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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on November 19, 1946, with Mayor Baxter presiding and Councilmen Childs, Hinson, Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White present.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman J. S. Hinson.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY CONFIRMED.

Upon motion of Councilman Newson, seconded by Councilman Puette, sale of the following tax foreclosed property was unanimously confirmed and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute the deeds to cover:

2213 Avondale Ave.	to the high bidder J.C. Brookshire,	at	\$ 1,575.00
400 East 9th Street	to the high bidder Ira B. Turner	at	2,710.00
432 Solomon Street	to the high bidder Vance H. Watts	at	45.60.

SALE OF ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AT AIRPORT TO DUKE POWER COMPANY.

Councilman Childs moved that the bid of Duke Power Company be accepted for the Electrical Distribution System at Douglas Municipal Airport, in the amount of \$44,572.02, and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a bill of sale conveying to the Duke Power Company the right title and interest in these facilities and an easement for maintenance purposes in connection therewith. Motion seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried.

ROUTE FOR PROPOSED HIGHWAY DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.

Councilman White moved that Route No. 1, as shown on the Proposed Major Street Plan Map, be adopted, and the City Manager be instructed to make an official application to the State Highway Commission for the construction of that part of the Monroe highway included in the city limits of Charlotte and from the city limits along Westmoreland Avenue to Pecan Ave., thence across the Seaboard Railway by way of an overhead bridge, thence along High St and its extension to Park Terrace, across Independence Park to Fox Street, thence on Fox Street to Shorter St., thence across the pasture behind Thompson Orphanage into Stonewall Street, thence on Stonewall Street to Caldwell St., thence from Caldwell Street to Morehead Street at its intersection with South Boulevard. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston.

Councilman Newson offered a substitute motion that the Route approved be the same as Route No. 1 but that the middle section be brought through Hawthorne Lane and the Map be amended via said route. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette.

Mrs. R. E. Evans and Mr. G. J. Mitchell, residents of Hawthorne Lane, and Mr. John A. McRea and Mr. Paul Erwin, expressed their opposition to the highway being brought through Hawthorne Lane, stating a serious traffic hazard would be created for the five churches, the playgrounds and the Elizabeth School. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. McRea advocated the construction of the highway through Crescent Avenue.

Mr. H. W. Morton stated the property owners on Westmoreland Avenue did not desire to impede the progress of Charlotte, but wished to be assured that the construction of the highway through Westmoreland Avenue would represent the least cost to the City and would destroy the smallest number of homes.

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Councilman Childs offered a substitute motion to the substitute motion, that the decision as to the Route be deferred for one week. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and carried, with the following votes cast:

AYE: Councilmen Childs, Johnston, McIntyre and Puette.

NAY: Councilmen Newson and White.

Councilman Hinson not voting.

PETITION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BELLE TERRE AVENUE APPROVED AND WORK AUTHORIZED WHEN FUNDS AVAILABLE.

Councilman White moved that the petition for sidewalks, curb and gutter on Belle Terre Avenue be approved and the work be done when funds are available; said improvements estimated to cost \$3,250.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

REFUND OF DEPOSITS FOR SEWER INSTALLATIONS AUTHORIZED TO NORTH CAROLINA HOME BUILDERS, INC. AND JOHN CROSLAND COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilman McIntyre, seconded by Councilman Childs, refund of deposits for sanitary sewer installations, in accordance with the terms of contracts, were unanimously authorized as follows:

- (a) To North Carolina Home Builders, Inc., \$7,171.45 posted on April 25, 1946 for sewers in West Boulevard, Skyland Drive, Bethel Road and Fordham Road.
- (b) To John Crosland Company, \$8,043.91, posted on June 14, 1946, for sewers in Plaza Heights Subdivision.

CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinson, the following contracts, purchases, payments and allocation of funds therefor, if necessary, were unanimously authorized:

- (a) Purchase of One Power Mower from E. J. Smith, in the sum of \$102.41, for use at Elmwood Cemetery.
- (b) Purchase of One Royal Typewriter, in the sum of \$121.13, from Royal Typewriter Company, for use by the Veterans Rental Office, at the Airport.
- (c) Payment of \$175.00 to C. V. Funderburk for erection of Tool Shed at the Palmer Fire School, furnishing all labor and tools.
- (d) Contract with Pomona Terra Cotta Company for 1,500 feet of 8 inch pipe and 24 fittings, in the sum of \$587.52.
- (e) Contract with Economy Printing Company for printing 300,000 water and sewer bills, in the sum of \$706.00.
- (f) Contract with Oil Equipment Service Corporation, for One Air Compressor, in the sum of \$487.00, for use at the Water Works Shop.
- (g) Contract with Lee A. Folger, Inc. for new engine for Fire Department Car No. 1, in the sum of \$259.87.

HOLIDAY GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES ON NOVEMBER 28, 1946.

Upon motion of Councilman Newson, seconded by Councilman Hinson, a holiday was authorized to city employees on November 28th, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

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LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS CONCLUDED.

The City Manager reported the lease of the following buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport had been concluded:

LESSEE	BUILDING NUMBER	MONTHLY RENTAL	DATE & TERM OF LEASE	
Piedmont Fixtures Co.	222	\$106.20	11-1-46	5 years
Piedmont Sprinkler Equipment Company	225	106.20	11-1-46	2 years
Mullis & Greene	260	35.00	11-1-46	5 years
Commercial Vocational Training School	251	30.00	11-1-46	2 years
Furniture Specialties, Inc.	116	30.00	12-1-46	5 years
Clearview Aircraft Inds.	314	Sale of gasoline at 2 cents per gallon, and 19 cents per gallon for oil.		

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman McIntyre moved that the Special Officer Permits be renewed to J. A. Busby and Thos. L. Query, on the premises of A & P Tea Company, 817 West Hill Street, and a permit be issued to R. D. Smith for use on the premises of Southern Railway Freight House, East 2nd Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

ITEMS NOT ON DOCKET PRESENTED WITH UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF COUNCIL.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Childs, the following items, not on the Docket, were presented by unanimous consent of Council.

VETERANS HOUSING NEEDS.

Mayor Baxter advised there were over 1,300 applications filed for the 400 Veterans Housing Units to be available at Morris Field. He expressed deep concern over the critical need for housing for veterans, and stated he was endeavoring to obtain funds to convert the remaining facilities at Morris Field into housing units.

Councilman Childs moved that the Council endorse the efforts of the Mayor to provide more housing for veterans, and hope that ways and means can be provided to further relieve the housing emergency by utilizing the remaining available structures at Morris Field, with private or governmental funds or agencies. Motion seconded by Councilman McIntyre, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Baxter appointed Councilmen Newson and White to assist him in obtaining said funds.

SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Councilman Hinson moved that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute deeds for the sale of the following lots in Elmwood Cemetery:

To - Mrs. Bessie C. Crawford, Lot 97, Section L-Annex, at \$90.00 and Perpetual Care thereon at \$50.00.

To - Mrs. Pinkney C. Merchant, Perpetual Care on Lot 28, Section B, at \$144.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

*Lillian R. Hoffman*  
City Clerk