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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, January 4, 1939, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilmen Little and Sides.

READING OF MINUTES DEFERRED UNTIL CLOSE OF THIS MEETING.

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the reading of the minutes of the two previous meetings was deferred until the close of this meeting.

ARMORY-AUDITORIUM GIVEN WITHOUT COST FOR PRESIDENT'S BALL.

Mr. William Winter appeared and requested use of the Armory-Auditorium on January 30th. without charge, for the President's Ball. On checking, it was found that the Armory was engaged for January 30th. and Mr. Winter agreed to accept January 31st. if it would not be possible to exchange dates.

Thereupon, Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Durham, moved that the Armory-Auditorium be granted without cost for the President's Ball on the night of January 31st. if it could not be secured for January 30th.

GLENWOOD SECTION REQUESTED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON THEIR RECREATIONAL CENTER

A delegation from the Glenwood Section appeared before the Council requesting assistance in the financing of their Recreational Center on the site of the Old Alexander Home. The spokesman for this Club stated that they went in debt to purchase this property and preserve this old historical home and had built an additional building but that the revenue from this recreational center was not sufficient to take care of the indebtedness and that they have an outstanding bill of \$400.00 on their property. They stated that if they could secure financial assistance in the sum of \$500.00 they could pay off the debt on the small house and the revenue from the big house would carry itself, and asked that inasmuch as this property adjoins City school property and served as a recreational center for that section if the City Council could assist them to this extent.

Mayor Douglas advised that it would be impossible for the City to do anything in connection with this by reason of the law and explained to them just why the City could not aid them at this time. He did state however, that he would be glad to go into the matter and see what could be done and Councilman Baxter offered to assist in getting aid for them through the F.H.A.

HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION'S REQUEST FOR \$1500. FOR EXPENSES.

Mr. L. R. McEliece, a member of the Housing Authority Commission, appeared before the Council and presented the following Resolution:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of December 1938, the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, by resolution declared the need for a Housing Authority in and for said City, and

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of December 1938, the Mayor of said City of Charlotte, pursuant to the authority vested in him, appointed the members of said Housing Authority of the City of Charlotte, and designated Edwin L. Jones as the first Chairman of the said Authority; and

WHEREAS, the members of said Authority convened on the 30th day of December, 1938, for the purpose of organizing said Authority, and said Authority is now authorized to transact business and exercise its powers in said City; and

WHEREAS, the Authority of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, is authorized by the Housing Authorities Law of North Carolina to arrange with the City of Charlotte for the furnishing of certain property and/or services to said Authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. That the Chairman be and he hereby is authorized to request the Mayor and City Council of the City of Charlotte to adopt such measures as may be necessary and proper, pursuant to Chapter 408, Public Laws of North Carolina, 1935, to furnish to the Housing Authority the following property, funds and/or services:

FIRST, provide the Authority with a comprehensive survey of housing conditions in the City of Charlotte, which survey is absolutely necessary upon which we will base an application for a grant from the Federal Government and SECOND, provide \$1500.00 for incidental and necessary expenses of the Housing Authority of the City of Charlotte.

Section 2. That the Secretary pro tem make available certified copies of this resolution to be distributed to the members of the Council and the Mayor of the City of Charlotte.

Commissioner L. R. McEliece moved that the Resolution be finally adopted as introduced and read. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Frank Dowd, Jr.; the question being put upon the final adoption of said motion, the roll was called with the following result:

Ayes: J. A. Stokes, Earle Gluck, Frank Dowd, Jr., L. R. McEliece

Nays: None

The Chairman declared said motion carried and the resolution finally adopted.

The Chairman was then authorized to petition the United States Housing Authority for an earmarking of at least Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) to be set aside by the United States Housing Authority for the Charlotte Project.

Upon motion duly carried, the meeting adjourned.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE

(Signed) Edwin L. Jones, Chairman.

Thereupon, Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Griswold, moved that the above request be granted and that the money requested be taken from the Emergency Appropriation Fund.

The City Manager explained that this request would amount to

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\$2500.00 since the cost of the survey had been estimated at approximately \$1000.00.

A discussion followed as to whether this money should be spent before it was definitely known that the Government grant would be available, after which a vote was taken on the motion, as follows:

Ayes: Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley and Nance.

Nays: Councilmen Durham and Wilkinson.

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mr. Boyd, City Attorney, stated that if a grant from the Government is secured the above money would be figured in the cost of the project and would come back to the City.

The City Manager requested that he be informed as to whether he was expected to have the survey made or whether it would be made by the Housing Commission. The Mayor explained that the survey would be made by the Housing Authority and that the City would pay for same.

ELECTION OF TWO DIRECTORS FOR THE CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Mayor announced that the election of two Directors for the Charlotte Memorial Hospital Association, Inc. was now in order; the present members elected by the City Council being Councilman Hovis and City Attorney B. M. Boyd.

Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that these two members be re-elected.

Councilman Griswold then nominated Councilman Wilkinson, which was seconded by Councilman Durham.

Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, placed the name of Councilman Durham in nomination, and the nominations were closed, with balloting to be secret.

After several ballots had been cast, Councilman Hovis was declared elected, with Councilman Wilkinson and Mr. Boyd tying.

Councilman Durham, seconded by Councilman Baxter, again nominated Councilman Wilkinson, and on voting Mr. Wilkinson was unanimously elected, and the Mayor declared Councilmen Hovis and Wilkinson elected to serve as two Directors on the Board of the Charlotte Memorial Hospital Association, Inc.

RE-ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE - SOUTH MINT STREET EXTENSION

On motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the following re-assessment ordinance for property of Mrs. Estelle Fowler, on South Mint 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 SOUTH MINT STREET EXTENSION, on account of the paving of the roadway and sidewalks, beginning at a point in the center of a 10-foot alley, which point is 156.38 feet as measured from the northwest intersection corner of South Mint Street Extension and West Park Avenue and running thence in a northerly direction, a distance of 130 feet and being originally assessed

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against Mrs. Estelle S. Fowler, is hereby re-subdivided and reassessed on the West Side only as follows:

NEW NUMBER	OWNER	FRONTAGE	WATER	SEWER	STREET	SIDEWALK	TOTAL
1548-50-52	Mrs. Estelle S. Fowler	75	-	-	466.50	69.75	\$536.25
(1554-56	Mrs. Estelle S. Fowler	50	-	-	311.00	46.50	357.50)
(1/2 Alley	Mrs. Estelle S. Fowler	5	-	-	31.10	4.65	35.75)

AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN RAILWAY, WATER MAIN UNDER TRACKS AT DOWD ROAD.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign an agreement with the Southern Railway for right-of-way for placing a water main under their tracks on the Dowd Road; this agreement being the standard form agreement and approved by the City Attorney.

W.P.A. WAREHOUSE RENTAL.

The City Manager presented a letter received from Mr. James S. Crosland, Warehouse Superintendent for the W.P.A., requesting additional contribution from the City for rental on the W.P.A. warehouse, asking for \$35.00 per month instead of the \$10.00 per month which the City has been paying.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Durham, this request was denied; it being the opinion of the Council that the rental was too high.

REPORT OF DUKE POWER COMPANY ON REQUESTS FOR BUS SERVICE EXTENSION ON SOUTH BOULEVARD AND THE WILMORE SECTION.

Mr. Marshall presented two reports from the Duke Power Company relative to petitions for extension of the bus system in the Wilmore Section and on South Boulevard, which had been received by the Council and referred to the Duke Power Company. These reports were read by the City Manager and stated that it would not be feasible at this time to consider the extension of bus service as requested in these petitions, and on motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Albea, these reports were received as information.

RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION ADOPTED DECEMBER 14TH FIXING ADDITIONAL WAGE RATES FOR CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND ADOPTING NEW RESOLUTION.

The City Manager reported that the Public Works Administration in Atlanta had returned the resolution adopted by the Council on December 14, 1938, relative to additional minimum wage rates for the Charlotte Memorial Hospital, with the statement that these rates were covered by other classifications with the exception of the "Mixer Operator", which rate should be 60 cents per hour, and that, therefore, it would be necessary for the Council to rescind the resolution of December 14th and adopt a new resolution.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the resolution adopted on December 14th. was rescinded.

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On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the following resolution was then adopted:

RESOLUTION
FIXING (2nd) ADDITIONAL MINIMUM WAGE
RATE FOR THE CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

WHEREAS, a thorough investigation has been made of the hourly wage rates, which are being paid in the vicinity of Charlotte, North Carolina, 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 by 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 hereby are 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.

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>RATE</u>
Mixer, Operator	\$.60 ⁰ / ₁₀₀

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing listed trade or occupation includes to the best of our knowledge all the classifications of employees who will be engaged in work on said Project, not described in the original resolution adopted September 5, 1938 and the (1st) additional resolution adopted November 23, 1938- all other than executive, supervisory, administrative, clerical and other non-manual workers.

SEWER EXTENSION ON TIPPAN AVENUE.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the request of Mr. Wesley T. Heath for the extension of a sewer on Tippih Avenue, from the end of the present sanitary sewer, which is 185 ft. north of Belvedere Avenue, to serve two houses, was granted. The estimated cost of this work is \$199.00.

CONTRACT FOR 100- 5/8" WATER METERS AWARDED TO HERSEY MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

The following bids having been received on 100- 5/8" water meters:

Hersey Manufacturing Company	\$900.00
Neptune Meter Company	900.00
Pittsburgh Equitable Meter Co.	900.00

and upholding the policy of alternating awards where price and quality are the same, Councilman Hudson moved that the contract for the above 100 5/8" meters be awarded to the Hersey Manufacturing Company, at the total delivered price of \$900.00, and that the Mayor and Clerk sign the contract. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and carried.

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EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED SOUTHEASTERN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ON FILTER PLANT EXTENSION.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the request of the Southeastern Construction Company for a 30-day extension on their contract for the construction of the Filter Plant Extension, was granted.

APPLICATION FOR FREE WATER SERVICE FOR W.P.A. TRAINING CENTER.

The City Manager reported receipt of an application from Mrs. Neikirk for free water service at 1301 East 10th Street for a W.P.A. Training Center.

Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Durham, then made a substitute motion that the proper amount of money be set aside from the Emergency Fund pending report from the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

LICENSES ON NINE HOTELS OF MRS. M. K. BLUME REVOKED.

Councilman Baxter stated that in cooperation with the Police Committee an investigation had been made by the Police Department of certain hotels uptown operated by Mrs. M. K. Blume, and called on the City Manager to give a report regarding this investigation.

Mr. Marshall stated that in applying for licenses to operate these hotels misrepresentation was made as to the number of rooms in each hotel, and read a report showing the number of rooms each hotel actually contained as compared to the number shown on the applications for licenses. He also stated that the State Board of Health had made an investigation of these hotels and that several had been found to have a rating of less than 70, and that they had this date been indicted and the cases were now pending.

Mr. Marshall then read the following letter from the Chief of Police:

"I am submitting herewith a written report from Mrs. Stella Patterson, Policewoman, on the following hotels, Roosevelt, Ritz, Albert, Franklin, Frances, Astoria, Southern, Jefferson, Piedmont and Windsor, which are operated by Mrs. M. K. Blume. Due to the numerous complaints we have had in the past and Mrs. Blume obtaining license under false pretense by giving the wrong number of rooms in each hotel, I am asking that the above licenses be revoked at the next meeting of the City Council.

(Signed) E. D. Pittman
Chief of Police "

The letter of Mrs. Stella Patterson, Policewoman, above referred to, reads as follows:

"As a result of my recent investigation of the hotels operated by Mrs. M. K. Blume, namely the Roosevelt, Ritz, Albert, Franklin, Frances, Astoria, Southern, Jefferson, Piedmont and Windsor, I find that when applying for license to operate these hotels that Mrs. Blume made false statement regarding the number of rooms in each hotel with the exception of the Frances Hotel. In other words, the number of rooms given on the license were less than the actual number of rooms in the hotels.

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I also requested Mr. McIntire, City Food and Health Inspector, to inspect these hotels as to their sanitary conditions and as a result of this Mr. McIntire has found true bills and made indictments against five of these hotels.

The purpose of this letter is to ask that you please write a letter to the City Council recommending that the license for the operation of these hotels be revoked, same to be presented at the Council's next meeting, if possible.

Yours very truly,
Stella Patterson
Policewoman "

Mr. Marshall stated that in view of the Chief of Police asking that the licenses on these hotels be revoked, it was his recommendation that the Council revoke these licenses and that in the future applicants for license to operate a hotel be required to appear before the Council and made such application in person.

Thereupon, Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Griswold, made a motion that these licenses be revoked with the exception of the Frances Hotel (which was found to have been correctly reported), due to the fact that they were erroneously reported in the applications for licenses and also due to the numerous complaints received by the Chief of Police in the past regarding same. Motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Griswold, then moved that in the future any party or parties interested in opening a hotel in the City of Charlotte shall be required to appear in person before the City Council and ask for such license. This motion unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF CAPT. A. L. STURGIS.

Councilman Baxter presented the following resolution, and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Durham and unanimously carried.

WHEREAS, in the Providence of Almighty God, it has pleased Him to call from this temporal life Arthur L. Sturgis; and

WHEREAS, by the death of Captain Sturgis the City of Charlotte has lost a faithful, efficient and valuable employee, who served as a member of the Charlotte Police force for fifteen years, and we mourn his passing and honor his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Charlotte extend to his family our deepest sympathy and pray God's blessings to rest upon them.

That a copy of this Resolution be delivered to his widow, Mrs. Janie McFadden Sturgis, and a copy spread upon the Minutes of this meeting.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON.

Councilman Baxter announced that the Rotary Club extended an invitation to the City Council to be the guests of the Club at their luncheon meeting on Tuesday, January 10th., at 1 P. M., to conduct a special meeting at that time, and Councilman Baxter moved that the City Council accept this invitation, which was seconded by Councilman Griswold and carried.

It was agreed that this would be advertised as a special meeting and open to the public. Later, Councilman Baxter added to the above motion that it would be the policy of the Council to hold only one such open meeting as this each year, to be held in the month of January, if possible.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

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

Louis B. Crayton, Lot No. 38, Section "BB", Elmwood,	\$49.00
Mrs. Alma Phillips Hoke, S. Half Lot #19, Section "B.B."	63.00
Mrs. Carrie Hobbs Anthony, South Part Lot #334, Section "U"	69.30
Mrs. Effie L. Goodrum, Lot No. 30, Section "Y"	63.00
Perpetual care on " " " " "	45.00
Mrs. J. T. Whitley, Lot No. 93, Section "Y"	35.00
W. H. Wilson, Lot No. 111, Section "Y"	35.00
Mrs. H. E. Dyches, Lot No. 113, Section "Y"	35.00
Mrs. C. F. Fitzpatrick, Lot No. 6, Section "Z"	35.00
P. A. Yandle, Lot No. 7, Section $\frac{1}{2}$ "Z"	35.00

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 14TH AND 22ND. 1938 APPROVED.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the minutes of the meetings of December 14th. and 22nd. were approved as read.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Alice B. M. Cornell
City Clerk