

March 3, 1937
Page 91.

The regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, March 3, 1937, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen: Albea, Baxter, Durham, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides, Tipton and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Boyd.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea, the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 1937, were approved as read.

ARMORY GRANTED COLORED Y.M.C.A. FOR BOXING BOUT.

W. H. Moreland, from the Second Ward High School and the Colored Y.M.C.A., appeared before the Council, requesting free use of the Armory for a boxing bout to be sponsored by the Y.M.C.A., in the interest of juvenile delinquency, stating that the date for this bout would be arranged to suit the open dates on the Armory. He also advised that the Y.M.C.A. expects to put on a Crime Prevention Week program.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the use of the Armory for the Boxing Bout was granted, for some night not being used.

C. D. BRADY ASKS FOR RELIEF FOR FAMILY ON BLAND STREET.

C. D. Brady appeared before the Council, asking for relief for a family on West Bland Street, a widow with small children ill of pneumonia. He stated that he had been having to help this family himself and that they were in dire need of assistance.

Mr. Marshall stated that the case had been referred to the Salvation Army and that he would investigate and see what had been done.

Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter and carried, made a motion that the Mayor be instructed to contact the Salvation Army yet this afternoon and see that the case is investigated by the Salvation Army at once.

This was done and report was handed in later that a son of Mrs. Cook, the widow above referred to, had been furnished a work card, on the W.P.A.

Mr. Brady also asked for the return of a petition presented to the Council some time ago, asking for police protection on Bland Street.

March 3, 1937
Page 92.

BOILER INSPECTION.

Mr. J. H. Fullerton, of the Central Labor Organization, advised the Council that Mecklenburg County is now exempt from the boiler inspection law; this exemption being granted to Mecklenburg and a number of other counties at the last session of the Legislature, and he pointed out that it was very necessary to have these boiler inspections.

After discussion, Councilman Albea made a motion that the City of Charlotte go on record as asking the Legislature to include Mecklenburg County in the boiler inspection law. Motion seconded by Councilman Hudson and carried.

INVITATION EXTENDED BY BOXING COMMISSION TO ATTEND BANQUET TO BE GIVEN HIGH SCHOOL BOXERS.

Mr. Brevard Garrison extended an invitation to the Council to attend a banquet to be given on Monday evening, March 8th., at Thackers' for the High School boxers, and asked for police protection for the Armory on March 4th., for the boxing bout.

Councilman Sides stated he thought the Boxing Commission should be congratulated on the spirit shown in connection with the young High School students.

FUNDS FOR UNITED WELFARE FEDERATION.

Mr. Marshall reported that the United Welfare Federation, through its President, Mr. Norman A. Cocke, had advised that it was necessary for the Federation to have additional funds at once in order to carry on their work.

After discussion, Councilman Wilkinson moved that the City give an additional \$5,000 to the Federation at this time, this money to be taken from the Contingent Fund. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

REFUND OF INTEREST AND ADVERTISING COST TO G. E. DAVIS (COLORED).

Upon the recommendation of the Collector of Revenue, Councilman Sides moved that G. E. Davis, a professor at Johnson C. Smith University, be refunded interest of \$3.84 and advertising cost of \$1.40, totaling \$5.24, on one piece of property which was overlooked when he paid his taxes on November 1, 1935. Motion seconded by Councilman Durham and carried.

PRINCETON AND WILLOW OAK AVENUES TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE AFTER BEING PUT IN CONDITION BY THE DEVELOPERS.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea and carried, Princeton Avenue and Willow Oak Avenue are to be taken over for City maintenance, a distance approximating 1200 feet, after these streets have been put in proper shape by the developers. The engineering department has estimated that the cost of conditioning these streets will be \$854.07 and this is to be done by the developers.

March 3, 1937
Page 93

SOUTH CEDAR STREET TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE, FROM NEAR DUNBAR ST. 250 FEET.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Nance South Cedar Street, from near Dunbar Street 250 feet to Post Street, was taken over for City maintenance; the estimated cost of doing this work is \$384.62.

TWENTIETH STREET TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried, Twentieth Street, between Caldwell and Brevard Streets, was taken over for City maintenance. The estimated cost of doing this is \$150.94.

SUIT OF BEATRICE FIELDER VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

The City Manager advised that notice of suit of Beatrice Fielder against the City of Charlotte and F. A. Triplett, for alleged injuries received on Graham Street, had been received and turned over to the City Attorneys for handling. The amount of the suit is \$500,000 and the attorney is Ben F. Wellons.

CITY COUNCIL TO REQUEST MECKLENBURG DELEGATION TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL NO. 468.

Mr. Marshall read a letter received from Mr. Patrick Healy, Jr., Executive Secretary of the N. C. League of Municipalities, asking the City Council to urge the Mecklenburg Delegation to support House Bill No. 468, allowing municipalities to issue revenue bonds for revenue-producing projects, exactly as it is now drafted.

Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Sides, made a motion that the Mecklenburg delegation be written and requested to support this bill. Motion unanimously carried.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION TO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

A letter received from Mr. Burton H. Smith, commending three police officers, Yandle, O'Shields and Woods, for clearing the snow from the intersections in the up-town district, on last Sunday morning, was read and on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Sides, was received with thanks.

ANTIQUÉ SHOW SPONSORED BY MENTAL HYGIENE SOCIETY.

Mr. Marshall reported that he had received a list of eight dealers in antiques in Charlotte who had signed their names to an approval of the Mental Hygiene Society's sponsoring of an antique show to be held in Charlotte during March, and thereupon, Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, made a motion that the Mental Hygiene Society be granted the privilege of holding this show, the out-of-town dealers to be allowed to exhibit without the payment of the privilege license. Motion unanimously carried.

March 3, 1937
Page 94.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR AIRPORT.

The City Manager reported that funds appropriated for the Airport as the City's donation, have been exhausted; that the Administration building is now above the first story and the lighting well along, but that it will be necessary to have additional funds to continue this work. He advised that there was enough money available in the Capital Outlay from various departments that will not be needed this year but that he did not know whether these funds could be converted for that use.

Councilman Albea made a motion that this money be used for carrying on the work at the Airport, if legal. Motion seconded by Councilman Nance and carried.

SANITARY DIVISION BUDGET AUTHORIZED TO BE EXCEEDED IF NECESSARY.

Mr. Marshall stated that due to such an increase in the number of new houses and otherwise, that it is pushing the Sanitary Division to keep up; that the City is considering having a clean-up period and putting on additional trucks temporarily and also an additional inspector, and that in order to do this the budget for this division will possibly be slightly overrun, but that other departments are well enough ahead to take care of this.

Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Durham, made a motion that this over-run be authorized. Motion carried.

LETTER TO BE WRITTEN BY MAYOR TO COUNCILMAN JOHN F. BOYD WHO IS ILL.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried, the Mayor was instructed to write a letter to Councilman John F. Boyd, expressing the regrets of the Council on his illness.

AIRPORT BILL TO BE PRESENTED TO MECKLENBURG DELEGATION FOR PASSAGE.

Mayor Douglas read the proposed Bill for the handling of the Airport, which bill gives the City the option of appointing a Commission composed of three members; operating it by the City or leasing to private concerns.

Thereupon, Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, made a motion that the City Council petition the North Carolina Legislature for the passage of this Bill. Motion unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEED.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Durham the following cemetery deed was approved;

Harry A. Wayne, West Half Lot No. 325, Section "U", Elmwood, \$35.00

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk