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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, November 22, 1944, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Bullard, Cope, Painter, Price, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen Atkins, Baker, Daughtry and Hovis.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Bullard, duly seconded by Councilman Price, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

PURCHASE OF CHECK VALVE.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Price, authority was unanimously given for the purchase of a 6 inch automatic check valve from the low bidder, Grinnell Company, Inc., at a net delivered price of \$163.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED STUART-BRUMLEY CORP. FOR FILTER AGITATORS.

Councilman Albea moved that contract for 12 filter agitators be awarded Stuart-Brumley Corporation, at a net delivered price of \$1,722.00, and that \$222.00 be transferred from the Water Department Emergency Fund to supplement the \$1,500.00 appropriated in the budget for the purchase of agitators. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO EMPLOYING H. C. DOCKERY TO EXAMINE TITLES TO FOUR LOTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A NEW FIRE STATION.

The following resolution was presented by the City Manager:

WHEREAS, the city proposes to establish a new fire station at the northwest intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and the Plaza; and

WHEREAS, the city has an option to purchase said property for the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars from Thurmond Chatham and Dewitt C. Hanes, said property being lots 12, 13, 14 and 15 in Block 2 as shown on map recorded in Map Book 230 at Page 248 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County, N. C.; and

WHEREAS, the city desires to have an examination made of the public records in order to determine whether or not the deed will convey a valid fee simple title; and

WHEREAS, H. C. Dockery of the Charlotte bar has offered to make examination of the said records for the sum of \$50.00,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that H. C. Dockery be, and he hereby is, employed to examine the title to said four lots for the sum of \$50.00.

Councilman Slye moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF INSTALLATION OF FLASHING LIGHT SIGNALS AT PARK AVENUE CROSSING BY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

Councilman Ward moved authority be given the Southern Railway Company to install standard highway flashing light signals at Park Avenue Crossing, in lieu of the present watchman service, as requested by them. Motion seconded by Councilman Slye, and unanimously carried.

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**CONTRACT AWARDED NATIONAL WATER MAIN CLEANING COMPANY FOR CLEANING 72,600 FEET OF WATER MAINS.**

Councilman Bullard moved that contract be awarded National Water Main Cleaning Company for cleaning 72,600 feet of water mains, at a total cost of \$5,808.00, and that \$308.00 be transferred from the Water Department Emergency Fund to supplement the \$5,500.00 appropriated in the budget for water main cleaning. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

**NOTICE OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO PROPERTY OF F. D. COLLINS.**

The City Manager advised notice of claim had been received from Henry L. Strickland, Attorney for F. D. Collins for alleged damages to property located at 928-34 East 9th Street, caused by alleged improper drainage.

**SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS GRANTED J. F. PAGE AND W. M. FOWLER.**

Councilman Albea moved that Special Officer Permit be issued to J. F. Page on the City Water Department premises, and that permit be renewed for one year to W. M. Fowler on the premises of Highland Park Manufacturing Company. Motion seconded by Councilman Bullard, and unanimously carried.

**RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMMITTEE OF PLUMBERS TO AMEND THE BUILDING CODE REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEYS.**

The City Manager advised a Committee of Plumbers had requested a change in the Building Code and had submitted a report which contained said recommendations. Councilman Price moved that the report be referred to the City Attorneys for approval, and that they be requested to formulate an ordinance to amend the Building Code to include the recommendations submitted, for presentation to Council at its next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward, and unanimously carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND BUILDING CODE RELATIVE TO INSTALLATION OF BATHING FACILITIES IN ALL HOUSES.**

Mayor Baxter recommended that the Building Code be amended to provide for installing bathing facilities connected to the city sewer system, in all houses in the City of Charlotte. Following a general discussion of the matter, the Mayor appointed a Committee composed of Councilmen Price, Albea and Slye to study the recommendation, and report back to Council within thirty days time.

**CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.**

Mrs. Josephine F. DeRamus and Family, Lots 77-78 and 79, Section "X", of Elmwood Cemetery, at \$330.05.  
Perpetual Care on above lot, at \$282.90.  
Joseph Herbert Rhyne and wife Carrie L. Rhyne, Lot 28, Section "A. Annex", of Elmwood Cemetery, at \$144.56.  
Perpetual Care on above lot, at \$51.62.

Councilman Albea moved that the foregoing cemetery deeds be approved for transfer. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

*Lillian R. Hayman*  
City Clerk