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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Boyd, Baxter, Durham, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Sides, Tipton and Wilkinson present; Councilmen Albea, Durham, Hovis and Baxter coming in late.

Absent: Councilman Nance.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 30TH. MEETING DEFERRED.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Sides and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the meeting of December 1936, were dispensed with at this time.

CONTRACT FOR GATE VALVES.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign contract with the Chapman Valve Manufacturing Company for 50- 6" Gate Valves for the Water Department, at \$17.33 each, making a total of \$866.50.

The bids received on this equipment were as follows:

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| Chapman Valve Mfg. Company | \$17.33 ea | \$866.50 |
| Crane Company | 19.80 | 990.00 |
| Grinnell Company | 19.82 | 991.00 |

ACTIVATED CARBON FOR WATER PURIFICATION PLANT.

Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, moved that contract for one year's supply of Activated Carbon for the Water Purification Plant be awarded to the low bidder, L.A. Salomon & Bros., at a price of \$720.00, and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

The bids received were as follows:

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| L. A. Salomon & Bros. | \$720.00 |
| Darco Corp. | 732.00 |
| Industrial Chemical Sales Inc., | 801.60 |
| Chas. H. Stone, Inc. | 801.60 |

CONTRACT FOR 10" TERRA COTTA PIPE AWARDED TO T. J. WIGGINS LUMBER COMPANY.

Bids received on 1,275 feet of 10" Terra Cotta Pipe were as follows:

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| Doggett Lumber Co. | \$455.18 |
| Trucker-Kirby Company | 455.18 |
| McGee Lumber Company | 455.18 |
| Wearn Lumber Company | 455.18 |
| Cathey Lumber Company | 455.18 |
| T. J. Wiggins Lbr. Company | 455.18 |
| J. L. Wiggins & Son Lbr. Co. | 507.45 |
| North Charlotte Lbr. Co. | 510.00 |

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In carrying out the policy of the City to distribute business where prices are the same, the City Manager recommended that contract be awarded to T. J. Wiggins Lumber Company on this purchase.

Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, moved that the City Manager's recommendation be complied with and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion unanimously carried.

RE-ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE - SOUTH TRYON STREET

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Boyd, the following re-assessment ordinance was unanimously adopted on three readings and declared 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 South Tryon Street, an account of the sewerage and drainage of the re-paving of the street, beginning at the southerly right of way line of the Southern Railway and extending in a northerly direction to the northerly property line of the Frank L. Ray lot, a distance of 62.05 feet; being originally assessed against Frank L. Ray and the Southern Railway, is hereby sub-divided and re-assessed on the westerly side only, as follows:

| New No. | Owner | Frontage | Water | Sewer | Street | Sidewalk | Total |
|---------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-------|--------|----------|---------|
| 610-12 | Frank L. Ray | 37.3 | Sewerage and Drainage | | | | \$35.10 |
| | Southern Railway | 24.75 | Sewerage and Drainage | | | | 23.28 |

PURCHASE OF BONDS FOR CEMETERY SINKING FUND.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, authority was given for the purchase of five \$1000.00 Drywells Township, Nash County 6% Bonds, due 1-1-42, to yield 4%, and five \$1000.00 Chicod Township, Pitt County, 5% Bonds, due 1-1-46, to yield .385% for the Cemetery Sinking Fund, subject to the approval of the Local Government Commission.

ADJUSTMENT OF SEWER TAX ON PROPERTY OF MRS. DAN L. WHEELER, VAIL AVENUE.

On recommendation of the Collector of Revenue and the City Manager, Councilman Boyd made a motion that adjustment be made on the sewer tax charged against Mrs. Dan L. Wheeler's property at 2823 Vail Ave., this being a triangular lot at the corner of Vail and Laurel Avenue and Mrs. Wheeler heretofore being charged with 196 feet sewer tax, part of which could be interpreted as fronting on South Laurel Avenue; Mrs. Wheeler to be given credit for one-half of the present 196bft. sewer charge for the years 1930 through 1936 and charged for 98 ft. sewer in the future. This motion seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried.

PRIVILEGE LICENSE PENALTY.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Sides and carried, the Collector of Revenue was authorized to charge a maximum penalty of 25% on privilege licenses which are in arrears; this being the same policy followed in prior years.

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BRONZE TABLETS FOR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Mayor Douglas announced that work on the Administration Building at the Municipal Airport would be pushed as soon as the weather permitted, and suggested that two bronze tablets be purchased for this building, one tablet to carry the names of the men responsible for giving the old Airport to Charlotte and the other to carry the names of the present Board, the Mayor and City Council, responsible for the new Airport.

A discussion followed, with one or two members of the Council opposing the placing of a tablet with the names of the Old Airport officials, inasmuch as the two had no connection.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that these two tablets be purchased, which was seconded by Councilman Boyd.

After the Mayor explained to those opposing the one tablet containing the names of the men responsible for the old Airport, that it had no connection with the new but was merely a friendly gesture on the part of the Council to erect such a tablet, the motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

CITY OWNED PROPERTY ON EAST SEVENTH STREET TO BE ADVERTISED FOR SALE.

Councilman Durham, Chairman of the Real Estate Committee, reported that he had received an offer from Mr. Delaney for a piece of property which the City of Charlotte owns, containing approximately 20 acres, lying on the right hand side of Seventh Street, and running back to the old creek bed but not to the present creek. He stated that Mr. Delaney was in position to make an offer of \$2,000.00 and suggested that the City Manager be authorized to advertise this for sale.

Councilman Baxter, a member of the Real Estate Committee, moved that this piece of property be advertised and sold. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

CEMETERY DEED.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Tipton, the following cemetery deed was approved:

Mrs. Iva U. Ogden, S. W. Quarter, Lot No. 24-A, D Annex \$35.00

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Councilman Wilkinson to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk