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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, September 16, 1936, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Durham, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilman Tipton.

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READING OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 1936.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the minutes of the September 9, 1936, meeting were unanimously approved as read.

SUNDAY ORDINANCE WITH REFERENCE TO BOWLING ALLEYS ATTACKED.

Mr. M. H. Brandon, of the Charlotte Bowling Center, and also representing the newly organized Health Center, and the Charlotte Bowling Association, appeared before the Council in protest against discrimination against the sport of bowling. Mr. Brandon resented the classifying of bowling alleys with pool rooms, citing the clause in the Ordinance of July 24, 1935, which prohibits the operation of bowling alleys and pool rooms on Sunday whether an admission fee is charged or not, while other places of amusements can be operated so long as no fee is charged. Mr. Brandon stated that he felt that several members of the Council, at the time of the passage of the above ordinance, did not realize just what they were voting for and asked that the present ordinance be reconsidered and revised with regard to bowling.

The City Manager read the ordinance of July 24, 1935, referred to by Mr. Brandon, as well as the ordinance of July 10, 1935 which was repealed by the July 24th ordinance, and after discussion, Councilman Baxter stated he felt that if picture shows and ball games were allowed to operate on Sunday free of charge he also felt that bowling alleys should be allowed to do so and made a motion that the following amendment be voted upon: "That restrictions against bowling alleys be stricken out of the present ordinance". There was no second to this motion and Mr. Baxter later withdrew his motion until the next meeting in order to confer with the City Attorneys on the matter.

EMPLOYMENT ASKED FOR YOUNG MAN INJURED BY FIRE TRUCK.

Mr. T. L. Kirkpatrick, Jr., presented to the Council the case of a young man who lost an arm as a result of being injured by a fire truck, asking that he be given some kind of employment with the City, as he was handicapped in securing employment as a result of the loss of his arm. Mayor Douglas advised that the matter would be considered.

HOSPITALIZATION ASKED FOR JOHN HENRY WILSON.

Hospitalization for John Henry Wilson, a crippled negro, who needs to have a leg amputated, was asked for, but the case was referred to the County Welfare Department for handling.

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UNITED WELFARE FEDERATION PAYMENT OF FUNDS AUTHORIZED.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried, the City Manager was authorized to have payment made to the United Welfare Federation on the City's donation of \$10,000.00, at the rate of \$2,000.00 per month for the first five months of this fiscal year.

DRAINAGE COMMISSION INVITATION PRESENTED.

Mr. Marshall presented an invitation received from the Drainage Commission to make a trip of inspection of the various county projects on Tuesday, September 22nd., with a picnic dinner to be served.

LEASE FOR OLD AUDITORIUM PROPERTY CHANGED.

On advice from Mr. Marshall that the clause in the proposed lease for the old Auditorium property, giving the City the right to cancel the lease if a better rental arrangement is obtainable, is meeting with considerable objection from interested renters, Councilman Wilkinson moved that this clause be eliminated from the proposed lease. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

RE-ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE - J. L. SNYDER PROPERTY ON NORTH GRAHAM STREET.

The following re-assessment ordinance covering property of J. L. Snyder, on North Graham Street, was presented and on motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Durham, was unanimously adopted on three readings:

NORTH GRAHAM STREET

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO ORDAIN that the special benefits to the abutting property on North Graham Street, on account of the benefits, sewerage and drainage of the widening of the street, beginning at a point 50 feet northerly from the northwest corner of the intersection of North Graham Street and Oates Street, and running in a northerly direction with North Graham Street, a distance of 125 feet, being originally assessed as a whole against J. L. Snyder is hereby sub-divided and re-assessed on the westerly side only, as follows:

NEW NO.	OWNER	FRONTAGE	WATER	SEWER	STREET	SIDEWALK	TOTAL
221-23	J. L. Snyder	60.0	Benefits, Sewerage & Drainage				\$ 202.52
225 (Strip)	J. L. Snyder	5.0	"	"	"	"	16.88
227 (Strip)	J. L. Snyder	3.68	"	"	"	"	12.42
227-29	City of Charlotte	56.32	"	"	"	"	190.10

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**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOSTICK PROPERTY.**

Mr. Marshall, City Manager, stated that the report of the Committee appointed at the September 9th. meeting to look into the matter of the Bostick property release, did not favor the release of this property unless a substantial payment is made, which has not been done.

Mr. Wade Williams, who was present, stated he was only interested for a purchaser who wants a clear title to the property, but would advise Mr. Bostick of the Committee's report.

**COMMITTEE NOT READY TO REPORT ON PARKING METER SITUATION.**

Councilman Baxter advised that the Committee, composed of himself as Chairman, Councilmen Durham and Nance, had made a careful check up on the petitions received on the parking meter question and find that generally the merchants favor the parking meter idea but that the citizens generally are against them. He stated that his committee would like more time on the matter before making report.

**ADDITIONAL MEN FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT ASKED FOR BY COUNCILMAN BAXTER.**

After explaining his reasons for doing so, Councilman Baxter made a motion that the Council appropriate \$7500.00 from the Contingent Fund to employ 5 new policemen and buy five automobiles, these five policemen to be used in the rural sections. No second.

Councilmen Sides and Councilman Boyd opposed Councilman Baxter's request on the grounds that it should have been taken up with the Police Committee before being presented to the Council.

Mayor Douglas asked how much more money had been spent by the present Council on the Police Department than had been spent in past administrations and was advised by Mr. Marshall that it would approximate about \$40,000.00, and it was brought out that Charlotte ranks very high in police protection according to the population.

Councilman Baxter suggested that the matter be held over and studied by the Police Committee but Councilman Boyd did not care to have this done and with no second to Councilman Baxter's motion, no further action was taken.

**CITY MANAGER TO ATTEND 23RD. ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL CITY MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 19-21.**

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Nance, the City Manager was authorized to attend the 23rd. Annual Conference of International City Managers' Association, in Richmond Virginia, to be held October 19 through 21st.

**CEMETERY DEEDS.**

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the following cemetery deeds were ordered recorded:

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D. W. Reese, W. 1/2 Lot No. 321, Section "U",	\$35.00
B. E. McDonough, W. 1/2 Lot No. 283, Section "U"	35.00
Mrs. William Molkers, Lot No. 330, Section "U"	70.00
Mrs. J. F. Broome, Lot No. 312, Section "U"	70.00
Mrs. Chas. Whetstone, S. W. 1/4 Lot #38-A, D. Annex	35.00
D. W. Mitchell, South 1/2 Lot No. 28, Sec. "X", with per- petual care	137.50
Howard B. Alexander, South Half No. 36, Sec. "X" with per- petual care	137.50
J. C. Batten, South Half #43, Sec. "X", with perpetual care	137.50
Perpetual care on Christopher Rhyne Lot No. N1/2 83, Sec. "E", paid by A. S. Rhyne	72.00

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Albea,  
the meeting adjourned.

*Alice B. McConall*  
City Clerk