with special built all steel motor and general service bodies as specified, less trade in allowance on International Truck No. 513 and Ford No.506:

Heath Motor Company	\$1799.00
General Truck Company, Inc.	2000.00
Pettit Motor Company	2087.10
Pyramid Chevrolet Co.	2100.00
City Chevrolet Co.	2100.00

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ITEM NO. 5- 2- 1/2 Ton Pick-up Trucks with all steel standard open express bodies as specified, less trade in allowance on International Trucks Nos. 512 and 514:

Heath Motor Company	\$1066.00
Pettit Motor Company	1203.78
Norfleet Motors Co. Inc.	1260.50
City Chevrolet Company	1280.00
Pyramid Chevrolet Co.	1280.00
General Truck Company, Inc.	1300.00

The City Manager reported that funds were available for the purchase of this equipment from bonds issued during the prior year.

Councilman Slye stated that he had gone over the matter of the purchase of the above motor equipment with Mr. Fogue, of the Motor Transport Division, Mr. Beatty, Purchasing Agent, and Mr. Armstrong, the City Manager, and that he had all available data on same if the Council cared to go into it more fully, but Councilman Albea made a motion that the recommendation of the City Manager on this equipment be approved, which was seconded by Councilman Baker and unanimously carried. The City Manager's recommendations were as follows:

Purchase of 1- 1-1/2 Ton Truck, Item No. 1, from the lowest bidder, Heath Motor Company, at the net delivered price of \$880.00.

Purchase of 1- 1-1/2 Ton Truck, Item No. 2, from the lowest bidder, Heath Motor Company, at net delivered price of \$1,152.00.

Purchase of 2- 3/4 Ton Trucks, Item No. 4, from lowest bidder, Heath Motor Company, at the net delivered price of \$1,799.00.

Purchase of 1- Heavy Duty Pole Trailer, Item No. 3, from lowest bidder, Baker Equipment Engineering Company, at net delivered price of \$539.00.

Purchase of 2- 1/2 Ton Pick-up Trucks, Item No. 5, from the lowest bidder, Heath Motor Company, at the net delivered price of \$1,066.00.

The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contracts as above shown.

SEWER LINE IN ROSEDALE AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Albea, approval was given for the signing of a contract with Boyd & Goforth, Inc., for the digging of a ditch in connection with the laying of the 8" sanitary sewer in Rosedale Avenue, in order to speed up the work and not delay the State Highway Department in paving the street; at a price of .25¢ per foot, or a total of \$650.00.

MAINTENANCE OF ELON STREET.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Little, Elon Street, from Camp Greene Avenue to Alice Avenue, was taken over for City maintenance; the Engineering Department reporting this street in condition to be accepted for maintenance.

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MAINTENANCE OF HANOVER STREET.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Little, that portion of Hanover Street, between Westmoreland and Shenandoah Avenue, was taken over for maintenance.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea, the following special officer permits were authorized to be issued:

Charlotte Quartermaster Depot:

William D. Martin, 823 Seigle Ave.
Fred H. Hamilton, 120 N. Davidson St.
Roman G. Clayton, 2028 E. Wilmore Drive
Oscar L. Starnes, 110 Torrence St.

Upon the request of the Lincoln Theatre, 408 East 2nd., Street, that Jack William Hunter, 1801 Taylor Street, be appointed for duty upon their premises, Councilman Daughtry moved that the City Manager and Chief of Police look into this request to see if such special officer was necessary. Motion seconded by Councilman Little and unanimously carried.

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1942 PRESENTED.

The Budget Estimate for 1941-42 was filed with the Council, as required by law, and on motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Little, was unanimously accepted as the tentative budget for the coming fiscal year, as follows:

CITY OF CHARLOTTE BUDGET ESTIMATE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1942 SUMMARY			
<u>OPERATING & MAINTENANCE</u>	<u>EXPENDED YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1940</u>	<u>ESTIMATE EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1941</u>	<u>BUDGET ESTIMATE</u>
General Fund	1,132,065.71	1,189,386.29	1,232,886.24
Water & Sewer Fund	307,779.63	328,143.93	359,554.95
Total Operating & Maintenance	1,439,845.34	1,517,530.22	1,592,441.19
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>			
General Fund	58,030.30	70,219.69	75,860.10
Water & Sewer Fund	29,992.85	34,089.00	44,055.00
Total Capital Outlay	88,023.15	104,308.69	119,615.10

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DEBT SERVICE

Municipal Debt Service Fund	411,590.18	464,044.94	450,880.92
Water & Sewer Debt Service Fund	383,657.66	407,517.43	376,187.82
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Total Debt Service	795,247.84	871,562.37	827,068.64
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Grand Totals	2,323,116.33	2,493,401.28	2,539,125.03
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CITY OF CHARLOTTE
BUDGET ESTIMATE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 1942
SUMMARY

<u>REVENUE</u>	REVENUES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1940	ESTIMATED REVENUES YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1941	BUDGET ESTIMATE
General Fund	1,216,004.23	1,323,784.35	1,308,446.34
Water & Sewer Fund	360,837.44	376,199.63	403,609.95
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Total	1,576,841.67	1,699,983.98	1,712,056.29
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Municipal Debt Service Fund	425,133.06	482,532.87	450,880.92
Water & Sewer Debt Serv. Fd.	388,607.32	414,316.54	376,187.82
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Total	813,740.38	896,849.41	827,068.74
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Total Revenues	2,390,582.05	2,596,833.39	2,539,125.03
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SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS

General Fund	1,776.69	62.50	.00
Water & Sewer Fund	5.00	.00	.00
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Total Sale Capital Assets	1,781.69	62.50	.00
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Grand Totals	2,392,363.74	2,596,895.89	2,539,125.03
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SEWER LINE INSTALLATION IN PORTLAND AND HAMPTON AVENUES.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Slye and unanimously carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with R. O. Caldwell and wife, Lois Bundy Caldwell, for sewer main installation in Portland and Hampton Avenues, at a cost of \$1,782.55; Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell agreeing to post certified check for this amount with the City, which will be refunded to them if and when nine houses are built and served by this sewer main.

WATER MAIN INSTALLATION - HAMPTON AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, approval was also given for the entering into of a contract between R. O. Caldwell and wife, Lois Bundy Caldwell, for water main in Hampton Avenue; estimated to cost \$1,194.00, the applicants agreeing that monthly revenue payments shall equal 10% of the cost of laying said mains.

WATER LINE IN FORDSON AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with S. E. Messner and wife, Mary B. Messner, for installation of a 6" water main as an extension in Fordson Avenue and Edison Street, estimated to cost \$1,956.00; the applicants likewise agreeing that monthly revenue from this main shall equal 10% of the cost of laying said main.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea, the transfer of Lot No. 101 in Section "T" from the Heirs of C. C. West, being J. H. Hoffman (widower) and Mrs. Gladys H. Justus and husband, David W. Justus, and Theodore Smith, Executor of the Estate of Mrs. J. H. Hoffman, to D. E. Henderson; \$1.00 transfer fee paid; was authorized.

Also, Lot No. 203, Section "Y", to Mrs. J. T. Fitzgibbons \$35.00

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk