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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, June 12, 1945, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Childs, Hinson, Johnston, Newson, Puette and White present.

Absent: Councilman McIntyre.

ACTION TO ELIMINATE PARKING STRIP IN EAST MOREHEAD STREET RESCINDED.

A delegation of citizens representing the Parent-Teachers Association of Alexander Graham Junior High School, the Charlotte Garden Club and residents of East Morehead Street, presented requests that the parking strip in East Morehead Street, between South Boulevard and South Caldwell Street, not be eliminated. The delegation contended that the parking strip served as a safety zone in crossing Morehead Street for children attending the School and was essential to their protection from motor vehicles. Following the discussion, Councilman Childs moved that motion made and carried on May 29, 1945 to eliminate the parking strip be rescinded. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

JOINT MEETING OF COUNCIL AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SET FOR JUNE 19, 1945.

The City Manager advised it would be necessary to hold a joint meeting of the Council and County Commissioners prior to the adoption of the Budget, to determine the amounts to be budgeted for functions that are supported by both the City and County; that the Chairman of the County Commissioners had suggested the meeting be held on June 19, 1945, at 3 p. m. in the Mayor's office. The Council concurred in the suggestion, and the joint meeting will be held at that time.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED SETTING TENTATIVE TAX RATE FOR 1945-1946 AT \$1.40.

The City Manager stated that the City Accountant reports that the Departmental budget requests for 1945-1946 would require a tentative tax rate of \$1.4190; the Departmental requests being based on present operations. Any expansion of personnel or wage is not included. Also, that the Accountant reports that for the purpose of arriving at said rate, the surplus is estimated at \$331,494.00. In the discussion of the matter, it was stated by the Mayor that he was opposed to an increase in the tax rate unless the increase was to provide in part for additional services to the citizens in the form of civic improvements. Councilman Newson recommended that the Council use the \$1.4190 as a base and to that add the known increase of 10 cents for the Retirement Plan for City Employees, and set the tentative rate at \$1.51. Councilman White moved that the tentative rate be fixed at \$1.40, and presented the following resolution, and moved it's adoption:

WHEREAS, the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1945 has not been finally fixed but it is necessary to give the Collector of Revenue instructions regarding the acceptance of pre-payments of taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that prepayments of taxes for the year commencing July 1, 1945 shall be made to the Collector of Revenue upon the basis of a tentative rate of \$1.40 on the \$100 of valuation of real and personal property, discounts to be allowed as provided by law.

Motion for adoption of the resolution was seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

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REBATE OF EXCESS TAX CHARGES ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 301-13 GRADE STREET DENIED.

Councilman Puette moved that request of Collector of Revenue be denied to refund excess tax charges, amounting to \$46.35, on property of Dowd Investment Company, located at 301-13 Grade Street, as the matter had been investigated by City Attorney Shaw, and he did not recommend the refund. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH JAMES LARAULE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN IN FRANKLIN AND RACHEL STREETS.

Councilman Childs moved that contract be authorized with James LaRaule, for the installation of a 2-inch water main in Franklin and Rachel Streets, at an estimated cost of \$650.00; Mr. LaRaule to pay annually 10% of the cost of laying said main, same not to exceed \$65.00 annually. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH AMERICAN OIL COMPANY FOR GAS, OIL AND GREASE.

Councilman White moved that contract be authorized with the American Oil Company for furnishing gas, oil and grease from February 1, 1945 to May 3, 1945, at a cost of \$4,156.40. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT RESCINDED WITH NORTH CAROLINA EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR TRACTOR-BULLDOZER.

Councilman Hinson moved that contract with North Carolina Equipment Company, awarded on October 4, 1944, for tractor-bulldozer at \$4,012.00 be rescinded as recommended by the City Manager, due to the City having been unable to secure priority for purchase. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH DOGGETT LUMBER COMPANY FOR TERRA COTTA PIPE.

Councilman Johnston moved that contract be authorized with Doggett Lumber Company for furnishing 1,362 lineal feet of terra cotta pipe, at a net delivered price of \$396.35. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

HUGH B. CAMPBELL APPOINTED VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMMISSION.

The Mayor stated that in accordance with the City Charter the City Council appointed the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Municipal Airport Commission. That Mr. John C. Erwin was serving as Chairman of the Commission and one of the other members should be appointed Vice-Chairman. Councilman Childs moved the appointment of Hugh B. Campbell as Vice-Chairman. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

FRANK R. THIES APPOINTED AS MEMBER OF CHARLOTTE PLANNING BOARD.

Councilman Hinson moved that Frank R. Thies be appointed a member of the Charlotte Planning Board, for the term expiring on June 30, 1946. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette and unanimously carried.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT GRANTED JOHN W. CORNELL AT REQUEST OF J. L. WILKINSON.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Hinson, a special officer permit was granted John W. Cornell for a one year period on the premises of Carolina Transfer & Storage Company; Brown Equipment Company; Charlotte Coca-Cola Bottling Company; Southern Radio Corporation, Freauhauf Trailer Company and Carolina Tire and Service Company, as requested by J. L. Wilkinson of the Carolina Transfer & Storage Company.

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 - E. L. Milner, Lot No. 330, in Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00.
- To - J. Harold and Christine M. Bradley, Lot No. 140, in Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, \$63.00.
- To - R. L. Russell, Lot No. 143, in Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, \$63.00.
- To - Mrs. Belle Moore, Lot No. 56-C, in Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, \$73.10.
Perpetual Care Deed on Lot No. 56-C, Mrs. Belle Moore, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$61.80.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hayman
City Clerk