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The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, October 22, 1941, with Mayor Currie presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Beasley, Daughtry, Little, Price, Ross and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilmen Baker, Hovis, Painter and Slye.

STREET DANCE FOR SOLDIERS TO BE HELD SATURDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 25TH.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Beasley and unanimously carried, approval was given for the holding of a street dance for soldiers visiting Charlotte on Saturday night, October 25th., in the block of South Tryon Street, between 2nd. and 3rd. Streets; this dance to begin at 8:30 P.M. and continue until 11:30 P.M. This approval was given upon the request of Chief Harry Joyner, on behalf of the Recreation Committee for Soldiers, who assured the Council that it could be handled satisfactorily from the standpoint of traffic, as well as behavior of the soldier boys.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the minutes of the October 15th. meeting were approved as read.

PURCHASE OF NOZZLES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Price and unanimously carried, approval was given for the purchase of 4 nickel plated 2-1/2 inch shut-off nozzles, complete with play pipes, for use at the various Fire Stations, from the lowest bidder, John C. Haynes, of Albemarle, N. C., at the net delivered price of \$160.00.

Other bids received on these nozzles were as follows:

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| American-LaFrance-Foamite Corp. | \$166.40 |
| Elkhart Brass Mfg. Company | 194.04 |

AUTOMATIC DETECTOR CHECK VALVES PURCHASED.

Councilman Albea moved that order be placed for 10 automatic detector check valves, for use by the Water Department, with the lowest bidder, Grinnell Company, Inc., at a net delivered price of \$2,192.00, and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried.

The only other bid received on this equipment was that of Globe Automatic Sprinkler Company, at the price of \$2,245.00/

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RAINCOATS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT PURCHASED FROM SOUTHERN RUBBER COMPANY, INC.

Bids having been received on 28 raincoats for patrolment,
as follows:

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| Southern Rubber Company, Inc. | \$216.68 |
| United States Rubber Company | 221.34 |
| Belk Brothers Company | 238.00 |
| Martin's Department Store | 245.00 |
| Efird's Department Store | 273.00 |

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Price and unanimously carried, award was made to the lowest bidder, Southern Rubber Company, Inc., of Greensboro, N. C., at the net delivered price of \$216.68 and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

PURCHASE OF LEATHERCOATS FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Price, seconded by Councilman Ward and carried, the purchase of 7 leather coats for motorcycle riders, was authorized to be purchased from Belk Brothers Company, at a net delivered price of \$122.50.

Bids received on these coats were as follows:

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| Sears, Roebuck & Company | \$104.86 |
| Martin's Department Store | 108.50 |
| Belk Brothers Company | 122.50 |
| Marion Davis Company | 127.40 |

The City Manager reported that the coat offered by Sears, Roebuck & Company is lined with cotton corduroy and, therefore, does not meet the specifications. Also, that in comparing the coat offered by Belk Brothers Company with the coat offered by Martin's Department Store, it was felt that it would serve the City's best interest to purchase the better coat at a slightly higher price. The above order was placed upon the basis of the City Manager's recommendation.

SIGNALS AND CONTROLLERS.

The following bids were received on signal bodies and controllers for the Traffic Signal Division, representing the requirements for the next ten-months period:

ITEM No. 1 28- One-way, 3-section, signal bodies
less mounting attachments.

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| Mill Power Supply Company | \$1142.40 |
| Graybar Electric Company, Inc. | 1142.40 |
| Westinghouse Electric Supply Company | 1142.40 |
| Southern Electric Service Company | 1142.40 |

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ITEM No. 2. 3- four-way, 3-section signals,
non-adjustable, span wire mounting.

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| Mill Power Supply Company | \$397.80 |
| Graybar Electric Company | 397.80 |
| Westinghouse Electric Supply Co. | 397.80 |
| Southern Electric Service Co. | 397.80 |

ITEM No. 3. 5- Isolated intersection controllers,
variable, two movement, six circuits
with provision for nine additional
signal circuits, to be mounted in
weatherproof cabinet.

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| Mill Power Supply Company | \$765.00 |
| Graybar Electric Company | 765.00 |
| Westinghouse Electric Supply Co. | 765.00 |
| Southern Electric Service Co. | 765.00 |

ITEM No. 4 6-Flexible Progressive Local traffic
signal controllers.

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| Southern Electric Service Co. | \$1443.30 |
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Upon motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Ward, contracts for the above equipment are to be divided between the two local concerns, Mill-Power Supply Company and Southern Electric Service Company, as follows:

Items 1 and 3, totaling \$1907.40 to Mill-Power Supply Company, and items 2 and 4 to Southern Electric Service Company, totaling \$1841.10,

And the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contracts.

METER CHARTS, GAUGES AND INK FOR FILTER PLANT.

Upon motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea, the purchase of 800 Simplex meter charts, 2400 Simplex gauges, 6 ounces of Red ink and 6 ounces of Green ink, was authorized from the Simplex Valve and Meter Company, the manufacturer of the recording instruments on which these charts, etc. are to be used, at a net delivered price of \$105.00.

SEWER EXTENSION IN WEST 24TH STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Price and unanimously carried, authority was given for the extension of the 8-inch sanitary sewer in West 24th. Street, from the present end of the sewer near North Poplar Street, west toward Hutchison Avenue, a distance of 769-feet, to serve three houses now started; and estimated by the Engineering Department to cost \$599.34.

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REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF FUEL OIL TANK IN WEST 4TH STREET SIDEWALK
REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The request of the American Trust Company for permission to install a 5,000 gallon fuel oil tank under the sidewalk on West 4th. Street, was, upon motion made by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Beasley and unanimously carried, referred to a special committee to investigate and report back to the Council.

The Mayor appointed as this special committee, Councilmen Price, Little and Beasley.

ADDITIONAL TAPS TO WATER LINE IN WILKINSON BOULEVARD.

The Water Department having recommended 10 additional taps for applicants living beyond the city limits on Wilkinson Boulevard, motion was made by Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried, that the recommendation of the City Manager be adopted, which recommendation provided that said taps be made with the clear understanding that the obligation of the City to furnish water may be revoked with or without cause, and that the City be saved harmless in every way in the event it should discontinue water service.

RELOCATION OF WATER MAIN CONTINGENT UPON LEGAL EXISTENCE OF PURPORTED R/W.

The City Manager reported that during 1937-38 the City constructed a 6-inch water main over certain private property abutting the Quartermaster Depot. The intention was to construct same on an acquired right-of-way but that it is now disclosed that the line in part was not constructed on said right-of-way. He requested an appropriation of \$314.00 from the Water Department Contingent Fund, Division No. 613, for said purpose, this transfer being contingent upon the Legal Department approving the legal existence of the purported right-of-way, and on motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Ross, this transfer of the \$314.00 from the Contingent Fund was approved, provided the Legal Department rules that it is the right-of-way.

RENEWAL OF LEASE FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM AIRBASE TO SEWER OUTFALL.

In March 1941 the City signed a lease-agreement with the United States Government for certain rights-of-way for the construction and maintenance of an outfall sewer from the Charlotte Air Base to Irwin Creek Disposal Plant; the term of the lease being until June 30, 1941, renewable from year to year, at a rental of \$1.00 per annum; provided, notice was given in writing to the City at least three days before the lease expired. The City Manager reported receipt of a letter from the United States Engineer's office, Charleston, S.C., stating that in the press of business occasioned by the Defense Program the matter of renewing the lease was overlooked. Attached to this letter was a waiver of the requirement relative to the 3-days written notice being served on the lessor for renewal of the lease, which they now request that the City execute. Also, that the lease be renewed for one year, retroactive to July 1, 1941. The waiver has the approval of the City Attorneys as to form.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, the Mayor was authorized to sign the waiver and renewal lease.

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EXPENDITURES FOR MEALS FOR MILITARY POLICE APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, approval was given for the payment of \$102.60, from the Emergency Fund, to the Purity Cafe, in payment of 233 meals served to 49 Military police on duty in Charlotte over the past week-end.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR VISITING SOLDIERS APPROVED.

Mr. Ledbetter, City Treasurer, submitted a report of expenditures in connection with the comfort and recreation of visiting soldiers in Charlotte over the last week-end, which shows a gross expenditure of \$2,077.53, from which \$692.50 will be collected from Mecklenburg County, and upon motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried, approval was given for expenditure of \$1,385.03, representing the net charge to the City.

OBSERVER FRESH AIR FUND GRANTED USE OF ARMORY AT COST.

On motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Little, the Observer Fresh Air Fund of The Charlotte Observer, was granted use of the Armory-Auditorium on October 29th., to present the Marine Band, at the minimum charge of \$35.00.

CANCELLATION OF MORTGAGE OF Z. D. ALEXANDER AND WIFE TO CLEAR TITLE.

The City Manager reported that Zack Alexander and wife gave a deed of trust to K. E. Ward, as Trustee for the City of Charlotte, to secure payment of taxes against W. L. Cole, Inc., for the years 1929-30, and that by check, dated October 21, 1941, Mr. Alexander has offered to pay to the City of Charlotte the amount of \$128.66 as a consideration for the City cancelling the above mortgage. The City Attorney has advised that this can legally be done. Mr. Flack explained that the property covered by the mortgage was not the property on which the taxes are due, and that this transaction is desired by Mr. Alexander in order to clear title to the property against which the mortgage stands; that there is no record in the files of the City of Charlotte relative to this mortgage and that the City could not collect same. Therefore, it was his recommendation that the check be accepted.

Councilman Price moved that the check for \$128.66 be accepted and the mortgage be cancelled. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley and unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea, the following cemetery deeds were approved:

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| W. S. and Charles G. Baskerville, Lot No. 30, G-Annex, Elmwood | \$142.45 |
| Perpetual care on same | 101.75 |
| C. E. and Goldie R. Hobbs, Lot No. 190, Section "Y" | 63.00 |
| D. G. and Maggie Belle McC. Calder, Lots 206 and 241, Sec. "Y" | 70.00 |
| E. L. Thompson, Lot No. 213, Section "Y" | 35.00 |
| Mrs. M. F. Pelletier, Lot No. 215, Section "Y" | 35.00 |

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LEASE WITH CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY FOR LEASE OF UPPER FLOOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT AIRPORT.

Councilman Ward moved that the lease between the City of Charlotte and the Airport Commission with the Civil Aeronautics Authority, for the entire upper floor of the Administration at the Airport to be used by the C.A.A., at a rental of \$35.00 per month, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk. Motion seconded by Councilman Ross and carried. This lease has been approved by the Airport Commission and the City Attorneys.

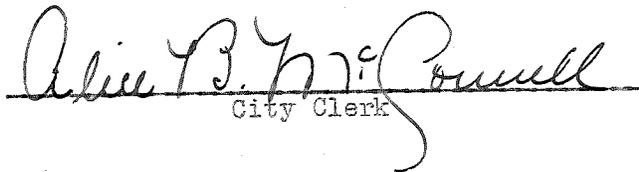
CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO SIGN INTERVENOR.

Mayor Currie announced that a hearing is to be held in Washington on application of Eastern Air Lines and other Air Lines for permission to operate air lines in this section and through Charlotte. He advised that the City of Charlotte has the right to file a petition to intervene and then, if the City wants to take any part in the hearing, it will have the right to do so; if not, then it simply need not be represented at the hearing.

After discussion of this matter with the City Manager, Councilman Little moved that the City file the petition to intervene. Seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Ward, the meeting adjourned.


City Clerk