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December 7, 1925.

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill at 7:45 P.M., Mayor Roberson presided and the following Aldermen were present: Messrs. R.D.W. Connor, C.T. Durham, M.E. Hogan, and C.L. Wills.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Aldermen held at 7:40 P.M. on November 2, 1925 were read and approved.

Health Officer
The Clerk read the resignation of Dr. S.A. Nathan as Health Officer, effective December 31, 1925. The following members of the Board of Health were present: Messrs. Thorndike Saville, Secretary, R.A. Eubanks and J.B. Bullitt. Dr. E.A. Abernethy, Chairman of the Board of Health, was not present and Mr. Saville was called upon to speak for the Board. Mr. Saville stated that the Board of Health had gone into this question very thoroughly and had found that it would be impossible to get a man for milk, meat and market inspection for less than \$3,000. and expenses, or about \$3,600. annually, and that the Board had unanimously passed a resolution approving the work accomplished by Dr. Nathan and asking that his salary be increased \$900. per year beginning January 1, 1926, which increase should be borne \$300. by the University and \$600. by the Town. Dr. Abernethy came in at that time, and in addition to the remarks already made by Mr. Saville, stated that the Board of Health was asking for an increase for Dr. Nathan for two reasons, viz; first, that it did not know where a man could be found to succeed Dr. Nathan, and, second, that it was impossible to get a man to do his work for less than \$4000. or \$4500. annually. Dr. Abernethy stated that he had talked to President Chase and that he had agreed to increase the portion of Dr. Nathan's salary paid by the University in accordance with the Board's request. Upon motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Connor, the following resolution was duly passed:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL:

Section 1. That the recommendation of the Board of Health is hereby accepted.

Section 2. That the portion of the Health Officer's salary paid by the Town is hereby increased \$600. per year beginning January 1, 1926, making the part paid by the Town \$1200. and the total salary \$3600. annually.

Section 3. That an appropriation of \$250. is hereby made from the General Fund to provide for the payment of this increase from January 1st to May 31, 1926.

The Manager suggested that the Committee on Permanent Local Improvements should work out a through plan for such permanent improvement work which should be done the coming spring and summer. The necessity of planning far in advance the continuation of the improvement program was brought out. Upon

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motion of Alderman Connor, seconded by Alderman Durham, the Committee on Permanent Local Improvements was requested to make an extensive study of permanent improvements necessary and what should be attempted next year and report to the Board at its next regular meeting.

THE MANAGER BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION THE INSTALLATION OF A 4-INCH WATER LINE ON MCCAULEY STREET before the grading and surfacing was completed on the part being improved. The University Consolidated Service Plants has agreed to furnish the pipe and put in the line provided that the Town would dig the trench necessary and backfill the same. The Manager stated that on other streets which had been improved this year, it had been necessary to dig water ditches for the lowering of water lines and that the cost of same had been added into the cost of the improvement. On McCauley Street the situation is different because it would be necessary to dig 1000 feet of ditch in an unimproved section of the street in order to make connection with the pipe in the improved section. Alderman Wills stated that he did not think that the people owning property along the improved section would agree to pay their proportional part of the cost of the line through the unimproved section, and that the property owners in the unimproved section would not agree to pay any part of the expenses. It was brought out in the discussion that there were large sections of Town where there was no water line sufficiently large to provide any fire protection and that the University felt that it could not make the extensions required. Upon motion the Committees on Public Works and Utilities were requested to make a survey of this whole situation and attempt to work out a plan by which extensions to the water mains may be made to provide fire protection for all sections of Town, with special attention to the McCauley Street situation so that a decision in regard to this line may be reached, if possible, before the street surfacing is completed.

A petition for the Town to take over and maintain Senlac Road from Battle Street to the extension of Cameron Avenue was read and referred to the Committee on Public Works.

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

W. S. Roberson, Mayor

E. M. Kutz, Clerk