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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, November 2, 1938, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance and Sides being present.

Absent: Councilmen Griswold, Little and Wilkinson.

MINUTES NOT READ.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was dispensed with at this time due to pressure of other business.

CARNIVAL DATE FOR SPRING OPENING REQUESTED.

A representative of the Central Labor Union appeared before the Council with reference to the request made two weeks ago by the Ideal Shows for a spring opening date in Charlotte, the Central Labor Union to sponsor this carnival; and Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, moved that the date requested, which was the last week in March or the first week in April, be granted.

When the Council was informed that a new location would be used for the showing of this carnival, a discussion arose as to whether protests from the nearby residents would follow; Mr. Breese, the Ideal Shows representative informed the Council that this site had been investigated and he felt sure no protests would be made, it being in the vicinity of the old show grounds and not closely populated around it.

A discussion was also had relative to the amount the sponsors' would derive, Councilman Sides advising that he had been informed that the amounts received in the past would not equal the amount of the license which the City grants without cost, but the Central Labor Union representative stated that they had been guaranteed that the sponsors' share would be somewhat greater than the license.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Nance, further discussion regarding this matter was delayed until after the Council received the report from the Housing Committee on Low-Cost Housing Project for Charlotte. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOW-COST HOUSING FOR CHARLOTTE.

Mr. John Shaw, Chairman of the Special Citizens Committee appointed by the Mayor to investigate whether or not Charlotte needs low-cost housing, presented a detailed report of his committee, in which they stated that it was found that Charlotte needs low-cost housing but that the committee was not unanimous as to the best method to be used with which to attempt to remedy the situation.

Mr. Shaw also presented a petition requesting the establishing of a housing authority in the City of Charlotte, signed by approximately 25 citizens.

Mrs. C. T. Wanzer, a member of the Special Citizens Committee, spoke on the need of better housing and invited the Council to personally inspect some of the dwellings in Charlotte with reference to sanitation, crime breeding, etc., after which Mayor Douglas expressed the appreciation of the Council for the work done by this Committee.

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Mr. T. S. Johnson, of the State Planning Board, was then introduced and spoke at length regarding low-cost housing in the State of North Carolina, the difficulties which had been run into by his Board, and offered the aid of the State Planning Board should Charlotte desire a Low-Cost Housing Project. He explained what the survey would mean to Charlotte and also stated that certain conditions will have to be met in order to secure Government aid, which request would have to come from the City Council. He stated that the City would be required to furnish quarters for 40 workers to make this survey, in addition to certain equipment and printing of forms, the personnel of which would be drawn entirely from W.P.A. rolls in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Mr. Johnson answered many questions of the Council regarding certain features of the survey and project.

The Mayor then stated that according to the report of the Committee there is need for low-cost housing in Charlotte and that the survey would have to be made before aid could be received from the Government, and that a petition had been filed with the Council asking for a public hearing to be set and a possible housing authority appointed. Whereupon, Councilman Albea moved that the City Council authorize this survey to be made, which motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter and carried, with Councilman Durham voting "No".

It was then suggested by the Mayor that investigation be made by the City Manager as to suitable quarters for the survey workers and this location submitted to the Council.

COUNCIL INVITED TO LUNCHEON AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL WEEK

Miss Elsie Mosely, a representative from Central High School, extended to the Mayor and Council an invitation to be the guests of the School at a luncheon to be held on Thursday, November 10th., in connection with the observance of American Educational Week.

CARNIVAL MATTER AGAIN DISCUSSED.

The Council again took up the discussion relative to the carnival matter. Mr. Cracraft of the Strait Shows explaining that his Shows had given up their dates to show in Charlotte this Fall at the request of fifty-seven percent of the merchants, and he asked that the Council grant the week of March 27th. 1939 to the Ideal Exposition Shows instead of the first week in April since his Shows are to open in Charlotte later on in April. However, the Mayor called for a vote on the motion of Councilman Albea before the house and this motion was carried, which granted to the Ideal Shows either the last week in March or the 1st week in April. The President of the Ideal Shows expressed his thanks to the Council for their action, stating that his shows are wintering in Charlotte and it was very gratifying to know that they are welcome.

INVOICE OF MR. J. M. SCARBOROUGH FOR LEGAL SERVICES.

A letter from the City Attorney was presented, which asked for approval of an invoice of Mr. J. M. Scarborough, in the sum of \$302.00 for legal services rendered in connection with examination of certain titles and preparation and trial of the case of Plant Food Company vs. City of Charlotte, and on motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried, this invoice was approved for payment.

RE-ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE - WEST FOURTH STREET.

On motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the following re-assessment ordinance for property on West Fourth Street, was unanimously adopted on three readings:

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO ORDAIN that the special benefits to the abutting property on West Fourth Street on account of the paving of the street and walks, beginning at a point, the southeast corner of the intersection of Sumter Street and West Fourth Street, and running thence in an easterly direction 100 feet toward Tuckaseegee Road, and being originall assessed 50 feet against T. W. Aldred and 50 feet against G. C. Wingate and G. Aldred, is hereby subdivided and reassessed on the south side only as follows:

NEW NO.	OWNER	FRONTAGE	WATER	SEWER	STREET	WALK	TOTAL
1725-27	T.W. Aldred & Mrs.G.R.Aldred	43	-	16.17	191.90	31.92	\$239.99
1729-31	Geo. E. James & Mrs. L.G. James	57	15.73	16.17	254.38	42.32	328.60

CONTRACT FOR TWO AUTOMATIC CHECK VALVES.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Hudson, contract for furnishing One 6" and One 8" Automatic Check Valves for use by the Water Department, was awarded to the low bidder, Globe Automatic Sprinkler Company, at the price of \$395.50, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

Bids received were as follows:

Globe Automatic Sprinkler Company	\$395.50
Grinnell Company	404.50

CONTRACT AWARDED J. B. HUNT & SONS, INC. FOR CAR OF AE-1 PENETRATION ASPHALT.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with J. B. Hunt & Sons, Inc., for one car of AE-1 Penetration Asphalt, at a price of \$605.60.

Bids received on this material were as follows:

J. B. Hunt & Sons, Inc.	\$605.60
Shell Union Oil Corp.	608.00
American Bitumuls Company	608.00
Emulsified Asphalt Refining Co.	608.00

EXTENSION OF TIME ON WATER PLANT GRANTED.

The City Manager report that the Southeastern Construction Company, Contractor for the Water Purification Plant, had made application for a 60-day extension of time for the completion of their contract, the time having expired November 1st., stating in their request that delay was occasioned by bad weather and re-designing of the Control Building's foundation. Mr. Marshall stated that the new part of the plant is practically completed but some work was yet to be done in the old plant, and he recommended this extension of time. Whereupon, Councilman Baxter moved that this extension of 60-days be granted, which was seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried.

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COPY OF BUDGET STATEMENT FURNISHED FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPT. 30, 1938.

A copy of the Budget Statement for the period ending September 30, 1938, was furnished each Councilman, and a copy of the Annual Audit Report of G. G. Scott and Company, Auditors, was placed in the hands of the Finance Committee.

A copy of the 1937-38 Year Book was also distributed to each member of the Council, with extra copies to be furnished upon request.

NOVEMBER 11th. TO BE OBSERVED AS HOLIDAY BY CITY EMPLOYEES.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley, November 11th., Armistice Day will be observed as a holiday by all City employees who can conveniently be away from their duties.

BILL OF WALTER W. HOOK, ARCHITECT ON CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Baxter, invoice of C. C. and Walter W. Hook, Architects for the Charlotte Memorial Hospital, covering 66% of the amount of contracts let, on Boiler and Laundry House; amounting to \$1,004.36, was approved for payment.

The amount of contracts let to date covering Boiler and Laundry House, Plumbing, and Boilers and Boiler Foundations, total \$40,580.00.

ENCROACHMENTS ON CORNER OF TRADE AND TRYON STREETS.

Mr. Marshall report in connection with the encroachments on City property at the corner of Trade and Tryon Streets, advising that he had notified the owners of the building to have these removed, and that he had received a letter from R. A. Childs, joint owner of the building, asking ~~that~~ the matter be allowed to stand for 60 to 90 days, until he can come to Charlotte. Mr. Marshall stated that he had written him that the City's would be unable to grant such an extension for an indefinite time but that if he would submit a proposition that the encroachments would be removed at a certain time he would submit it to the Council for consideration, but that he had not yet heard from this letter. He also stated that Mr. John Small, attorney for the newsstand had made a similar request so that the matter could be worked out when Mr. Childs comes to Charlotte and that in his opinion the Duke Power Company would remove their booth at any time. Mr. Marshall stated he felt that thirty days would be ample time for handling, and after discussion, Councilman Sides made a motion that all parties be given until December 1st., which was seconded by Councilman Huntley and carried.

QUESTION OF WHETHER TAXES CAN BE SPENT FOR AIRPORT.

Mr. Marshall advised that about \$125,000 in taxes are collected annually from privilege licenses, inspection fees, etc. and that there was some question in the mind of the City Attorney as to whether these apply to Article 7, Section 70 of Statutes. He stated there were ample funds to take care of the additional Airport needs and if the Council desires a test case could be carried to the Supreme Court to determine if it comes within the scope of the above Article 7, Section 70.

Councilman Sides suggested that the matter be carried over for one more week, and no action was taken at this time.

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PARKING AT STADIUM.

Councilman Baxter asked if the Charlotte Park & Recreation Commission was allowed to charge for parking space in Independence Park during football ^{games} at the Stadium and was advised by the City Manager that they were. Mr. Baxter stated he had been approached by out-of-town visitors who felt that free parking should be provided on City grounds.

PAVING AT ELMWOOD CEMETERY.

Councilman Sides inquired as to the W.P.A. project for paving roadways in Elmwood Cemetery. Mr. Marshall advised that he had received so many requests for laying dust on streets and fixing up the unpaved streets that needed work that they had been forced to let Elmwood go for the present but that there was a W.P.A. project to take care of it.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

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

Mrs. Ida M. Hook, Lot No. 17, Section "B.B." Elmwood Cemetery	\$126.00
Paul M. Plyler, Northern Part of Lot No. 25 Sec. "B.B."	59.50
C. C. Bates, North Half of Lot No. 18, Sec. "B.B."	63.00
Mrs. Bernice Jones, Lot No. 14, Section "Y"	63.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Boate, Lot No. 62, Section "Y"	63.00
R. L. Douglass, South Half Lot No. 7, Section "E", West Pinewood	40.50

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk