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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, September 30, 1936, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Durham, Huntley, Nance, Sides, Tipton and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilmen Hovis and Hudson.

MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the minutes of the meeting of September 23, 1936, were approved as read.

REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN PRIVILEGE LICENSE ON AUTOMATIC PHONOGRAPHS.

Mr. H. L. Taylor, representing a Mr. Whitten, restaurant owner, appeared before the Council with request that the privilege license of \$10.00 on automatic phonographs be reduced from \$10.00 to the same license charged for pin boards, \$5.00, stating that if this is done his client will put in a number of these automatic players.

After discussion, Councilman Albea made a motion that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion seconded by Councilman Boyd and carried.

CONTRACT FOR REPAIRS TO CITY HALL HEATING PLANT.

On motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Albea, contract for repairing the heating plant of the City Hall, was awarded to Tompkins-Johnston Company, the low bidder, at \$415.00, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

Bids received were as follows:

Tompkins-Johnston Company	\$415.00
Toomey Bros. Plumbing Co.	417.00
A. Z. Price Company, Inc.	525.00
Reliance Engineering Co.	700.00

CONTRACT FOR 24" GATE VALVE.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Durham, contract for one 24" Gate Valve for the Water Department was awarded to The Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company, at the price of \$390.00, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

Bids received were as follows:

The Chapman Valve Mfg. Co.	\$390.00
Crane Company	424.70
Grinnell Company	426.80

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PURCHASE OF CAR OF ASPHALT FROM STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF N.J.

Councilman Nance moved that one minimum car (approximately 5,700 gallons) of Asphalt be purchased from the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey at the following prices, this being the low bid:

Approximately 4,325 Gals. Penetration Asphalt	\$.0940 per gal.
" 1,375 " Joint Filler	.1008 " "

and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried.

The only other bid received on this material was that of the American Bitumuls Company, who bid \$.0996 per gallon on the Penetration Asphalt, and \$.1013 per gallon on the Joint Filler.

CONTRACT FOR PAVING ON VARIOUS CITY STREETS.

The City Manager reported bids had been received on paving and pipe lines on various City Streets as follows:

ON SHEET ASPHALT - 1" Top, 1-1/2" Binder

Blythe Bros. Company	\$125,332.40
A. H. Guion & Co.	134,385.10
Leon Ellis	135,421.10
F. N. Thompson	139,440.50
W. A. Ebert	143,177.50

ON SHEET ASPHALT - 1-1/2" Top, 1-1/2" Binder

Blythe Bros. Company	130,756.40
Leon Ellis	140,506.10
A. H. Guion & Co.	142,860.10
F. N. Thompson	145,203.50
W. A. Ebert	145,889.50

ON FINE AGGREGATE TYPE, BITUMINOUS CONCRETE 2" THICK

Blythe Bros. Company	120,247.40
A. H. Guion & Co.	129,300.10
F. N. Thompson	134,016.50
Leon Ellis	134,404.10
W. A. Ebert	139,109.50

Mr. Marshall recommended that award be made to Blythe Bros. Company on a unit price basis on Bituminous Concrete, the approximate quantities totaling \$120,247.40.

Councilman Albea made a motion that the City Manager's recommendation be complied with and that the Mayor and City Clerk sign the contract. This motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

CONTRACT FOR STORM AND SANITARY SEWERS AWARDED TO W. A. EBERT.

On motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Tipton, contract for the storm and sanitary sewers on the above mentioned streets, was awarded to W. A. Ebert, the low bidder, on a unit price basis, the approximate quantities totaling \$8,518.15, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

Bids were as follows:

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W. A. Ebert	\$ 8,518.15
Blythe Bros. Co.	9,559.30
John M. Porter	9,931.35
A. H. Guion & Co.	10,679.22

LEASE OF OLD AUDITORIUM PROPERTY.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Boyd, the bid of P. F. Simpson for lease of the Old Auditorium property at Fifth and College Street, on a three year basis, was accepted; this bid being for \$10,020.00 and 1/2 cent per gallon on all gasoline sold from this station.

Councilman Wilkinson then moved that the Mayor and City Clerk sign the contract with Mr. Simpson for this lease, which motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd and carried.

Bids received for this Lease were as follows:

ON A THREE-YEAR BASIS

P. F. Simpson	\$10,020.00
W. L. Jenkins	9,000.00
W. B. Walker	7,920.00
Myers Auto Service Co.	5,670.00
C. H. Stroupe	4,500.00

ON A FIVE-YEAR BASIS

P. F. Simpson	\$17,640.00
Merchants Oil Company	16,800.00
W. L. Jenkins	15,600.00
C. H. Stroupe	10,500.00
Myers Auto Service Co.	9,930.00

AMERICAN WATER WORKS CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN CHARLOTTE OCT. 26-28TH.

The City Manager reported that the North Carolina Section of the American Water Works Association will hold its annual convention in Charlotte on October 26th. through 28th. The local membership is arranging a banquet and dance for the visitors and requested permission to use the Armory-Auditorium without cost on Monday night, October 26th.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Tipton this request was granted by unanimous vote.

OFFER OF MRS. J. N. BURNS FOR TRACT OF LAND OFF STATESVILLE ROAD.

An offer of \$900.00 for the 13-acre tract of land lying west of the Statesville Road beyond Irwin Creek, made by Mrs. J. N. Burns, Route #7, Charlotte, was, on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Durham, refused for legal reasons.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Boyd, this matter was referred to the Public Works Committee to have an appraisal made of the property.

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REQUEST FOR HALF RENTAL ON WAREHOUSE.

Mr. Marshall advised that he had received a request from Mrs. Neikirk that the City pay one-half of the rent on a Commodity Warehouse being used for surplus commodities which are being shipped into Charlotte. She stated that this is a branch of the W.P.A. but is not in connection with the former agreement which the Council made to pay one-third of the rent on the District Administration building, and that the County has agreed to pay one-half of the rent of \$50.00 per month.

Councilman Albea stated he was opposed to granting this request, and after discussion Councilman Nance moved that the matter be referred to the Building Committee. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, Councilman Albea voting "No".

FIRE PREVENTION AND CLEAN-UP WEEK.

The City Manager informed the Council that next week has been designated as Fire Prevention and Clean-Up Week in Charlotte and that a parade of all City owned equipment is being arranged for Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. He asked that the Council assemble in front of the City Hall at that hour and review the parade.

BACK TAXES ON PROPERTY OF ALEXANDER HOME.

On consent of the City Council, the request of the Alexander Home that back taxes, with interest, amounting to \$2,436.32, on property owned by them on North Tryon Street, which they cannot pay at this time, was referred to the City Manager and City Attorneys for report next Wednesday.

DISMISSAL AND APPOINTMENT.

The City Manager reported that he had dispensed with the services of Vernon Rice, of the Street Department, and had employed J.H. Fowler to succeed him.

BUILDING PERMIT FEE REMITTED TO BLIND SCHOOL.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the request of the Mecklenburg Association for the Blind, which is building a workshop on Brevard Street, that the fee charged for building permit be remitted, was granted.

STOCK IN LIEU OF BONDS ON TAXICAB LIABILITY REFUSED.

The request of Messrs. McCoy and Beatty to put up certain stock in lieu of cash for liability insurance on taxicabs, was rejected on motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

PETITION REQUESTING SWIMMING POOL BE LOCATED IN INDEPENDENCE PARK.

A petition by a number of residents of Charlotte, requesting that a swimming pool be located in Independence Park, was read by the City Manager.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKING METERS.

Councilman Baxter, Chairman of the Committee appointed to study the question of installing parking meters in the business area, reported as follows:

The Committee recommends that the request to install parking meters on streets of the City of Charlotte be denied on the grounds that the legality of the proposal is doubted and that the majority of citizens object to them.

Councilman Baxter then moved that the Committee's recommendation be accepted, which was seconded by Councilman Nance and unanimously carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYLVANIA AVENUE TENNIS COURT.

Councilman Sides reported for the committee on Parks and Public Affairs with regard to the Sylvania Avenue tennis court, that the Committee recommends that the City do the necessary grading work to put the court in shape but cannot purchase materials, such as wire, poles, etc.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Nance and unanimously carried, this recommendation was accepted.

CEMETERY DEEDS

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley the following cemetery deeds were approved;

Mr. H. B. Carson, West Half Lot No. 327, Section "U"	\$35.00
Mrs. C. T. Williams, Perpetual care on S.W. 1/4 Lot #69, Sec. "C"	36.00
Estate of John A Tate, Perpetual care on W 1/2 Lot #51, Sec. "A"	72.00
Travis Crowell, Jr., Lots 10 and 11, Section "D", in West Pinewood Cemetery	36.00

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Durham, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McCowell
City Clerk