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A special meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, July 31st, 1946, due notice having been delivered to each Councilman as required by law, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Childs, Hinson, Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White present.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Hinson.

PURPOSE OF MEETING.

Mayor Baxter announced that the meeting was called for the purpose of transacting all business appearing on the Agenda for the cancelled meeting on July 30, 1946, and such other business as might be determined by the Council.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Puette, the minutes of the meetings on July 16th, 22nd and 23rd, 1946, were unanimously approved.

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY CONFIRMED.

Councilman Newson reported the following tax foreclosed property was sold at public auction on July 15, 1946 and has remained open for ten days without an upset bid:

Lot off Dowd Road, high bidder Bayne and Schnedl	\$ 445.50
Corner Lot at southwest intersection of North Tryon Street and Duls Lane, approximately 0.0812 acres, high bidder Southern Railway Company	1000.00
1423-27 Scotland Avenue, high bidder Nat G. Sims	825.00

Upon motion of Councilman Newson, seconded by Councilman Childs, authority was unanimously given to pass title to the property to the high bidders.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WATER RATES FOR STANDBY WATER.

An Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR WATER RATES FOR STANDBY WATER" was presented and read. Upon motion of Councilman Johnston, duly seconded by Councilman Hinson, the ordinance was unanimously adopted as read. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 9, at Page 397.

EXISTING TAPPING FEE FOR WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY AUTHORIZED TO REMAIN IN FORCE.

Councilman Johnston moved that the tapping fee for water services outside the city limits remain in force. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

REPORT ON AIRPORT FILED BY CITY MANAGER AND AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The City Manager filed a report from the Airport Advisory Committee and the City Manager concerning airport matters. The report recommended that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute leases with all the proposed Lessees set forth in the two schedules attached to the report.

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The report set forth in detail the anticipated annual revenue that could be expected from the operation of the Airport.

The Report and Schedules were officially filed with the City Clerk.

Councilman White moved that the report be accepted and the recommendation adopted. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED SHELL OIL COMPANY FOR YEAR'S SUPPLY OF GASOLINE.

Councilman Hinson moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Shell Oil Company, for an estimated year's supply of gasoline, totaling approximately 200,000 gallons, at a net delivered price of \$27,627.50. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED LYNCHBURG FOUNDRY COMPANY FOR CAST IRON PIPE AND FITTINGS.

Councilman Hinson moved that contract be awarded the Lynchburg Foundry Company, the only bidder, for 31,014 feet of 6-inch, 8-inch and 12-inch cast iron pipe, and pipe fittings, at a net delivered price of \$42,296.63. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED GRINNELL COMPANY, INC., FOR GATE VALVES.

Councilman Hinson moved that contract be awarded Grinnell Company, Inc., for 90 Gate Valves, 3-inch, 4-inch, 6-inch, 8-inch, and 12-inch, at a net delivered price of \$2,762.13. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

PERMISSION GRANTED DAVID CROSLAND TO CONSTRUCT SANITARY SEWER IN BETHEL ROAD BEYOND CITY LIMITS AND CONNECT TO CITY SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

Upon motion of Councilman Puette, seconded by Councilman Childs, permission was unanimously granted David Crosland to construct a sanitary sewer in Bethel Road, beyond the city limits, and connect same to the city sewerage system, under the usual terms of the city.

REQUEST BY FREEDOM PARK ENGINEER FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CUMBERLAND AVENUE REFERRED TO APPRAISAL COMMITTEE.

The City Manager reported that he and the City Attorney recommended the improvements to Cumberland Avenue, adjacent to Freedom Park, at an estimated cost of \$10,838.32. Councilman Hinson moved that the matter be referred to the Appraisal Committee for study. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH MOREBUILT HOMES, INC., FOR WATER MAIN IN McDONALD AVE.

Motion was made by Councilman McIntyre that contract be authorized with Morebuilt Homes, Inc., for the construction of a water main in McDonald Avenue, estimated to cost \$825.00, with a guaranteed revenue of 10% of the cost. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

REDUCTION IN TAXES ON OLD COURT HOUSE PROPERTY DENIED.

The City Attorney reported that the Council did not have the power to the taxes on the Old Court House Property from January 1, 1946 to March 6, 1946 the date of purchase by Dr. R. L. Pittman from Mecklenburg County. Councilman McIntyre moved that the request of Dr. Pittman for the reduction of taxes, through his attorney, Mr. P. C. Whitlock, be denied. Motion seconded by Councilman White, and unanimously carried.

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CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Purchase of 45 Check Valves from Grinnell Company, Inc., in the sum of \$197.65, for the Water Department.
- (b) Contract with North Carolina State Board of Health for penicillin, in the sum of \$838.80.
- (c) Purchase of 159 gallons of motor oil and 630 pounds of gear oil from American Oil Company, in the sum of \$148.86.
- (d) Purchase of tires and batteries from Victor Shaw Company, in the sum of \$115.19, for the Motor Transport Department.
- (e) Purchase of 7,000 brick from Kendrick Brick & Tile Company, Inc., in the sum of \$178.50.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN PRESENTATION OF ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA OF BUSINESS.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Childs, the City Manager and Mayor were unanimously authorized to present the following items of business not included in the Agenda.

ORDINANCE AMENDING HEALTH ORDINANCE.

An ordinance entitled, " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXISTING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE DEALING WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE QUARANTINE, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES" was presented and read. Councilman White moved the adoption of the ordinance as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 9, at Page 398.

CITY ATTORNEY DIRECTED TO PREPARE LEGISLATION TO BAN MOTORISTS FROM AIRPORT RUNWAYS.

The City Manager advised trouble was being experienced at the Airport by motorists running over the runways. He recommended that action be taken to prohibit the practice.

Mayor Baxter directed the City Attorney to prepare the proper legislation to ban motorists from the runways.

PETITION TO WAIVE SETBACK LINE REQUIREMENT FILED BY A. B. SCHNEDL.

The City Manager presented a petition filed by Mr. A. B. Schnedl requesting permission to waive the setback line requirement at the corner of Alexander and Fifth Streets. Hearing on the petition was set by the Council for the next Council meeting.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO NEWS PUBLISHING COMPANY FOR PUBLICATION OF BUDGET AND TAX RATE ORDINANCES.

Councilman Childs moved that payment of \$115.50 be authorized to The News Publishing Company for publication of the Budget Appropriation and Tax Rate Ordinances. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

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EMPLOYMENT OF E. J. HANSON, ATTORNEY, TO REPRESENT CITY IN NEGOTIATING WITH U. S. GOVERNMENT FOR ACQUISITION OF AIRPORT LAND AND PROPERTIES.

Note:

Minutes corrected
on 8-6-46,
Page 449
to make
total maximum
figure
\$1,500.00.

Councilman Hinson moved that Mr. E. J. Hanson, Attorney, be employed to represent the City in negotiating with the U. S. Government and War Department for the acquisition of remaining land and properties at Morris Field Airport, at a salary of \$50.00 per day, not to exceed \$1,500.00, and expenses, and that said \$1,500.00 be appropriated from non-tax funds. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

INSURANCE ON AIRPORT (MORRIS FIELD) PROPERTIES REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.

The City Manager reported concerning insurance on buildings at the Airport (Morris Field). He submitted a comprehensive proposed schedule, including suggested cost of premium, prepared by the City Treasurer with the assistance of a committee of insurance representatives.

Councilman Hinson moved that the matter be referred to Councilman Newson and Mr. Ledbetter, City Treasurer, for study and report to Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST OF APPOINTMENT OF NEGRO VETERANS TO VETERANS RECREATION CENTER COMMITTEE AND TO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. T. W. Anderson, Chairman, Negro Veterans Welfare Association, referred to a communication filed with the Council on July 2, 1946, requesting the appointment of negro veterans. He requested that a Negro Veteran be appointed to the Veterans Information Center Committee and that additional negro policemen be appointed. Mayor Baxter advised that he would give the matter his attention and advise him.

SALE OF CEMETERY LOT.

Councilman Hinson moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute deeds for the sale of Lot 41, Section Z, Elmwood Cemetery, to Mrs. Etta Mae Bass, at a price of \$31.50. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Rebecca R. Hoffman
City Clerk