The City Council met in regular session at 4 p.m., Wednesday, August 6, 1941, with Mayor Currie presiding and Councillmen Albee, Baker, Beasley, Daughtry, Painter, Price, Ross, Slye and Ward being present.

Absent: Councillmen Hovis and Little.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Councillman Albee, seconded by Councillman Baker, the minutes of the meeting of July 30th were approved as read.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE ON OFFER TO PURCHASE LAND ON GRAHAM STREET.

Councillman Ross, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported regarding the sale of 50 feet on North Graham Street; stating that the appraisal made on this property valued same at $70.00 or more per foot, whereas, the offer received was only at $60.00 per foot, and that it was the recommendation of the committee that the offer be rejected.

Thereupon, Councillman Baker, seconded by Councillman Albee, moved that this recommendation be accepted and that the offer of $3000.00 for 50 feet of this property on the Southeast corner of W. 5th. and Graham Streets, be rejected. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS AT MINUTE GRILL NOT READY TO REPORT.

Councillman Ward, Chairman of the special committee appointed to investigate reports made against the Minute Grill on West Morehead Street, stated that one member of this committee was out of the city and therefore the committee was not ready to make report at this time. The Mayor announced that this committee would be held over.

PURCHASE OF YEAR'S SUPPLY OF TOILET PAPER.

The following bids having been received on a year's supply of Toilet Tissue, consisting of 60-cartons of 50 rolls each:

- Henderson-Gilmer Company $216.00
- McNeil Paper Co. (Southern Tissue) $228.00
- " " " (Black Core " ) $241.20
- Dillard Paper Company $256.00
- Charlotte Hardware Company $256.00

Councillman Ward moved that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, Henderson-Gilmer Company, at a net delivered price of $216.00 and that the Mayor and Clerk sign same. Motion seconded by Councillman Price and carried.
PURCHASE OF WATER METERS.

The City Manager reported that the Water Department wished to purchase 10 - 2" water meters without connections and that at the present time no meters are in stock. Bids received on these meters are as follows:

- Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Company: $588.00
- Hersey Manufacturing Company: 588.00
- Neptune Meter Company: 588.00

Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Beasley, moved that these bids be rejected and re-advertised, since prices received were the same.

Councilman Slye made a substitute motion that the purchase of these meters be made from the Neptune Meter Company, who received the last order for these meters, rather than follow the custom of rotating, in an effort to break down these prices, which motion was seconded by Councilman Price, and carried. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract with Neptune Meter Company, at the net delivered price of $588.00 for these meters.

WATER COOLERS PURCHASED.

City Manager Armstrong reported that two 5-gallon capacity automatic electric water coolers, for the Belmont Fire Station and the Water Works Shop, were needed; also two 10-gallon capacity coolers to be used at the Dilworth and West 5th Street Fire Stations, and that the following bids have been received on these coolers:

- Westinghouse Electric Supply Co.: $599.40
- L. W. Driscoll, Inc.: 617.40
- Page and Company: 652.00
- Found & Moore Company: 695.00

And called attention to the fact that the lowest bidder, Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, could not make delivery before December 15th, and that the budget does not provide for ice at these locations. It was, therefore, his recommendation that this order be given to the next lowest bidder, L. W. Driscoll, Inc., at a net delivered price of $617.40, as equipment from this concern may be had at once.

Councilman Price, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, made a motion that the equipment be purchased from Westinghouse Electric Supply Co., the lowest bidder. Councilman Ross discussed the advisability of waiting until delivery could be made on Westinghouse equipment, but Councilman Albem made a substitute motion that the City Manager's recommendation be approved, which motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract with L. W. Driscoll, Inc., at the net delivered price of $617.40.

MEMBERSHIP DUES TO N. C. LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES FOR 1941-42.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Ward, authorization was given for the payment of dues to the North Carolina League of Municipalities, Raleigh, N. C., in the amount of $750.75 for the fiscal year 1941-42.
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SANITARY SEWER IN WALLACE STREET.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Slys and unanimously carried, authorization was given for the installation of a sanitary sewer in Wallace Street, from Baxter Street 245 feet north towards Main Street, to serve three houses now started and estimated by the Engineering Department to cost §296.36.

MAINTENANCE - GIBSON STREET.

On motion of Councilman Albee, seconded by Councilman Baker and carried, Gibson Street was taken over for maintenance for a distance of approximately 250 feet from Parkway Avenue west to the city limits; the State maintaining this street beyond the city limits, which is used as a mail route.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO CHANGE IN LAUREL AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Ward, the following resolution, relative to change in Laurel Avenue, was unanimously adopted on three readings:

WHEREAS, that strip, piece or parcel of land lying between the southerly or easterly line of North Laurel Avenue as the same is shown and designated on plat made by A. V. Blankenship, C. E., dated June 10, 1941, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County, in Book 967, page 513, and Lot 16 in Block 2 of College Heights as shown on map recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County in Book 230, page 67, has been heretofore dedicated or offered to public use as a road, street, or avenue, by the conveyance of lots or parcels of land by reference to maps recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County in Book 230, page 67, and in Book 230, page 24, and such strip, piece or parcel of land has not been actually opened or used as such either by the public or those owning lands shown on said maps or plats, and more than seven years have elapsed since the original offer or dedication thereof;

And whereas, the opening and use of said strip, piece or parcel of land for the purpose for which it was originally offered or dedicated is not necessary for the public interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Charlotte does agree to the abandonment and relinquishment of such strip, piece or parcel of land as such road, street or avenue.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

H. B. Campbell
City Attorney.

WASTE BOXES ON CITY STREET.

Mr. Armstrong reported that at the meeting of July 30th., Mr. John R. Wentz requested the right to place waste boxes on certain street corners in Charlotte and that he was instructed by the Council to secure a written ruling from the City Attorney as to the City's liability in connection with these waste boxes. He, therefore, presented the
following report from the City Attorneys:

RE: City's Liability in Connection with Waste Boxes Placed on Sidewalks.

The city is required by law to exercise due care in connection with everything placed on the sidewalks. If it fails to exercise due care and as a result of its negligence anyone is injured, then such person can recover damages.

If Mr. Wentz places these waste boxes at points where they may cause anyone damage or if, as a result of these waste boxes being moved, blown over or in any other way put in a position to cause injury, the City would still be liable, notwithstanding the fact that none of its employees actually placed the boxes where they caused injury.

Of course pedestrians and others using the City's streets are themselves required to use due care and keep a lookout for conditions which might cause them injury. If, therefore, a person was injured by one of these boxes, but in connection with his injury failed to exercise due care himself, he would not be able to recover.

In most cases the question as to whether or not the City, by its own negligence or anyone acting with its permission has been guilty of negligence as well as the question as to whether or not the injured person has been guilty of negligence is for the jury.

(Signed) Tillett and Campbell.

After considerable discussion regarding the placing of these boxes on the streets, Councilman Price moved that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter, but this received no second, and Councilman Daughtry then moved that the City Council not authorize the placing of these boxes on city streets, which motion was seconded by Councilman Price and carried.

REFUND OF TAXES TO MECKLENBURG GRANITE COMPANY.

On August 4, 1941 the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County passed a resolution with reference to report of the Tax Supervisor that for the years 1936-1940 inclusive, two tracts of land were assessed in the name of Mecklenburg Granite Company through an error in the tax listing office, when same should have been listed in the name of Mrs. Louise W. Dunavant. The taxes were paid by the Mecklenburg Granite Company, who now requests refund of same and this was granted by the Board of County Commissioners.

The City taxes for the above years were erroneously charged to the Mecklenburg Granite Company, as shown by a credit memorandum prepared by the Tax Supervisor and request is now made for refund of these taxes by the Collector of Revenue. The City taxes on these two parcels of land amount to $515.87 and will be assessed against Mrs. Louise W. Dunavant.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Price, this refund to the Mecklenburg Granite Company was authorized.
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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Ward, the following special officer permits were authorized to be issued:

A. J. Redmond and David W. Green for Quartermaster Depot, 1820 Statesville Avenue.

Ralph P. McCorkle, Inspection Division City of Charlotte, for work in connection with Fire Prevention Bureau.

On motion of Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Albea, the action of the Council on July 23rd. in connection with granting a special officer permit to Daniel W. Green (should have been David W. Green), was rescinded.

Cemetery Deed.

The following cemetery deed was authorized to be issued, on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baker and carried:

Mrs. Aertie Webb, Lot No. 201, Section "Y", Elmwood $35.00

WAIVING OF STAND-BY CHARGE ON FIRE HYDRANT AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Councilman Baker made a motion that the City Council waive the stand-by charge on the fire hydrant at the Charlotte Memorial Hospital. Councilman Albea stated that he would second this motion provided it would be legal to do so, but after discussion, the Mayor referred the matter to the Finance Committee for investigation and report back, as to the legality of waiving this charge.

AMENDMENT TO ARMORY-AUDITORIUM ORDINANCE.

The following amendment to the Armory-Auditorium Ordinance, which was held over from the last meeting for study, was again presented and on motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Daughtry in each instance, was unanimously adopted on three readings and declared by the Mayor to be an ordinance of the City of Charlotte:

AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING ORDINANCE ADOPTED JUNE 12, 1929 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE LEASING, USE AND OCCUP-
ANCY OF THE CITY ARMORY-AUDITORIUM".

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

CHARLOTTE, N. C.:

Section 1. That the ordinance adopted on the 13th.
day of June, 1935 entitled: “An Ordinance Regulating the Leasing, Use and Occupancy of the City Armory” be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding thereto the following:

"Section 43. No lease shall be executed, nor shall any permission for use of the auditorium be granted to any person, persons, organization or association for the holding of a religious service therein where an admission or door fee or charge is to be made either directly or indirectly; nor shall any lease be executed, nor shall any permission for the use of the auditorium be granted to any person, persons, organization or association for the holding of a religious service therein when the City Manager finds that the real purpose and object of the said service is the making of money in connection with the same."

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

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

H. B. Campbell
City Attorney.

EMPLOYMENT.

The City Manager reported that A. M. Buchanan had resigned as Rodman in the Engineering Dept., and that Mr. Parks Cruse had been employed to replace him.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Albee, seconded by Councilman Baker, the meeting adjourned.