

City Council Gives Approval To Plan For Municipal Golf

Immediate Application Will Be Made For WPA Aid—Approve
Precinct Map—Housing Petition Presented.

Cost of constructing a nine hole municipal golf course on the Gillespie Park school property was officially set at \$35,640 by city councilmen in regular session yesterday afternoon, and approval of the project was voted, subject to obtaining WPA aid, for which application has been drawn and is ready for filing.

The city will contribute money, labor and materials valued at \$12,725.

A blue print of the proposed course, as drawn by Perry Maxwell, golf architect of Tulsa, Okla., was placed before the council along with another map showing how the city could convert the course into an 18-hole affair should the nine-hole course prove profitable.

According to the print, the initial tee will be located to the left of a residence, now standing, which will be converted into a clubhouse, this being located across from the intersection of Oxford street with Ashboro street. The ninth green will finish up to the right of the clubhouse, only a few feet from the starting tee. Some alterations will be made in the present plans, it was indicated.

To File Application.

No time will be lost in filing the application for WPA help and councilmen hope that actual work on the course will begin this spring or in early summer.

Appreciation was expressed for the work of Councilmen A. C. Davis and Huger King in working on the golf course project, the two councilmen having made up the golf committee.

Council drafted and approved a resolution designating a new printed map, prepared by engineers, as the "Precinct Map of Greensboro", and advised the City Attorney Herman Wilson to appeal to the state legislature for permission to copy the county registration books for use in city elections.

The map, recently approved by the county board of elections, divides the city into 18 voting precincts with the city lines being coterminous with those of the county, permitting the use of the same registration and voting places by both the city and county and thereby eliminating considerable confusion.

Polling Places Listed.

Polling places for each precinct are as follows: White Oak department store, No. 1; Textorian office, No. 2; Proximity Y. M. C. A., No. 3; Pickett's incorporated, No. 4; News-Record building, No. 5; Edgeville school, No. 6; South Side Hose company, No. 7; Gillespie Park school, No. 8; Salvation Army, club room, No. 9; county courthouse, No. 10; city hall, No. 11; Ford Body company, No. 12; Senior high school gym, No. 13; West End Hose company, No. 14; Melver school, No. 15; Lindley school (elementary), No. 16; Lindley junior high, No. 17; and West Lee Street Hose company, No. 18.

Enoch Price, representing the League for Progressive Democracy, presented the council with a resolution signed by 80 citizens which pointed out the shortage of rental property for people of low incomes, the abnormally high rent, and the failure of the council to create a housing authority or create a committee for the removal or improvement of slums here. The resolution asked that the council create a housing authority and seek federal aid in improving conditions of shelter for low income groups.

Council indicated it would wait

for a report of the recent WPA survey made here, for an indication of how many houses are considered sub-standard. A similar survey conducted in High Point revealed there were 5,500 sub-standard houses there, it was mentioned incidentally. It is probable the council will ask the firm of Charles W. Angle, who carried out a low cost housing project in Augusta, Ga., to offer facts incident to the cost of such a project.

City Manager C. W. Smedberg reported on the costs of snow removal here, which he said were \$4,392.92 up to February 1, although about \$150 is being spent additionally to clean catch basins to facilitate drainage. Since the city provides only \$1,500 annually for snow removal, a deficit of \$2,892.92 was shown and Mr. Smedberg asked the council to transfer \$3,000 from the contingency fund to the snow removing fund, which "about kills the contingency fund", in the words of Councilman King.

Order New Contract.

A contract between the city and Duke Power company for the furnishing of power to the North Buffalo plant, with its cost based on 150 kilowatt hourly demand, was rescinded and a new contract ordered made, based on the 135 kilowatt hour, as the city's demand has not exceeded the latter output. This will save \$375 per year, Smedberg stated.

Lawrence E. Levy and sons, who paid \$510 tax for doing business at the old Woolworth store building as itinerant merchants, were permitted a refund of the money in view of his establishing residence here and continuing business, which will require a regular merchants license. Lawrence Hoyle represented the firm.

C. H. Slater, real estate agent, represented Henry Reynolds in appealing a \$135 quarterly water bill, caused by pipes wearing out and excessive leakage on property owned by Reynolds at 605 Parker alley. The matter will be studied further by City Manager Smedberg.

A public hearing for the rezoning of two districts, on State street and Wendover avenue, into apartment districts, was set for the March 5 session of city council.

An application for operation of a poolroom at 1003 South Cedar street was denied. Application for a tourist home was granted at 902½ East Market street. Sales of property were approved and the usual payment of bills and rebates authorized.

Council rescinded or declined a \$25 refund to Cashwell's, incorporated, for bicycle sales license, it being held that he had the bicycles on display for sale for a week or so before deciding not to offer them for sale.

C. C. Oakley and W. T. Kirkman, both city employees who have been ill for several months, were given full and one-half salaries for February respectively. They were showing slight improvement, councilmen learned.

Public complaint was expressed before the council on the operation of poolrooms here on Sunday, the police being unable to prevent such as in practically every case eating stands, soda fountains and smoke stands are operated in conjunction with pool rooms, this making it legal to operate on Sunday. It was suggested that a law be invoked prohibiting operation of pool establishments on Sunday, but "the council contemplates no change at the present time", Mayor Ralph Lewis stated.

City Attorney Wilson was authorized to go to New York and contract a bond attorney relative to the issuing of bond anticipation notes for \$75,000 by which to finance a portion of the additions to the city filtering plant. Covering a period of three years, it is planned to retire \$25,000 worth of notes annually.

Councilman W. H. Sullivan was excused from attending yesterday's meeting and Councilman Julius Cone was excused to leave early, by order of his physician.

Federal officers arrested 538 persons for robbing postoffices in 1936 and convicted 510.