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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 5, 1945, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Hinson, Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White present.

Absent: Councilman Childs.

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MINUTES APPROVED.

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

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN D. SHAW AS CITY ATTORNEY.

Councilman Puette moved that the resignation of Charles W. Tillet and Hugh B. Campbell as City Attorneys be accepted, and that John D. Shaw be appointed City Attorney at a salary of \$6,000.00 per annum; said appointment to be effective at once. Motion seconded by Councilman White, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF HUGH B. CAMPBELL TO AIRPORT COMMISSION.

Councilman Newson moved the appointment of Hugh B. Campbell as a member of the Airport Commission for a term of three years. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF C. P. STREET TO AIRPORT COMMISSION.

Councilman Johnston moved the appointment of C. P. Street as a member of the Airport Commission for a term of two years. <sup>unexpired term of Paul Thomason resigned.</sup> Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER CONCERNING PAVING PROGRAM.

The City Manager read a communication from Mr. Ben E. Douglas, State Highway Commissioner for the Seventh District, answering questions suggested by the City Council concerning the paving program of highway-streets in Charlotte under the control of the State Highway Department.

STREETS RECOMMENDED TO STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR RESURFACING.

The City Engineer filed an amended report concerning streets to be resurfaced by the State Highway Commission, and recommended the resurfacing of the following streets, with the approval of the State Highway Commission:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
(1) 5900-706-3	US-74	E. 7th Street Pecan Ave. to Laurel Ave.	\$3,168.00
(2) 5900-706-3	US-74	E. 7th Street Laurel Av. to City Limits	3,168.00
(3) 5900-706-3	US-21	S. Boulevard E. Boulevard to Tremont Av.	2,933.50
(4) 5900-706-3	US-21	S. Boulevard End wide pavement back to Charlotte 0.4 miles	4,224.00
(5) 5900-706-3	US-29	Graham St. and Hutchinson Ave. 13th Street to Dalton Avenue	2,112.00
			<u>\$15,605.50</u>

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CONNECTIONS TO COUNTY ROADS

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
(8) 5900-706-4	Plaza Road	Mecklenburg Ave. to end wide pavement	\$1,056.00
(11) 5900-706-4	Crescent Av.	Caswell Rd. to Colville Place	6,336.00
(12) 5900-706-4	Crescent Av. Ext.	Colville Place to Dotger Ave.	1,144.00
(13) 5900-706-4	Crescent Av. Ext.	Dotger Ave. to end of pavement	645.50
(15) 5900-706-4	Briardwood Road	Queens Rd. to City Limits	1,520.00
(21) 5900-706-4	Commonwealth Ave.	Morningside Dr. to city limits	880.00
			<u>\$11,581.50</u>
		Total	\$27,187.00

Councilman McIntyre moved that the recommendations of the City Engineer be adopted. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

APPROPRIATION IN 1945-46 BUDGET APPROVED FOR ASSISTANT HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT AND SECRETARY.

Miss Helen John Wright, Mecklenburg County Home Demonstration Agent, requested that the City share equally with the County in an appropriation of \$4,100.00 for the expenses of an Assistant Agent and a Secretary for the coming year, the City's share being \$2,050.00. Councilman White moved that the funds be appropriated in the budget for the fiscal year 1945-46. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried.

RESIGNATION OF CHARLOTTE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEMBERS ACCEPTED.

Councilman Hinson moved that the resignation of the public members of the Charlotte Planning Board be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman White, and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE CREATING A PLANNING BOARD FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

An ordinance amending the Ordinance Creating A Planning Board For The City of Charlotte was presented. Councilman Hinson moved the adoption of the ordinance as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried. Ordinance recorded in full in Ordinance Book 9, Page 262.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO BUDGET AND REPORTS OF AND ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF PRESENT MEMBERS OF CHARLOTTE PLANNING BOARD.

The following resolution was read by Mr. H. B. Campbell, City Attorney, at the request of the Council:

WHEREAS, by an ordinance duly enacted the City of Charlotte has created a Planning Board and whereas the three public members of the first Planning Board appointed pursuant to said ordinance have submitted their resignations, and among other reasons assigned for such action were the reasons that the members felt that their work was not receiving adequate support from the City and that their plans were not permitted to mature before being publicized;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Charlotte that said resignations be, and the same hereby are, accepted and that any budget submitted by the Planning Board of the City of Charlotte calling for a total expenditure not exceeding \$10,000 will receive careful consideration by the Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Board in accordance with Section 2 of the Ordinance creating said Board make its reports direct to the City Council of the City of Charlotte and to no one else.

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Councilman Newson moved the adoption of the resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF FOUR MEMBERS TO CHARLOTTE PLANNING BOARD.**

Councilman Hinson moved that Mr. Beaumert Whitton and Mrs. C. C. Duncan be appointed members of the Charlotte Planning Board for the terms expiring June 30, 1947, and that C. W. Gilchrist and Everett Bierman be appointed members of said Board for the terms expiring June 30, 1948. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

**CONTRACT APPROVED WITH COCHRAN & ROSS COAL COMPANY TO FURNISH GAS SHOVEL AND DUMPTRUCKS.**

Councilman Puette moved that contract be entered into with Cochran and Ross Coal Company to furnish one gas shovel at \$8.00 per hour and dump trucks at \$2.00 per hour to remove dirt from between the Southern Railway Company, West 5th and West 6th Streets, to Elmwood Cemetery Annex on Cedar Street, at a total cost not to exceed \$750.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

**EXPLANATION OF DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION OF STONEWALL STREET EXPANSION.**

The City Manager explained the delay in the construction of Stonewall Street. The City Treasurer and the City Engineer explained in detail the reasons why the street had not been constructed. Briefly, the reason for the delay is incident to securing private property for the right-of-way. The Mayor and Council accepted the explanation and expressed the hope that the private citizens involved would cooperate in the exchange of the necessary real estate in the very near future.

**BID ACCEPTED ON TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY LOT 9, BLOCK 6, TUCKASEEGEE ROAD AND ACTION DEFERRED ON BID ON LOTS 20 THROUGH 24, BLOCK 1, HUTCHINSON AVENUE.**

Councilman Newson reporting for the Appraisal Committee, moved that the bid of \$600.00 on Lot 9, Block 6, Tuckaseegee Road, be accepted, and that action be deferred for one week on the bid of \$1,800.00 on Lots 20 through 24, Block 1, Hutchinson Avenue. Motion seconded by Councilman McIntyre, and unanimously carried.

**CHIEF OF POLICE STATES REASONS FOR REQUESTING ADOPTION OF A BICYCLE ORDINANCE.**

Chief Anderson of the Police Department presented his reasons for requesting the passage of an ordinance regulating the operation of bicycles. He gave as the two most vital needs of such an ordinance, the value of having a license as a means of identification, and secondly, safety regulations that would be enforced for all bicycle operators. He recommended that the fee for license and license plate be made 25 cents instead of 50 cents as proposed in Section 4 of the ordinance, and that bicycles be equipped with lights when used "at night" instead of "at any time" as now proposed in Section 22 of the proposed ordinance.

**CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH H. V. JOHNSON & SON FOR COAL.**

Councilman McIntyre moved that contract with H. V. Johnson & Son for 437.685 tons of coal at \$3,494.49 be authorized. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

**CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH RESEARCH PRODUCTS COMPANY FOR AMMONIA.**

Councilman Puette moved that contract with Research Products Company for 1,050 pounds of Ammonia at \$161.70 be authorized. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

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**PURCHASE OF PURCHASE ORDER FORMS AUTHORIZED FROM EGRY REGISTER COMPANY.**

Councilman Johnston moved that the purchase of 10,000 Purchase Order Forms at \$161.27 be authorized from Egru Register Company. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

**PURCHASE OF DOG TAGS FROM GEO. J. MAYER COMPANY AUTHORIZED.**

Councilman Puette moved that 5,000 metal dog tags be purchased from George J. Mayer Company, at a price of \$130.00 f.o.b. Indianapolis, Ind. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

**PURCHASE OF POSTAL CARDS AUTHORIZED.**

Upon motion of Councilman Newson, seconded by Councilman Hinson, the purchase of 60,000 1-cent Postal Cards from the Charlotte Postmaster was unanimously authorized.

**WORLD WAR II VETERANS RELIEVED OF INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON AD VALOREM TAXES COMING DUE WHILE IN SERVICE.**

The City Manager reported that a Bill was enacted by the 1945 General Assembly providing that municipalities might relieve World War II veterans from interest and penalties on ad valorem taxes coming due while they were in the service. Councilman McIntyre moved that this policy be adopted for the City of Charlotte. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

**PURCHASE OF 0.175 ACRES OF LAND ON ORR STREET NEAR CITY GARAGE FROM LEE HEATH, AND DECISION ON PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LAND ON ORR STREET POSTPONED FOR ONE WEEK.**

The City Manager advised Mr. Lee Heath was offered for sale to the City property in the rear of the City Garage, on Orr Street, at a price of \$18,750.00. Also, a triangular tract of 0.175 acres, at a price of \$175.00. Councilman McIntyre moved that we purchase the triangular tract at a cost of \$175.00, and defer action on the other tract for one week. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried.

Note:  
Correction  
made in  
Minutes on  
6-19-45, to  
eliminate  
words  
"for one  
week".

Councilman McIntyre stated he wished to go on record as opposing the purchase of the tract on Orr Street, which is priced at \$18,750.00.

**BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS FILE REQUEST THAT SCHOOL TAX LEVY FOR 1945-47 BE MADE 25 CENTS ON \$100.00 VALUATION.**

The City Manager advised the Board of School Commissioners had filed a request that the School Tax Levy for 1945-47 be made 25 cents on the \$100.00 property valuation. The request was filed in the office of the City Clerk.

**RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION FOR LEASE OF REMOTE CONTROL QUARTERS SITE AND CONTRACT FOR POLE SETTING LICENSE TO SERVE RADIO RANGE SITE, HAD BEEN RECEIVED.**

The City Manager advised that renewal contracts with Civil Aeronautics Administration had been received covering (1) lease of Remote Control Quarters Site, and (2) pole setting license to serve radio range site.

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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 to cover, were unanimously authorized:

- To - J. R. Durham and Family, Lot No. 365, in Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$75.10.
- To - Mrs. Lillie N. Blockner, Lot No. 348, in Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$52.15.
- To - Mrs. Ella Aldred, Lot No. 333, in Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00.
- To - Mrs. Annie W. Hall, Perpetual Care on North Half of Lot No. 71, in Section B-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$50.00.
- To - Charles Mellon Lowe, Perpetual Care on Lot No. 6, in Section N, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$72.00.
- To - Charles Mellon Lowe, Duplicate Copy of Deed to Lot No. 6, in Section N, Elmwood Cemetery, \$2.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman  
City Clerk