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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, March 21, 1945, with Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Painter, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen Hovis and Price, and Mayor H. H. Barter.

COUNCILMAN BAKER APPOINTED CHAIRMAN PRO TEM.

Due to the absence of both the Mayor and Mayor pro tem, Councilman Ward moved that Councilman Baker be appointed Chairman pro tem of the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Slye, and unanimously carried.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

CONTRACT FOR ELECTRIC EXPANDER AND TESTER AWARDED EUREKA FIRE HOSE DIVISION OF U. S. RUBBER COMPANY.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be awarded Eureka Fire Hose Division of the U. S. Rubber Company, for one powered electric expander and hose tester, at \$499.80 f.o.b. Dayton, Ohio. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED BELK BROS. COMPANY FOR OVERALL JACKETS.

Upon motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Ward, contract for 142 overall jackets for the Sanitary Division was unanimously awarded Belk Bros. Company, at a net delivered price of \$347.90.

CONTRACT AWARDED MAICO HEARING SERVICE FOR AUDIOMETER.

Upon motion of Councilman Atkins, seconded by Councilman Cope, contract for an Audimeter was unanimously awarded Maico Hearing Service, at a net delivered price of \$260.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED TUCKER-KIRBY COMPANY FOR T. C. PIPE.

Upon motion of Councilman Atkins, seconded by Councilman Cope, contract for 1320 feet of 8 inch terra cotta pipe was unanimously awarded Tucker-Kirby Company, at a net delivered price of \$396.93.

AUTHORIZATION OF CHANGE IN CONTRACT WITH A. L. HENDERSON & COMPANY FOR RAW WATER PUMPING UNITS AT CATAWBA RIVER STATION.

Councilman Ward moved that change in contract for Raw Water Pumping Units at Catawba River Station, with A. L. Henderson & Company, regarding the electrical equipment, which will increase the contract by \$384.80, be authorized. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

APPROPRIATION FROM WATER CONTINGENT FUND AUTHORIZED FOR PAINTING WATER TANKS.

Upon motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Albea, \$2,600.00 was unanimously authorized from the Water Department Contingent Fund for paint and its application to the city's water tanks.

REQUEST FOR CAR ALLOWANCE INCREASE FOR TAX DEPARTMENT REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The City Manager stated the Collector of Revenue was requesting

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an increase from \$35.00 to \$50.00 monthly car allowance for the three outside collectors in that department. Following a discussion, Councilman Daughtry moved that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

LEASE WITH U. S. WEATHER BUREAU FOR OFFICE SPACE AT AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

Councilman Ward moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a lease with the United States Weather Bureau for office space on the second floor of the Airport Administration Building, at a yearly rental of \$95.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

BIDS ON OIL TO BE TAKEN ON OPEN SPECIFICATIONS.

The City Manager recommended that bids for motor oil be taken on open specifications; the bidders to furnish specifications and samples of the oil upon which they bid. Councilman Ward moved that the City Manager's recommendation be followed. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins, and unanimously carried.

SALE OF GROVETON SCHOOL PROPERTY, AT SPRING AND PHARR STREETS, REAFFIRMED AND DEED ORDERED DELIVERED TO PURCHASER.

Mr. Ledbetter, City Treasurer, advised that since the sale of the Groveton School Property, located at Spring and Pharr Streets, on July 17, 1944, to Religious Public Service Corporation, at \$500.00, the School Board had rescinded their action requesting the City to sell the property. Following a discussion of the matter, Councilman Daughtry moved that the sale be affirmed and deed to property be delivered to the purchaser. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS.

Councilman Atkins stated that under an Act passed by the North Carolina Legislature recently, the number of members of the Park and Recreation Commission had been increased from five to seven; therefore, it was in order to appoint said Commissioners, and he moved the appointment of the following persons:

Frank W. Orr	For term of 1 year
Thos. W. Church	For term of 1 year
Cyrus B. Campbell	For term of 3 years
Gordan M. Lupo (reappointed)	For term of 3 years
James H. Carson (reappointed)	For term of 5 years
John R. Pender (reappointed)	For term of 5 years
Charles H. Stone (reappointed)	For term of 5 years

Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

STREET NAME CHANGED FROM CLARICE AVENUE TO THE PLAZA, BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH AVENUE TO THE SEABOARD RAILWAY.

Councilman Daughtry stated a petition had been filed with him signed by residents of Clarice Avenue requesting that the name of Clarice Avenue, between Commonwealth Avenue and the Seaboard Railway, be changed to The Plaza, and moved that the request be complied with. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

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PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION BY N. C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY LIMITING COLLECTION OF TAXES OPPOSED.

Councilman Baker recommended that the Council go on record as opposing the passage of a new statute of limitation regarding the collection of personal and real property taxes at any time after they became due, by the N. C. Legislature.

Councilman Ward moved that the Council go on record as approving the recommendation, and that the City Manager be directed to so advise the Mecklenburg Representatives immediately by telegraph. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Upon motion by Councilman Ward, duly seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the following cemetery deeds were approved for transfer:

Mrs. Madeline Phelan Ritch, south half Lot No. 126, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, \$70.00.
Perpetual Care on Lot No. 126, Mrs. Madeline Phelan Ritch, \$60.00.
Mrs. J. P. Brock, south half Lot No. 122, Section T, Elmwood Cemetery \$ duplicate deed, \$1.00.
Mrs. Foy Cooper, Lot No. 1, Section BB, Elmwood Cemetery, \$81.90.
Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Williams, north half Lot No. 125, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, \$70.00.
Perpetual Care on Lot No. 125, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Williams, \$60.00.
Mrs. Mollie Knight, Lot No. 360, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, \$72.10.
Perpetual Care on Lot No. 125, Mrs. Mollie Knight, \$61.80.
Mrs. Lois Wishart, Lot No. 383, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, \$44.10.
Mrs. Mildred Nisbet, north half Lot No. 124, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, \$70.00.
Perpetual Care on Lot No. 124, Mrs. Mildred Nisbet, \$60.00.
Everette M. Auten, north half Lot No. 126, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, \$70.00.
Perpetual Care on Lot No. 126, Everette M. Auten, \$60.00.
Clifford A. Smith, Lot No. 357, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, \$38.85.
Perpetual Care on Lot No. 372, in Section Y, Mrs. Mae Gray, \$25.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffmann
City Clerk