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Regular weekly meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 P. M., Wednesday, November 29, 1939, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Britt, Hovis, Huntley, Little, Ward and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Hudson, Nance and Sides.

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MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the minutes of the meeting of November 22nd. were approved as read.

STREET MAINTENANCE FOR DORSEY STREET.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried, the City took over for maintenance one block of Dorsey Street, west of Summit Avenue.

GOODFELLOWS CLUB GRANTED FREE USE OF ARMORY FOR BENEFIT PERFORMANCE DECEMBER 19th AND 20th.

The request of Mr. David Ovens, of the Goodfellows Club, for free use of the Armory on December 19th. and 20th. for a benefit performance, the proceeds to be used for the Empty Stocking Fund, was granted on motion of Councilman Ward, duly seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried.

REVISED TRAFFIC ORDINANCE PRESENTED AND TO BE STUDIED FOR TWO WEEKS.

The City Manager reported that the Safety Inspector had prepared the Revised Traffic Ordinance (each Councilman being presented with a copy) and recommended that it be adopted. He advised that Mr. C. M. Westbrook, Chairman of the Safety Council, had approved this ordinance.

Councilman Huntley made a motion that the Council postpone the reading of this ordinance for one week due to the absence of so many of the Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, and after the motion to dispense with the meeting of December 6th., Councilman Huntley amended his motion to read "for two weeks", which was approved by the second.

WATER WORKS BOND ISSUE.

Mr. Marshall reported that the Local Government Commission had advised that the City of Charlotte bonds for Water Works and Sanitary Sewers had been awarded to Kirchofer & Arnold, Inc., the bid being 1.5% on the first 6,000 maturities of each issue and 1.75% on the remainder. This, he reported, is the best price ever received by the City of Charlotte on a bond issue.

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WIDENING OF DAVIDSON STREET, FROM TRADE TO FOURTH STREET DISCUSSED.

Mr. Marshall advised the Council that for some time he had been considering the feasibility of widening Davidson Street, between East Trade Street and 4th Street. He said that due to the necessity of providing parking space for people coming to the City Hall to pay water bills, it is impractical to restrict parking on this street but that it is so narrow that the fire apparatus has difficulty in getting in and out of that street from the Fire Station to Trade Street. He reported that the widening can be done as a W.P.A. project and that in his opinion, it is a highly desirable project, as the entire widening would be on the east side, taken from the City's property. He stated that it would necessitate the taking down of two lovely trees on City Hall lawn but he felt that it should be done.

After discussion, Councilman Wilkinson moved that this street be widened as above set out, which was seconded by Councilman Hovis, but failed to carry, after Mayor Douglas had expressed his views with regard to the taking out of the trees, Councilman Britt voting "No", which failed to give the motion the proper majority to carry.

CONTRACT FOR PIPE FITTINGS.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Britt, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with Allen Hardware Company for the following pipe fittings, at a net delivered price of \$277.25:

1000-	3/4" Mall. Ells, Galvanized, Beaded		
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500-	3/4" x 45° Mall. Bends, Galvanized, Beaded		
300-	3/4" Mall. Couplins,	"	"
50-	2 1/2" x 2" Mall. Couplings,	"	"
100-	1 1/2" Mall. Ells,	"	"
100-	2" Mall. Ells,	"	"
50-	3/4" Black Plugs		
1000-	3/4" Jam Nipples,	"	
500-	3/4" Ground Joint Unions,	"	

This was the lowest bid received on the above materials.

REWIRING OF CITY HALL.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried, the Anderson Electric & Supply Company was awarded the contract for rewiring the City Hall with a 4-wire system, in order to consolidate the power and lighting in the Municipal Group Buildings, at a total price of \$516.00.

The City Manager advised that at present the lighting current and the power circuit is metered through separate meters and the Power Company has made the City a proposition whereby if these services are consolidated through one meter the annual cost of current would be reduced approximately \$300.00.

Other bids on this work were as follows:

Hunter Electric Company	\$697.00
Robinson Electric Company	628.00
Ross Electric Company	522.00

The above motion also carried the provision for this money to be taken from the emergency fund, since it was not contemplated in the budget.

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WATER WORKS TRACT OF LAND TO BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Britt and carried, the property remaining in the water works tract of land south of Seventh Street, at the City limits, is to be advertised for sale. An offer of \$1,000.00 has been made for this property.

DECEMBER SALARIES.

In line with the practice of paying City Employees their entire December salaries in one payment, on December 15th., Councilman Ward moved that this custom again be followed. Motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried.

CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT PERSONNEL.

The City Manager reported that he had dispensed with the services of Lonnie Collins, janitor in the Police Station, and had employed Lonnie Knox.

CHANGE TO BE MADE IN PROPOSED TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

Councilman Hovis made a motion that, since the motion to widen Davidson Street, between Trade and Fourth Streets, had failed to carry, to change Schedule 1 attached to the proposed revised traffic ordinance prohibiting parking at all times, from "Davidson Street - Trade to Fourth - west side" to read "Davidson Street - Trade to Fourth - both sides". This motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 6TH. NOT TO BE HELD.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Hovis and duly carried, no meeting of the City Council is to be held on December 6th. 1939.

ARMORY FOR CHANCELLOR CLUB BENEFIT DANCE.

The representative of the Chancellor Club, colored organization, who appeared before the Council on November 8th. requesting free use of the Armory-Auditorium for a benefit dance, the proceeds to be used to provide Christmas cheer for colored boys, and at that time referred to a special committee, composed of Councilman Britt, as Chairman, Councilmen Ward and Wilkinson, again appeared, asking for the use of the Armory on December 7th. for this dance.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Little, this request was again turned over to this same committee, with power to act.

