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The City Council met in regular session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, April 14, 1937, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Durham, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides, Tipton and Wilkinson present.

Absent: None.

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MINUTES MARCH 31ST. MEETING APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Durham, the minutes of the meeting of March 31st. were approved as read.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Sides, the minutes of the April 7th. meeting were approved, with correction in name of party presenting request for assistance in establishing County Market from "Simpson" to Osaar Phillips.

PLOT IN ELMWOOD CEMETERY GIVEN TO SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Tipton and unanimously carried, a plot of land in Elmwood Cemetery, known as Lots 4-A and 4-B "D Annex", was transferred to the Spanish-American War Veterans without cost; this plot adjoining the land given by the City to the World War Mothers and known as the "Soldiers Plot".

APPLICATION MADE FOR LICENSE TO OPERATE BILLIARD PARLOR ON MINT & BLAND STS.

Mr. Elbert Foster, Attorney, representing Thomas Cavalaris, appeared before the Council with the request that his client's application for license to operate a billiard parlor on Mint Street at the corner of Bland, be approved by the Council. Mr. Foster stated that this application had been approved by the Chief of Police, but that when a petition had been filed with the City Manager opposing the granting of this license it was necessary to appeal to the Council. Mr. Foster presented a petition signed by a number of residents of that section favoring a recreation and billiard parlor in that community, and stressed the fact that his client was a man of high character and operated his business on a high plane, with no liquors of any kind being sold.

A small delegation also appeared in opposition to the granting of this license, with arguments against same being presented by Rev. Thos. F. Higgins, Pastor of Calvary Methodist Church; Rev. S. B. MacLean, Pastor of Wilmore Presbyterian Church; Rev. Berryhill; Mr. Olin McClure and N. J. Phillips.

After hearing all the arguments for and against, the Mayor asked City Attorney J. M. Scarborough for a ruling as to whether the Council could refuse to grant the permit when the applicant was shown to be of good character. The City Attorney asked for time to go into the question, and Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Nance, moved that the matter be turned over to the City Attorneys for a ruling, which motion was unanimously carried.

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SALVATION ARMY REQUEST FOR REFUND ON WATER BILL DENIED.

On motion of Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the request of the Salvation Army for refund of one-third of their annual bill for water, was denied, on the grounds that no funds were set up in the budget to take care of same.

REQUEST FOR SEWER EXTENSION REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

The City Manager presented a request from Mr. C. C. Clanton for the extension of the sewer on Post Street to serve ten houses for which permits have been obtained. The estimated cost of this sewer would be \$1,067.00, and the City Manager advised that there was no money in the Contingent Fund to take care of this, the sewer fund having already been exhausted.

Councilman Boyd moved to refer the matter to the Public Works Committee to see if something can be worked out to provide this extension. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

NOTICE OF SUIT OF P. E. MOORE VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Mr. Marshall reported receipt of notice of suit of P. E. Moore vs. the City of Charlotte for alleged injuries received from falling into an open meter box on South Graham Street, in the amount of \$5000.00.

CONTRACT FOR PUMPING UNIT TO B. H. HEFNER.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Boyd and unanimously carried, contract was awarded to B. H. Hefner, of Charlotte, for Myers Pumping Unit at the price of \$275.00 and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

Other bids received were:

J. H. Trescot, Goulds Pump	\$275.00
Geo. A. Westbrook, Dayton Pump	290.92

APPROVAL FOR ERECTION OF SIGN BOARD ON GRAHAM STREET.

In connection with the request made to the Council two weeks ago, for permission to erect a sign board on City property on South Graham Street, the City Manager reported that the matter had been investigated and that the location desired would in no way obstruct the view or constitute a hazard and the Committee investigating saw no reason why this request should be denied.

Thereupon, Councilman Nance moved that the request be granted. Motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried.

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REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE REPORT OF DYE BEING POURED INTO CREEKS.

Councilman Albea requested the City Manager to investigate the report that had come to him that the mills in the Belmont section were pouring dye into the adjoining creek.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

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

Mrs. Luda Small, East Half Lot No. 325, Section "U"	\$35.00
Transfer of Lot No. 15 "X" from Mrs. J. W. Kraushaar to Mrs. C. R. Marsh, with perpetual care	2.00
Spanish-American War Veterans, Lots 4-A and 4-B, "D Annex"	Gratis

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alie B. Mc Connell  
City Clerk

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

Absent: None.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On Motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the minutes of the April 14th. meeting were approved as read.

SEWER EXTENSION ON EAST 18TH STREET.

Upon the application of Mr. H. B. Polk for extension of a sewer at East 18th Street, from Pegram Street 180 feet west towards Allen Street, to serve one apartment house and a proposed parsonage; Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, moved that this extension be made, the estimated cost of same being \$199.65. Motion unanimously carried.

CHATHAM AVENUE TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Durham and unanimously carried, Chatham Avenue, from the end of the present city maintenance south 100 feet, was taken over for City maintenance; the estimated cost of putting this in shape being only \$15.00.

SUTTLE AVENUE TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

On motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, Suttle Avenue, from Dowd Road to Wilkinson Boulevard, was taken over for City maintenance.

LEASE ON OLD AUDITORIUM PROPERTY FOR THREE-YEAR PERIOD GRANTED TO W. L. JENKINS.

The City Manager reported the following bids received on the lease for the remaining portion of the Old Auditorium property:

	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>	<u>Third Year</u>
E. R. Hargett	\$208.00	\$234.00	\$260.00
W. L. Jenkins	208.00	221.00	237.00

Mr. Jenkins also offered an additional premium of 1-cent per gallon on gas, which according to previous records on this station, will amount to approximately \$12.00 per month. It was, therefore, the opinion of the City Manager that the bid of Mr. Jenkins was the most desirable. Mr. Jenkins also submitted a bid on a five-year basis, but did not offer the 1-cent per gallon premium on gasoline.