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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, December 8, 1937, at 4:00 o'clock p. m., with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson present.

Absent: None.

MINUTES APPROVED.

The minutes of the previous meeting, December 1st., were approved as read, by motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea.

\$100.00 APPROPRIATED FROM CONTINGENT FUND FOR CHRISTMAS FOR FIVE TRAINING SCHOOLS. -

Judge Marion Redd, of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court, asked the Council for an appropriation of \$100.00 toward a fund he is endeavoring to raise in order to provide Christmas for the five training schools to which he sends girls and boys from Mecklenburg County. Judge Redd stated that the County had been asked to make a similiar contribution.

Whereupon, Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Sides, moved that the Council contribute the sum of \$100.00 to this cause, this money to be taken from the Contingent Fund. Motion unanimously carried.

CONTRACT FOR CHECK VALVES.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Durham, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Grinnell Company for three 6-inch automatic flanged check valves for the sprinkler system installation, at the price of \$387.00. This special type valve is manufactured by only two companies and the bid received from Globe Automatic Sprinkler Co. was for \$599.00.

PURCHASE OF COPPER WIRE FOR FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Griswold, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign contract with the Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, for 1,390 pounds of #10 Copper Wire for the Fire Alarm System, at the price of \$20.59 per CWT, totaling \$286.20.

Bids received on this material were as follows:

Sol's Junk & Metal Co., Rock Hill, S.C.	\$278.00
Westinghouse Electric Supply Co.	286.20
General Electric Supply Co.	314.00
Mill-Power Supply Co.	314.00
Graybar Electric Company, Inc.	314.00

CONTRACT WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY FOR HAZARD LIGHTS AT AIRPORT.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman

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Durham and unanimously carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign contract with the Duke Power Company for the placing, maintaining, repairing, and operating of hazard lights upon two poles of the Power Company located north of the Southern Railway track near the Charlotte Airport.

AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN RAILWAY FOR WATER MAIN CROSSING.

The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a standard form agreement with the Southern Railway Company for a 16-inch water main crossing on the Statesville Division, 1352.5' east of Mile Post 0-1, by motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Griswold and unanimously carried.

STREET MAINTENANCE FOR ST. JULIAN STREET.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Nance and carried, St. Julian Street, from Leburnum Avenue to Chesterfield Ave., and one block of Leburnum Avenue from Westover to St. Julian Street, was taken over for City maintenance; these streets having been graded and top-soiled in accordance with the City's specifications.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO M. F. PATTERSON.

Upon application from the A. & P. Tea Company, Mr. M. F. Patterson was granted a special officer permit for duty on their premises, by motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried.

CITY EMPLOYEES TO BE PAID FULL MONTH'S SALARY AT MIDDLE OF DECEMBER.

Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that City Employees be paid for a full month at the middle of December, thereby eliminating the pay period on January 1st.. it having been the custom for the last few years to do this. Motion unanimously carried.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, City Employees are to be granted not less than two days vacation for the Christmas holidays, the City Manager to take a poll of the employees as to whether the holidays shall begin at the close of the day Thursday, December 23rd. and resume work on Monday morning, December 27th., or begin at 1:00 December 24th., and close on Tuesday morning, December 28th.

ORDINANCE REGARDING HAULING OF GASOLINE, ETC., TO BE STUDIED FOR ONE WEEK.

City Manager Marshall presented the draft of an ordinance relative to the hauling of gasoline and other inflammables by large trucks through the City, stating that this matter had been carefully gone into with the gasoline dealers, but Councilman Wilkinson suggested that this proposed ordinance be referred back to the committee for another week's study. Thereupon, Mayor Douglas appointed Councilmen Huntley and Little to act on this committee with the Police Committee.

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REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF PENALTY ON TAXES ON PARSON STREET PROPERTY DENIED.

The City Manager presented a letter from Mr. W. C. Davis, Attorney, asking that the City cancel the 25% penalty for failure to make tax returns on property of his client on Parson Street, explaining that this penalty should have been charged against the former owner of the property and not against his client.

Councilman Wilkinson made a motion that the request be granted, but no second was received for this motion, and after discussion by the Council, Councilman Nance moved that the request be denied. This was seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried.

APPROVAL OF INVOICE OF MR. J. L. DELANEY.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Sides and carried, the invoice of Mr. J. L. Delaney, attorney, for handling the two test suits in Superior Court for the City of Charlotte, amounting to \$350.00 after credit was made of \$150.00 already advanced to him, was approved for payment.

LICENSE GRANTED FOR RIPLEY "BELIEVE-IT-OR-NOT" SHOW SPONSORED BY DISABLED VETERANS OF THE WORLD WAR.

Mr. Grady Goode appeared before the Council with request that the City grant a license for a Ripley "Believe-it-or-not" show to be held for two weeks on West Trade Street, sponsored by the Disabled Veterans of the World War. Mr. Goode explained that this will be a clean show and has been approved by the Police Department, and will be conducted in a manner not to be obnoxious to the near-by business houses.

Councilman Griswold, seconded by Councilman Durham, moved that this request be granted. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY TO BE SENT TO ST. PETERSBURG FLA. TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS IN CITY CASE.

Upon the request of the City Attorney that an attorney be sent from Charlotte to St. Petersburg, Fla. to take depositions in a case against the City of Charlotte, Councilman Albea moved that this be done. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

INCREASE OF \$2000.00 YEARLY IN SALARY OF CITY MANAGER GRANTED.

Councilman Baxter took the floor and stated that in view of the great saving effected by the City in its Water Works Extension program by having the City Manager handle the engineering, he felt that the City Manager should be compensated by an increase in salary and thereupon moved that the City Manager's salary be increased \$2000.00 per year, retroactive as of the fiscal year; this increase to be paid either out of unappropriated earnings or out of the contingent fund.

City Attorney Boyd when asked for an opinion as to whether this could be done, stated that the City could raise the Manager's salary from the present time on but could not make it retroactive.

Councilman Baxter then changed his motion to read from December 1st., on the basis of \$10,000.00 per year, which change had the

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approval of Councilman Griswold, who had seconded the motion.

Several Councilmen were of the opinion that this increase should not be granted in the middle of the fiscal year and should have been brought up at the time the budget was made. However, Councilman Baxter and Councilman Griswold explained their reasons for feeling that this matter should be handled at this time, and a vote on the motion was taken as follows:

For: Councilmen Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson and Wilkinson.

Against: Councilmen Albea, Huntley, Little, Nance and Sides.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

CORRECTION IN MATTER OF LETTING OF CITY'S LIABILITY INSURANCE.

Councilman Durham, Chairman of the committee handling the City's insurance, explained that when the matter of insurance was handled at the November 10th. meeting, the minutes did not read correctly on the motion as put by him and that when these minutes were approved at the following meeting he was absent and did not have the opportunity of correcting same at that time. He, therefore, moved that the motion made at the November 10th. meeting be corrected to read as follows, instead of as recorded under that date, which was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, another member of this committee, and unanimously carried:

"The Insurance Committee appointed to go into the matter of the City's insurance recommends to the Council that this insurance be given to the local insurance agents of Charlotte and that the distribution be handled by a committee of three insurance men, two appointed from stock companies and one from mutual companies, namely, Mr. McAlister Carson, Mr. Walter Lambeth and Mr. C. M. Westbrook; whose duty it shall be to pro rate the insurance on a premium basis between the stock and mutual companies."

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried, the following cemetery deeds were approved:

James M. Day, Jr., Lot No. 337, Section "U", Elmwood Cemetery	\$70.00
C. H. Rowan, Lot #122, Section "Y"	35.00
Mrs. N. J. Sherrill, Perpetual care on Lot Fr.2, Sec. "N"	90.00
Mrs. C. M. Wills, S $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 52, Sec. "X"	62.65
Perpetual care on " " " " "	54.85
Mrs. H. B. Starnes, Lot 68, Section "Y"	35.00

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. McCowell
City Clerk