

July 20, 1936.

JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CHARLOTTE, AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, HELD IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, MONDAY, JULY 20, 1936, AT 4:00 O'CLOCK P. M., MAYOR BEN E. DOUGLAS PRESIDING.

Present for the City: Mayor Douglas, Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Durham, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides and Tipton.

Absent: Councilman Wilkinson.

Present for the County: Chairman Hunter, Commissioners Cashion, Dunn, Harkey and Wearn.

Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager J. B. Marshall, City Attorneys Scarborough & Boyd and M. L. Westmoreland, Municipal Accountant, for the City, and County Attorney Stancill and G. D. Bradshaw, County Auditor, for the County.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, who stated that the purpose of same was to take up appropriations to Departments served jointly by the City and County.

SALARY OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS & JUVENILE COURT JUDGE.

The first matter discussed was the salary of Judge Marion Redd, of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court. Judge Redd had asked for an increase in salary from \$2160.00 to \$3600.00 per year. After discussion and comparison of salaries received by other judges, Councilman Boyd made a motion that Judge Redd be paid a salary of \$3,000.00 per year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Harkey.

Commissioner Harkey, seconded by Councilman Hudson, moved that voting be done by "Ayes" and "Nayes", but motion was lost and voting was done by ballot, with the following result:

For the motion: 2- 9/11 Votes
Against " : 6- 8/11 "

Councilman Boyd's motion was declared lost. Whereupon, Commissioner Cashion made a motion to pay Judge Redd a salary of \$2400.00 per year, which was seconded by Councilman Tipton and unanimously carried.

SALARY OF B. L. BAKER, DOMESTIC RELATIONS & JUVENILE COURT.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, the salary of B. L. Baker, of the Domestic Relations & Juvenile Court, was increased from \$2100.00 per year to \$2400.00 per year by unanimous vote.

SALARY OF C. W. WILSON, JUVENILE OFFICER.

Councilman Durham moved that the salary of C. W. Wilson, Juvenile Officer, remain at \$140.00 per month. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cashion and carried unanimously.

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SALARY OF MRS. J. M. BELK.

After a lengthy discussion as to whether or not to continue the salary of Mrs. J. M. Belk, case worker in the Juvenile Department, who is seriously ill, Commissioner Wearn moved that Mrs. Belk's salary be continued, if legal to do so. Motion seconded by Councilman Boyd.

Commissioner Cashion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, moved to amend Commissioner Wearn's motion to read that Mrs. Belk be paid one-half her regular salary, or \$45.00 per month. This amendment was accepted by Commissioner Wearn, and the motion as amended was unanimously carried.

SALARY OF MISS SARAH ROSS.

Councilman Nance then made a motion that Miss Sarah Ross, who has been doing the work of Mrs. Belk during her illness, be paid \$90.00 per month, the salary formerly paid Mrs. Belk. Motion seconded by Commissioner Harkey and unanimously carried.

SALARY OF F. W. ALLEY, JUVENILE CUSTODIAN.

Councilman Nance also moved that the salary of F. W. Alley, Juvenile Custodian, remain at \$100.00 per month. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cashion and carried unanimously.

SALARY OF HATTIE RUSSELL, COLORED PROBATION OFFICER.

The salary of Hattie Russell, colored Probation Officer, was fixed to remain at \$90.00 per month, by motion of Commissioner Harkey, seconded by Councilman Tipton and unanimously carried.

INDUSTRIAL HOME.

The budget for the Industrial Home was to remain the same as last year.

TAX LISTING EXPENSE.

The next matter taken up by the joint Boards was the expense of tax listing, it being stated that heretofore the City had borne 62.06% of this expense and the County 37.94%, the City Council feeling that this was not an equitable division of expense inasmuch as the County had more listing than the City.

City Attorney Scarborough read the Act relative to tax listing in Mecklenburg County and stated that this listing should be apportioned on the basis of the number of property owners listed, not on property valuation. The City Attorneys and County Attorney went into consultation on this matter and the joint Board passed on to the next item of business before the Board pending their return to the room.

HOSPITALIZATION.

The City Manager stated that the next matter was that of Hospitalization, that last year this was worked out by a Committee on a 65-35% basis. Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Boyd moved to continue on the basis worked out by the Committee last year. Motion carried.

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PAUPER BURIALS, GRAVE DIGGING, ETC.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Commissioner Cashion and carried, the matter of pauper burials, grave digging, etc., were to remain on the same basis as last year.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET.

Next item of business was the budget of the Health Department Divisions which are borne jointly by the City and County, which include the Clinic, Laboratory and Medical Welfare service. The total cost of this last year, exclusive of the salary of the Director of Health, was \$29,347.00, with the County contributing \$3,712.26 of this amount, which a number of the City Councilmen did not feel was an equitable distribution, and after a lengthy discussion of these various items, Commissioner Harkey, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that a committee be appointed by the Mayor to work this out and report back at the next joint meeting. This motion did not carry.

The Attorneys were now ready to report on the tax listing expense and the matter of the Health Department was tabled for the present to hear this report.

TAX LISTING.

Mr. Stancill, County Attorney, gave his interpretation of the law with regard to tax listing, stating that the City and County had entered into an agreement in the past with regard to the listing of taxes; that it was purely a matter of getting together on the manner of handling same; that there was no law specifying that this be done on a percentage basis. Mr. Stancill also stated that he felt that the salary of Tax Supervisor Henderson should be included in this listing expense, which has not been done in the past.

Councilman Boyd made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Durham, that the City go 50-50 on the listing inside the City and the County pay all expense of listing outside the City, based on the number of listings, with the following vote taken on this motion:

For the motion: 5- 6/11 votes
Against " : 4- "

Motion declared carried.

The matter of salaries of Mr. Henderson, Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Hemple not being included was discussed, Mr. Boyd stating that his motion was intended to include all salaries but Mr. Henderson's, but the motion was not changed.

Mr. Hunter, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, stated he would like to see a committee appointed, two by the Mayor from the City Council, and two by him from the Board of Commissioners, to go into this matter and consult with the Attorneys in an effort to work the matter out. Councilman Boyd then moved that his original motion be rescinded provided Mr. Hunter's motion would give the committee appointed power to act.

After discussion Councilman Durham seconded Councilman Boyd's motion, but when a vote was taken the motion did not carry and the original motion stood.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Hudson made a motion that the County pay one-half the medical welfare expense, which was seconded by Commissioner Harkey. The total expense of this department for the past year was given by the City Manager and a discussion followed. Councilman Hudson then withdrew his motion.

Councilman Hovis moved that the administrative expense of the Health Department in which the County participates, not including the salary of the Director, be borne on a 50-50 basis. Motion seconded by Councilman Durham and a vote was taken by ballot, as follows:

For the motion: 5- 6/11 votes
Against " : 4- "

Motion declared carried.

SALARY OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTOR.

Councilman Baxter moved that the salary of the Weights and Measures Inspector be borne jointly by the City and County on a 50-50 basis, which was seconded by Commissioner Harkey and unanimously carried.

REPAIRS TO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The question of repairs to the Public Library which were made during the past fiscal year was presented by the City Manager, who advised that the County had agreed to reimburse the City for one-half the cost of these repairs out of the new budget. Chairman Hunter stated that the motion on their books, as passed by his Board, was to take care of only \$1000.00 and that the County could not pay more than the \$1000.00 under the present motion.

Commissioner Wearn, seconded by Commissioner Dunn, then moved that the County pay to the extent of one half the total cost of these repairs, which were \$3,212.30, which motion was unanimously carried by the members of the Board of Commissioners.

SEWING ROOM RENTAL.

The City Manager stated that the City and County had agreed to pay jointly the rent on one sewing room in which to store products from the sewing rooms, at a rental of \$15.00 per month. Commissioner Wearn moved that this be continued. Motion seconded by Councilman Baxter and carried.

OTHER SEWING ROOMS.

Mr. Marshall then presented a letter from Mrs. Neikirk relative to rental on other sewing rooms. Councilman Durham moved that the City pay one-half the cost of this expense. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wearn and carried.

EXPENSE OF PURCHASING YEAST FOR TREATMENT OF PELLAGRA.

Chairman Hunter presented an item of expense not heretofore taken care of, amounting to about \$500.00, per year, for the purchase of yeast used in the treatment of pellagra. Councilman Albea made a motion that this be included in the budget and that the City pay one-half the cost of this item. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wearn and carried.

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ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Councilman Alba to adjourn, seconded by
Commissioner Wearn and unanimously carried.

Alvin B. McPherson
City Clerk

G. D. Bradshaw
Clerk, Board of County Commissioners.