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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, October 13, 1943, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Barter presiding and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Cope, Daughtry and Painter being present.

Absent: Councilmen Bullard, Hovis, Price, Slye and Ward.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Daughtry the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

LICENSE FEE WAIVED ON VARIETY SHOW SPONSORED BY JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mr. Bill Parker, President, Junior Chamber of Commerce, requested that the license fee of \$25.00 charged for the Variety Show they are sponsoring at the Armory-Auditorium be waived, as all monies realized therefrom will be spent for charitable purposes within the city. Councilman Albea moved that the license fee be waived. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and unanimously carried.

LICENSE FEE WAIVED ON FESTIVAL BEING SPONSORED BY VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

At the request of Mr. Uhlman Alexander, speaking on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization, Councilman Baker moved that the license fee charged on Shows, etc., within five miles of the city limits be waived on the Victory Festival being sponsored by this organization at the Fair Grounds on Concord Road. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and unanimously carried.

DR. J. S. N. TROSS SPEAKS ON HOUSING PROBLEM OF NEGRO RACE IN CHARLOTTE.

Dr. J. S. N. Tross spoke on the need for better housing for the negro race in Charlotte, and requested that a survey of housing conditions be made. He then presented the Councilmen with a copy of a Survey made some years ago.

RESOLUTION APPROVING SALE OF TAX PROPERTY TO VONNIE L. KLENOS.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. J. H. McLain, Assistant Collector of Revenue:

WHEREAS, pursuant to foreclosure sale in Tax Suit No. 297 against Frank Klenos and wife et al., the City of Charlotte acquired title by deed dated October 21, 1942, and recorded in Book 1083, page 392, of the Registry for Mecklenburg County, subject to City and County taxes for the year 1942, to property located at 319-21 East Eighth Street in the City of Charlotte and particularly described in said deed; and whereas, Vonnie L. Klenos, formerly the owner of an interest in said property as the wife of Frank Klenos, proposes to purchase said property from the City of Charlotte under the provisions of Section 61 of the Charter of said City; and whereas, the interest of said City in said property on account of its liens for taxes and special assessments and the payment of County taxes and Court costs is \$206.24 as of November 1, 1942;

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Charlotte be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to execute a deed of bargain and sale conveying said property to Vonnie L. Klenos, wife of Frank Klenos, subject to the lien of all taxes subsequent to the year 1942, which deed shall be delivered to said Vonnie L. Klenos upon the payment by her to

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the City of Charlotte of the sum of \$206.24, with interest thereon at six per cent from November 1, 1942, to the date of delivery of the deed, and the payment by her of City and County taxes for the year 1942 and the cost of the revenue stamp to be affixed to said deed.

Councilman Baker moved the adoption of the resolution. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

CITY OWNED LAND TO BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE.

Mr. L. L. Ledbetter, City Treasurer, stated that an offer of \$225.00 had been made for a strip of land containing 3.02 acres off Wilmount Road owned by the city, and recommended that it be sold. Councilman Baker moved that the property be advertised for sale, as provided by law. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

TAXICAB OPERATOR PERMITS GRANTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Painter, the Council voted unanimously to grant permits to the following taxicab operators, as provided in an Ordinance passed on September 8, 1943:

O. B. Alexander
1012 West Trade Street

Edmond Henry Clark
Yellow Cab Co., Inc.

Robert L. Allred
609 N. Davidson Street

Glenn Robert Enloe
1001 E. 10th St. Apt. 93

Vinson A. Austin
1601 Scott Avenue

Isaac C. Foster
121 N. Davidson Street

Raymond D. Beaver,
310 Bruns Avenue

Earl L. Gibson
1309 N. McDowell Street

Berry Simpson Bishop
819 E. 17th Street

Otto Goodwin
Charlotte, Route #9

Solon Dewitt Brewer
408 East Boulevard

John Bryant Harkey
520 N. Brevard Street

William E. Bruce
428 East Worthington Avenue

James Harry Hill
628 Belmont Avenue

Joseph Millard Butlet
2903 Rozzell Ferry Road

Wade D. Harrill
225 S. Cedar Street

Dewey H. Borders
1518 Pecan Avenue

James Lawrence Hunsucker
Route #9, Box 334

William Henry Brown
Piedmont Hotel

T. C. Harrill
1504 Pecan Avenue

Reggie Obedish Brigman
3100 Rush Avenue

John Brice Hucks
Route #9, Charlotte

Robert Hasler Cable
1113 Belmont Avenue

C. W. Hucks
1548 W. Trade Street

Maxie Coleman
519 East 15th Street

Joe Lee Hancock
1709 Chatham Avenue

James L. Carter
2429 Lydia Avenue, RFD #6

David Lindsay Griffin
1228 E. 10th Street

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Henry Grady Joy
Franklin Hotel

Grady W. Rumfelt
1300 E. Boulevard Apt. #4

Mark Ager Jones
421 East 15th Street

Everett A. Passaly
224 Piedmont Courts

R. D. Kennerly,
134 Middleton Drive

L. A. Perkins
230 Plainview Road

Jack M. King
309 McDonald Avenue

W. H. Palson
Route #7, Box 54

William B. Leaird,
122 $\frac{1}{2}$ S. Myers Street

Thomas Jefferson Simpson
328 Woodvale Place

William W. Osborne
86 Piedmont Courts

Mack Carl Smith
1701 Matheson Avenue

William W. McDonald
408 E. 11th Street

James E. Smith
221 N. Brevard Street

Harry J. McGinn
430 Templeton Avenue

William Franklin Turner
1104 N. Allen Street

Moffatt Mason McKnight
116 South Cedar Street

Walter Stroupe
1339 St. Julian Street

W. E. McQuay
340 Bradford Drive

James William Stevenson
1619 Parsons Street

Eli Perry Mitchell
222 N. Caldwell Street

OFFER OF H. B. KELLER COMPANY TO RESELL LOT AT 530 BEATTIES FORD ROAD TO CITY REJECTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the Council voted unanimously to reject the offer of H. B. Keller Company to resell to the City the property at 530 Beatties Ford Road which they purchased at a tax foreclosure sale.

REPORT ON PURCHASE OF COAL.

The City Manager advised that 185 tons of coal had been purchased for use by the City from H. W. Johnson & Son, at a total cost of \$1,408.39, as provided for in a resolution adopted by Council on September 29, 1943.

CONTRACT AWARDED NORTH CAROLINA EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR STREET SWEEPER.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Painter, the Council voted unanimously to award a contract to North Carolina Equipment Company for an Elgin Sweeper, at a total delivered cost of \$7,060.00, and to make an appropriation of \$200.00 from the Emergency Fund to supplement the budgeted funds to cover the cost of the piece of equipment.

PURCHASE OF REPAIR PARTS FOR GATE VALVES.

Councilman Daughtry moved that repair parts for the Crane gate valves be purchased from Crane Company, at a net delivered price of \$115.95. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

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CONTRACT AUTHORIZED FOR CRUSHED STONE WITH CALDWELL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be awarded Caldwell Construction Company for 8 car loads of No. 9 crushed stone at \$2.15 per ton, the total amount to be figured at the time of delivery when actual tonnage is determined. Motion seconded by Councilman Atkins and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED THE NEWS PUBLISHING CO. FOR AUTOMOBILE LICENSE STICKERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, duly seconded by Councilman Cope, the Council unanimously voted to award the News Publishing Company contract for 18,000 automobile License Stickers for 1944, at \$392.00.

SALE OF USED FIRE TRUCK TO CITY OF GASTONIA RESCINDED.

The City Manager advised that Mr. J. C. Stewart, Captain of the Fire Department, Gastonia, had advised they were unable to secure priority to purchase the needed parts for the used fire truck which the Council voted to sell them on September 29th, and stated they would therefore withdraw their offer to purchase the truck. Upon motion of Councilman Baker, duly seconded by Councilman Cope, the Council voted unanimously to rescind the motion to sell the truck.

REQUEST FOR CHARITY LICENSE.

Clayton Black appeared before Council requesting a charity license to operate a pressing club at 522 South Alexander Street. He stated he is a veteran of World War 1 and the County had granted him a similar license. Councilman Baker moved that the City Manager investigate the request and report back to Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Cope and carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS GRANTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Atkins the following Special Officer Permits and Renewal Permits were granted for a period of one year:

Renewal permit to James Everett Hartis, at Elmwood and Pinewood Cemeteries.
Permit issued to O. O. Funderburke, at Wm. R. Barringer Hotel.

CEMETERY DEEDS ORDERED ISSUED.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea, the Council voted unanimously to issue the following deeds to lots in Elmwood Cemetery and for perpetual care of lots:

Deed to Mrs. M. B. Speir, for Lot No. 101, South Half, Section "X", in Elmwood Cemetery, at \$70.00.

Perpetual Care Deed on above lot, \$60.00.

Deed to D. G. Smith, Belle W. Smith and Family, for Lot No.s 97 and 98, North Half, Section "X", in Elmwood Cemetery, at \$210.00.

Perpetual Care Deed on above lots \$180.00.

Deed to R. A. Overcash and Mary Overcash, for Lot No. 256, Section "Y", in Elmwood Cemetery, at \$58.80.

Deed to Mrs. Ida Crawford, for Lot No. 70, in Section "Z", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00.

Perpetual Care Deed to Mrs. R.J.Small, for Lot No. 167, South Part, in Section "Q", at \$50.00.

Perpetual Care Deed to Frack E. Dawson, Administrator, for Lot No. 25, South Park, in Section "BB", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$40.50.

Perpetual Care Deed to J. M. House, Estate, for Lot No. 159, in Section "U", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$67.50.

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Perpetual Care Deed to W. J. Gieringer, for Lot. 251, in Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery, at \$25.00.
Transfer to E. R. Cannon, Sr. from J. M. Tull, Lot No. 13, in Section G-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, \$1.00. Also, transfer of Perpetual Care Deed on this lot.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Leicester R. Hayman
City Clerk