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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 4 o'clock P. M., Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Baxter, Britt, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Little, Nance, Sides, Ward and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilman Albea.

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Councilman Hudson introduced the following two ordinances authorizing bonds, and the same were read:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING \$30,000 SANITARY  
SEWER BONDS.

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

Section 1. That the City of Charlotte issue its bonds pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, as amended, in an amount not exceeding \$30,000 for the purpose of extending the existing sanitary sewerage system of said City.

Section 2. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds shall be annually levied and collected.

Section 3. That a statement of the debt of the City has been filed with the Clerk and is open to public inspection.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its first publication, unless in the meantime a petition for its submission to the voters is filed under said Act, and that in such event it shall take effect when approved by the voters of the City at an election as provided in said Act.

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING \$30,000  
WATER BONDS.

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

Section 1. That the City of Charlotte issue its  
bonds pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, as amended, in  
an amount not exceeding \$30,000 for the purpose of extending  
the existing water works system of said City.

Section 2. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal  
and interest of said bonds shall be annually levied and col-  
lected.

Section 3. That a statement of the debt of the City  
has been filed with the Clerk and is open to public inspection.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect  
thirty days after its first publication, unless in the mean-  
time a petition for its submission to the voters is filed  
under said Act, and that in such event it shall take effect  
when approved by the voters of the City at an election as  
provided in said Act.

And thereupon the City Council, by unanimous vote,  
designated J. M. McCorkle, City Accountant, as the officer  
whose duty it shall be to make and file with the Clerk the  
sworn statement required by the Municipal Finance Act as to  
debt and assessed valuation, and directed Lloyd McC. Ross,  
City Engineer, to furnish the City Accountant the City Engineer's  
estimate of the amount of special assessments to be levied on  
account of local improvements for which any part of the gross  
debt of the City was or is to be incurred and which will be applied,  
when collected, to the payment of such part of the gross debt.

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Thereupon, J. M. McCorkle, City Accountant, filed with the Clerk, Alice B. McConnell, in the presence of the City Council, such statement of debt and assessed valuation, at the foot of which statement, Lloyd McC. Ross, City Engineer, had noted his estimate of the amount of such special assessments to be levied, which amount the City Accountant had included in his own statement.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA  
STATEMENT OF DEBT AND ASSESSED VALUATION MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2943, MUNICIPAL FINANCE ACT, AS AMENDED.

I, J. M. McCorkle, being duly sworn, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and qualified City Accountant of the City of Charlotte, and have been designated by the City Council to make and file with the City Clerk a statement pursuant to Section 2943, Municipal Finance Act, as amended, and that the following is a true statement as shown by the books in my office, not taking into consideration any debt incurred or to be incurred in anticipation of the collection of taxes or in anticipation of the sale of bonds other than funding and refunding bonds:

(a) GROSS DEBT

|      |   |    |              |                  |
|------|---|----|--------------|------------------|
| a(1) | Outstanding debt, not evidenced by bonds:                         |    |              |                  |
|      | Judgment Funding Notes...   | \$ | 2,000.00     |                  |
|      | Other debt:   |    |              |                  |
|      | State Loans Payable-School Buildings.....                         | \$ | 45,500.00    | \$ 47,500.00     |
| a(2) | Outstanding bonded debt:  |    |              |                  |
|      | School Bonds.....   | \$ | 1,360,000.00 |                  |
|      | Electric Light Bonds.....   | \$ | None         |                  |
|      | Water Bonds.....  | \$ | 2,981,605.17 |                  |
|      | Other Bonds.....  | \$ | 5,937,894.83 | \$ 10,279,500.00 |
| a(3) | Bonded debt to be incurred under ordinances passed or introduced: |    |              |                  |
|      | Sanitary Sewer Bonds.....   | \$ | 30,000.00    |                  |
|      | Water Bonds.....  | \$ | 30,000.00    | \$ 60,000.00     |
| (a)  | GROSS DEBT, being the sum of a(1), a(2) and a(3).....             | \$ |              | \$ 10,387,000.00 |

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(b) DEDUCTIONS

|      |   |    |              |
|------|---|----|--------------|
| b(1) | Unissued funding or refunding bonds.....  | \$ | None         |
| b(2) | Sinking funds or other funds held for the payment of any part of the gross debt, other than debt incurred for schools, water, gas, electric light or power purposes or two or more of said purposes.....  | \$ | 49,286.79    |
| b(3) | Uncollected special assessments heretofore levied on account of local improvements for which any part of the gross debt was or is to be incurred and which will be applied when collected to the payment of such part of the gross debt.  | \$ | 1,011,055.14 |
| b(4) | Special assessments to be levied on account of local improvements for which any part of the gross debt was or is to be incurred, and which, when collected, will be applied to the payment of such part of the gross debt.....  | \$ | 46,102.67    |
| b(5) | Bonded debt included in gross debt and incurred or to be incurred for water, gas, electric light or power purposes, or two or more of said purposes.....  | \$ | 3,011,605.17 |
| b(6) | The amount which the City will be entitled to receive from any railroad or street railway company under contract heretofore made for payment by such company of all or a portion of the cost of eliminating a grade crossing or crossings within the City, which amount will be applied, when received, to the payment of some part of the gross debt | \$ | 37,436.38    |
| b(7) | Indebtedness included in gross debt and incurred for school purposes.....   | \$ | 1,405,500.00 |
| (b)  | DEDUCTIONS, being the sum of b(1), b(2), b(3), b(4), b(5), b(6) and b(7).....   | \$ | 5,560,986.15 |
| (c)  | NET DEBT, being the difference between the GROSS DEBT (a) and the DEDUCTIONS (b)  | \$ | 4,826,013.85 |

(d) ASSESSED VALUATION

|     |   |                  |
|-----|---|------------------|
| (d) | ASSESSED VALUATION of property as last fixed for municipal taxation, being the valuation fixed in 1938..... | \$109,120,895.00 |
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(e) DEBT RATIO

(e) Percentage that the net debt bears to  
said assessed valuation..... 4.4226%

The foregoing statement is true.

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City Accountant of the City of  
Charlotte, N. C.

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 13th day of  
September, 1939.

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Notary Public  
My commission expires May 31, 1941.

The undersigned, City Engineer of the City of Charlotte,  
hereby states that he has examined the foregoing statement and that  
the amount there stated of special assessments to be levied - item  
(b) 4 - is in accordance with the undersigned's estimate.

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City Engineer

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)  
  )ss  
MECKLENBURG COUNTY            )

The foregoing is a true copy of a statement filed with me as  
City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, on September 13, 1939, at a  
meeting of the City Council of said City, said statement consisting  
of a statement of certain financial matters sworn by the City  
Accountant, followed by a statement of the City Engineer, not sworn,  
all of which was so filed after the introduction and before the  
final passage of two certain ordinances authorizing bonds, which  
statement is and has been since said filing open for public  
inspection in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said City, this 14th. day of  
September, 1939.

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City Clerk

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Upon motion of Councilman Hudson, made separately as to each of the foregoing two ordinances authorizing bonds, and seconded in each case by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried, the said two ordinances were read and separately passed upon their first readings. The votes cast upon the first readings were as follows:

FIRST READINGS

| <u>Councilman</u> | <u>Ordinance authorizing \$30,000<br/>Sanitary Sewer Bonds</u> | <u>Ordinance authorizing<br/>\$30,000 Water Bonds</u> |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Wilkinson         | AYE  | AYE   |
| Albea             | ABSENT   | ABSENT  |
| Baxter            | AYE  | AYE   |
| Ward              | AYE  | AYE   |
| Hovis             | AYE  | AYE   |
| Huntley           | AYE  | AYE   |
| Hudson            | AYE  | AYE   |
| Nance             | AYE  | AYE   |
| Sides             | AYE  | AYE   |
| Britt             | AYE  | AYE   |
| Little            | AYE  | AYE   |

Upon motion of Councilman Hudson, made separately as to each of the foregoing two ordinance authorizing bonds, and seconded in each case by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried, the rules were suspended as to each of the said two ordinances, and the said two ordinances were read and were separately passed upon their second readings. The votes cast upon the second readings were as follows:

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SECOND READINGS

| <u>Councilman</u> | <u>Ordinance authorizing \$30,000<br/>Sanitary Sewer Bonds</u> | <u>Ordinance authorizing<br/>\$30,000 Water Bonds</u> |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Wilkinson         | AYE  | AYE   |
| Albea             | ABSENT   | ABSENT  |
| Baxter            | AYE  | AYE   |
| Ward              | AYE  | AYE   |
| Hovis             | AYE  | AYE   |
| Huntley           | AYE  | AYE   |
| Hudson            | AYE  | AYE   |
| Nance             | AYE  | AYE   |
| Sides             | AYE  | AYE   |
| Britt             | AYE  | AYE   |
| Little            | AYE  | AYE   |

Upon motion of Councilman Hudson, made separately as to each of the foregoing two ordinances authorizing bonds and seconded in each case by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried, the rules were suspended as to each of the said two ordinances, and the said two ordinances were read and were separately passed upon their third and final readings, and each thereof was declared by the Mayor to be an ordinance. The votes cast upon their third and final readings were as follows:

THIRD READINGS

| <u>Councilman</u> | <u>Ordinance authorizing \$30,000<br/>Sanitary Sewer Bonds</u> | <u>Ordinance authorizing<br/>\$30,000 Water Bonds</u> |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Wilkinson         | AYE  | AYE   |
| Albea             | ABSENT   | ABSENT  |
| Baxter            | AYE  | AYE   |





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READING OF MINUTES DISPENSED WITH.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Nance, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was suspended at this time.

REPAIRS TO BUFFALO-SPRINGFIELD ROLLER.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Huntley, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the Buffalo-Springfield Roller Company, of Springfield, Ohio, for reconditioning and repairing the City's Buffalo-Springfield Roller, in the amount of \$297.00.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The following resolution relative to the Charlotte Memorial Hospital was unanimously adopted by the Council on motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, certain conditions have arisen effecting the completion of the Charlotte Memorial Hospital, Docket No. NC-1412-F, that makes it advisable for the City to request an extension of time from the Public Works Administration on account of the following reasons:

1. The magnitude and scope of the project is such that the preparation of plans and specifications simply could not be completed in less than the five and one-half months which were consumed in this portion of the work, and discussion with competent authorities on hospital planning would indicate that the actual time which should have been required to complete these drawings from the sketch stage would, under normal conditions, require approximately six and one-half to seven months.

2. After the award of the contracts, work was materially delayed on account of the inability of the Contractor to secure prompt shipment of structural steel, and we know from personal inquiries that the fabricated products were delivered on the job just as soon as they were delivered in the city, from the manufacturers of the structural products.

3. The actual construction work has been materially delayed on account of the inability of the subcontractors, particularly in the plumbing and steam fitting trade, to secure skilled mechanics; and we know from examination and inquiry that both the plumbing and steam heating contractors have endeavored from all available sources to obtain additional mechanics, but this apparently has been impossible, and the delay in the prosecution of the plumbing and heating work has materially delayed the progress of the General Contractor in the laying of partition, etc.

4. Too rapid a schedule for the completion of the work, we believe, will be detrimental to the ultimate good of the project, in that the too rapid installation of painting and mill work, etc., after the plastering is done will materially hurt the completed project, and for this reason we also suggest that the completion be delayed, if possible.

5. The delay in procuring the necessary specifications,

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and also the necessity of rejecting the bids on equipment and the delay in approval of equipment which had already been purchased and also the question as to whether the additional furniture and furnishings, which must be purchased, can be manufactured and delivered within the time limit, as set forth in the Grant Agreement, is doubtful.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Charlotte requests the Public Works Administration to extend the time of completion on the Project, Docket No. NC-1412-F, for ninety days, or from January 26, 1940 to May 26, 1940.

DUKE POWER COMPANY REQUESTED TO EXTEND BUS LINE - WILMORE DRIVE, CLIFFWOOD PLACE AND WOODDALE TERRACE.

After the receipt and consideration of a petition signed by a number of property owners and/or residents of Wilmore Drive, East, Cliffwood Place and Wooddale Terrace, on motion of Councilman Hudson, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted by requesting the Duke Power Company to extend it's bus line over the following streets:

Beginning at the corner of West Boulevard and South Mint Street, South on Cliffwood Place to Wilmore Drive, East; thence East on Wilmore Drive East, to South Tryon Street; thence North on South Tryon Street to West Boulevard.

PURCHASE OF TIRES AND TUBES.

Bids having been received on certain Tires and Tubes, as follows:

ITEM 1. 10- 32x6, 10-ply Heavy Duty #22 U.S. Royal Fleet Delivery Tires and Tubes, or equal:

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Currie B. Witt, Inc. (Fisk)           | \$358.60 |
| C. H. Stroupe Tire Co. (Fisk)         | 380.14   |
| Myers Automobile Service Co. (U.S.)   | 425.80   |
| Charlotte General Tire Co. (General)  | 466.77   |
| Victor Shaw Company (U.S.)            | 466.77   |
| Goodrich Silvertown Stores (Goodrich) | 475.30   |
| McDonald Service Co. (Firestone)      | 465.79   |

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried, this item was awarded to the lowest bidder, Currie B. Witt, Inc., at a total price of \$358.60, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract.

ITEM 2. 10- 30x5, 8-ply U.S. Royal Heavy Duty Casings and Tubes, or equal  
10- 600x16, 4-ply U. S. Royal Black Side Wall Tires and Tubes, or equal:

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Mills Auto Service                   | \$232.50 |
| Fleming Tire & Vulc. Co. (Penns)     | 276.50   |
| Currie B. Witt (Fisk)                | 286.30   |
| The Dayton Rubber Mfg Co.            | 293.72   |
| C. H. Stroupe Tire Co. (Fisk)        | 296.06   |
| Myers Auto Service (U.S.)            | 332.00   |
| Charlotte General Tire Co. (General) | 356.43   |
| Victor Shaw Company (U.S.)           | 356.43   |

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|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Doodrich Silvertown Stores (Goodrich) | 357.30 |
| McDonald Service Company (Firestone)  | 361.18 |

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson award on this item was made to the lowest bidder, Mills Auto Service Company, at the total price of \$232.50, and the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contract for the City.

REQUEST FOR STREET MAINTENANCE, SUNSET DRIVE AND EDINBURGH AVENUE GRANTED.

At the request of Mrs. Tom Rowland and on motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Ward and unanimously carried, the City took over for maintenance Sunset Drive from Edinburgh to Avondale Avenues and Edinburgh Avenue, from Sunset Drive to Poindexter Drive. The Engineering Department reported these streets in good condition for taking over at this time.

NOTICE OF SUIT OF H. F. BAKER VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Mr. Marshall reported notice of suit of H. F. Baker against the City of Charlotte, in the amount of \$13,600.00, for alleged damages to his property on account of the operation of the Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant, turned over to the City Attorney for handling. Plaintiff's attorneys are Kirkpatrick & Kirkpatrick.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAYS ACROSS SIDEWALK ON CLARKSON STREET.

The City Manager reported receipt of a request from P. & F. Motor Company and the Helms Motor Company for permission to construct driveways across the sidewalk at their plants on Clarkson Street, and on motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Hovis, this permission was granted.

SUCCESSOR TO SCHOOL DENTIST.

Mr. Marshall reported the appointment of Dr. Thomas Nesbit as School Dentist to succeed Dr. Kendrick, resigned.

NOTICE OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES LEE A BAILEY VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Through his attorney, Mr. Haywood Robbins, notice of claim of Lee A. Bailey against the City of Charlotte for alleged damages to his property on Cottage Place, was duly presented to the Council and turned over to the City Attorney for further handling. Amount of claim \$5000.00.

CITY TO INVESTIGATE SANITARY CONDITION IN NORTHERN SECTION OF CITY RELATIVE TO ODORS FROM SUGAW CREEK.

A petition was presented from a large number of residents of the Northern Section of the City, along Sugaw Creek, requesting that something be done regarding the disagreeable odors coming from Sugaw Creek due to certain wastes being deposited in this Creek by manufacturing plants, and Mr. Marshall reported that he had already been investigating this matter and will get a report on just what is causing the trouble.

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TRAFFIC MATTER DELAYED FOR FIVE WEEKS.

Mr. Scarborough, City Attorney, reported that he had consulted with Traffic Inspector Williams, and Mr. B. A. Skinner, Traffic Instructor, relative to the working up of an ordinance designating parking areas on certain streets in the congested business area, and that since the adoption of the ordinance at the last meeting, restricting parking on East Third Street, they felt that they should have four or five weeks to determine the streets necessary to be covered in the ordinance to be drawn, and had requested that they be given that length of time in which to make this study.

On motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Nance, they are to be granted five weeks to prepare this ordinance and to have it in in less time than that if possible.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

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

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Howard, Lot No. 101, Section "Y", Elmwood   | \$35.00   |
| Mrs. Lillian S. Johnson, perpetual care on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 31-A D-Annex   | 25.00     |
| Deed to Mrs. W. S. Stewart for Lot No. 38, Section "M", purchased several years prior to this date and for which no deed was ever received.                            | No charge |
| Duplicate deed to Fred F. Fletcher, for South Half Lot #142 and North Half Lot No. 143, Section "Q", on affidavit from him that original deed has been lost or mislaid | 1.00      |

ARMORY FOR NEWCOMERS' DANCE.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Ward, Mrs. Charles Porter was granted free use of the Armory-Auditorium on October 31st. for a dance to be given to the newcomers to Charlotte.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

*Alice B. In Council*  
City Clerk