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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, October 29, 1947, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, Lambeth, McKee and White present.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman McKee, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

OPERATING OF KETTLE HOUSE BY SALVATION ARMY AT CORNER OF NORTH TRYON AND WEST TRADE STREETS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Childs moved that permission be granted the Salvation Army to install a Kettle House on the sidewalk at the corner of North Tryon and West Trade Streets and play carols therefrom, beginning November 30th and ending December 24th, for the purpose of soliciting Christmas funds, as requested by Major Harwood of the Salvation Army. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

IMPROVEMENTS OF UNPAVED STREETS REQUESTED BY J. E. BARRENTINE PRIOR TO ENFORCEMENT OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSE ORDINANCE.

Mr. J. E. Barrentine pledged the support of the Real Estate Board and the Property Management Association in the enforcement of the Substandard House Ordinance when put into effect by the City with the view of ultimately eliminating all slum areas in Charlotte. He stated that the records of the City's Inspection Department proved that the increase of slum areas in Charlotte had been arrested within the past two years in that 419 houses have been brought up to standard and no substandard houses have been erected. However, he stated it was the opinion of the Real Estate Board and Property Management Association, whom he represented, that it is inconsistent for the City to require the property owners to improve the condition of the houses while the streets were so badly in need of reconditioning. He stated there were ten miles of streets within Charlotte which are disowned by the City because of their width. He urged that proper drains be installed, pavement laid if possible or at least the streets be graded. He asked that it be recognized that slum areas are not created solely by substandard houses but that the surroundings contribute to the making of slums in a large measure.

Mayor Baxter stated that this matter had been included in the Agenda of business for discussion at today's meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTANDARD HOUSE ORDINANCE POSTPONED.

Councilman DeLaney moved that consideration of the adoption of the necessary legislation for the enforcement of the Substandard House Ordinance be postponed at this time. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs.

In the ensuing discussion, Councilman White expressed the opinion that action should be taken immediately on both the enforcement of the ordinance and the improvement of streets within the effected areas. Councilman Albea suggested that April 1st be established as a deadline for the enforcement of such ordinance. Councilman Childs urged that first consideration be given

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the improvements of streets, and Councilman Lambeth voiced the opinion that the enforcement of the ordinance at this time would deprive many families of a place of abode.

The vote was then taken on the motion to postpone consideration of the ordinance, and carried, with the following votes cast:

AYE: Councilmen Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, Lambeth and McKee.
NAY: Councilmen Albea and White.

TREE REMOVAL AT 1605 SOUTH BOULEVARD.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, permission was granted Mr. I. E. Pittle to remove two trees from the planting strip in front of the Sanitary Bakery Company at 1605 South Boulevard.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO PROPERTY OF CLARENCE C. AND ANNIE LEE DEES AT 1101-1103 PRYOR STREET.

The City Manager presented a Notice of Claim from Mr. Mercer J. Blankenship on behalf of Clarence C. Dees and Annie Lee Dees for damages to their property at 1101-1103 Pryor Street, alleged to have been caused by water emptying onto the property from the City's storm drains. Councilman Childs moved that the notice be referred to the City Attorney for handling, Motion seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IN NORRIS AVENUE.

Councilman Albea moved that approval be given for the construction of a sanitary sewer in Norris Avenue, towards Dogwood Avenue for a distance of 190 feet to serve two houses, as requested by Mr. Paul V. Oates, 2944 Dogwood Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$392.70 to be paid by the City. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION IN SOUTH MORROW STREET.

Motion was made by Councilman McKee, seconded by Councilman DeLaney and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of a sanitary sewer in South Morrow Street, between East Stonewall and Brown Streets for a distance of 333 feet, at the request of H. V. Lang, 1516 Stanford Place, at an estimated cost of \$714.56, at the City's expense.

REMOVAL OF RADIO TOWER FROM CITY HALL.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, the City Manager was authorized to have the Radio Tower removed from the roof of the City Hall for the salvage value therein.

EMERGENCY FUND TRANSFER.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried, authorizing the transfer of \$280.00 from the Emergency Fund to the City Clerk's Budget (Code 504 C-20) for having printed 500 copies of the City Charter.

CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN LAFRANCE FOAMITE CORP. FOR AERIAL TRUCK.

Motion was made by Councilman Lambeth, seconded by Councilman McKee and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with the American LaFrance Foamite Corp. for the purchase of One 85 foot Aerial Truck for the Fire Department, at a net delivered price of \$32,437.60.

CONTRACT WITH MACK-INTERNATIONAL MOTOR TRUCK CORP. FOR TRIPLE COMBINATION PUMPING ENGINE AND HOSE CAR WITH BOOSTER SYSTEM.

Councilman DeLaney moved that contract be authorized with Mack-International Motor Truck Corp. for One Triple Combination Pumping Engine and Hose Car with Booster System, for the Fire Department, at a net delivered price

of \$16,098.55. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried, with the following votes cast:

AYE: Councilmen Childs, DeLaney, Jordan and Lambeth.
NAY: Councilmen Albea, McKee and White.

CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN LAFRANCE FOAMITE CORP. FOR SERVICE TRUCK.

Councilman McKee moved that the low bid of the American LaFrance Foamite Corp. be accepted for the purchase of One Service Truck for the Fire Department, at a net delivered price of \$17,192.25, and that the contract be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk. Motion seconded by Councilman DeLaney and carried, with the following votes cast:

AYE: Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Lambeth, McKee and White.
NAY: Councilman Jordan.

CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES.

Councilman DeLaney moved that the following contracts be authorized for purchases. Motion seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried:

- (1) Contract with Burroughs Adding Machine Company, Detroit, for one Typewriting Accounting Machine, at a net delivered price of \$1,901.25.
- (2) Contract with Pettit Motor Company, for One 1947 Ford Super Deluxe Tudor Car, at a net delivered price of \$1,436.68, for the Engineering Department.
- (3) Contract with Contractors Service Incorporated, for One Self-propelled Mobile Air Compressor Unit complete, at a net delivered price of \$3,578.00, for the Water Dept.

REPORT OF LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS.

The City Manager reported that leases for the following buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport have been concluded and executed:

BUILDING NO.	LESSEE	MONTHLY RENTAL	DATE & TERM OF LEASE
68	McNeil Paper Company	\$99.90	10-1-47 3 years
238	John R. Hester Corp.	70.80	10-1-47 5 years

APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR ZONING.

Councilman White moved the appointment of Mr. Frank Harlan as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment for Zoning, to serve until January 1, 1948. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a deed with Mr. Joe Honey and wife, for the transfer of the north-half of Lot 28, in Elmwood Cemetery, from H. V. Arnau, at a cost of \$1.00 for the transfer papers.

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CONSIDERATION OF REVOCATION OF BUILDING PERMIT TO LEX MARSH ORDERED PLACED ON DOCKET FOR NEXT MEETING.

Councilman Albea moved that the question of the revocation of the building permit issued to Mr. Lex Marsh for the construction of an apartment house at the corner of Providence and Cherokee Roads be placed on the Docket for the next Council Meeting, as requested by Mr. John D. Shaw, and that Mr. Marsh be so notified. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned to reconvene at 10 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, October 30, 1947, at the Commissioners Room, Mecklenburg County Court House, for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the Special Municipal Building Bonds Election held on October 28, 1947.

Richard P. Hoffman
City Clerk