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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, May 2, 1945, with Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Painter, Price, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilman Hovis.

COMPLAINT RELATIVE TO DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE MADE BY MRS. R. T. FERGUSON.

Mrs. R. T. Ferguson registered a complaint against dogs running at large, particularly in the Middleton Drive section of the city, in which she resides. She requested that the ordinance be amended to prohibit this practice during the daylight hours the same as it is prohibited from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. Mayor Baxter asked Mr. Tom Ravelle, Supt. Pet Department, to express an opinion in the matter. Mr. Ravelle stated his department would endeavor to enforce any laws made by the Council relative to the dog situation, if the department was furnished the additional personnel and equipment and that thousands of dogs roaming the streets without the proper license tags had already been removed. Mayor Baxter assured Mrs. Ferguson the Council would do all possible to control the situation.

LICENSE TO SELL BEER ON PREMISES AT 1004 EAST 10TH STREET GRANTED TOM ROLLINS.

The question of the issuance of a License to Sell Beer at the Piedmont Courts Cafe, 1004 East 10th Street, by Mr. Tom Rollins, which was discussed at the two previous Council Meetings, was reviewed by Captain Williams of the Police Department, who stated that department had held in abeyance their endorsement of the license was due to the receipt of a petition signed by sixty-four citizens in the area of the Cafe urging that the license not be issued to Mr. Rollins. Following a discussion of the matter, Councilman Ward moved that the license be granted. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and carried, with Councilman Cope and Councilman Daughtry voting against the motion.

REQUEST TO EMPTY LAUNDRY WASTE INTO THE CITY SEWERAGE SYSTEM DEFERRED.

Mr. Belvieu advised he was opening a Laundry at 1305 East Boulevard and had been advised by the Water Department he would be prohibited from emptying the waste water into the City Sewerage System under a city ordinance. He stated there would be no harmful chemicals in the waste. Following a discussion by the Council, Councilman Baker suggested that the Council defer action until such time as the Water Department had made a chemical analysis of the waste.

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PLUMBING ORDINANCE PASSED ON FIRST READING.

Councilman Price presented an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending The Plumbing Code" which he stated was approved by the Committee of Council appointed to study and revise the present ordinance, and moved the adoption of the ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard.

Mr. H. L. Kiser, representing the Association of Plumbers and Steam Fitters protested certain sections of the ordinance relating to the installation of more than one unit to one vent, on the grounds that it would be a health hazard. Various Master Plumbers, and the City's Plumbing Inspector spoke in favor of the amendment to the ordinance. Vote was then taken on the adoption of the ordinance and passed on it's first reading, with the following vote recorded: AYE: Councilmen Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Price, Slye and Ward. NAY: Councilmen Albea, Cope, Daughtry and Painter.

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The City Manager presented an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending The Ordinance Creating A Pet Department". Councilman Bullard moved the adoption of the ordinance as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 9, beginning at Page 247.

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CONTRACT AWARDED PURE OIL COMPANY FOR 3000 GALLONS OF MOTOR OIL.

The City Manager reported on bids received to furnish 3000 gallons of motor oil, stating that eighteen bids were received from six companies. A chemical laboratory report stated the city's requirements should be purchased from one of three bidders. The City Manager recommended that purchase be made from the Pure Oil Company, who was the lowest bidder of the three companies named, at 55 cents per gallon on Triolene Motor Oil. Councilman Slye moved that contract be awarded the Pure Oil Company for the 3000 gallons of Triolene Motor Oil at a price of \$1,650.00, less one percent cash discount. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH MASSLICH & MITCHELL, BOND ATTORNEYS, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN RELATION TO SALE OF CITY OF CHARLOTTE BONDS.

Councilman Albea moved that payment of \$385.41 be authorized to Masslich & Mitchell, Bond Attorneys, for professional services in relation to the issuance and sale of City of Charlotte Water, Cemetery and Street Improvement Bonds, and the Mayor and Clerk be instructed to execute the contract to cover. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard, and unanimously carried.

TAX REBATE AUTHORIZED ON PROPERTY AT 806 WEST TRADE STREET.

Councilman Ward moved that a rebate of \$27.38 on taxes for property located at 806 West Trade Street be made to Mrs. Eunice S. Brown and Mrs. N. S. Moody, due to an error in the office of the Tax Supervisor in making appraisal of the property. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF REPAIR PARTS FROM N. C. EQUIPMENT COMPANY AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Albea moved that purchase of Repair Parts for Elgin Sweeper be authorized from the North Carolina Equipment Company, at a net delivered price of \$103.04. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 857 BELMONT AVENUE AUTHORIZED TO S. W. ELLIS.

Councilman Price moved that the bid of \$673.05 by S. W. Ellis on tax foreclosed property located at 857 Belmont Avenue be accepted. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

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PRINTING OF CITY CHARTER AWARDED STAR PRINTING COMPANY.

Councilman Ward moved that 500 copies of the amended City Charter be printed by the low bidder, Star Printing Company, at a price of \$185.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard, and unanimously carried.

CITY ATTORNEYS DIRECTED TO DRAFT RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO USE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS BY JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES AND LIKE ORGANIZATIONS.

Mayor Baxter read a resolution from the Optimist Club, which had been adopted by them, protesting the use of public buildings and public streets for the distribution of literature and propaganda designed to spread the doctrines of said Jehovah's Witnesses and like organizations. The Mayor also read a letter from the Optimist Club requesting the City Council to give the resolution earnest consideration. Councilman Ward moved that the City Attorneys be directed to draft a resolution embodying the facts and ideas expressed in the resolution adopted by the Optimist Club, for consideration by the Council at its next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard. Councilman Atkins made a substitute motion that we receive the letter and resolution from the Optimist Club as information. Motion lost for lack of a second. Vote was then cast on the original motion and carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Snye, the following Cemetery Deeds were approved for transfer:

Clarkson Springs and wife, Mamie S. Springs, Lot No. 2, in Section "John", Pinewood Cemetery, at \$32.25.  
Mrs. Anest Coutres, Lot No. 271, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00.  
W. H. Turner and wife, Lot No. 55-C, in Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, \$72.10.  
Perpetual Care Deed on Lot No. 556C, in Section "X", Elmwood Cemetery, W. H. Turner and wife, \$61.80.  
Perpetual Care Deed on Lot No. 354, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, J. C. Austin, \$21.25.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

*Lillian R. Hoffmann*  
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City Clerk