Minutes Regular Meeting Board of Aldermen--Chapel Hill, N. C. September 8, 1952

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on September 8, 1952 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present were Mayor Lanier, Aldermen Fowler, Fitch, Burch, Davis, Cornwell, and Putnam, Town Manager Rose, and Town Attorney LeGrand.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 1952 were read and approved.

The Reverend J. C. Burnett came before the Board to ask them to reconsider his permit to operate a taxicab on Robert Pendergraft's taxi stand. After discussing this matter, the Town Attorney advised him that it would be illegal to operate in any such manner. He stated that he would have to operate a taxi stand of his own, or transfer the title of his car to Robert Pendergraft's name and then be merely a driver for Pendergraft. In view of this, the Board did not change its decision to deny this permit.

The Health Department report for the month of August, 1952 was read by Mr. Rose.

A copy of the Police and Clerk of Court's Report for the month of August, 1952 was presented to each member present.

Mr. LeGrand reported that, due to action of the last Legislature, no concern who does at least 90% of its business on a fixed permanent location can be charged a privilege license on a peddler's cart. In view of this statute, Mr. LeGrand stated that the Durham Dairy Products had been erroneously charged a license tax for the years 1951 and 1952. Upon recommendation of the Town Attorney, Mr. Putnam moved that the Durham Dairy Products be refunded \$20.00 erroneously charged during the years 1951 and 1952. This motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously passed.

Mr. LeGrand also reported that he had written to Mr. Norwood about a trailer and Mr. Holland about a wooden structure now located in the fire district, telling them that they would have to be moved. He stated that Mr. Holland had asked for a 30-day extension of time in order to obtain a new location. He

said that Mr. Holland had been given until September 15th to comply and that he would either comply by that time, or the Town would issue a warrant against him.

Mr. LeGrand stated that the "blanket bond" considered by the Town was not designed to cover any persons required by law to be bonded, therefore, it would remove any protection against bonds of the Town Manager, Town Clerk, Clerk of Court, and Chief of Police.

Mr. Cornwell moved that the following streets be added to the summer paving program: Robertson Lane, 250 ft.; Friendly Lane, 350 ft.; Colony Court, 260 ft.; West Rosemary Street from Church Street to Mitchell Lane, and Raleigh Street from Cameron Avenue to the entrance to Emerson Field. This motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose read a letter from Mr. Louis Graves asking the Town to reverse the parking on East Rosemary Street between Columbia Street and Hillsboro Street. Mr. Cornwell moved that this matter be referred to the Street Committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously passed.

Mr. Cornwell moved that Mr. Miles M. Fitch be appointed to serve on the Planning Board by acclamation. This motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose stated that a representative of the State Board of Health had talked to him about a rat extermination program, in which they would give the Town 30 lbs. of Warfarin to be added to 1500 lbs. of corn meal. He stated that the local Health Department approves the program. It was decided that the Board would like to sponsor a rat extermination program if the people will cooperate.

Mr. Rose reported that notices had been sent to the automobile dealers to bid on two new police cars and that Strowd Motor Company was the only one who sent in a bid on them, and that this bid was \$1,607.09 each. Mr. Burch moved that this bid from Strowd Motor Company be accepted. This motion was seconded by Mr. Fitch and passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose reported that he had received the final report on the sewer line from the Greenwood Association.

Mr. Fitch reported on the meeting that the Finance and Utilities Committees had in connection with the sewer on Mr. Grady Pritchard's property. He stated that Mr. LeGrand would bring an agreement in writing to the next meeting of the Board for the full Board's approval.

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Mr. Davis moved the adoption of the following recommendation. The Board of Aldermen share with the School Board on a 50-50 basis the cost of laying a brick-on-sand sidewalk approximately 9 feet wide, the Town's share of the cost to be limited to \$1200 maximum, with Town Manager Rose and Mr. Grey Culbreth of the School Board to have official supervision of the work of laying the walk. Mr. Putnam seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Mr. Fitch moved that all the property owners on East Rosemary Street from Columbia to Henderson Streets be invited to attend an informal meeting of the Board of Aldermen on October 20, 1952 to discuss the matter of widening on East Rosemary Street. This motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously. Mr. Rose was asked to notify these property owners of the meeting.

Mr. Burch moved that, upon recommendation of the Town Manager, Hubert Atwater be invited to appear at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on September 22, 1952, at which time his 30-year's service to the Town of Chapel Hill will be appropriately recognized. Mr. Cornwell seconded this motion and it was passed unanimously.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Putnam, and unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. o'clock.

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After hearing the minutes for the regular meeting of September 8, 1952, read as amended on motion made by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Cornwell, the minutes were approved by vote of the Board of Alderman this the 22nd day of September, 1952.