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The weekly meeting of the City Council was held on Wednesday, October 14, 1936, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Durham, Hovis, Huntley, Hudson, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilman Tipton.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7TH MEETING APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Durham, the minutes of the October 7th meeting were unanimously approved as read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SELECTION OF SITE FOR SWIMMING POOL

Councilman Nance reported that his committee had looked over several proposed sites for the swimming pool originally intended for Independence Park, with the Park and Recreation Commission, and that after doing so they had agreed on the upper end of the High School Athletic Field. He advised that this site had the approval of the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission and also the High School Athletic Committee, and that it was his Committee's recommendation that this site be approved by the Council.

Councilman Nance then moved that the upper end of the Central High School Athletic Field be selected as the site for the pool intended for Independence Park, this being a part of Independence Park. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson.

Mr. D. B. Smith, a resident of the Independence Park section, who had opposed the original site selected for this pool, stated this new site met with the approval of residents in that section and appreciated the selection.

A vote was taken on Councilman Nance's motion, which carried unanimously.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PIANO FOR ARMORY-AUDITORIUM.

Councilman Sides reported that he had received a ruling from the City Attorneys in connection with the purchase of a piano for the Armory-Auditorium, the City Attorneys' ruling that a piano could be purchased from a surplus in any Department of the City government, stating that such surplus may be used for a public purpose in the discretion of the Council and ruling that this is a public purpose. He then stated that the Municipal Accountant reports a surplus in the Water Department for the first three months of the fiscal year.

After a general discussion as to whether a surplus in the first three months of the year would constitute a surplus or not, Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Baxter, moved that a certain amount of this surplus be used to purchase a piano for the Armory-Auditorium. The following vote was taken on this motion:

For: Councilmen Sides, Baxter, Hovis and Wilkinson.
Against: Councilmen Durham, Albea, Boyd, Hudson and
Huntley.

Councilman Nance not voting.

The Mayor declared the motion lost.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKER FOR CITY HALL SITE.

Councilman Hudson reported that he had communicated with Mrs. Wm. S. Stewart regarding marker they desired to erect on City Hall site, and that she had advised that she did not have any details regarding this marker, how much money they proposed to spend or what kind of marker they would erect, but that she would ascertain full details and advise him later.

SHADE FOR LIBRARY DEFERRED.

Councilman Hudson also reported that his committee was not yet ready to report regarding the purchasing of shades for the Public Library but would have report ready for the next meeting.

AGREEMENT WITH P & N RAILROAD FOR SIDETRACK ACROSS THIRD STREET.

Mr. Marshall, the City Manager, presented the agreement which the P. & N. Railroad Company had been asked to prepare, regarding their request for constructing a side track across West Third Street between South Mint Street and South Graham Street, advising that this agreement was satisfactory and recommended that it be signed by the City.

Thereupon, Councilman Albea moved that the Mayor and Clerk sign this agreement for the City of Charlotte, which motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried.

REQUEST OF SECRETARY OF CHARLOTTE EXPOSITION AND FOOD SHOW FOR CHANGE IN RATE ON ARMORY-AUDITORIUM REFERRED TO BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The request of Mr. J. B. Vogler, Secretary of the Charlotte Exposition and Food Show, that the Council set a rate of \$500.00 for the ten days of the Food Show at the Armory-Auditorium, was referred to the Building Committee, on motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Durham and unanimously carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE RE DRAINAGE COMMISSION.

Mr. Marshall reported in regard to the request of the Drainage Commission for aid in draining the creeks in Charlotte, that the Committee appointed to look into this matter had met with the Chairman of the Drainage Commission and the Chairman of the County Commissioners and City Attorneys but found no legal method of contributing to this work.

CONTRACT FOR FIRE HYDRANTS.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Durham, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign contract with R. D. Wood and Company for 12 fire hydrants, at a total price of \$631.68; Grinnell Company and R. D. Wood & Company's bid being the same and the last contract being awarded to Grinnell Company.

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CONTRACT FOR AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATES.

On motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Albea, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign contract with The J.F.W. Dorman Company for 15,000 steel automobile license plates, at a price of \$487.50, this being the low bid.

The following bids were received:

The J.F.W. Dorman Company	\$487.50
George J. Mayer Company	508.50
W. S. Darley & Co.	975.00

CONTRACT FOR PAINTING FIRE STATIONS AWARDED THOS. F. ROGERS COMPANY.

Bids having been received for painting Fire Stations, Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Durham, made a motion that the Mayor and Clerk sign contract with Thos. F. Rogers Company for this work at a cost of \$2,113.57, the low bid. Motion unanimously carried.

Bids received were as follows:

Thos. F. Rogers Company	\$2,113.57
J. L. Thomas	2,586.63
A. P. Ramsey	2,760.29
C. J. Anthony	2,794.00

EXCESS IN STREET IMPROVEMENTS CHARGED TO CONTINGENT FUND UNTIL FURTHER STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS ARE ISSUED.

The City Manager reported in connection with the recent award of contract for Street Improvements that the total cost of the contemplated improvements exceeds the amount available from authorized bond issues, as follows:

Total amount Blythe Bros. and W. A. Ebert Contracts for Street Improvements, plus engineering expense	\$135,729.01
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Total Amount Available:

(a) Balance on Street Improvement Issue #96	\$27,769.07
(b) Authorized Issue #97	<u>100,000.00</u>

Total Available	<u>127,769.07</u>
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Total Deficiency	\$ 7,959.94
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He stated that a number of other petitions are now being reviewed, and therefore, additional paving program is being prepared for which bonds will have to be issued in the future, and asked authority to charge this \$7,959.94 to the Contingent Fund until such time as additional Street Improvement Bonds are issued.

Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Hudson, made a motion that this be done. Motion carried unanimously.

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CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, the following cemetery deeds were approved for recording:

Mrs. LeRoy Wells, North Half Lot No. 49, Section "X"	\$62.65
Perpetual Care on same.	54.85
Mrs. H. L. Phillips, N.W. Quarter Lot 32-A, "D Annex"	35.00
Walter Kirilenko, S. W. Quarter Lot 23-A, "D Annex"	35.00

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Albea, to adjourn, unanimously carried.

Alice B. M. Conwell
City Clerk