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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, May 22, 1945, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Childs, Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White present.

Absent: Councilman Hinson.

MINUTES.

The reading of the Minutes of the meeting on May 16, 1945 was dispensed with at this time.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO RETENTION OF CITY MANAGER, CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CHIEF OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. H. B. Campbell, City Attorney:

WHEREAS, Robert W. Flack, W. Hendrix Palmer and Walter F. Anderson are now serving respectively in the positions of City Manager, Chief of Fire Department and Chief of Police Department, under appointments heretofore made; and whereas, since said appointments the personnel of the City Council has changed; and whereas, it is unnecessary to reappoint the said City Manager, Chief of Fire Department and Chief of Police Department as they remain in their positions under the previous appointments, but it is deemed desirable to express the confidence of the present City Council in said Robert W. Flack, as City Manager, W. Hendrix Palmer as Chief of Fire Department and Walter F. Anderson as Chief of Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Charlotte, as now constituted, has confidence in the ability of Robert W. Flack, W. Hendrix Palmer and Walter F. Anderson to perform and execute the duties of City Manager, Chief of Fire Department and Chief of Police Department respectively and they are requested to retain said positions under their previous appointments.

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

APPOINTMENT OF COLLECTOR OF REVENUE.

Councilman White moved the appointment of Campbell W. Ansley as Collector of Revenue at his present salary and that his bond be fixed at the amount of the bond now in force for the Collector of Revenue. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY ACCOUNTANT.

It was moved by Councilman Johnston, duly seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, that J. M. McCorkle be appointed City Accountant at his present salary and that his bond be fixed at the amount of the bond now in force for the City Accountant.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY TREASURER.

Motion was made by Councilman Puette that L. L. Ledbetter be appointed City Treasurer at his present salary and that his bond be fixed at the amount of the bond now in force for the City Treasurer. Motion seconded by Councilman White, and unanimously carried.

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APPOINTMENT OF RECORDER.

Councilman Childs moved the appointment of E. McA. Currie as Recorder at the present salary paid the Recorder. Motion seconded by Councilman White, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE RECORDER.

Councilman McIntyre moved the appointment of H. I. McDougale as Vice Recorder at the present salary paid the Vice Recorder. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR.

It was moved by Councilman Newson, duly seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, that Mercer J. Blankenship be appointed City Solicitor at the present salary paid the City Solicitor.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ACREAGE INTO THE ORIGINAL AIRPORT LEASE.

Councilman Childs moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was presented by the City Manager:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Charlotte to execute and deliver to the United States of America that certain Supplemental Agreement No. 5 dated 22nd day of May, 1945, to Lease No. W 54 QM 1915, now in force between the City of Charlotte and the Government, said Supplemental Agreement No. 5 providing for modification of Lease No. W 54 QM 1915, effective 1st day of July 1945, by incorporating therein two tracts or parcels of land containing 5 1/3 acres and 4 acres, more or less, respectively in Berryhill Township, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, and presently included in a lease between The City of Charlotte, North Carolina, and the Government assigned No. W 231 Eng 594 dated March 6, 1941, said lease expiring by its own terms on June 30, 1945.

Motion seconded by Councilman Puette and unanimously carried and declared duly passed and adopted by the Mayor.

AUTHORIZATION OF LICENSE TO THE UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU FOR CEILOMETER INSTALLATION AT WEATHER BUREAU STATION, AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Johnston moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign a License to the United States Weather Bureau for the installation of a Ceilometer at the Weather Bureau Station, at Douglas Municipal Airport. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST GRANTED FOR APPROPRIATION TO CIVILIAN DEFENSE VOLUNTEER BUREAU.

The City Manager presented a request from the Chairman of the Civilian Defense Volunteer Bureau that an appropriation be made for the operation of the Bureau after July 1, 1945, for a three months period; the amount needed for the Bureau's operation being estimated at \$1,000.00, of which amount Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners had agreed to pay one-third.

Councilman Newson moved that the matter be tabled until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette. Substitute motion was made by Councilman McIntyre that the amount requested of the City be appropriated in the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1945. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and carried, with Councilmen Childs, McIntyre, Puette and White voting AYE, and Councilmen Newson and Johnston voting NAY.

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LWELLYN PLACE, BETWEEN CHEROKEE PLACE AND LOCKELY DRIVE TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

Councilman White moved that Lwellyn Place, between Cherokee Place and Lockely Drive be taken over for maintenance by the City. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried.

NAME OF WESTSIDE AVENUE CHANGED TO PINECREST AVENUE.

Councilman McIntyre moved that the name of Westside Avenue, in the Midwood Section, be changed to Pinecrest Avenue, as requested by the property owners of said street. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Mayor Baxter appointed Councilmen Childs, Newson and Puette as members of the Finance Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF APPRAISAL COMMITTEE.

Mayor Baxter appointed Councilmen Newson, Johnston and McIntyre as members of the Appraisal Committee.

TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 1217-19 SEIGLE STREET SALE REFERRED TO APPRAISAL COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The City Manager reported that tax foreclosed property at 1217-19 Seigle Street was sold at public auction on May 7, 1945, the closing bid being \$1,180.00; that the 10 days waiting period had expired without an upset bid and recommended that the sale be confirmed. Councilman Newson moved that the matter be referred to the Appraisal Committee for consideration. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS GRANTED FOR USE ON PREMISES OF SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Councilman McIntyre moved that Special Officer Permits be issued to T. P. Fowler, A. R. Threatt and W. E. Metts for one year for use on the premises of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, as requested by said Company. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO DOCKET PERTAINING TO AGENDA OF BUSINESS OF CITY COUNCIL AT REGULAR MEETINGS.

The following resolution was presented by Councilman Puette, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, it is deemed desirable that the individual members of the City Council know in advance of regular meetings the matters which will be presented for action by them at said meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Manager be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to prepare a Docket pertaining to the agenda of business which will be transacted at regular meetings of the City Council; said Docket to be made of all matters filed in his office prior to twelve o'clock Noon on Saturday preceding the regular meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council will not act upon any matter, regardless of how presented, which is not on said Docket, except by unanimous consent of all members of the City Council present at the regular meeting, and if such unanimous consent is given then action

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may be taken upon the matter presented to the same extent as if said matter had appeared on the Docket.

Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF REVENUE ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 1945 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1946.

The Revenue Ordinance for the fiscal year, July 1, 1945 through June 30, 1946, was presented and read. Councilman Newson moved the adoption of the ordinance as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 31, beginning at Page 249.

CONTRACT AWARDED THE NEWS PRINTING COMPANY FOR PUBLICATION AND PRINTING OF REVENUE ORDINANCE.

Councilman McIntyre moved that contract be awarded The News Printing Company for publication of the Revenue Ordinance and printing in booklet form, at a price of \$474.50. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZATION OF SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS AND ISSUANCE OF DEEDS THEREFOR.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Puette, sale of the following cemetery lots, and issuance of deeds therefor, were unanimously authorized:

- To - Mrs. Margaret Dowd Clark, South Half Lot No. 135, in Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$79.10.
Perpetual Care on Lot No. 135, in Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, to Mrs. Margaret Dowd Clark, at \$67.80.
- To - R. M. Dowd, Jr., North Half Lot No. 135, in Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$79.10.
Perpetual Care on Lot No. 135, in Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, to R. M. Dowd, Jr., at \$67.80.
- To - John S. Ward, Perpetual Care on Lot No. 59, in Section W, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$72.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffmann

City Clerk