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An Adjourned Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, on Monday, July 27, 1959, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Smith presiding, and Councilmen Babcock, Dellinger, Hitch, Myers, Smith and Whittington being present.

ABSENT: Councilman Alba.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Herbert Hitch.

PURPOSE OF MEETING.

Mayor Smith announced that the meeting is being held for the purpose of adopting the Appropriation Budget and Fixing the Tax Rate, for the fiscal year 1959-60.

ORDINANCE NO. 608 RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF THE APPROPRIATION BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1959-60, ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 608 Relative to the adoption of the Appropriation Budget for the Fiscal Year 1959-60 was introduced and read. Councilman Dellinger asked if the Landfill Garbage Disposal Site Committee appointed by the Mayor had ascertained if the city owns a suitable site or if one must be purchased? Councilman Whittington, Chairman, stated he believes the City already owns land that will be suitable. Councilman Dellinger stated in view of that, he would like to offer a motion to reduce the proposed tax rate of \$2.06. He stated by foregoing the construction of the Meter Shed until next year and eliminating the Landfill site that \$45,000 will be realized, which will be equal to 1 cent from the tax rate. Also, that by reducing the Emergency Fund by \$50,000, included as the estimated amount to renovate the old Health Department Building, which is too much, an amount can be realized sufficient to reduce the tax rate another cent, and he moved that these items be removed from the budget. The motion did not receive a second, and was lost.

Councilman Smith stated his concern is to better equalize the water rate for the individual user, and he moved that the rate for water in excess of 100,000 cubic feet be fixed at .0792. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Mr. John D. Shaw, City Attorney, stated it will be necessary to amend the City Code to change the schedule of water rates, and the following amendment was introduced:

ORDINANCE No. 610 AMENDING CHAPTER 6  
ARTICLE I, SECTION II OF THE CITY CODE,  
WATER AND SEWER REGULATIONS AFFECTING  
CHARGES FOR WATER USED IN EXCESS OF  
100,000 CUBIC FEET.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:

Section I. That, Chapter 6, Article I, Section 11, sub-section A, of the City Code of the City of Charlotte (O.B. No. 10) as amended, be, and the same is hereby amended as follows:

By striking out in the next to the last line thereof the word "Next" and the figures "0.0720" and substituting in lieu thereof the letters "All Over" and the figures "0.0792".

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And further amend said Section II, sub-section A. as follows:

By striking out the last line thereof reading as follows:  
"All over 200,000 cubic feet 0.0600".

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect and cover all water billing from and after September 1, 1959.

The vote was taken on the motion, which carried with the votes cast as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Babcock, Hitch, Myers, Smith and Whittington.

NAYS: Councilman Dellinger.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 12, at Page 372.

Councilman Dellinger stated he saw no point in increasing the water rate for the larger consumer just to put it in the Emergency Fund, when by going a step further and eliminating certain items from the budget, the tax rate could be reduced.

Councilman Whittington stated if the Meter Shed and Bulldozer and Dragpan are eliminated, the \$56,000 which has been set aside for them together with the estimated \$35,000 which will be realized from the change in water rate under Councilman Smith's motion, a total of \$91,000 will result which would reduce the tax rate two cents, and he moved that the \$20,000 for the Shed and \$36,000 for the Bulldozer and Dragpan be removed from the budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitch.

Councilman Dellinger offered a substitute motion that the \$20,000 for the Meter Shed, \$25,000 for the Landfill site, \$24,000 for the Bulldozer and \$12,000 for the Dragpan be removed from the budget. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Smith stated he has felt all along that the \$36,000 for the Bulldozer and Pan should not be tied up in the hope of finding a Landfill site as they can be leased and the rental applied on the purchase price if the Landfill is put in operation.

Councilman Babcock stated that Mr. Franklin, Water Department Superintendent states the Meter Shed is badly needed and he feels it should be left in the budget.

Councilman Hitch stated if the intent is that the budgeted funds are to be merely placed in the Emergency Fund, he withdraws his second to Councilman Whittington's motion. Council Dellinger then stated he will second the motion.

Mr. Livingston, Acting City Manager stated that Judge Arbuckle advises that last week there were 225 traffic cases before the Court and a separate traffic court is a necessity. Mr. Livingston called attention that a considerable amount will be needed to renovate the old Health Building if the extra court room is to be provided.

Councilman Babcock stated the matter of the court room will have to be faced sooner or later and cannot be ignored.

The vote was then taken on the motion by Councilman Whittington, and carried with the vote cast as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Dellinger, Smith and Whittington.

NAYS: Councilmen Babcock, Hitch and Myers.

Mayor Smith cast the deciding vote in favor of the motion and broke the tie.

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The Budget was refigured by the City Manager after the elimination of the Meter Shed, Bulldozer and Pan and he advised that the total amount of the budget is now \$13,629,148.72, with a tax rate of \$2.04.

Councilman Smith moved the adoption of the Ordinance No. 608-X Relative to Appropriation Budget for the City of Charlotte for the fiscal year 1959-60, as amended, which was seconded by Councilman Babcock, and un-animously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 12, at Page 373-376.

Councilman Dellinger stated for the record that he supported the motion for the adoption of the Appropriation Budget as amended, but is not satisfied at the increases in the water rate and sewer charges and did not vote in favor of either.

ORDINANCE NO. 609-X FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1959-60 AND LEVYING A TAX UPON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR.

Ordinance No. 609-X Fixing the Tax Rate at \$2.04 for the Fiscal Year 1959-60 and Levying a Tax upon all Real and Personal Property located within the limits of the City of Charlotte for said Fiscal Year, was introduced and read. Councilman Smith moved the adoption of the ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman Hitch, and un-animously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 12, at Page 377.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and un-animously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk