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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, December 4, 1945, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and all members of the Council present.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF STANDARD HOUSE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHED AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE DEFERRED UNTIL DECEMBER 11TH.

Mayor Baxter stated consideration would now be given to the Standard House Ordinance presented by The Planning Board at the last meeting, and he invited remarks from the audience.

Mr. J. E. Barrentine, President, Charlotte Real Estate Board, stated his board favored the immediate adoption of the ordinance but objected to a "hot water" requirement, which it was rumored would be included in said ordinance. Also, that the Board felt the requirements of the ordinance should become effective upon adoption for new construction but that a reasonable time should be established for repairs to old houses.

Mr. C. W. Gilchrist, Chairman, Charlotte Planning Board, stated the Board did not include the requirement for "hot water", nor did they insist upon it. Their main interest was that the ordinance become effective upon adoption, that, therefore, they could not support the Real Estate Board's recommendation for the establishment of an effective date five years hence.

Dr. Nathaniel Tross urged the adoption of the ordinance in order to eliminate the poor housing conditions among the negro race.

Mayor Baxter stated that in a study of the proposed ordinance, the City Attorney had found the ordinance contained many duplications of the provisions of the ordinance pertaining to the subject now in effect; therefore, the City Attorney had re-drafted the ordinance as an amendment, or amendments, to the present ordinance; that he had included all requirements as proposed in the ordinance presented by the Planning Board.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Newson, and unanimously carried, the ordinance prepared by the City Attorney was presented.

Following the reading of the ordinance, Mr. Frank Orr stated the ordinance as presented by The Planning Board had been drafted in the form prescribed in the Statutes of North Carolina, which they felt would be upheld by the Courts should the ordinance be contested. However, he was agreeable to the adoption of the ordinance in either form so long as the effective date was made immediately upon adoption.

Councilman White moved that the date of compliance with the requirements of the ordinance be set as 15 months from the date of adoption. Motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Hinson moved that consideration of the ordinance be deferred until December 11th, and the City Attorney and Mr. Orr collaborate on its form. Motion seconded by Councilman McIntyre, and unanimously carried.

Motion was then made by Councilman Newson that the ordinance when adopted specify the effective date as upon adoption, and that upon certification of a qualified contractor, the time be extended to persons unable to secure materials to meet the requirements of the ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson.
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A substitute motion was made by Councilman Childs that the ordinance when adopted specify the effective date as one year from January 1, 1946. Motion seconded by Councilman McIntyre.

The substitute motion was lost, with the following vote recorded:

AYE: Councilman Childs, McIntyre and White.
NAY: Councilmen Hinson, Newson, Fuette and Mayor Baxter.

Vote was then taken on the original motion, which carried, with the following vote recorded:

AYE: Councilman Johnston stated that he would not vote.
NAY: Councilman Hinson, Newson, Fuette and Mayor Baxter.

REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS IN AREA OF FAIRVIEW SCHOOL REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER.

Mr. Robert McJunkin, President, Parent Teachers Association, of Fairview School, requested that Burton Street be improved through to Eleventh Street, and that other streets in the area of Fairview School be put in a usable condition for the benefit of school children. Mayor Baxter advised him the streets would receive immediate attention, and referred the matter to the City Manager for attention.

CONTRACT-AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED WITH MISS MABEL C. MOSEY FOR LEGAL WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE VETERANS’ RECREATION AUTHORITY.

Councilman Childs moved that contract-agreement be authorized with Miss Mabel C. Mosey for payment of $250.00 for legal work in connection with the Veterans’ Recreation Authority, as authorized by the former Council on March 7, 1945; and that $250.00 be transferred from the “Airport Improvements Account” to “Professional Services Account” for payment thereof. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman White, seconded by Councilman Hinson, unanimous consent was given the City Manager to present items not included on today’s docket.

Recommendation was made by the City Manager that the following contracts, purchases and payments of purchases be authorized:


(b) Contract with low bidder, American-LaFrance-Poamite Corp., for 5000 feet 2½ inch and 1000 feet 1½ inch double jacket fire hose, and 1000 feet 3/4 inch booster fire hose, at a net delivered price of $4,466.00.

(c) Contract with Firestone Tire Stores for One Truck Tire for the LeTourneau Road Scraper, at a price of $338.18.
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(d) Contract with Charlotte Lumber & Manufacturing Company for material to erect tool and storage house at location on Statesville Road of Garbage Disposal Trench, at a price of $228.00.

(e) Purchase of 60,000 One Cent Postal Cards for Water Department from the Charlotte Post Office, at $600.00.

(f) Payment to Department of Commerce, Office of Surplus Property, Atlanta, Ga., for One Bucyrus-Erie Drag Line and attachments, and for One LaTourneau Scraper, at a total price of $8,102.00.

(g) Payment to Seaboard Air Line Railway for freight charges from Atlanta, Ga., to Charlotte, on the Drag Line and attachments, and the Scraper, at $258.00.

(h) Payment to Department of Commerce, Office of Surplus Property, Atlanta, Ga., for One Semi-Trailmobile Trailer, at $1,475.00, and for One Mack Truck Trailer, at $1,085.00.

(i) Payment of $90.00 to E. O. Griffin, Charlotte, N. C., for hauling the Trailmobile Trailer and Truck Trailer from Atlanta to Charlotte.

Councilman White moved that the contracts, purchases and payments for purchases be authorized as recommended by the City Manager, and funds appropriated if necessary. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Hinson, seconded by Councilman Newson, the following Special Officer Permits were unanimously authorized:

To Charles Irwin Hunsuck, for use on the premises of Southern Railway Company's Roadway Shop.


SALARY ADVANCE TO REGULAR CITY EMPLOYEES AUTHORIZED.

Upon the recommendation of the City Manager, motion was made by Councilman Childs that a salary advance for period December 15th through December 30th, 1945, be paid to regular city employees on December 15th. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY GRANTED EMPLOYEES.

The City Manager recommended that the Christmas Holiday for city employees be granted from noon December 22nd through December 26th. Councilman Newson moved that the Christmas Holiday conform with that designated by the State and County. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston, and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED FOR DECEMBER 7th.

Mayor Baxter called a Special Meeting of Council on December 7th, at 4 p.m., for the purpose of considering the objects, amounts and time for bonds to be submitted to the voters.
SALE OF CEMETARY LOTS.

Councilman Childs moved that the sale of the following cemetery lots be authorized. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and unanimously carried:

To - Walter Scott, Lot 39, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, $82.90.
     Perpetual Care on above lot, $40.50.
To - Mrs. William Bagley, south part Lot 56, Section A-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, $40.95.
     Perpetual Care deed to Mrs. Bagley on above lot, $29.25.
     Perpetual Care deed on above Lot 25-B, $91.20.
To - T. E. Sossaman and Family, Lot 16, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, $180.00.
     Perpetual Care deed to T. E. Sossaman and Family on above lot, $100.00.
To - Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Allen, Lot 33, Section Z, Elmwood Cemetery, $31.50.
To - Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hollingsworth, Jr., Lot 196, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Allen, cost $1.00 for transfer.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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City Clerk