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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, October 18, 1944, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Atkins, Baker, Bullard, Cope, Daughtry, Hevis, Painter, Price, Slye and Ward being present.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, duly seconded by Councilman Bullard, the minutes of the last meeting on October 11th were approved as read.

COUNCIL ACCEPTS OWNERSHIP OF LAND FOR PARK JOINTLY WITH COUNTY FROM OPTIMIST CLUB AND WAIVES TAXES DUE ON PROPERTY, IF SAME MEETS ALL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

A delegation representing the Optimist Club was present, headed by Mr. J. B. Vegler, who stated the Club was purchasing land between Caldwell and Brevard Streets and 17th and 19th Streets, to be developed into a playground for children, which would be operated by the Optimist Club. He stated there was \$2,100.00 in taxes due the City and \$900.00 in taxes due the County on the property. He stated further that the Club wished to buy the property and deed it to the City and County jointly and asked that the taxes be waived, advising that the proposition had already been accepted by the County Commissioners. Councilman Price moved that the request be granted, provided their proposal as submitted meets all legal requirements. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

PROPOSAL OF GATE CITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO SELL HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE TO CITY EMPLOYEES ON PAYROLL DEDUCTION BASIS REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE AND CITY ATTORNEY FOR REPORT.

The City Manager advised that Gate City Life Insurance Company representatives had submitted a proposal to sell Hospitalization Insurance, carrying a life insurance clause, to city employees on a payroll deduction plan. That the City Accountant was reluctant to add to the work of his department by making further payroll deductions. The City Manager asked the wishes of the Council as to dropping the payroll deductions for the two Hospitalization Group Insurance plans now in effect and making deductions under the Gate City Life Insurance Company's plan should they be able to sell to 75% of the city employees. Councilman Atkins moved that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee and the City Attorneys for a report at the next Council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

EMERGENCY FUND APPROPRIATION MADE TO TAX DEPARTMENT FOR LEDGER CARDS AND CLERICAL ASSISTANTS TO INSTALL SAME IN THE NEW TAX RECORD SYSTEM.

The City Manager requested an appropriation of \$100.00 for the purchase of 5,000 ledger cards for use in installing the new Tax Record System and \$300.00 for salaries of clerical assistants to transfer the records to the new cards. Councilman Ward moved that \$400.00 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund as requested. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED BALLENGER BROS. COAL COMPANY FOR STOKER FOR WATER WORKS SHOP.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be awarded the lowest bidder, Ballenger Bros. Coal Company, for furnishing and installing a Stoker at the Water Works Shop, at a price of \$348.00, provided it can be installed by December 1, 1944. Motion seconded by Councilman Slye and unanimously carried.

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PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO H. V. JOHNSON & SON FOR COAL.

Councilman Baker moved that payment of \$151.51 be made to H. V. Johnson & Son for 19.55 tons of coal delivered to the City Garage for their use. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF TYPEWRITER FROM L. C. SMITH-CORONA TYPEWRITERS, INC. FOR USE IN HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Albea moved that the purchase of One Typewriter from L. C. Smith-Corona Typewriters, Inc., at \$102.06, for use in the Health Department, be authorized. Motion seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried.

EMERGENCY FUND APPROPRIATION MADE FOR TRAVELING EXPENSE OF B. A. SKINNER.

Councilman Slye moved that \$137.80 be appropriated from the Emergency Fund to cover expenses of B. A. Skinner, Chief Safety Inspector, to the National Safety Congress in Chicago on October 2-6th, 1944. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF POSTAL CARDS FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Albea moved that 50,000 One Cent Postal Cards for use by the Water Department be purchased at the Charlotte Post Office, at a cost of \$500.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Price, and unanimously carried.

REPORT OF SALE OF \$270,000.00 CITY OF CHARLOTTE BONDS.

A report from the City Treasurer was read, stating the \$270,000.00 City of Charlotte Water, Street Improvement and Cemetery Bonds were sold by the Local Government Commission on October 17, 1944 to Chemical Bank & Trust Company, and F. W. Craigie & Company of Richmond, Virginia, as follows:

The 1st \$20,000.00 maturities of the \$155,000.00 Water Bonds, 5% per annum, remainder at 1 1/4% per annum plus premium of \$119.35,

The 1st \$20,000.00 maturities of the \$100,000.00 Cemetery Bonds at 5% per annum and remainder at 1 1/4% per annum plus a premium of \$77.00 and on the

1st \$4,000.00 maturities of the \$15,000.00 Street Improvement Bonds at 5% per annum and on the remainder at 1 1/4% per annum, plus premium of \$11.55.

These bonds have an average maturity of 14 1/2 years; the net interest will be \$54,567.10 or a net interest yield of 1.392%.

PRINTING \$270,000.00 City of Charlotte BONDS AWARDED SECURITY BANK NOTE COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

Councilman Albea moved that the printing of the \$270,000.00 City of Charlotte Bonds be awarded the lowest bidder, Security Bank Note Company of New York, at a price of \$155.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Hevis, and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT RENEWED TO THOS. L. QUERY ON PREMISES OF A & P TEA CO.

Councilman Albea moved that the Special Officer Permit now held by Thos. L. Query be renewed for one year for use on the premises of A & P Tea Company. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter, and unanimously carried.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT RENEWED TO JAMES EVERETT HARTIS AT CITY CEMETERIES.

Councilman Albea moved that the Special Officer Permit now held by James Everett Hartis be renewed for one year for use on the premises of Elmwood and Pinewood Cemeteries. Motion seconded by Councilman Painter and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Price, duly seconded by Councilman Hovis, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Haggman
City Clerk