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Regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, March 3, 1943, in the Council Chamber, City Hall. Mayor Currie presided and the following members of the Council were present: Messrs. Albea, Baker, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Slye, Ross and Ward.

Absent: Councilmen Beasley, Little and Price.

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COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS RE: E. C. GRIFFITH COMPANY STREET ASSESSMENT AND TAX MATTERS.

Mr. Carol Taliaferro, Attorney, representing E. C. Griffith Company, appeared before the Council regarding law suit which the City has brought against this Company for street assessments and taxes and which will come up for trial in the near future. Mr. Taliaferro stated that this Company has felt for years that it had quite substantial claims against the City of Charlotte, and that after talking with Mr. Tillett, City Attorney, he asked to be allowed to present the matter to a committee from the Council with the view to having this committee make recommendations to the Council.

Without objections, the Mayor appointed on this committee Councilmen Ross and Ward and City Manager Flack.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING READ AND APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Slye, the minutes of the previous meeting, February 24th., were approved as read.

QUESTION OF BOND FOR MR. E. S. DeLANEY AS COMMISSIONER REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN.

The City Manager reported that Mr. Ledbetter, City Treasurer, had called to his attention the fact that Mr. E. S. DeLaney is not bonded as a Commissioner in the sale of property and he, (Mr. Flack) recommended that the Council go on record as not requiring a bond, inasmuch as the Court does not require bond of other Commissioners. However, several members of the Council felt that he should be bonded, and motion was made by Councilman Baker, which was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, that Mr. DeLaney be bonded as Commissioner in the amount of \$5,000.00, but this motion was withdrawn, after discussion, and action deferred until the next meeting, pending the securing of additional information by the City Manager from Mr. DeLaney regarding the matter; it being brought out in the discussion that the property which the City is acquiring will be held for one year, and that perhaps it will not be necessary to purchase this bond until such time as large amounts of money come into Mr. DeLaney's hands.

PORTION OF NORTH TRYON STREET TO BE ROPED OFF FOR AMBASSADOR GREW'S APPEARANCE AT THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Ward, the request of Mr. Martin L. Cannon, Chairman of the Local Civilian Defense, that North Tryon Street, between 5th and 6th Streets, be roped off on

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Friday, March 3, 1943, between 5:30 P.M. and until the end of the speech of Ambassador Grew, in order to permit people to hear this speech by means of loud speakers, was granted; this being contingent upon fair weather, and the possible shifting of the appearance from Second Presbyterian Church to the Armory-Auditorium.

ACTION OF COUNCIL AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR NEW TRUCKS, DEC. 30, 1942, RESCINDED.

Due to the Office of Defense Transportation refusing to issue certificates of necessity for the purchase of two 1/2-ton trucks which were authorized to be purchased on December 30, 1942, by the City Council, from Norfleet Motors Company, Inc., on motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Baker, the action in authorizing the contract as above shown, was rescinded and the purchase of these trucks was cancelled.

SALE OF JUNK "STOP FROGS" AUTHORIZED TO HIGHEST BIDDER, CHARLOTTE IRON & METAL COMPANY.

In connection with the removal of the "Stop Frogs" from City streets, the City of Charlotte will have between 350 and 400 of these frogs, weighing approximately 25 pounds each, and quotations have been received for the sale of this scrap metal, as follows:

Charlotte Iron & Metal Company	.635 per cwt.
Schwartz & Son, Inc.	.60 " "
Smith Metal Company, Inc.	.567 " "

Councilman Daughtry moved that sale of this junk be made to the highest bidder, Charlotte Iron & Metal Company, at the price quoted: 63½ cents per cwt. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker and carried.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF FEE TO MR. LEE KINNEY FOR SECURING R/W FOR WATER LINE TO NAVY MUNITIONS PLANT.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, approval was given for the payment of fee to Mr. Lee Kinney for services rendered by him in securing rights-of-way for the water line to the Navy Munitions Plant, in the sum of \$612.50, which has been approved by the Superintendent of the Water Department.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Painter, the following cemetery deeds and perpetual care agreements were ordered issued:

P.W.D. Jones, East Half Lot No. 38, A-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery	\$71.05
Perpetual care on same " " " "	50.75
P. D. Burks, Jr., West Half " " "	71.05
Perpetual care on same " " " "	50.75
Mrs. Helen Brem Beatty perpetual care on Lot 61, Section "A"	144.00

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RECESS TAKEN BY COUNCIL. ADJOURNMENT.

At 4:45 the Council recessed to the Mayor's office, and after being out until 5:30 returned to the Council Chamber, and on motion of Councilman Ross, duly seconded by Councilman Painter, immediately adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk