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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, October 5, 1938, with Mayor Pro Tem Albea presiding and Councilmen Baxter, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Mayor Douglas, Councilmen Durham and Little.

READING OF MINUTES POSTPONED.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the reading of the minutes was postponed at this time.

PLAZA PAVING CONTROVERSY.

A delegation of residents from the Plaza section were again present with regard to the type of paving to be placed on the Plaza, and the Mayor Pro Tem called for a report from the special committee appointed to go into the matter, Councilman Baxter acting as Chairman of this committee.

Councilman Baxter reported that the committee had met with the City Manager and City Treasurer and had gone carefully into the matter of trying to find funds for the additional cost of better paving. He stated that there is a balance in the Street Maintenance Fund of \$4837.02 which could be used for this work, but that if this was done there would be no further work done on other streets and the City would have to stop oiling, etc. He also stated that the City had set up \$15,000.00 as an Emergency Appropriation Fund, and that there was a balance of about \$9300.00 not pledged or expended in this Fund, and stated that he had a letter from the City Attorney in which he advised that this money could be used for this street project.

Councilman Wilkinson raised the question as to whether this work could be classed as an emergency, and City Attorney Boyd stated that was a matter for the Council to determine; whether in their discretion as a governmental body they thought the work ought to be done. He stated that if needed he was of the opinion that the Council had the right to take the money from the Emergency Fund.

After the above discussion, Councilman Nance made a motion that the \$4837.02 in the Street Maintenance Fund be used for surfacing the Plaza the same as Queens Road is surfaced, and that this be supplemented from the Emergency Appropriation Fund to complete the work.

Mr. Cole, a resident of the Plaza section, asked to speak a few words before going further in the voting on the above motion, and stated that he thought it would be good business for the City to put down the better type of paving in order that it would last under the heavy traffic on that street. He added that if they cannot get a good type of paving at this time that it would be better for the City to spend the money elsewhere in the City and let the Plaza wait until the money was available for the better paving. Mr. Roberts also stated that the traffic on this street for the next six months would be very heavy due to the traffic being re-routed from the Concord road and that he was of the opinion that if surfaced as contemplated that it would not last sixty days.

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Mr. U.S. Goode stated that the State Highway Commission had used a similiar treatment as that proposed and that it would not wear over eighteen months, and that he felt that this would be the same way.

The Mayor Pro Tem called for a second to Councilman Nance's motion but no second was received and the Council proceeded with other business.

CITY COUNCIL TO APPROPRIATE \$7.50 PER MONTH FOR N.Y.A. SEWING ROOM PROJECT.

Mrs. Atkins, a representative of the National Youth Administration, laid before the Council the work being done by the N.Y.A. for girls and boys in Mecklenburg County, and made an appeal for an appropriation of \$7.50 per month to be applied on the rent of a building to be used as a sewing room for this organization, stating that the County Commissioners had appropriated a like sum, provided the City joined in.

Whereupon, Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Baxter, moved that the sum of \$7.50 per <sup>month be</sup> granted for this work until the next budget year, the money to come from the Emergency Fund. Motion unanimously carried.

PLANS FOR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BUILDINGS APPROVED.

Mr. Marshall advised that the Building Committee of the Charlotte Memorial Hospital met with the Architect on October 3rd. and reviewed the plans and specifications prepared for the Power House, Boiler Room and Laundry, and that Mr. T. E. Hemby had moved that the plans as presented be approved and were asking that the City Council approve them and forward to the Atlanta office of the Public Works Administration at the earliest possible moment for approval.

Councilman Baxter moved that the plans and specifications for the Power House, Boiler Room and Laundry be approved as requested. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION FIXING MINIMUM WAGE RATES.

After approval of the above plans and specifications the following Resolution, fixing the minimum wage rates for work on the new Memorial Hospital was presented and on motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Baxter was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION FIXING  
MINIMUM WAGE RATES.

WHEREAS, a thorough investigation has been made of the hourly wage rates which are being paid in the vicinity of Charlotte, N. C., which is the locality in which the project (herein referred to as "Project") is to be constructed by the City of Charlotte, to employees in each trade or occupation engaged in work of a nature similar to the work to be performed in the construction of said Project, and the prevailing hourly wage rates being paid in such locality to such employees for such work have been determined by canvass of Contractors in this vicinity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, that the following rates for the respective trades or occupations listed below shall be and are hereby fixed as the minimum hourly wage rates and have been determined in accordance with rates prevailing for work of a similar nature in the locality in which the project is to be constructed:

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BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>RATE</u>
ASBESTOS WORKERS	\$1.00
BRICKLAYERS	1.10
BRICKLAYERS TENDERS	.60
CARPENTERS	.875
CEMENT FINISHERS	1.00
ELECTRICAL WORKERS	1.00
ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS	1.125
GLAZIERS	.80
<del>HOB CARRIERS</del> A. B. M. S.	.50
HOLSTING ENGINEER (1 DRUM)	1.05
" " (2 " )	1.25
IRON WORKERS - ORNAMENTAL	1.25
" STRUCTURAL	1.25
" RODMEN	1.00
LATHERS-WOOD - COMPOSITION	.75
LATHERS-METAL	1.00
MARBLE SETTERS	1.25
MOSAIC AND TERRAZZO WORKERS	1.25
MARBLE HELPERS	.60
TERRAZZO HELPERS	.60
TILE SETTERS	1.25
" " HELPERS	.60
MORTAR TENDERS	.60
MORTAR MIXERS	.60
PAINTERS - PAPER HANGERS & DECORATORS	.75
PLASTERERS	1.00
" - TENDERS	.60
PLUMBERS	1.25
ROOFERS- SLATE AND TILE	1.00
" COMPOSITION	.80
KETTLEMEN	.50
SHEET METAL WORKERS	1.00
SHOVEL - CRANE- PILE DRVR- CLAMSHELL OPR.	1.25
STEAM FITTERS	1.25
" " HELPERS	.60
STONE CUTTERS	1.10
STONE MASONS	1.10
WATERPROOFERS	.80
WLDERS -ARC AND ACETYLENE	1.25
" BURNERS - CUTTERS	1.25
TEAMSTERS	.30
TRUCK DRIVERS	.40
LABORERS - COMMON	.30
" - BUILDING	.30
<del>APPRENTICES (CARPENTER)</del> A. B. M. S.	.55

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing list of trades or occupations includes to the best of our knowledge, all the classifications of employees who will be engaged in work on said Project other than executive, supervisory, administrative, clerical or other non-manual workers as such.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be transmitted with this resolution the substantiating data upon which the foregoing determination is based.

CONTRACT WITH DR. WM. H. WALSH.

Mr. Marshall presented contract with Dr. Wm. H. Walsh, of Chicago, Consultant of the Charlotte Hospital, which had previously been reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Hospital Association and found acceptable. It was also presented to the Public Works Administration in Atlanta and their approval given.

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The City Council was being asked to give it s approval and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute same. A discussion arose as to what would happen in event the hospital should not benbuilt; under the terms of this contract the City would be bound to pay Dr. Walsh's fee regardless. The City Attorney stated that shouldntthe hospital project not go through the City would not have the money to pay with. Councilmen Hudson, Sides and others suggested that this contract should contain the same clause to protect the City in event the Public Works Administration should withdraw its grant as is contained in the contract with the Architects.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the same clause as that contained in the Hook contract be inserted, providing that in event the project is withdrawn the City would not be bound to pay Dr. Walsh's fee.

After further discussion, Councilman Sides moved that the entire contract be re-drawn and the same provision inserted as is contained in the Hook contract, namely:

"This Agreement is conditioned upon Public Works Administration grant from the Government".

Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

#### CONTRACT FOR PORTLAND CEMENT.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Sides, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign contract with the Doggett Lumber Company for 1450 Barrels of Portland Cement, for paving project at Latta Park, at the price of \$2.42 per barrel.

Bids received on this material were as follows:

Doggett Lumber Company	\$3,564.00
Tucker-Kirby Company	3,436.50
Cathey Lumber Company	3,436.50
J. L. Wiggins & Son Lbr. Co.	3,436.50

#### CONTRACT FOR MOTOR LICENSE PLATES AND MOTORCYCLE PLATES.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Sides, contract for 17,500 Motor License Plates and 250 Motorcycle License Plates, was awarded to the low bidder, the J.F.W. Dorman Company, at the price of \$621.25 and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign same.

Bids received were as follows:

The J.F.W. Dorman Company	\$ 621.25
Geo. J. Mayer Company	665.63

#### PURCHASE OF ASPHALT.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, contract was awarded to Emulsified Asphalt Refining Company for one car of Emulsified Asphalt, at the price of \$608.00, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract. This award was made on the basis of alternating when bids are the same.

Other bids were as follows:

American Bitumuls Company	\$ 608.00
Shell Union Oil Corp.	608.00
J. B. Hunt & Sons, Inc.	616.00

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NOTICE OF SUIT OF EUGENIA NORRIS.

The City Manager read a letter received from Mr. Uhlman S. Alexander serving notice of his intention to bring suit against the City on behalf of Eugenia Norris, who alleges she stepped in a hole at South College Street and Templeton Avenue. Amount of the suit is \$3,000.00.

SEWER EXTENSION - GOLD STREET.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, approval was given on the request of Cathey Lumber Company for the extension of a sewer on Gold Street, from Winnifred Street, 111 feet towards South Church Street, to serve one house and estimated to cost \$117.00.

GEO. W. PATTERSON, CHAIRMAN CIVIL SERVICE, AUTHORIZED TO ATTEND CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Hovis and carried, the sum of \$150.00 was approved to pay the expenses of Mr. Geo. W. Patterson, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, to the National Convention of Civil Service Commissioners, in Washington, D.C. the week of October 17th.

CONTRACT FOR PRINTING YEARBOOK.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Griswold, contract for printing 2,000 copies of the 1937-38 Yearbook was awarded to the low bidder, Standard Printing Company, at the price of \$230.00, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign same.

All bids received were as follows:

Standard Printing Company	\$230.00
The Observer Printing House	245.45
The Lassiter Press, Inc.	260.00
News Publishing House	288.45
Pound and Moore Company	299.00
Huneycutt Printing Company	305.00
The Herald Press	300.00
Southern Printing Company	310.10
Washburn Printing Company	320.00

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RELEASE FOR DAMAGE TO A TREE- WARREN V. HALL & WIFE.

The City Manager presented the following Resolution relative to a tree which was killed by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company on the parking strip in front of the home of Warren V. Hall and wife, due to excavations for conduits, the City being asked to sign the release due to the fact that the tree was on City ground.

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

That the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to join in the execution of a release with Warren V. Hall and wife, Thomasine B. Hall, to the Harrison-Wright Company, a corporation of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, in which release the said Corporation agrees to pay the said Warren V. Hall and wife the sum of Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars in full as damages for the killing of a tree on one of the streets in the City of Charlotte in front of the property of the said Warren V. Hall and wife, as

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the result of certain excavation done by the said Harrison-Wright Company in laying certain conduits for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company on the sidewalk contiguous to the said road.

Councilman Hovis moved that the City sign this release, which was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and after discussion, the motion was carried, with Councilman Sides recorded as not voting.

CEMETERY DEED.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Sides the following cemetery deed was approved:

Harold McKnight, Lot No. 21, Section "E", West Pinewood Cemetery \$20.00

COUNCIL INVITED TO LUNCHEON FOR CAPT. EDDIE RICKENBACKER.

The Mayor Pro Tem announced that Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker would speak at the Chamber of Commerce at 1 o'clock P. M., Monday, October 10th. in the interest of the Municipal Airport; and invited the Council to attend this luncheon.

TELEGRAM TO BE SENT TO V.M.I. AND CLEMSON STUDENT BODIES INVITING THEM TO THE FOOTBALL GAME OCTOBER 8TH.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Sides, the Mayor Pro Tem was authorized to send telegrams to the President of the Student Body of Clemson College and Virginia Military Institute, inviting them to attend the football game between those schools, to be held in Charlotte on October 8th.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

*Alice B. McCornell*  
City Clerk