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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, September 23rd, 1942, with Mayor Pro Tem Albea presiding, in the absence of Mayor Currie, and the following members of the Council being present: Messrs. Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Painter, Price, Ross and Slye.

Absent: Councilman Little.

READING OF MINUTES POSTPONED.

The Mayor Pro Tem stated that the reading of the Minutes of the two former meetings would be dispensed with at the present time.

MATTER OF BUS TRANSPORTATION ON NORTH BREVARD STREET AGAIN HEARD.

Mr. J. A. Grier again appeared before the Council, accompanied by a number of citizens of North Brevard Street, requesting that the Council intercede in the matter of Bus transportation on North Brevard Street. He stated that as a compromise the citizens wished the Bus now operating on North Davidson Street to turn at 21st Street to Brevard and continue on this street, as it would serve more people. Mr. C. V. Griswold also spoke in favor of this change. The request was also made by both Mr. Grier and Mr. Griswold that North Brevard Street be widened and improved to the extent that the Duke Power Company could operate its Bus thereon without danger to its tires.

Councilman Baker stated that the matter of improving North Brevard Street was now being handled with the State Highway Commission, and that some improvement would definitely be made in the near future.

Councilman Price moved that the matter be referred to the Transportation Committee for investigation. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried.

REPORT ON REQUEST FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION IN WESLEY HEIGHTS AREA.

Councilman Ross reported that the Transportation Committee had visited the Wesley Heights area, together with a representative of Duke Power Company in connection with request for Bus transportation. That the Duke Power Company wished to make a further survey of the situation and that a further report would later be given to Council. Again a delegation of citizens from that section of the city was present, with Mr. Brock Barkley, Attorney representing them, who stated they wished to cooperate in any possible manner towards securing Bus facilities in Wesley Heights.

COUNCILMAN WARD APPOINTED TO TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DURING ABSENCE OF COUNCILMAN LITTLE.

Mayor Pro Tem Albea requested Councilman Ward to serve on the Transportation Committee during the absence of Councilman Little, a member of the Committee.

REPORT OF APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY AT 1101 OAKLAWN AVENUE, ALSO LAND NEAR CITY GARAGE, AND AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF APPRAISERS FEE.

City Manager Flack reported that appraisals had been made by Mr. Lee Kinney and Mr. J. E. Barrentine of property at 1101 Oaklawn Avenue and land in rear of City Garage, between S.A.L. Railway and Orr Avenue, as instructed at the last Council Meeting. The Oaklawn Avenue property having been appraised at \$10.00 per front foot or \$500.00; land near City Garage at .07 cents per square foot, or \$3,354.12. He requested authority to pay the appraisers fee of \$5.00 per man per lot as follows: \$10.00 from the Street Assessment Fund and \$10.00 from the Appropriation for Purchase of land near City Garage. Councilman Ward moved that authority be given,

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seconded by Councilman Baker and carried.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO EXAMINATION OF TITLES TO RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENTS FOR WATER LINE TO MUNITIONS PLANT.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Baker and carried:

WHEREAS, the City desires to acquire a right of way and easement over, through and across the property of the following persons:

Mrs. Annie H. McDonald, widow;  
W. W. Gray et al;  
Elizabeth Griffin Wagner & husband, I A. Wagner;  
Ellen Peoples Robinson, widow;  
John M. Porter & Wife, Ada C. Porter;  
Mary Alice F. Doster & husband, Chas. S. Doster;  
Joseph A. Elliott & wife, Anne Cross Elliott.

and before doing so desires to secure a certificate of title pertaining to same.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved that John James, Sr., be, and he hereby is, employed to examine the titles to said easement and right of way across the property of said parties and give the City a certificate of title pertaining to same, and also examine the agreements pertaining to said easement and right of way at a total cost to the City of \$175.00.

PAYMENT OF JOHN JAMES, SR. FOR EXAMINING TITLES TO RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENTS FOR WATER LINE TO MUNITIONS PLANT.

The City Manager requested authority for payment of the \$175.00, approved in the foregoing resolution, to Mr. John James, Sr., for examining the titles to right-of-way easements for water line to Munitions Plant from the Bond Fund for Water Line Construction. Motion made by Councilman Baker that same be done, duly seconded by Councilman Price and carried.

CHANGE IN AMOUNT OF CONTRACT FOR FIREMEN'S UNIFORMS APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Slye and carried, the contract with Martin's Department Store was approved for payment in the amount of \$1,240.00, instead of \$1,257.80 as approved on April 8, 1942. The reduction being due to a decrease in the number of trousers and caps required and furnished.

PAYMENT OF MEALS FOR PRISONERS.

On motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Baker and carried, approval was given for payment of \$137.60 to the Purity Cafe for meals for prisoners from September 1st to 16th, 1942.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURE OF \$450.00 FOR POSTAGE TO MAIL TAX NOTICES.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Painter, authority was given for the expenditure of \$450.00 for postage to mail out 1942 tax notices.

AUTHORIZATION OF DEMOLITION OF HOUSE AT 1101 OAKLAWN AVENUE.

The City Manager advised that an offer had been received to demolish the condemned house at 1101 Oaklawn Avenue without cost, for salvage, same to be carted from premises. After discussion Councilman Baker moved that quotations be received from other Building Wrecking concerns and the highest quotation received be accepted and the house demolished. Motion duly seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT COVERING THE LOAN OF RADIUM.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Beasley and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are, authorized to execute an agreement with the U. S. Government extending until October 31, 1943 the contract entered into with the Government October 11, 1941 for the loan of radium, which contract expires October 31, 1942.

PROPERTY TAKEN OVER FOR TAXES TO BE ADVERTISED BEFORE SOLD.

The City Manager recommended that property taken over for taxes which the City desires to sell be advertised. That after bids are received same be held open for 10 days, after which a report of same be made to the City Council. Councilman Ross moved that the recommendation be adopted, same duly seconded by Councilman Baker and unanimously carried.

FORDSON AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS APPROVED.

City Manager Flack reported that the Federal Government desired to improve Fordson Avenue, near the Quartermaster Depot, and that a conference had been held with representatives of the Federal Government and State Highway Commission relative to same. He stated that it was desirable that a 60-foot roadway be constructed, with the City acquiring rights-of-way along 10-feet of the abutting property, the right-of-way on the other side to be supplied by the Government from the Quartermaster Depot property. He estimated the total cost to the City would be approximately \$2,500.00. Councilman Ross moved that the City Manager be authorized to approve the design for said improvements. Same duly seconded by Councilman Price and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION CORRECTING ERROR IN STREET ASSESSMENTS OF P. A. BOWDEN.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Ross, and carried:

WHEREAS, street assessment book in the office of the Collector of Revenue shows that assessment #25021 was set up as a lien against Block 5 Lot 7 of the property known as Tuckaseegee Park, map of which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in Book 332 Page 415 but erroneously showed the frontage to be 148.5 feet when the frontage was really 128.1 feet and erroneously showed the street number to be 1701-11 Hillcrest Street, or Avenue, whereas it should have been 1800-08 Hillcrest Street, or Avenue, and

WHEREAS, assessment #25022 was set up as a lien against Block 4, Lot 1, of said property but erroneously showed the frontage to be 128.1 feet whereas it should have been 148.5 feet and erroneously showed the street number to be 1800-08 Hillcrest Street, or Avenue, whereas the street number should have been shown as 1701-11 Hillcrest Street, or Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Collector of Revenue be and is authorized to make the following changes upon the said assessments:

On the record of assessment #25021 strike out the figure 148.5 feet and substitute 128.1 feet; strike out the words and figures 1701-11 Hillcrest and substitute 1800-08 Hillcrest, and change the total assessment of \$788.71 to \$666.78 and make the appropriate reductions in the entries showing the installments due.

On the record of street assessment #25022, make the following changes: strike out the figure 128.1 feet and substitute the figure 148.5 feet; strike out the words and figures 1800-08

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Hillcrest and substitute the words and figures 1701-11 Hillcrest, and change the total assessment of \$666.78 to \$788.71 and make the appropriate corrections showing the installments due.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that \$121.93 of assessment #25022 after it is corrected be charged to the City by reason of a settlement which was made September 24, 1937, by virtue of a letter from Mr. B. M. Boyd who was then City Attorney.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT ISSUED.

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Ward and carried, a Special Officer Permit was granted to C. V. Allison for use on the premises of the American Legion Memorial Stadium.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1942 MEETING READ AND APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Ross, the minutes of the meeting of September 9, 1942 were approved as read.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1942 MEETING READ AND APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 1942 were approved as read.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Baker, duly seconded and carried the meeting adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman  
Assistant City Clerk