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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, September 18, 1945, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and all members of the Council being present.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Puette, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING \$50,000 SIDEWALK BONDS.

Councilman White introduced the following ordinance authorizing bonds, which was read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
\$50,000 SIDEWALK BONDS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte:

Section 1. That the City of Charlotte issue its bonds, pursuant to The Municipal Finance Act, 1921, as amended, in an amount not exceeding \$50,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing sidewalks, curbs and gutters within the City, including necessary drainage, at least one-fourth of the cost of which improvement is to be specially assessed.

Section 2. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds shall be annually levied and collected.

Section 3. That a statement of the debt of the City has been filed with the Clerk and is open to public inspection.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and shall not be submitted to the voters.

And thereupon the City Council, by unanimous vote, designated J. M. McCorkle, City Accountant, as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with the Clerk the sworn statement required by The Municipal Finance Act, 1921, as amended, as to debt and assessed valuation, and directed Lloyd McC. Ross, City Engineer, to furnish the City Accountant the City Engineer's estimate of the amount of special assessments to be levied on account of local improvements for which any part of the gross debt of the City was or is to be incurred and which will be applied, when collected, to the payment of such part of the gross debt.

Thereupon, J. M. McCorkle, City Accountant, filed with the Clerk, Lillian R. Hoffman, in the presence of the City Council, such statement of debt and assessed valuation, at the foot of which statement, Lloyd McC. Ross, City Engineer, had noted his estimate of the amount of special assessments to be levied, which amount the City Accountant had included in his own statement.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF DEBT AND ASSESSED VALUATION MADE
PURSUANT TO SECTION 2943, THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE
ACT, 1921, AS AMENDED.

I, J. M. McCorkle, being duly sworn, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and qualified City Accountant of the City of Charlotte,

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and have been designated by the City Council to make and file with the City Clerk a statement pursuant to Section 2943, The Municipal Finance Act, 1921, as amended, and that the following is a true statement as shown by the books in my office, not taking into consideration any debt incurred or to be incurred in anticipation of the collection of taxes or in anticipation of the sale of bonds other than funding and refunding bonds:

(a) GROSS DEBT

a (1)	Outstanding debt, not evidenced by bonds - State Loans Payable		\$	11,500.00
a (2)	Outstanding bonded debt:			
	School Bonds	\$ 886,000.00		
	Electric Light Bonds	None		
	Water Bonds	2,746,737.80		
	Other Bonds	4,334,762.20	\$	7,967,500.00
a (3)	Bonded debt to be incurred under ordinances passed or introduced:			
	Sidewalk Bonds		\$	50,000.00
(a)	GROSS DEBT, being the sum of a(1), a(2) and a(3)		\$	8,029,000.00

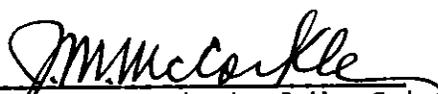
(b) DEDUCTIONS

b(1)	Unissued funding or refunding bonds		\$	None
b (2)	Sinking funds or other funds held for the payment of any part of the gross debt, other than debt incurred for schools, water, gas, electric light or power purposes or two or more of said purposes		\$	259,498.27
b (3)	Uncollected special assessments heretofore levied on account of local improvements for which any part of the gross debt was or is to be incurred and which will be applied when collected to the payment of such part of the gross debt		\$	231,785.98
b (4)	Special assessments to be levied on account of local improvements for which any part of the gross debt was or is to be incurred, and which, when collected, will be applied to the payment of such part of the gross debt		\$	50,000.00
b (5)	Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred or to be incurred for water, gas, electric light or power purposes, or two or more of said purposes		\$	2,746,737.80

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b (6)	The amount which the City will be entitled to receive from any railroad or street railway company under contract heretofore made for payment by such company of all or a portion of the cost of eliminating a grade crossing or crossings within the City, which amount will be applied, when received, to the payment of some part of the gross debt	\$	24,223.54
b (7)	Indebtedness included in Gross Debt and incurred for school purposes	\$	897,500.00
(b)	Deductions, being the sum of b(1), b(2), b(3), b(4), b(5), b(6) and b(7)	\$	4,209,745.59
(c)	NET DEBT, being the difference between the Gross Debt (a) and the Deductions (b)	\$	3,819,254.41
(d) ASSESSED VALUATION			
(d)	Assessed valuation of property as last fixed for municipal taxation, being the valuation fixed in 1945	\$	122,374,180.00
(a) DEBT RATIO			
(e)	Percentage that the net debt bears to said assessed valuation		3.1210%

The foregoing statement is true.


 City Accountant of the City
 of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 18th day of September, 1945.

 Notary Public
 My commission expires December 28, 1945.

The undersigned, City Engineer of the City of Charlotte, hereby states that he has examined the foregoing statement and that the amount there stated of special assessments to be levied, item b(4), is in accordance with the undersigned's estimate.


 City Engineer

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
) ss
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG)

The foregoing is a true copy of a statement filed with me as City Clerk of the City of Charlotte on September 18, 1945, at a meeting of the City Council of said City, said statement consisting of a statement of certain financial matters sworn by the City Accountant, followed by a statement of the City Engineer, not sworn, all of which was so filed after the introduction and before the final passage of an ordinance authorizing \$50,000 Sidewalk Bonds, which statement is and has been since said filing open for public inspection in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said City, this 18th day of September, 1945.

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried, the foregoing ordinance authorizing Sidewalk Bonds was read and passed and declared by the Mayor to be an ordinance. The votes cast were as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Childs, Hinson, Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White.

NAYS: None.

~~REQUEST THAT CONDEMNATION OF CLUB ACRES SEWER LINE RIGHT OF WAY BE INSTITUTED WITHOUT DELAY.~~

Mr. Lee Heath and his attorney, Mr. J. M. Scarborough, urged that proceedings relative to the condemnation of sewer line right-of-way in Club Acres be instituted at once. Mr. Scarborough stated they merely desired to know if the City can condemn property outside the city, and they wished to get the case before the Supreme Court in November. Mr. Shaw, City Attorney, advised that both the Attorneys and the City were proceeding with dispatch and would continue to do so and attempt to accomodate Mr. Scarborough.

~~REQUEST DENIED TO REINSTATE TAXICAB OPERATOR'S PERMIT TO ROY A SCOTT.~~

Mr. Oliver Litaker, Attorney, representing Mr. Roy A. Scott, requested the reinstatement of Taxicab Operator's Permit to Mr. Scott, said Permit having been revoked by the Chief of Police due to his having been convicted of a violation of the North Carolina liquor laws. Councilman Newson moved that the ordinance governing Taxicab Operators be abided by and the request for reinstatement of Permit be denied. Motion seconded by Councilman McIntyre, and unanimously carried.

OFFER TO PURCHASE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROPERTY.

Mr. Frank Jones, Realtor, asked if the Public Library Property was for sale and stated he wished to offer \$150,000.00 cash for said property. Mayor Baxter stated the City could not discuss the matter at this time, and that Mr. Jones would be advised if and when the Council was in position to discuss his proposal to purchase the property.

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TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 2408-10 NORTH TRYON STREET TO BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE.

Councilman Newson moved the adoption of the Appraisal Committee's recommendation that Mr. S. R. Beard be allowed to place a bid with the City Treasurer on his former property at 2408-10 North Tryon Street, being Lots 11 and 12 in Block X, which was foreclosed for taxes and deeded to the City. That the bid cover back taxes, street assessments and all other costs, together with a 5 % deposit; that the property then be advertised for sale, and Mr. Beard would thereby be given an equal opportunity with others to purchase the said property. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

PROGRESS REPORT ON STONEWALL STREET EXTENSION.

The City Manager advised the delay in the extension of Stonewall Street was mainly occasioned by action of the former City Council that all residents whose property was taken over in the extension must be provided with another residence. He advised that Mr. L. R. Trull had been employed to move the last of these houses, and that it was now believed that work on the roadway would begin within 30 days.

REQUEST FOR STREET AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AT MIDWOOD SCHOOL REFERRED TO THE CITY SCHOOL BOARD.

Councilman Johnston moved that the request of Mr. Jack Farr for improvements to streets and sidewalks at the Midwood School be referred to the City School Board. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CHIEF OF POLICE AS TO PERSONNEL REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinson that the recommendations of the Chief of Police relative to securing additional personnel and establishing a "foot patrol" to be manned by older men of the department, be referred to the Finance Committee, as recommended by the City Manager. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASES AND CONTRACT AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Childs that the following contracts and purchases be authorized, and money appropriated from the proper funds. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried:

1. That payment of \$105.00 be made to Purity Cafe for prisoners meals from August 16th through August 31st.
2. That payment of \$161.70 be made to Research Products Company for 1,050 pounds of Anhydrous Ammonia delivered in July 1945.
3. That contract be made with Standard Oil Company of New Jersey under our agreement, for 8,929 gallons of gasoline purchased in August 1945 at a cost of \$1,448.03.
4. That contract be made with Boyd & Goforth, Inc., for cutting 1,047 linear feet of trench, furnishing machine, operator, gas & oil and transportation, for sewer ditch in Osmond Street and Skyland Road, at the rate of 20¢ a foot, amounting to \$205.40.

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5. That contract be made with Toomey Brothers, the low bidder, for furnishing labor and material in connection with moving house known as 1201 Brown Street, in the extension of Stonewall Street, at a cost of \$223.00.

DUKE POWER COMPANY REQUESTED TO REMOVE STREET BUSES FROM FOURTH STREET AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

In reporting on the conference with Duke Power Company Officials relative to the removal of street busses from Fourt Street, the City Manager stated he was advised that because of their inability to procure new busses and major repair parts they would be unable to remove the busses from Fourth Street without materially impairing their present service. That they had been advised new equipment could not be furnished them before February 1946. Councilman White moved that the Power Company be notified the City desires the Busses removed from Fourth Street at the earliest possible date, and the City Manager advise them to that effect every 30 days until the Busses are removed. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF REVOCATION OF TAXICAB OPERATOR'S PERMIT OF MARVIN HUTCHINS DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.

Council concurred in deferring consideration of the revocation of the Taxicab Operator's Permit of Marvin Hutchins for one week; it being understood that Mr. Hutchins is not to operate a taxicab nor his personal car for hire during the interim.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS GRANTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Newson, Special Officer Permits were renewed to the following men:

William H. Livie, on the premises of the Municipal Golf Course.
A. B. Jamison, on premises of Elmwood and Pinewood Cemeteries.
J. Lloyd Ranson, on the premises of the City School Board property.

SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS AND ISSUANCE OF DEEDS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Johnston, sale of the following cemetery lots, and issuance of deeds for same were unanimously authorized:

To - P. H. Helms, Lot #294, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00.
Homer E. Bean, Lot #293, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00.
Mrs. Lillian H. Clapp, Lots #306 & 307, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, \$70.00.
Mrs. Mary Louise Freeman Howie, Lot #343, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00.
C. W. Barnes, Lot #60, Section A-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, \$91.35
Perpetual Care on Lot #60, Section A-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, C. W. Barnes, \$65.35.
B. D. Robertson, Lot #324, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, \$35.00.
Perpetual Care on Lot #324, Section Y, Elmwood, B.D. Robertson, \$25.00.
Mike Davis, North part Lot #52, Section A-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, \$52.15
Perpetual Care on Lot #52, Section A-Annex, Elmwood, Mike Davis, \$37.25.
Perpetual Care on Lot #124, Section A, Elmwood to Mrs. Sophie Myers Stephens, at \$144.00.
Perpetual Care on Lot #66, Section R, Elmwood to Peter S. Gilchrist, \$144.00.
Perpetual Care on Lot #53; Section BB, Elmwood to Mrs. Annie Belote, \$48.00.
James T. Hall, Lot #10, Section G, Pinewood Cemetery, \$18.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Hinson, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Huffman
City Clerk