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The City Council met in regular weekly session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11:00 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, April 5th. 1939, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Sides and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilmen Albea, Hudson, Huntley, Little and Nance.

PURCHASE OF CAST IRON CONTAINERS.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Griswold and unanimously carried, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Jones Iron Works, Inc., of Rock Hill, S. C., for 44 Galvanized Cast Iron Double Diffuser Plate Containers, at a total delivered price of \$1,274.00. The only other bid received on this equipment was from the Queen City Foundry Company, at a price of \$1,479.73.

MAITER OF CONTRACT ON ELECTRIC LIGHT BULBS REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Marshall presented a letter received from the Smith-Wadsworth Hardware Company with regard to the contract awarded them for electric light bulbs at the last meeting, in which they requested permission to withdraw their bid because of an error in allowing discount.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Sides, this request was referred to a special committee; which committee was thereupon appointed by the Mayor as follows: Councilmen Wilkinson, Sides and Durham.

SEWER LINE ON WESTMORELAND AVENUE.

The City Manager stated that the Council, on March 15th., had approved a contract-agreement with Mr. D. L. Phillips for the construction of a sewer line on Westmoreland Avenue, with the understanding that Mr. Phillips would put up a certified check for \$1,666.00, the estimated cost of building the sewer, with the City agreeing to construct said sewer, but that since this contract had been made, he felt that the City should not have agreed to construct the sewer at the stipulated price, due to the fact that the cost of construction might run higher than that amount and that the City was not in the contracting business, and that he had accordingly requested Mr. Phillips to contract for this work himself with private contractors, the City's inspectors to see that the work was properly done, and that in accordance with this request, Mr. Phillips had gotten estimates on this work and had written a letter asking the Council to rescind its action with reference to the construction of the sewer and to return his certified check in the amount of \$1666.00; the remainder of the contract to remain in force.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Griswold, this request was complied with.

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CITY TO ASSIST IN JAPANESE BEETLE PREVENTION.

Mr. Marshall reported receipt of a letter from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture at Raleigh, in regard to the City of Charlotte furnishing certain equipment to assist that Department in their program to surpress the Japanese Beetle. Mr. Marshall stated that the western part of the City was found to have some of these beetles and that the list of items which the Department would like to have the City supply is as follows:

1. Water for the spray truck
2. Storage space for the spray truck
3. Storage for 6000 pounds of Arsenate of Lead
4. A City truck and labor to be used to unload the Arsenate of Lead from the freight depot and to haul it to the storage space.
5. Five lengths of fire hose, a wrench, and an adapter to connect the hose to the fire hydrant
6. Approximately 100 gallons of gasoline and 3 gallons of oil to operate the Government truck while it is being used in Charlotte.

Mr. Marshall explained that this would only represent an approximate expenditure of \$25.00 or \$30.00 for the gasoline and oil, since all the other items are available.

Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Sides, moved that the request be granted and that the funds be taken from the Emergency Fund. Motion unanimously carried.

EASTER MONDAY GRANTED AS A HOLIDAY.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Durham, Easter Monday, is to be granted as a holiday for all City employees who can be away from their work.

READING OF MINUTES.

On motion of Councilman Griswold, seconded by Councilman Durham, the minutes of the meeting of March 29th. were approved as read.

STREET ASSESSMENT ON CORNER OF CEDAR AND HILL STREET.

Councilman Durham, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported with reference to the matter of taxes and street assessments against the property of the Laura Webb Estate, Mr. H. L. Taylor, Executor, that the Committee had investigated this matter and found that the lot in question on the South side of Cedar and Hill Streets was worth about \$1000.00; that \$761.04 had already been paid on the street assessments, and that \$761.72 is still outstanding against the property. It was the recommendation of the Committee that the City settle the assessments against this property for the difference in the amount already paid and the value of the lot, which would be \$238.96, and he moved that this settlement be made, which motion was seconded by Councilman Griswold and unanimously carried.

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CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the following cemetery deeds were approved:

J. R. Hall, Lot No. 43-B, "D Annex", Elmwood Cemetery	\$112.00
Mrs. J. R. Austin, S.W.Part No. 23-B, "D Annex"	41.65
Lee A. Gable, N. 1/2 Lot No. 54, "X"	62.65
Perpetual Care " "	54.85
Eli Hadgi, Lot No. 15, "Y"	63.00
George Antonio, Lot 29, Section "Y"	63.00
Mrs. Ethel Finger Reid, Lot No.55, Section "Y"	63.00
H. B. Patterson, and wife, Onnie Patterson, Lot No. 59, "Y"	63.00
S. C. Williams, Lot No. 94, "Y"	35.00
Robert and Roy Todd, Lot No. 95, "Y"	35.00
Mrs. Rosa Schulman, Lot No. 118, Section "Y"	35.00
R. B. Fisher, Lots Nos. 73, 74 and 75, Section "Z"	105.00
Mary E. Blackwell, East Half No. 1, Section "E"	39.63

MAYOR DOUGLAS' TRIP TO MEXICO.

Councilman Sides stated that he wished to bid Mayor Douglas Godspeed on the trip he is to take to Texas, Mexico, and return via New York, and that he trusted that the Mayor would lose no time or opportunity to advertise the City of Charlotte while on this trip, for which Mayor Douglas expressed his grateful appreciation.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Griswold, the meeting adjourned.

Alice B. McConnell
City Clerk