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The City Council met in regular weekly session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, April 7, 1937, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides, Tipton and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Boyd.

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READING OF MINUTES DEFERRED.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the minutes of the previous meeting were not read at this time.

UNITED WELFARE FEDERATION REQUESTED ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR WORK.

Mr. W. M. McLaurine, President of the United Welfare Federation, appeared before the Council asking for an additional contribution to carry on the work being done by this organization, of \$7500.00, stating that the County had increased its contribution.

Mayor Douglas suggested that this matter be held over until the next meeting, at which time the Council would meet at an earlier hour with representatives of the Federation to go into the question more thoroughly. Mr. McLaurine stated that the matter could rest for one week.

Mr. McLaurine proposed that a survey be conducted to determine future policies regarding the support of the indigent poor of the City; this survey to be made by an outside man and to be conducted as soon as practicable. He stated that he had an estimate on the cost of such survey, which would be approximately \$1000.00, one-third to be borne by the City, one-third by the County and one-third by the Federation.

Councilman Sides stated that he felt such a survey would be helpful inasmuch as the people should know where their money is going. Councilman Baxter also expressed a similar opinion. However, Councilman Hudson pointed out that the money to make this survey would feed a lot of people.

After a lengthy discussion of these questions, Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, made a motion to handle both problems next week and that the Council meet at 3:00 o'clock in order to have plenty of time. A vote was taken on this motion with Councilmen Baxter, Durham, Hovis and Sides voting "No". The motion carried.

FIRE ALARM BOX TO BE INSTALLED AT BELMONT AND SEIGLE STREETS.

Mr. J. B. Vogler and Mr. N. J. Covington appeared before the Council with a petition signed by eighty-seven property owners of the Belmont section asking that a fire alarm box be installed at the corner Belmont Ave. and Seigle Street.

Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that this box be installed. Motion carried.

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RE-ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE - GRANDIN ROAD.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the following re-assessment ordinance for Grandin Road property assessed against W. W. Watt, Jr., was unanimously adopted on three readings and declared by the Mayor to be an ordinance of the City of Charlotte:

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO ORDAIN that the special benefits to the abutting property on Grandin Road on account of the paving of the road and beginning at the Northwest corner of Grandin Road and Third Street and extending thence in a Northerly direction a distance of 195 feet, and being originally assessed as a whole against W. W. Watt, Jr., is hereby sub-divided and re-assessed on the West side only, as follows:

NEW NO.	OWNER	FRONTAGE	SEWER	ROAD	TOTAL
224-26	Guy M. Beaty, Jr.	54'	13.50	199.80	\$213.30
212-222	W. W. Watt, Jr.	141'		521.70	521.70

PURCHASE OF TERRA COTTA PIPE.

Bids received on one carload of Terra Cotta pipe, for making the adjustment to the outfall line to Griffith Property on West Morehead Street, from the Wearn Lumber Company; Cathey Lumber Company; McGee Lumber Company; Tucker-Kirby Company; The Doggett Lumber Company; T. J. Wiggins Lumber Company; J. L. Wiggins Lumber Company; Builders Merchandising Co. and Caldwell Construction Company, were all for \$517.75, and the City Manager recommended that the award be made to the Wearn Lumber Company on the usual rotating basis.

Councilman Huntley moved that the contract be awarded to the Wearn Lumber Company and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Hudson and carried.

AIRPORT COMPLETION.

The City Manager presented the following report in connection with the completion of the Airport.

"In connection with the completion of the Airport, it is recommended by Mr. Miller, of the Bureau of Air Commerce, that the part of the existing runway in front of the Administration Building and Hangars be paved with a 3" penetration macadam surface, and that it be widened 100 feet, to be covered with topsoil similar to treatment used on the other runways. The W.P.A. will furnish a part of the stone for this improvement and the balance will come from the City quarry, but it will be necessary for the City to haul from the quarry. The City will also be required to haul the topsoil from the Disposal Plant site for the additional width of the runway. Other items include surfacing the parking area behind the Administration Building; purchasing the water pump and tank; finishing the stone work and placing the covering on the Hangar, and will require approximately \$5,800.00 to complete. The last appropriation for the Airport was to be derived from the sale of the Old Auditorium property, but it is recommended that the \$2200.00 and the required \$5,800.00, or a total of \$8,000.00, be charged to a surplus account in the General Fund, which has been realized by adjustments and other sources of income.

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Mr. Marshall also presented a letter received from Mr. Ledbetter, Treasurer, relative to the last appropriation which was to be taken from the sale of the Old Auditorium property.

A lengthy discussion followed as to how much more money the City must spend to finish the Airport and why those building the Airport did not know long ago how much money it was going to take. Mr. Marshall advised that he thought this would be the last appropriation necessary and Mayor Douglas pointed out that it is now the City of Charlotte's Airport and that the City should be willing to spend whatever is necessary to complete it.

Councilman Hovis moved that the \$5,800.00 necessary to complete and the last appropriation of \$2200.00, or a total of \$8,000.00, be charged to the surplus in the General Fund, if legal. Motion seconded by Councilman Durham.

The City Attorneys were not present and after discussion, the motion was carried.

PURCHASE OF CARLOAD OF 2" WROUGHT IRON PIPE.

Bids received on one car of 2" Genuine Wrought Iron Pipe, approximately 11,000 feet, from the Hajowa Corporation; Horne-Wilson Co.; Crane Company; Textile Mill Supply Company; Grinnell Company and Charlotte Supply Company, were all the same, \$32.96 per 100 ft., making total bids \$3,625.60, with 2% discount for prompt payment.

Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Sides, moved that the contract be awarded to the Textile Mill Supply Company.

Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, moved to give the contract to Grinnell Company, but Councilman Durham's motion being before the house, Councilman Hudson withdrew his motion, and the following vote was taken:

For: Councilman Huntley, Tipton, Hovis, Baxter, Durham and Sides.

Against: Wilkinson, Hudson, Nance and

Councilman Albea requested to be recorded as not voting.

Thereupon, Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, moved to make Councilman Durham's motion unanimous, which motion was carried unanimously.

SLUM CLEARANCE REPORT.

Mr. Marshall presented a report signed by Dr. G. L. Rea and Mr. B. A. Skinner in regard to the investigation of the Slum Clearance Program, this report showing the number of houses inspected, both white and colored, and the condition of same; stating that outside toilets and the lack of sinks in the houses are the main causes of unhealthful and unsanitary conditions.

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Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that the City Attorneys be instructed to proceed to study the present ordinances and make report to a committee to be named by the Mayor for further study of this report and situation. Councilman Albea seconding the motion with the consent of Councilman Hovis that Mr. Marshall be named on this committee.

Mayor Douglas then referred the matter to the Health Committee.

EMPLOYMENT OF MR. W. R. SMITH IN THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Marshall reported that he had employed Mr. W. R. Smith, as Engineer, in the Engineering Department.

CHARLOTTE BETTER HOUSING ASSOCIATION RENT ON ARMORY \$300.00 FOR SIX DAYS.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Tipton, the Council agreed to accept \$300.00 in full payment for rent on the Armory from the Charlotte Better Housing Association. Councilman Nance and Councilman Sides being recorded as not voting.

CURB MARKET.

A small delegation of County women, headed by a Mr. Simpson, appeared before the Council asking for assistance in establishing a county and curb market; stating that a W. P. A. application will be made for funds to assist in this project. These ladies pointed out that they have sold approximately \$8000.00 worth of produce in the last two years in the present location, which they stated is not very attractive and they felt with an attractive building in a good location they could do much more than this. They asked if the City of Charlotte owned any land that it could donate or lease on long terms for this purpose and if so, the County and the W.P.A. would assist in erecting the building.

Mayor Douglas stated that a great many details would have to be worked out before securing W.P.A. aid and that he would like to refer the matter to the Real Estate Committee in an effort to work out something; that the City of Charlotte will be glad to render any aid possible, but that this is a matter requiring a great deal of effort to put across.

PROPOSED SALE OF CITY PROPERTY OFF PINEVILLE ROAD.

Councilman Durham, Chairman of the Real Estate Committee, stated he had been approached by a party who is desirous of purchasing a small tract of land which the City owns near the Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant, this being a small tract just off the Pineville Road, containing 44.6 acres, and that this future purchaser had asked him to place a price on the land. Councilman Durham stated he felt the land was worth \$40. to \$45. per acre.

After discussion, Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, moved to take no action on the matter until an offer was received, after which the Council should decide whether to sell or not. Motion unanimously carried.

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CEMETERY DEED AND PERPETUAL CARE AGREEMENT.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, the following cemetery deed and perpetual care agreement were approved:

Deed to Lot N $\frac{1}{2}$ 92, "D Annex, to S. D. Berg	\$68.25
Perpetual Care on Lots 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ Fraction, Section "U", to Mrs. Katherine Lynch Moser.....	\$63.00

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. McCruell
City Clerk.