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The City Council met in regular weekly session Wednesday, November 24, 1937, at 4:00 o'clock p. m., with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Durham, Eriswold, Hovis, Huntley, Little, Nance and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilmen Baxter, Hudson and Sides.

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MINUTES APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the minutes of the November 17th. meeting were approved as read.

REQUEST OF SALVATION ARMY FOR CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON PROPERTY REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Major Bivens and Mr. Joe Garibaldi appeared before the Council requesting the cancellation of taxes on the Elks Club building which was purchased by the Salvation Army; these taxes being listed against this property due to a technicality and will not be taxable in the future. He stated that the County had been requested to cancel the county taxes and that while they could not cancel the taxes they had made an appropriation equal to the county taxes due on this property and that they would like to have the City do the same if possible.

Mr. Garibaldi stated that the Salvation Army does not have the money to pay these taxes due to a smaller budget this year, and after Mayor Douglas had pointed out that the City was contributing about \$2400.00 per year to the Salvation Army thru the Armory concessions, Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee to obtain an opinion from the City Attorney as to whether the City could do this. Motion carried.

THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried, the City Hall was to be closed on Thursday November 25th., Thanksgiving Day, only such City employees remaining on duty as is necessary to carry on work that cannot stop for the day.

SEWER EXTENSION BACK OF BELVEDERE AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the request of Mr. L. L. Durrence was granted for the extension of a sewer innan alley back of Belvedere Avenue, between Winter Street and Ashland Avenue. The estimated cost of this work was \$62.40 and will serve one house contemplated.

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LEASE FOR BILLBOARD TO SCHLOSS POSTER ADVERTISING CO.

On motion of Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, the Mayor was authorized to execute a lease with the Schloss Poster Advertising Company for billboard to be erected at the southeast corner of North Graham and Sixth Streets, at a yearly rental of \$25.00. This billboard in no way to obstruct the view for traffic.

FERRIC CHLORIDE.

The City Manager reported that on November 10th. the Council awarded contract to the American Cyanamid & Chemical Corp. for 20 tons of Anhydrous Ferric Chloride 98%, but that since the bids were received the Company finds that it cannot make delivery of this material in time to fulfill the City's requirements and that the City is unable to obtain it elsewhere. It was Mr. Marshall's recommendation that this contract be cancelled and a new contract awarded to the American Cyanamid & Chemical Corporation for 20 Tons of Ferric Chloride 60% at \$47.82 per ton; this alternate bid being submitted at the time of their original bid.

Thereupon, Councilman Nance, seconded by Councilman Huntley, moved that contract for the 98% Anhydrous Ferric Chloride be cancelled and new contract awarded these people for 20 tons of Ferric Chloride 60% at \$47.82, making total of \$956.40.

AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN RAILWAY FOR WATER LINE.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign an agreement with the Southern Railway for the installation of a 20-inch water line under their tracks at East Sixth Street; this being the standard form agreement.

RE-ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE, BRUNS AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, the following re-assessment ordinance, covering property of the Wesleyan Methodist Church on Bruns Avenue, was unanimously adopted on three readings and declared to be an ordinance of the City of Charlotte, by the Mayor

BRUNS AVENUE

THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO ORDAIN that the special benefits to the abutting property on Bruns Avenue on account of the paving of the street, beginning at a point, the northeast corner of the intersection of Bruns Avenue and Sumter Avenue and running thence in an easterly direction with the edge of Bruns Avenue 100 feet and being originally assessed against the Wesleyan Methodist Church is hereby subdivided and reassessed on the north side only, as follows:

New No.	Owner	Frontage	Water	Sewer	Street	Sidewalk	Total
204-06	Wesleyan Methodist Church	50'	-	-	221.30	-	\$221.30
208-10	Wesleyan Methodist Church	50'	-	-	221.30	-	221.30

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REQUEST OF MR. C. O. KUESTER TO WAIVE PRIVILEGE LICENSE DENIED.

On motion of Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried, the request of Mr. C. O. Kuester, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, that the City waive the privilege license of \$25.00 charged against a Hickory concern in connection with the Christmas lighting on Charlotte streets, was denied.

INVOICE OF J. M. SCARBOROUGH, ATTORNEY, APPROVED FOR PAYMENT.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried, the invoice of Mr. J. M. Scarborough for certain legal work, totaling \$475.00, was approved for payment.

SUIT OF MRS. T. M. MCGUIRT VS CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

The City Manager reported notice of a suit against the City of Charlotte and A. H. Guion & Company brought by Mrs. T. M. McGuirt for alleged injuries sustained from falling in a ditch on South Boulevard January 6, 1936, and that same had been referred to the City Attorney.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO BOSTICK PROPERTY.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, Chairman of the Real Estate Committee, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the following resolution relative to the C. S. Bostick property was unanimously adopted:

A RESOLUTION EFFECTING RELEASE OF A LIEN  
OF A DEED OF TRUST ON THE C. S. BOSTICK  
PROPERTY ON THE WILMOUNT ROAD OR STEEL  
CREEK ROAD.

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte is the owner of a certain note executed by C. S. Bostick which has a balance of approximately \$839.46 due, which deed of trust securing the payment of same is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County in Book 708, page 60, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the said C. S. Bostick to have certain lots or parcels of said land released upon the payment of certain specified sums.

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the City Council in regular session on November 24, 1937, that the City of Charlotte release unto C. S. Bostick, his heirs and assigns, the lot known as the Willis lot and the lot known as the Garrison lot, as shown on the map in the City Engineer's Office and filed as L-J-24, upon the payment of the sum of One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars and also accrued interest to date, which interest and principal shall be credited on said note as such, and that any other portion or lot as shown on said map is to be released for the amount of \$1.00 per front foot on the Wilmount Road, formerly Steel Creek Road, and 25¢ per front foot for lot not facing on said road; provided further that there shall be no release for any amount of said land except in units of lots as shown on said map, and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any such released unto the said C. S. Bostick, his heirs and assigns, upon the payment of the amounts hereinabove stipulated, which said sums shall be credited on the note as either principal or interest, as the same may be paid.

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PURCHASE OF STEEL WINCH FROM CHARLOTTE WAGON AND AUTO COMPANY.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried, contract was awarded to the Charlotte Wagon and Auto Co. for one steel winch for the Wrecker Unit in the Motor Transport Division, at a price of \$285.93, this being the low bid, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

Other bids received were:

Baker Equipment Engineering Co.	\$366.00
Piedmont Auto Exchange, Inc.	590.00

SPECIAL OFFICERS.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Huntley, John E. Erwine was appointed as a Special Officer on the premises of J. B. Ivey & Company, and on motion of Councilman Griswold, seconded by Councilman Nance, R. C. McKnight was appointed Special Officer on the premises of The Graham Casino, at 209 S. Graham Street.

BUDGET STATEMENT.

A copy of the Budget Statement as of October 30th. 1937 was furnished each member of the Council.

AIRPORT LEASE.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried, the lease presented at the last meeting by Mr. W. States Lee, Jr., Chairman of the Municipal Airport Commission, was approved; a letter from Mr. Lee being read by Mr. Marshall, clearing up several points regarding this lease between the Airport Commission and the Gulf Oil Company for space for storage tanks at the Airport; the Council having previously approved a lease between the Airport Commission and North American Aviation Inc. granting them this space for storage tanks and the gasoline to be used exclusively by the Gulf Oil Company for Eastern Air Lines.

UNDERPASS ON NORTH TRYON STREET.

Mr. Marshall reported in connection with his recent trip to Raleigh in connection with the Underpass on North Tryon Street, stating that he had conferred with the Seaboard and State Highway Commission and that the Highway Commission had authorized \$125,000.00 of the Grade Crossing Elimination Funds available to be allocated for this construction and that the Commission had stated that if this was not sufficient to build the underpass that the City would have to pay the difference. He stated that they had made no accurate estimate of the cost of this construction and that they had advised him that they have no funds to pay for the cost of preliminary surveys, estimates, etc. unless the proposition goes through, and had asked if the City would pay an amount not to exceed \$1000.00 to do this work provided the underpass is not built.

Mr. Marshall stated that he believed it advisable for the City to authorize an amount not to exceed \$1000.00; that the City has a balance in its Grade Crossing Elimination Funds left over from the Graham Street work which could be used to supplement the difference in the cost of the underpass and the \$125,000.00 allocated by the Highway Commission.

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Councilman Wilkinson moved that if legal, \$1000.00 be spent for engineering work in order to get estimates of this work, this money to be taken from the Contingent Fund if necessary. Motion seconded by Councilman Little and carried.

MAJOR BOWES MADE HONORARY MAYOR, CHIEF OF POLICE AND CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1937

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, Major Bowes, who is to honor Charlotte on his radio program Thursday, November 25, 1937, was made honorary Mayor, Chief of Police and Chief of the Fire Department for that day.

CEMETERY DEED.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Albea, deed for Lot No. 9 in Section "F", West Pinewood Cemetery, was approved for Everett Cunningham, at the price of \$20.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. McCord  
City Clerk