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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, September 24, 1941, Mayor Currie presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Hovis, Little, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councilman Painter.

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AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE REQUIRING SEWER CONNECTIONS POSTPONED ONE WEEK.

Mr. H. L. Taylor, Attorney, appeared before the Council on behalf of client, in connection with an ordinance under which he stated his client had been indicted and which was found to have been repealed, but which he understood would be presented today for further consideration, and he asked that nothing be done in this connection without giving the property owners an opportunity to be heard.

The Clerk was instructed to have copies made of the proposed ordinance which was to have been presented and furnish each member of the Council with a copy, also Mr. Taylor, for study for one week.

PLAN FOR PARKING IN CONGESTED BUSINESS AREA SUGGESTED.

Mr. Sidney Astor presented a plan, together with sketch, of a proposed off-the-street parking set-up, estimated to cost not more than \$150,000, which he stated would be repaid through rental of space for stores and parking privileges; this building to be erected on city-owned property.

The Mayor referred this matter to the City Manager for study, with report to be made at the next meeting of the Council.

CHESTER NIXON SUGGESTS NAMES FOR CITY MANAGER, ETC.

Mr. Chester Nixon visited the Council and offered to assist in the selection of a City Manager, presenting the names of Mr. J. B. Marshall, former City Manager, and Mr. Ben E. Douglas, former Mayor.

Mr. Nixon also spoke on the problem the farmers are facing today in being unable to secure help in harvesting, etc., which he stated was due to the W.P.A. offering shorter hours and better pay.

AMENDMENT TO THE SEPTEMBER 3RD. TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

The following amendment to the traffic ordinance was presented by Councilman Beasley, and on motion of Mr. Beasley, duly seconded in each instance by Councilman Albea, was unanimously adopted on three readings, and declared by the Mayor to be an ordinance of the City of Charlotte:

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AN ORDINANCE  
TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED SEPTEMBER  
3RD. 1941, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMEND-  
ING TRAFFIC ORDINANCE ADOPTED JANUARY 3,  
1940.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte,  
North Carolina:

Section 1. That the ordinance adopted September 3, 1941,  
amending the Traffic Ordinance adopted January 10, 1940, be, and the same  
hereby is, amended as follows:

(1) Strike from Section 1(4) the words "Brevard  
and Mint Streets", and in lieu thereof insert  
"College and Mint Streets", so that Section 1(4)  
will read as follows: "When signs are erected  
giving notice thereof, vehicular traffic shall  
proceed only in a westerly direction on that  
portion of Fourth Street between College and  
Mint Streets, and vehicular traffic shall pro-  
ceed only in an easterly direction on that  
portion of Fifth Street between Graham and  
Brevard Streets, it being the purpose and intent  
of this Section to include the above described  
portions of the aforesaid streets in Schedule  
6 provided for by Section 43 of the Traffic  
Ordinance adopted Jan. 10, 1940.

Section 2. All Ordinances and clauses of Ordinances in  
conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of  
this Ordinance and cause the same to be published.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect from and after  
its passage.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Tillett & Campbell  
City Attorneys

Alice B. McConnell  
City Clerk

SETTLEMENT WITH MECKLENBURG COUNTY ON PHIFER PROPERTY FORECLOSURE.

Councilman Ross, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated  
that the committee from the Council had met with the committee from the  
Board of County Commissioners relative to a settlement on the 43 lots  
which were foreclosed on, belonging to the Phifer estate, and that it had  
been agreed by the joint committees that the City would pay to the County  
the sum of \$300.00 and the City pay all costs in connection with the  
matter; the City to get title to these lots, and Councilman Ross moved  
that the sum of \$300.00 be so paid to the County, which motion was seconded  
by Councilman Little and carried.

However, Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved  
that this money not be paid out until title to these lots has been  
approved by the City Attorneys. Motion unanimously carried.

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PAINTING WORK ON ARMORY BUILDING LET TO W. A. HARKEY.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Baker and carried, contract was awarded to Mr. W. A. Harkey for painting metal sash and all metal doors and ventilators in the Armory Building, at a net price of \$251.00, subject to Mr. Harkey carrying compensation insurance.

Other bids received for doing this work were as follows:

L. C. Smith	\$270.00
J. M. Herlocker	298.00

PURCHASE OF 5000 PIG LEAD.

Contract for 5,000 pounds of Virgin Pig Lead, for use by the Water Department for the remainder of the fiscal year, was, upon motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, awarded to the lowest bidder, Nathan Trotter & Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., at a net delivered price of \$360.00, and the Mayor and Clerk authorized to sign same.

Other bids received were:

Grinnell Company, Inc.	\$387.50
Belmont Smelting & Refg. Works, Inc.	389.50
Crane Company	411.20

PURCHASE OF HICKORY FIBRE.

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Slye and unanimously carried, the Lay Manufacturing Company, of Dallas, N.C., was awarded the contract for six tons of hickory fibre to be used in making brooms for the Street Department, at a net delivered price of \$653.40, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

E. F. Craven Company bid the sum of \$654.00 on this material, and the North Carolina Equipment Company \$690.00.

GUTTER BROOM WIRE.

The following bids having been received on One Ton of Gutter Broom Wire, for use in making rotary brooms for the Elgin Sweepers:

General Iron & Steel Corp.	\$256.51
Keystone Brush Co. Inc.	278.00
N. C. Equipment Company	340.00

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Slye and carried, award was made to the lowest bidder, General Iron & Steel Corp., of New York, at a net delivered price of \$256.51, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

PURCHASE OF BONDS.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the Treasurer was authorized to purchase Two \$1,000.00 North Carolina School  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  Bonds, due January 1, 1942, to yield one-half of 1%.

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SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION IN CHATHAM AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker, authority was given for the extension of an 8" sanitary sewer in Chatham Avenue, from a manhole 665 feet north of Belvedere, north for 220 feet towards Mecklenburg Avenue, to serve eight lots and estimated to cost \$228.80, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract with Mr. Lee Heath covering this installation, based on Mr. Heath depositing with the City the amount of \$228.80, which will be refunded if and when two houses are erected and connected to this line.

AUCTIONEER'S FEE FOR SELLING REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Slye, Mr. D. L. Phillips' was to be paid a fee of \$200.40, or 5¢ per piece of real estate, for selling 4008 pieces of real estate for 1940 taxes.

EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN IN BANCROFT AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Slye, the request of Mr. Allen Griffith for permission to construct a 2" water main in Bancroft Avenue, was granted, if and when the City can secure priority for the necessary pipe; Mr. Griffith to be reimbursed for the pipe after a house has been erected on the two lots within the city limits and the City receives revenue from same.

EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN IN MILLERTON AVENUE.

The request of Mr. Raymond Glazer for installation of a 2" water main in Millerton Avenue, estimated to cost \$350.00, was authorized on motion of Councilman Slye, seconded by Councilman Albea; based on the applicant signing an agreement to guarantee an annual revenue to the City equal to 10% of the cost of laying the main.

WATER MAIN EXTENSION IN WEST BOULEVARD AND GREEN STREET.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Slye, authority was given for the extension of a 2" water main in West Boulevard, to serve 11 lots, and also in Green Street, to serve 24 lots, of which 8 are now being built upon, the mains to be laid by the Realty Company, if and when priority for the pipe can be secured.

This action taken upon request of the Marsh Realty Co.

SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION IN BANCROFT STREET.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Albea, the extension of an 8" sanitary sewer in Bancroft Street, from Norris Avenue north 230 feet to the city limits, was authorized, if and when priority for this pipe can be secured.

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COMFORT STATIONS FOR WAR MANEUVERS.

The City Manager reported that comfort stations are being erected on the lot of Senator Joe Blythe, on Mint Street; also that the Hunter Electric Company has been instructed to reinstall fixtures under the stops at the Y.M.C.A. building, to be used as another comfort station, the only cost to the City being the plumbing. He reported that the Filling Stations will cooperate by keeping open or leaving their rest rooms open, and that while every effort is being made to take care of any emergency, he hesitated to go much further until sure of the requirements. The following resolution was prepared by the City Attorney, and on motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING ACTING CITY MANAGER TO DEAL WITH  
SITUATIONS CONNECTED WITH ARMY MANEUVERS.

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WHEREAS, in connection with the defense program the United States Army proposes to conduct large scale maneuvers in the vicinity of Charlotte during the months of October and November, 1941, and, in connection with these maneuvers, proposes to give to large numbers of soldiers passes into the city, especially during and over the week-ends, and, whereas, it is anticipated that a substantial number of civilian visitors will come to the city on account of, and in connection with, these maneuvers and, whereas, the abovenrecited activities and conditions will bring it about so that during the period of the maneuvers emergency and unforeseeable situations will arise calling for prompt action by the Acting City Manager;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Acting City Manager be, and he hereby is, given full and complete authority to take all such action, and do all such things as may be useful or necessary in order to deal with all emergencies and situations produced by the forthcoming army maneuvers during the months of October and November, and that in advance of these maneuvers he be, and he is, given full and complete authority to anticipate such situations and needs as he can and make proper preparation for the same; that expenditures necessary in order to carry out the provisions of this resolution be made only after first obtaining the approval of the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Before the adoption of the above Ordinance, Councilman Ward brought up the question of whether such authority could be granted inasmuch as the City Charter specifies that any expenditure of money over a certain amount must be approved by the City Council, not by the City Manager or any individual on the City Council. Mayor Currie suggested that the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the City Manager consult with the City Attorney regarding this. Mr. Ledbetter advised that report will be made each week to the Council of any expenditures during the preceding week.

SALE OF FOOD STUFFS ON CITY STREETS.

Mr. Ledbetter stated that several inquiries with regard to the sale of wrapped sandwiches on the streets during the period of the war maneuvers had been received, and that he had discussed the matter with Dr. Rae, of the Health Department, who requires a health certificate and issues permits for 60 days. He stated that the Collector of Revenue has been instructed to inquiry of all persons asking for a peddler's license as to whether they propose to sell food stuffs and if so, to require the securing of the health certificates and permits from the Health Department before the license is issued. Also, that the Police will be instructed to see that anyone selling foodstuffs on the streets has permit and health certificate.

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RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE OF WATER METERS.

On motion of Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Slye and carried, ratification of the purchase of ten- 5" water meters, at \$10.00 each, less 2% cash discount, was made; it being necessary to purchase these 10 meters pending the purchase of a year's supply on October 1st., from the Neptune Meter Company.

EMERGENCY FUND RESERVE FOR COAL.

The City Manager reported that in preparing specifications for coal contract the Purchasing Agent increased the quantity of coal in excess of ordinary yearly requirements to protect the City in case of an unusually severe winter, which means that the contract award is \$1453.30 in excess of the budgeted amount and he asked that the Council authorize the amount of \$1452.30 in the Emergency Fund for this purpose and that if it is not necessary to use it for the purchase of coal, it will be available for any other emergency in the spring.

On motion of Councilman Ward, seconded by Councilman Albea, the sum of \$1453.30 was earmarked in the Emergency Fund for the purchase of coal.

BIDS ON TIRES AND TUBES REJECTED.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Little and carried, all bids received on a year's supply of tires and tubes, which bids were opened in the Council Chamber, at 11 o'clock A.M., Tuesday, September 23rd., were rejected and new bids advertised for.

Several tire dealers present discussed the matter with the Council.

EMPLOYMENT.

The City Manager reported the following changes in personnel. Employment of Mr. M. W. Wallace, in the Sanitary Division, at the Equipment Depot, and the promotion of Mr. Ralph Bartlett from the position of Sanitary Inspector to that of Superintendent of Cemeteries.

INVITATION TO ATTEND CITY MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

An invitation was presented to the Council to have the City Manager and as many members of the City Council as possible, attend the 28th. annual conference of the International City Managers' Association to be held at the Hollywood Beach Hotel in Hollywood Florida, on November 23rd. to 27, 1941.

FREE WATER FOR ALEXANDER RESCUE HOME AND CRITTENDEN HOME, ALSO SCHOOLS AND PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The request for the furnishing of water at cost to the Park and Recreation Commission, made by Mr. John Pender, Finance Officer of that Board, also a similar request made by the City Schools, and the question of free water for the Alexander Rescue Home and the Crittenden Home was referred by the Mayor to the Finance Committee, and the City Manager was instructed to put these items in his report for the next meeting.



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Absent: Councilman Painter.

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Councilman Little introduced the following two bond ordinances, authorizing bonds, and the same were read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING \$50,000  
WATER 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 extending the existing water works system of said City.

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 thirty days after its first publication unless in the meantime a petition for its submission to the voters is filed under said Act, and that in such event it shall take effect when approved by the voters of the City at an election as provided in said Act.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING \$35,000  
SANITARY SEWER 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 \$35,000 for the purpose of extending  
the existing sanitary sewer system of said City.

Section 2. That a tax sufficient to pay the prin-  
cipal 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  
thirty days after its first publication unless in the meantime a  
petition for its submission to the voters is filed under said Act,  
and that in such event it shall take effect when approved by the  
voters of the City at an election as provided in said Act.

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 improve-  
ments 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

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the Clerk, Alice B. McConnell, 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, 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.....\$ 32,500.00

a(2) Outstanding Bonded debt:

School Bonds.....\$1,142,000.00
Electric Light Bonds.....\$ None
Water Bonds.....\$2,656,816.05
Other Bonds.....\$5,593,683.95 \$9,392,500.00

a(3) Bonded debt to be incurred under ordinances passed or introduced:

Water Bonds.....\$ 50,000.00
Sanitary Sewer Bonds.....\$ 35,000.00 \$ 85,000.00

(a) GROSS DEBT, being the sum of a(1) a(2) and a(3).....\$9,510,000.00

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## (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.....	\$ 231,412.47
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.....	\$ 817,892.51
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.....	\$ 5,923.98
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.....	\$ 2,706,816.05
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.....	\$ 33,032.10
b(7) Indebtedness included in gross debt and incurred for school purposes.....	\$ 1,174,500.00
(b) DEDUCTIONS, being the sum of b(1), b(2), b(3), b(4), b(5), b(6) and b(7).....	\$ 4,969,577.11
(c) NET DEBT, being the difference between the Gross Debt (a) and the Deductions (b).....	\$ 4,540,422.89

## (d) ASSESSED VALUATION

(d) Assessed valuation of property as last fixed for municipal taxation, being the valuation fixed in 1940.....	\$112,403,755.00
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(e) DEBT RATIO

(e) Percentage that the net debt bears to said  
assessed valuation..... 4.0394%

The foregoing statement is true.

J. M. Clarke  
City Accountant of the City of  
Charlotte, N. C.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 24th day of September,  
1941.

Lillian R. Hoffman  
Notary Public

My commission expires May 31, 1943.

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.

Walter M. Ross  
City Engineer

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA )  
MECKLENBURG COUNTY ) ss

The foregoing is a true copy of a statement filed with me  
as City Clerk of the City of Charlotte on September 24, 1941 at a  
meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, said statement con-  
sisting 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 filed after the introduction and before the final passage of  
two ordinances authorizing, respectively, \$50,000 Water Bonds and  
\$35,000 Sanitary Sewer Bonds, and 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 24th day of September, 1941.

Alice B. McConnell  
City Clerk

Upon motion of Councilman Little, made separately as to each of the foregoing two ordinances authorizing bonds, and seconded in each case by Councilman Ward, and unanimously carried, the said two ordinances were read and separately passed upon their first readings. The votes cast upon the first readings were as follows:

First Reading

<u>Councilman</u>	<u>Ordinance Authorizing \$50,000 Water Bonds</u>	<u>Ordinance Authorizing \$35,000 Sanitary Sewer Bonds</u>
Albea	AYE	AYE
Baker	AYE	AYE
Beasley	AYE	AYE
Daughtry	AYE	AYE
Hovis	AYE	AYE
Painter	ABSENT	ABSENT
Price	AYE	AYE
Ross	AYE	AYE
Slye	AYE	AYE
Ward	AYE	AYE
Little	AYE	AYE

Upon motion of Councilman Little, made separately as to each of the foregoing two ordinances authorizing bonds, and seconded in each case by Councilman Ward, and unanimously carried, the rules were suspended as to each of the said two ordinances, and the said two ordinances were read and were separately passed upon their second readings. The votes cast upon the second readings were as follows:

Second Readings

<u>Councilman</u>	<u>Ordinance Authorizing \$50,000 Water Bonds</u>	<u>Ordinance Authorizing \$35,000 Sanitary Sewer Bonds</u>
Albea	AYE	AYE
Baker	AYE	AYE
Beasley	AYE	AYE
Daughtry	AYE	AYE

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Hovis	AYE	AYE
Little	AYE	AYE
Painter	ABSENT	ABSENT
Price	AYE	AYE
Ross	AYE	AYE
Slye	AYE	AYE
Ward	AYE	AYE

Upon motion of Councilman Little, made separately as to each of the foregoing two ordinances authorizing bonds, and seconded in each case by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried, the rules were suspended as to each of the said two ordinances, and the said two ordinances were read and were separately passed upon their third and final readings, and each thereof was declared by the Mayor to be an ordinance. The votes cast upon the third and final readings were as follows:

Third Readings

<u>Councilman</u>	<u>Ordinance Authorizing \$50,000 Water Bonds</u>	<u>Ordinance Authorizing \$35,000 Sanitary Sewer Bonds</u>
Albea	AYE	AYE
Baker	AYE	AYE
Beasley	AYE	AYE
Daughtry	AYE	AYE
Hovis	AYE	AYE
Little	AYE	AYE
Painter	ABSENT	ABSENT
Price	AYE	AYE
Ross	AYE	AYE
Slye	AYE	AYE
Ward	AYE	AYE