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The City Council met in regular weekly session on Wednesday, January 20, 1937, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor Ben E. Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides, Tipton and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Hovis.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 1937 MEETING APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Durham, the minutes of the meeting of January 13th, 1937, were unanimously approved as read.

UNITED WELFARE FEDERATION REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

Mayor Douglas presented a letter received from the United Welfare Federation, Mr. N. A. Cocke, President, setting forth a recommendation adopted by that organization in which ^{they} desired a joint meeting of the City Council and the County Commissioners with their body in an effort to make up the deficit in the last Welfare drive. He also read a letter which he had written to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners asking for a joint meeting with that Board, and a copy of letter written by the Chairman of the County Board to the United Welfare Federation, in which the County asked the Federation to present their request to the County Commissioners as a single unit.

The point as to whose duty it was to care for the indigent poor was brought up and discussed at length. City Attorney Boyd was consulted on this question and stated that it was the duty of the County and not of the City.

After further discussion, Councilman Huntley made a motion that the City Council meet with the County Commissioners anywhere they recommend. No second, Mayor Douglas explaining that he had asked the County Board to meet with the Council and they had refused.

Councilman Sides then made a motion that the Mayor be instructed to inform the Welfare Federation that the Council will meet with them at their pleasure, under any circumstances they recommend, either with the County Commissioners or without. Motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried.

COMPLAINT OF MR. BURTON SMITH REGARDING POURING OF SALT ON SIDEWALKS DURING SNOW OR SLEET STORMS.

Mr. Burton Smith appeared before the Council, asking if the City had an ordinance which prevents the pouring of salt on the sidewalks during snowy or sleety weather, advising that such was done last winter during the heavy snows and that he had ruined a pair of hunting boots, and that if the City had no such ordinance it might be well for them to look into the matter and adopt one.

This was referred to the City Attorneys for report back to the Council at its next meeting.

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TICKETS TO BANQUET OF INDEPENDENT FOOD DEALERS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL.

Mr. D. C. Staton, of the Independent Food Dealers Association, presented tickets to the Mayor, City Council, City Manager and City Attorneys, for a banquet they will hold on January 26th. 1937, and asked Mayor Douglas to make the address of welcome. This invitation was accepted by the Mayor and Council.

WEST SIXTH STREET EXTENSION. AGREEMENT WITH J. L. SNYDER.

Mr. Marshall reported that in the construction of the West Sixth Street Extension and the underpass under the Southern Railway it was necessary for the City to underpin the foundations of a garage building owned by Mr. J. L. Snyder and occupied by the Southern Dairies, Inc. In the excavation of this new roadway during recent weeks it became impossible to hold the wall and footing of this building and it slipped and cracked the wall, making it dangerous to leave in its present condition.

He advised that it has been decided to rebuild the entire north wall of this building by taking the new foundation down to a point below the proposed new roadway and reconstructing the wall in the rear of the garage building. It is estimated that the total cost of rebuilding this end wall will be approximately \$5,500.00 and Mr. J. L. Snyder has agreed to pay \$1,500.00 of the cost.

The contract which had been prepared between the City of Charlotte and Mr. Snyder was submitted by the City Manager for consideration of the Council and after same was read, Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Hudson, made a motion that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign this contract. Motion unanimously carried.

RE-ASSESSMENT - BEATTIES FORD ROAD.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Albea, the following re-assessment ordinance 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 Beatties Ford Road on account of the paving of the street and walks, beginning at a point, the southwesterly corner made by the intersection of Beatties Ford Road and Mattoon Street and running with the westerly side of Beatties Ford Road in a southerly direction 1,730 feet and being originally assessed 115.0 feet against Amanda McClure and 58.0 feet against Mrs. W. K. Knox, is hereby sub-divided and re-assessed on the west side only, as follows:

NEW NO.	OWNER	FRONTAGE	WATER	SEWER	STREET	WALK	TOTAL
617-21	Willet Campbell Cooper	68.0	--	--	376.65	67.86	\$444.51
615	Wm. Mackins	35.0	15.00	6.00	193.87	34.93	249.80
609-13	Mrs. W. K. Knox	70.0	--	--	385.73	69.86	457.59

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AUTHORITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF BONDS FOR CEMETERY SINKING FUND ACCOUNT.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried, the City Manager was authorized to purchase the following bonds for the Cemetery Sinking Fund Account, subject to the approval of the Local Government Commission:

- 2- Goldsboro, N.C., Public Improvement 5% Bonds due 12-1-53, to yield 4%.
- 5- Pasquotank County 4-3/4% Road Bonds, due 7-1-52, to yield 3.95%.
- 6- City of High Point Coupons, from City of Charlotte long term Sinking Fund, to yield 4%.

WATER MAINS EXTENSIONS.

Mr. Marshall advised that the necessity for the further extension of Water Mains and installation of Fire Hydrants is such as to require additional funds pending the sale of Water Works Bonds; that in the present budget, under Capital Outlay Account, for public utilities, an item of \$1,580.00 is included for making certain improvements to the clarifier at the Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant, and that in his opinion, it is more necessary and advisable to extend the water mains where required than it is to make this improvement at the Disposal Plant at this time. He, therefore, recommended that the City be authorized to exceed the amount appropriated for Water Mains Extensions, but to hold in reserve as an offset \$1500.00 of the amount appropriated for the repair at the Disposal Plant.

He also recommended that he be authorized to use the amount awarded as land damages on the Graham Street property for Water Mains Extensions, which amounts to \$704.00.

Mr. B. M. Boyd, City Attorney, was asked if this could be done legally, and advised that on the \$1,580.00 item the City had authority to so use it, but as to the \$704.00 item he could not answer without going into it more fully. He was then asked to give a ruling at the next meeting on this \$704.00.

Councilman Sides made a motion that the \$1,580.00 in the Capital Outlay Account for the clarifier at Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant, be appropriated for Water Mains extensions. Motion seconded by Councilman Durham and carried.

CHATHAM AVENUE FROM 2005 TO BELVEDERE AVENUE TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Nance and carried, that part of Chatham Avenue between #2005 and Belvedere Avenue, was taken over for City maintenance; a distance of approximately 200 feet.

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CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE AND ROADWAY AT AIRPORT.

Mr. Marshall reported that contract for the bridge and roadway from the Wilkinson Boulevard to the Airport has been awarded and construction will start as soon as the weather permits.

He advised that the right of way has been obtained from all parties affected with one exception and that the City Attorneys advise that this road can be constructed prior to the final adjustment of this claim.

Blue prints were submitted for examination by the Council of the bridge to be constructed and also the roadway.

ADJUSTMENT OF WATER BILLS.

Upon presentation of a request from Mr. J. B. Fowler for the adjustment of a water bill, and an explanation from the City Manager regarding adjustments of this nature, Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, made a motion that the bill of Mr. Fowler, as well as all similar requests, be left to the City Manager and Mr. Vest, Superintendent of the Water Department, to handle. Motion unanimously carried.

BUDGET STATEMENT PRESENTED TO COUNCIL.

A Statement of the Expense Budget condition, as of January 1, 1937, was attached to the report presented each Councilman.

ANNUAL CALENDAR REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTED.

An attractive report of the Charlotte Fire Department for the calendar year 1936 was presented each Councilman.

CHARLOTTE'S 1936 YEAR BOOK GIVEN HIGH RATING BY NATIONAL MUNICIPAL REVIEW.

The present issue of the National Municipal Review contains a comparison of 74 municipal reports, the City Manager advised; which gave Charlotte a score of 91 on the annual report for 1936; only four cities rating higher than Charlotte.

A letter from the Pennsylvania Economic Council, Inc., stated that they had noted with interest the high rating given this annual report and asked for several copies to loan to municipal officials in Pennsylvania who are interested in bettering the reports they are issuing.

ARMORY-AUDITORIUM GIVEN FREE OF CHARGE TO FLORENCE NIGHTENGALE CLUB FOR DANCE.

On motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the Florence Nightengale Club was granted free use of the Armory-Auditorium for a dance on the night of March 26th., the proceeds to go entirely to charity.

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TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the Council approved the transfer of the West Half of Lot No. 24, in "D Annex" from Carolyn Yandle-Small to Mrs. J. R. Winchester and Mrs. J. D. Belleveaw, this transfer deed being dated May 20, 1929 but never having been approved by the Council.

APPROVAL OF CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Boyd, the following cemetery deeds were approved:

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Beaver, West Half Lot No. 341, Section "U"	\$35.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lamont, East Half Lot No. 291, Section "U"	35.00
E. R. Justice, West Half Lot No. 345, Section "U"	35.00

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Nance and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McQuinn
City Clerk