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Regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, May 1, 1940, Mayor Ben E. Douglas presiding and Councilmen Baxter, Britt, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Sides, Little, Ward and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilmen Albea and Nance.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the minutes of the meeting of April 24th. were approved as read.

ARMORY-AUDITORIUM LET TO NEBEL KNITTERS AT COST.

A representative of the Nebel Knitting Mill employees appeared before the Council and asked for the use of the Armory-Auditorium on May 18th. to hold a dance, the proceeds from which will go to the strikers of the Nebel Mills, either without charge or if not free, then at cost.

After discussion, Councilman Hudson moved that these people be allowed the use of the Armory-Auditorium for that date at cost, which motion was seconded by Councilman Ward and carried, with Councilmen Britt, Sides and Wilkinson voting "No".

PROPERTY AT CORNER OF SEVENTH STREET AND ARMORY DRIVE TO BE SOLD TO ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH.

Councilman Hudson, Chairman of the Committee to investigate the sale of a small triangular strip of land at the corner of East Seventh Street and Armory Drive to St. Martin's Church, reported that this Committee had looked over the property with the Vestry of St. Martin's and that this small piece of property was of no value to the City or anyone else and that the Church wished to take over same in order to build a wall around their property, and it was the recommendation of the Committee that this be given to the Church without cost. City Attorney Scarborough stated that he had talked with certain members of the Vestry and that he was sure they would rather pay the amount of \$50.00, which they had originally offered than to accept it without charge. A discussion came up regarding the release by the American Trust Company; this property being originally given to the City for park purposes and to revert to the owner if not needed for that purpose. Mr. Irvin Boyle, representing the Vestry of St. Martin's, was present and stated that the American Trust Company had agreed to release this property and that, as stated by Mr. Scarborough, the Church would prefer to pay the sum of \$50.00 for this land.

Thereupon, Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Baxter, moved that the City sell to St. Martin's Church this small strip of land for the sum of \$50.00, which was to be turned over to the Park and Recreation Commission, after release is secured from the American Trust Company. Motion unanimously carried.

DABNEY CODDINGTON APPOINTED TO AIRPORT COMMISSION.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, duly seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, Mr. Dabney L. Coddington was elected to succeed Mr. W. States Lee, Jr., as a member of the Municipal Airport Commission, Mr. Lee's term expiring at this time.

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STREET MAINTENANCE - TIPPAH AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Hovis, Tippah Avenue, from Belvedere Avenue to Hampton Place, was taken over for City maintenance.

PURCHASE OF MOTOR FOR BUFFALO-SPRINGFIELD ROLLER.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Buffalo-Springfield Roller Company for one complete Motor for the City's Buffalo-Springfield roller, at a price of \$475.00.

NOTICE OF SUIT OF E. F. HOPE AND WIFE VS. FRED SEVERS AND THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

The City Manager reported receipt of notice of suit filed against Fred Severs and the City of Charlotte by E. F. Hope and wife, in connection with the removal of a marker on a grave in Elmwood Cemetery. The amount of suit is \$10,000 and the plaintiffs' attorney is Mr. Uhlman Alexander. This matter was referred to the City Attorney.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE MATTER OF STREET NAME CHANGE.

A petition having been received from property owners on West Third Street, from McNinch to Irwin Creek, that that portion of West Third Street be changed to Woodbrook Drive, the advisability of doing this was thoroughly discussed. Councilman Ward was of the opinion that if this change is made the entire street from Cedar on down to the Creek should be included and after this discussion, Councilman Hovis moved that the Mayor appoint a committee to investigate this request and report back to the Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

Mayor Douglas appointed as this committee: Councilmen Ward, Wilkinson and Britt.

LETTER FROM T. C. WILSON & CO. REGARDING PROPERTY AT 5TH AND 7TH STREETS.

The City Manager read a letter received from Mr. T. C. Wilson, of T. C. Wilson & Company, regarding the offer made by Mr. Wilson to purchase a piece of property belonging to the City of Charlotte at the corner of East 5th. and 7th Streets; in which Mr. Wilson stated that he had made an offer of \$1000.00 to the City for this property, after which the Council ordered the property advertised and that he bid it in at public auction for \$1000.00 but that the City had rejected this bid and he was asking that the City either deliver to his client a deed for same or pay him a commission of \$100.00. After discussion, Councilman Hudson suggested that the City proceed to forget about the matter and the Council passed on to other business.

SEWER EXTENSION IN AUTEN STREET.

On motion of Councilman Britt, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, authority was given for the extension of a sewer in Auten Street, from the end of the present sewer 55 ft west towards Sumter Avenue, to serve one house and estimated to cost \$66.82.

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PURCHASE OF ONE GREEN COUNTY BOND FOR SINKING FUND.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the City Treasurer was authorized to purchase one \$1,000.00 Greene County Bond, due 11-1-40, to yield 1.25%, for the Sinking Fund Account, which purchase has already been approved by the Local Government Commission.

REPORT ON REQUESTS FOR STREET LIGHTS AT MOREHEAD AND HARDING PLACE AND BEATTY'S FORD ROAD AND OAKLAWN AVENUE.

The City Manager presented a report from Mr. Skinner, the Traffic Engineer, relative to request for street lights at the intersection of Morehead St. and Harding Place; also Beatty's Ford Road and Oaklawn Avenue, and it was Mr. Skinner's recommendation that no lights were needed at these points.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Hudson and unanimously carried, the recommendation of the Traffic Engineer was accepted.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE TO BE AMENDED.

The Traffic Engineer recommended the following additions and amendments to the Traffic Ordinance, under Schedule No. 1:

1. No parking should be permitted on Morehead Street from Tryon St. east to the bridge on the north side.
2. No parking area on Trade Street be changed from 105' to 230' east of Tryon, on south side.
3. No parking be permitted on the north side of West Sixth from Graham to Smith Streets.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson this recommendation was approved, and the Mayor instructed the City Attorney to draw up proper amendment to the Traffic Ordinance for adoption.

Councilman Britt then made a motion that one block each way from Tryon Street, on Fourth and Fifth Streets be made one-way streets, traffic to move East on Fifth Street and West on Fourth Street.

Councilman Wilkinson made an amendment to this motion that the matter be referred to the Traffic Committee for report back at next Wednesday's meeting, which motion was seconded by Councilman Huntley. This amendment was voted on and lost, with only three affirmative votes. The original motion of Councilman Britt was voted on after discussion, and also lost, on a five to four vote.

Councilman Sides then moved that no double parking be allowed within four blocks of the Square but was informed that this is already taken care of by ordinance, and he then moved that the Police Department be instructed to strictly enforce this ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilman Ward but failed to carry, with only three affirmative votes. Councilman Sides suggested that if the Council did not wish to enforce the ordinance that the City Attorney be instructed to re-write the ordinance. After considerable discussion, no further action was taken.

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COMMITTEE TO STUDY REQUEST OF NATIONAL GUARDS FOR ADEQUATE FACILITIES AT ARMORY.

Mayor Douglas presented a letter from officers of the 105th. Engineers, relative to the necessary improvement of facilities at the Armory-Auditorium in order to prevent withdrawal of the National Guard Units in Charlotte. This letter set forth all the improvements, including use of the Auditorium one night each week, exclusive use of the entire basement, with access to guard members only, the use of the athletic field for drill purposes in good weather, and many others.

After discussion on this letter, the Council asked the special committee to study this request for one week before making recommendations.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, the following cemetery deeds and perpetual care agreements were ordered issued:

Ray Lee Polk, Lot No. 43-C, "D Annex", Elmwood	\$73.15
J. A. Baker, " " 16, "G Annex" "	128.10
Perpetual care on " " " "	91.50
Mrs. H. A. Cassady, South Half Lot No. 57 "X"	62.85
Perpetual care on " " " "	54.85
Mrs. J.T. Hasty, South Half Lot No. 61, "X"	62.65
Perpetual care on " " " " " "	54.85
Mrs. Lena C. Dumas, Lot No. 20, "Y"	63.00
Carson M. Allen, Lot No. 21, "Y"	63.00
Mrs. Alex Anderson, Lot No. 108, "Y"	35.00
Perpetual care on " " " "	25.00
Mrs. Lillian Smith, Lot No. 220, "Y"	35.00
Mrs. W. T. Wohlford, Perpetual care on Lots 41 & 42 "I"	207.50
Transfer of South Half Lot No. 18, "I" from Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Chapman, Jr. to Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Whisnant	1.00
New deed to be issued to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman for North Half same lot.	
Transfer of East Half Lot No. 53 "H" from Douglas & Sing to Mrs. R. A. Counts,	1.00

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk