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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, July 3, 1945, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Childs, Hinson, Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White being present.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF TILLET & CAMPBELL, FORMER CITY ATTORNEYS, CONCERNING ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE REFERRED TO JOHN D. SHAW, CITY ATTORNEY, FOR PROPER LEGISLATION AS TO RECOMMENDATIONS.

The City Manager filed the Annual Report of Tillett & Campbell, former City Attorneys, concerning Accounts Receivable, and recommended that it be referred to John D. Shaw, City Attorney, for preparation of the proper legislation as to its recommendations. Councilman White moved that the report be referred to Mr. Shaw as recommended. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COMMITTEE TO ASSIST NORTH CAROLINA VETERANS COMMISSION IN PERFORMING ITS DUTIES IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND APPROPRIATING MONIES TO ASSIST IN PAYING THE EXPENSES OF SUCH OPERATIONS IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Hinson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted as read:

WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina has established North Carolina Veterans Commission among whose duties is assisting veterans in obtaining benefits under various laws enacted for their benefit, and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte recognizes its obligation to veterans and desires to assist North Carolina Veterans Commission in performing its duties, and

WHEREAS, R. Horace Johnston, et al, have agreed to lease the property located at No. 525 North Tryon Street to the City of Charlotte for one year from July 1, 1945, and monthly thereafter, to be used as a Service Men's Center, and none other, and arrangements have been made to obtain the use of the Hill Street Recreation Center as a center for colored veterans, and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Veterans Commission has approved said locations in which to carry on their duties in the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Messrs. John White, Chairman, Oliver Litaker, Thomas W. Bird, C. S. Reed, Sam Goldfein and Z. Alexander be and they are hereby appointed a committee to represent the City of Charlotte in the operation of Information Centers for Veterans in said city, whose duty it shall be in an advisory capacity under the supervision of said North Carolina Veterans Commission to assist in carrying out the duties of said commission, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Charlotte to execute a lease upon 525 North Tryon Street in form approved by the City Attorney, and also to

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enter into a lease in form approved by the City Attorney with respect to the quarters in the Hill Street Recreation Center, such properties to be used as quarters to house the activities of the North Carolina Veterans Commission in the City of Charlotte, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated from non-tax monies belonging to the City of Charlotte to take care of the obligations of the City of Charlotte under the leases covering the locations hereinbefore described and to pay salaries of employees who shall work under the Committee heretofore appointed and the North Carolina Veterans Commission in its program, and further said monies shall be used to purchase equipment, supplies and incidentals necessary to put into effect and carry on the work of the North Carolina Veterans Commission in the City of Charlotte.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PLUMBING CODE.

Upon the introduction of an Ordinance Amending The Plumbing Code by Councilman Johnston, Mr. H. L. Kiser, Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Ray Childress, local plumbers, opposed the amendment, especially Sections 674 and 674-A, upon the grounds that it would lower the standards of the present Plumbing Code and would create a health hazard. Mr. J. M. Scarborough, Attorney, representing the Master Plumbers, urged the adoption of the amendment, and presented letters from local architects approving the amendment.

Following the discussion, Councilman Johnston moved the passage of the ordinance as read. Motion seconded by Councilman McIntyre, and carried, with the voting recorded as follows: AYE: Councilmen Childs, Johnston, McIntyre Newson and Puette. NAY: Councilmen Hinson and White.

Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 9, beginning at Page 263.

APPRAISAL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED CONCERNING TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY.

Councilman Newson moved that the recommendations of the Appraisal Committee concerning tax foreclosed property be adopted as follows:

1. That bid of \$5,100.00 by E. M. and C. W. McGee on 5 lots on Hutchinson Avenue be rejected.
2. That bid of \$340.00 by Mrs. Essie Lee Hall on property at 1022 Seigle Avenue be accepted.
3. That the City not raise the bids on property located at -
 - Lot 4, Block 1, 1401-03, Oaklawn Avenue
 - Lot 3, Block 2, 1421-25, Oaklawn Avenue
 - Lot 5, Block 1, Whisnant Avenue
4. That bid of \$115.00 on property at 1718-20 Norris Avenue be raised by the City to \$190.00.

Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SPECIAL PEACE OFFICERS.

Councilman White moved the adoption of the following resolution reappointing Special Peace Officers. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette,

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and unanimously carried:

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 S. Ross, Armistead M. Houston, George T. Nash and John Albert Lyles be reappointed as special peace officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That James S. Ross, Armistead M. Houston, George T. Nash and John Albert Lyles be, and they hereby are, appointed special peace officers under Section 66 of the Charter of the City of Charlotte -- being Chapter 366 of the Public-Local Laws of 1939;
2. That they shall hold said positions during the pleasure and at the discretion of the Council, but not longer than one year from July 21, 1945;
3. Their compensation, to be paid by the City, shall be and it is hereby fixed at \$160.00 per month each, payable semi-monthly;
4. They 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 afore-said Resolution of July 9, 1941, to which Resolution reference is hereby made and the descriptions therein contained are incorporated herein by reference.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE CLOSING HOUR FOR THE SALE OF BEER AND/OR WINE.

Councilman Hinson moved the adoption of an Ordinance To Regulate The Closing Hour For The Sale Of Beer And/Or Wine, as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 9, Page 268.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH MOSS TRUCKING COMPANY FOR HAULING PIPE TO OAKDALE RESEVOIR.

Councilman Johnston moved that contract be authorized with Moss Trucking Company for hauling 173 tons of 30-inch pipe to the Oakdale Reservoir, at a price of \$386.75. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACTORS SERVICE, INC. FOR ENGINE.

Upon motion of Councilman McIntyre, seconded by Councilman Hinson, payment of \$109.26 was unanimously authorized to Contractors Service, Inc., for one 2½ H.P. engine for pumping oil in the mosquito control work.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT GRANTED JOHN W. KAY.

Upon motion of Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman McIntyre, a special officer permit was unanimously granted John W. Kay, for one year, for use on the premises of Domestic Laundry, 811 South McDowell Street.

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SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS AND ISSUANCE OF DEEDS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Puette, sale of the following cemetery lots, and issuance of deeds for same, were unanimously authorized:

To - Mrs. Carrie M. Clendenning, Lot No. 164, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$63.00.

To - R. H. Clendenning, Jr., Lot No. 165, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$63.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk