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The regular meeting of the City Council was held in
the Council Chamber of the City Hall, on Wednesday, February
19, 1936, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding,
and present: Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Durham, Hovis,
Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides, Tipton and Wilkinson.

Absent: None.

Reading of the Minutes.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Council-
man Durham, the minutes of the meeting of February 12, 1936,
were approved as read.

Piedmont Fire Insurance Company asked for rebate of penalty
for late returns.

Mr. Carol Taliaferro, representing the Piedmont
Fire Insurance Company, appeared before the Council, asking
for rebate of 10% penalty for late return of taxes on property
formerly owned by H. J. Anthony and Lex Marsh, which was
recently foreclosed by the Insurance Company, stating that no
taxes had been paid on this property for seven years and that
his client was ready to pay these taxes if this penalty was
lifted and that the Board of County Commissioners had rebated
penalty on County taxes.

After discussion, Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by
Councilman Durham, moved that this rebate be granted, if legal,
the following Councilmen voting against the motion:

Councilman Albea, Councilman Sides
Councilman Nance, Councilman Hudson
Councilman Huntley.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Invitation presented to attend banquet for N. C. State
Association for the Blind.

Councilman Baxter extended an invitation to the
Council to attend the banquet to be held on Friday night at
the Hotel Charlotte for the North Carolina State Association
for the Blind.

Report of City Manager

Sanitary sewer to be constructed on Winter Street.

On recommendation of the City Manager that sanitary
sewer be constructed in an alley between Winter Street and
Chatham Avenue, at a cost of $622.30, which would serve two
houses now on Winter Street and provide for additional houses
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TO BE CONSTRUCTED LATER, COUNCILMAN ALBEA MOVED THAT THIS WORK BE DONE. MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN TIPTON AND UNANIMITOUSLY CARRIED.

SIXTH STREET UNDERPASS APPROVED.

THE CITY MANAGER REPORTED THAT THE STATE HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION HAD TENTATIVELY SELECTED THE SITE FOR THE UNDERPASS UNDER THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY AT A POINT OPPOSITE SIXTH STREET, AND THAT THEY WILL CONSTRUCT THIS UNDERPASS AND BUILD AND PAVE THE NEW STREET PROVIDED THE CITY WILL AGREE TO COOPERATE TO THE FOLLOWING EXTENT:

1. THE CITY IS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY RIGHT OF WAY AND CLEAR THE EXISTING BUILDINGS FROM THE RIGHT OF WAY.

2. THE CITY IS TO BUILD THE STRUCTURE THAT IS UNDER THE SIDETRACK EAST OF THE MAIN LINE AND NOT CONNECTED WITH THE PROPOSED HIGHWAY UNDERPASS.

3. THE CITY WILL AGREE TO RELOCATE AND WIDEN SIXTH STREET EAST OF GRAHAM STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF TWO OR THREE HUNDRED FEET TO CORRECT THE ALIGNMENT AND MAKE IT COINCIDE WITH THE NEW STREET.

MR. MARSHALL STATED THAT THIS WAS ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WHICH HE HAD MADE WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION AND WHICH HE WISHED THE COUNCIL TO AFFIRM.

WHEREUPON, COUNCILMAN WILKINSON MOVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE AND AFFIRM THIS TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MR. MARSHALL AND THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION. MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ALBEA AND UNANIMITOUSLY CARRIED.

MR. MARSHALL THEN POINTED OUT ON A LARGE BLUEPRINT THE DETAILS OF THIS PROPOSED PROJECT, EXPLAINING THE WORK TO BE DONE BY THE CITY, WHICH MET WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

REQUEST FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAX PENALTY BY W. G. MCNAIR REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEYS.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILMAN NANCE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN ALBEA AND UNANIMITOUSLY CARRIED, THE REQUEST OF MR. W. G. MCNAIR THAT HE BE RELIEVED OF PENALTY FOR LATE LISTING OF TAXES ON PROPERTY FORMERLY OWNED BY E. H. BRIETZ, WAS REFERRED TO THE CITY ATTORNEYS.
ARMORY-AUDITORIUM RENTED TO CHURCH OF GOD AT $25.00 PER DAY.

On motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Hudson, the Rev. W. T. Nelson, Pastor of the Church of God, was granted the use of the Armory-Auditorium from May 13th, through 16th, for a State Convention of the Church of God, at a total price of $50.00 for the four days.

NOTICE OF SUIT OF MARK JOHNSON VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Mr. Marshall reported that notice of suit against the City of Charlotte by Mark Johnson, who alleges he fell into a meter box hole on the Plaza on December 12, 1935, had been referred to the City Attorneys for handling.

ROCK CRUSHER TO BE LEASED FOR REPAIRING CITY STREETS.

On report of the City Manager that the condition of the City streets is such as to demand considerable attention and recommending that a rock crushe be leased for a short time in order to provide material for these repairs, Councilman Boyd moved that the City lease a crushe for this work. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONFER WITH AUTOMOBILE DEALERS REGARDING LICENSE PLATES ON USED CARS.

Councilman Albea made a motion that the Council appoint a Committee to confer with the City Manager and a Committee of Automobile Dealers with regard to the City of Charlotte requiring license plates on used cars in the possession of these dealers and used on the streets for demonstration purposes, and report back at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Douglas appointed Councilman Huntley as Chairman of this Committee, with Councilman Wilkinson and Councilman Hovis as the other members.

REQUEST OF W.P.A. EDUCATION DIVISION FOR DONATION REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEYS FOR OPINION.

A request from the Educational Division of the Works Progress Administration for a donation of $50.00 per month to provide food for use in the training centers of the Domestic Service Class, was referred by the Mayor to the City Manager and City Attorneys for opinion as to legality of this donation and worthwhileness of the work, report to be made at the next meeting.
SALE OF BONDS - $460,000.00 - TO GERTRUDE & COMPANY, NEW YORK.

The City Manager reported the purchase by Gertrude and Company, Inc., of New York City, of the city's issue of $460,000.00 worth of bonds at an interest rate of 3 1/2% plus a premium which brought the rate down to 2.92% net, the lowest rate ever obtained on an issue of municipal long-term bonds in the state.

SUITE OF JOHN KENNEDY VS CITY OF CHARLOTTE REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEYS.

Notice of suit of John Kennedy (colored) against the City of Charlotte, for alleged injuries sustained from falling into open meter box on South McDowell Street was referred to the city attorneys for handling.

DISABLED WAR VETERANS GIVEN USE OF ARMORY-AUDITORIUM WITHOUT COST FOR FEBRUARY 28TH.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Boyd, the disabled war veterans were granted the use of the Armory-Auditorium without cost for the entertainment of the National Commander at a Dutch Supper on February 28th.

CEMETERY DEED TRANSFER

On motion of Councilman Albee, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the following cemetery deed was ordered transferred:

Douglas & Sing to Mrs. W. M. Duncan, Lot #96, Sec. "U", $1.00

MATTER OF W.P.A. WORKERS BREAKING LOCKS AT ARMORY-AUDITORIUM REFERRED TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS COMMITTEE FOR INVESTIGATION.

Councilman Sides reported that the W.P.A. workers who are being paid off at the Armory-Auditorium are breaking the locks on the doors when they go there and find the doors locked, and that the damage done amounts to around $10.00 per day. This matter was referred to the Public Buildings Committee for handling.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Albee, seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.