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The regular weekly session of the City Council was held on Tuesday, May 11, 1937, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., instead of the regular meeting day, Wednesday, May 12th., with Mayor Douglas presiding and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: None.

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READING OF MINUTES POSTPONED.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, was postponed.

Mayor Douglas announced that the unanimous voting on the various appointive offices to be filled at this meeting was a matter of procedure agreed upon prior to the meeting and that at a caucus held in the Mayor's office at 2:00 o'clock P. M., this voting was not unanimous, but that whatever differences existed at that time had been thrashed out.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM.

The Mayor stated that the Council would proceed with the election of the Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilman Sides nominated Councilman Claude L. Albea, stating that Mr. Albea had led the ticket and had served on the Council for the past six years. This was seconded by Councilman Nance.

There being no further nominations, a vote was taken on Councilman Sides' nomination, which was unanimous and the Mayor declared Claude L. Albea elected Mayor Pro Tem.

CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Huntley nominated Mr. J. B. Marshall for City Manager with the statement that Mr. Marshall had done a wonderful job for the City of Charlotte during the past two years. This was seconded by Councilman Durham, and with no further nominations, was unanimously carried.

CITY ATTORNEY.

Upon nomination by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Hudson, Mr. Basil M. Boyd was elected City Attorney for the ensuing two years by unanimous vote.

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CITY CLERK.

Upon nomination by Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Albea, Alice B. McConnell was unanimously elected City Clerk.

MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT.

Mr. Marvin L. Westmoreland was elected Municipal Accountant upon nomination by Councilman Little, seconded by Councilman Hudson and unanimously carried.

CHIEF OF POLICE.

Councilman Nance nominated as Chief of Police, Mr. E. D. Pittman, the present Chief, which nomination was seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried, there being no further nominations for this office.

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Upon the nomination by Councilman Griswold, seconded by Councilman Durham, Mr. Hendrix Palmer was unanimously re-elected as Chief of the Fire Department.

COLLECTOR OF REVENUE.

Upon nomination by Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Hudson, Mr. James W. Armstrong was unanimously re-elected as Collector of Revenue.

JUDGE OF CITY RECORDER'S COURT.

Councilman Hovis nominated as Recorder of the City Police Court, Mr. Frank K. Sims. This nomination seconded by Councilman Sides, and with no further nominations, Mr. Frank Sims was unanimously elected as Judge of City Recorder's Court.

CITY SOLICITOR.

Upon the nomination by Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Little, Mr. Fred Hasty was unanimously elected to the office of City Solicitor.

RECORDER PRO TEM.

Councilman Wilkinson nominated as Recorder Pro Tem, Mr. Ed Stukes, which was seconded by Councilman Hovis, and with no further nominations made, was unanimously carried.

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APPOINTMENT OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

The Mayor announced the appointment of five members to the Park and Recreation Commission as the next business in order. Whereupon, Councilman Nance placed in nomination the names of :

- Mr. Dick Blumenthal
- Mr. Harry Boate
- Mr. J. S. Tipton
- Mrs. E. P. Coles
- Mr. E. W. Gibson.

This motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and with no further nominations from the floor, the above five were unanimously elected to serve as members of the Park and Recreation Commission.

ONE VACANCY ON CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FILLED.

The term of Mr. C. C. Beasley on the Civil Service Commission having expired at this time, the Mayor called for nominations to fill this vacancy, the person elected to serve for a three-year term.

Councilman Wilkinson then nominated Mr. C. C. Beasley for re-election, which was seconded by Councilman Huntley and unanimously carried, nonfurther nominations being made.

ELECTION OF NEWLY CREATED AIRPORT COMMISSION.

On motion of Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Albea the following three members were elected to serve on the newly created Airport Commission; by unanimous vote:

- Mr. W. States Lee, Chairman, for term of three years.
- Mr. John F. Boyd, " " " two "
- Mr. Chas. E. Lambeth, " " " one "

RESOLUTION OPPOSING DISCONTINUANCE OF UNION BUS STATION BY CERTAIN BUS TRANSPORTATIONAL COMPANIES.

The following resolution was read by the Mayor, and upon motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Griswold, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte:

WHEREAS, it has been called to the attention of the City Council of the City of Charlotte that one of the Bus Transportational Companies now using the Union Bus Terminal in the City of Charlotte desires to discontinue the use of said Union Bus Station or have a separate bus terminal of its own, and

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Whereas, it is the belief of the City Council that the best interests of the City of Charlotte will be served by the continuance of one bus terminal, as this would be a greater convenience to the traveling public.

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Charlotte place itself upon record as being in favor of a continuation of having only one Bus Terminal and that this Council request of the Utilities Commissioner of the State of North Carolina to continue the Order requiring all the Bus Transportation Companies to use one Bus Terminal in the City of Charlotte; and that the said Order so requiring be not amended or revoked.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes and a copy sent to the Utilities Commissioner of the State of North Carolina.

THIS THE 11TH DAY OF MAY, 1937.

ROCK CRUSHER TO BE PURCHASED.

Mr. J. B. Marshall, City Manager, reported that in November the City of Charlotte entered into an agreement with the Universal Road Machinery Company for the rental of a rock crusher for six months, at \$341.25 per month and that this agreement contained a clause that should the City decide to purchase the crusher at the end of the six months period the rental paid would apply on the purchase price. The six months period having now expired and the rock quarry project still being in operation, the amount required to purchase the equipment complete would be \$887.50 and it was the City Manager's recommendation that this machine be purchased and the project continued in operation.

Thereupon, Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that this crusher be purchased for the above sum, which was unanimously carried.

NOTICE OF SUIT OF KIRBY SMITH VS CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Notice of suit of Kirby Smith against the City of Charlotte for paving assessments on his property on Merriman Avenue has been filed and referred to the City Attorney for handling.

MAY 20TH DECLARED HOLIDAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, May 20th., Mecklenburg Declaration Day, has been declared a holiday for all City employees who can conveniently be away from their duties.

ADVANCE TO PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO COMPLETE STADIUM.

The City Manager reported that the sponsor's donation to complete the Memorial Stadium was exhausted; these funds having been obtained through the Park and Recreation Commission by means of the Commission obligating its uncollected portion of back taxes, and that in order to complete the necessary plumbing, etc. before the dedication

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scheduled for May 20th. if the Council sees fit to do this work, it will be necessary to have additional funds. Mr. Marshall stated that the Park and Recreation Commission will sign a note for \$1,000.00 to the City of Charlotte for that purpose, to be repaid upon the collection of back taxes due the Commission; to be applied upon this note as collected.

A statement prepared by the Municipal Accountant regarding the Park & Recreation Fund was read, showing assets in excess of liabilities of \$5,676.82, from which this \$1,000 additional request would be deducted, leaving net to apply on interest and future operations of \$4,676.82

Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Sides, moved that this \$1,000. be advanced by the City of Charlotte to the Park and Recreation Commission, to be paid by from collections of back taxes due said Commission. Motion unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Durham, the following cemetery deeds were approved:

Mrs. Thomas L. Hudson,	North East 1/4 Lot 10-A,	D Annex	\$35.00
Mrs. Harrison A. Hice,	North West 1/4 "	15-A, D Annex	35.00
S. C. Stewart,	East Half "	16-A, D Annex	70.00
H. C. Wentz,	South West 1/4 "	16-A, D Annex	35.00
W. P. Haskins,	South East Part "	24-B, D Annex	42.70
Mrs. Henry Irvin,	South East 1/4 "	31-A, D Annex	35.00
Mrs. L. V. Hawley,	North West 1/4 "	32-A, D Annex	35.00
Mrs. T. B. Brown,	Entire "	32-C, D Annex	56.70
Mrs. Robt. H. Clarkson,	" "	52-C, D Annex	84.35
Mrs. John C.L. Irwin,	" "	332, Section "U"	70.00
Mrs. J. H. Jett,	West Half "	338, " "	35.00
Mrs. C. E. Riddle,	Entire "	360, " "	70.00
Mrs. Hermon Greihsbach,	North Half "	52, Section "X"	62.65
Perpetual Care on	" "	" "	54.85

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. McPherson
City Clerk