

May 10, 1926

There was a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill on Monday, May 10, at 8:00 P.M., with Mayor Roberson presiding and the following Aldermen present: Messrs. R.D.W.Connor, G.M.Braune, C.L.Wills, M.E.Hogan and B.S.Williams, and C.T.Durham.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on April 12, 1926 were read. Alderman Braune stated that the Committee on Permanent Local Improvements had recommended 5 ft. sidewalks for Columbia Street instead of 8 ft. sidewalks as recommended and contained in the minutes of this meeting. In the discussion it was pointed out that the Board had changed this portion of the Committee's recommendation and that inasmuch as there were several other matters in connection with the improvement work which it would be necessary for the Board to pass upon, it was decided to delay this matter concerning the width of the sidewalks on Columbia Street for a future meeting of the Board. The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on April 12, 1926, upon motion, were duly approved.

Mr. E.V.Howell, former President of the Peoples Bank, appeared before the Board and asked that a reduction be made in the tax assessment against the Peoples Bank as of May 1, 1925. Mr. Howell stated that the tax valuation was \$15,000 or equivalent to the Capital Stock, which included a surplus of \$3,000.00 and at that time there was no surplus and no capital. Mr. Howell also requested that there they be relieved of payment of the penalty, stating that he had employed an attorney to appear before the Board at its December meeting in regard to this matter. 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 Manager is hereby instructed to reduce the amount of taxes charged against the Peoples Bank by the amount of tax on \$3,000.00 Surplus and the penalty on the same.

The Manager reported that petitions for curb and gutter on Rosemary Street and West Franklin Street and for the pavement on Columbia Street had been received. Upon motion of Alderman Connor, seconded by Alderman Wills, the petition for the construction of curb and gutter on Rosemary Street from Hillsboro to Columbia Street was duly accepted and the work authorized. Upon motion of Alderman Durham, seconded by Alderman Williams, the petition for the construction of curb and gutter on West Franklin Street was duly accepted and the work authorized. Upon motion of Alderman Wills, seconded by Alderman Connor, the petition for the construction of pavement on Columbia Street from

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Franklin Street to Rosemary Street was duly accepted and the work authorized.

The Manager presented a petition for the construction of concrete curb and gutter on Rosemary Street from Columbia to Church Street, which, upon motion, was referred to the Committee on Permanent Local Improvements.

The Manager pointed out that there was difficulty in getting the petition for the construction of sidewalks on Columbia Street by virtue of the fact that the Fraternities did not have a very definite idea as to who had the right to sign the petition for this work and stated out that the Charter gave the Board the right to order this work done without the petition, in case it was necessary. It was suggested that the Manager get the names of the trustees of these fraternities and correspond with them in regard to the petition for sidewalk construction.

The Manager reported that in cutting the limbs of the trees as instructed at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on April 12, 1926, several citizens had complained very vigorously from the standpoint of destroying the beauty of the trees. Upon motion of Alderman Connor, seconded by Alderman Hogan, the Manager was instructed to request Dr. Coker to assist in this matter and if possible, give the force doing this work the benefit of his advice.

The Manager reported that the Police and Health Divisions had recommended a change in the Dog Ordinance so as to allow the dogs to be on the streets either muzzled or held in leash. After much discussion no action was taken in regard to this matter.

The following letter from Mr. Louis Graves was read to the Board of Aldermen:

W.S. Roberson, Esq.,
Chapel Hill, N.C.

My dear Mr. Roberson:

I believe that Chapel Hill is suffering for lack of proper identification marks for travelers. I believe it would pay you to erect at the south end of the bridge on the Pittsboro Road and at the north end of the bridge on the Durham Road, two signs somewhat like the penciled sketch herewith.

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Above all, these signs should be simple and dignified, absolutely plain. I believe a board, perhaps 3 ft. across by 2 ft high, would be big enough. It should be on top of a post such as the highway commission uses for its direction signs and should be placed close to the pavement within a few feet of the bridge.

Did you see the big Washington Duke Hotel sign down on the Pittsboro Road? I am sure that the effect of this is to make many travelers go right through Chapel Hill without stopping.

Yours sincerely,

Louis Graves

The Manager reported that he was having made a sketch for the signs and suggested that this matter be delayed until the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

The Manager presented a petition from the property owners on West University Drive for the taking over and the construction of concrete curb and gutter on this street from Pittsboro to Ransome Street and upon motion, this petition was referred to the Committee on Permanent Local Improvements.

The following letter was read from Rev. Walter Fatten requesting that the Town put gravel on two walks through the Church yard leading from Franklin Street to the University Campus. In the discussion it was brought out that this work would cost approximately \$100.00. Upon motion, duly adopted, this matter was referred to the Street Committee.

The Manager reported that the University Consolidated Service Plants had agreed to install the water lines on Roberson and Graham Streets and therefore, these streets could be connected with the sewer at a cost of approximately \$2500.00. The Manager also reported that a new street had been opened from Ransome Street Eastward in line with the street through Patterson Place and that sewer had been petitioned for in this section. The cost of the construction of a sewer main on this street would be approximately \$700.00 and sufficient connections have been guaranteed by the Chapel Hill Insurance & Realty Co. to take care of the investment if made by the Town. The Manager further suggested that the south side of East Franklin Street be provided with sewer to connect with the University's disposal plant in Battle Park. The cost of this connection was estimated at \$1000.00. The Manager further stated that that Glenburnie Street and Tenney Circle could be provided with sewer for \$2500.00. The Manager recommended that the installation of sewer in these places be approved by the Board of Aldermen as follows:

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Roberson Street and Graham Ave.	\$2,500.00
Patterson Place	700.00
Glenburnie Street	2,500.00
East Franklin Street	1,000.00
Total cost of proposed work	\$6,700.00

After much discussion and upon motion of Alderman Braune, seconded by Alderman Connor, the following ordinance was duly passed.

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

Section 1. That the Manager is hereby instructed to install sewer mains on Roberson Street and Graham Avenue, the cost not to exceed \$2500.

Section 2. That the Manager is hereby instructed to install sewer mains on Patterson Place, the cost not to exceed \$700.

Section 3. That the Manager is hereby instructed to install sewer mains on Glenburnie Street, the cost not to exceed \$2500.

Section 4. That the Manager is hereby instructed to install sewer main to provide for the connection of all houses on the south side of East Franklin Street which are not now connected with a sewer main.

Section 5. That the cost of this work shall be paid for by a bond issue, and in consideration of the fact, that the lines now being installed in Potters Field in connection with these hereby authorized, will produce enough revenue to meet the interest payments and to provide a Sinking Fund for the payment of the entire bonds.

An Ordinance authorizing the Town of Chapel Hill to issue \$6700.00 Sewer Bonds was brought up for consideration and upon motion of Alderman Braune, seconded by Alderman Connor, was duly adopted, all the Aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor; to-wit: R.D.W.Connor, G.M.Braune, C.T.Durham, M.E.Hogan, C.L.Wills and B.S.Williams; said resolution being as follows:

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

Section 1. That the Town of Chapel Hill does issue its bonds pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act to an amount not exceeding \$6,700.00 for the purpose of extending the present existing sanitary sewer system.

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 West University Drive
 Boundary Street
 Patterson Place
 Boundary Street and Vance Street

\$4,100.00
 7,000.00
 5,200.00
 100.00
 \$5,200.00

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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 Town 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 municipality at an election as provided for in said act.

 The Manager suggested that ~~suggested that~~ the Town take over and maintain the Street through Patterson Place westward and brought out the fact that there are now nine houses on this street. The Manager also suggested that West University Drive be taken over and maintained. Alderman Hogan desired to know the disposition of petitions for the construction of streets in Pritchard Field. It was pointed out that the petition for the construction of Short Street was now in the hands of the Clerk and that the Board, at its meeting on April 12, had delayed action on this petition with the view of securing a petition for the construction of Pritchard Avenue at the same time. Alderman Braune, Chairman of the Committee on Public Works, stated that it would be necessary to have West University Drive put in better condition before he would recommend that the Town take it over and maintain it. Upon motion of Aldermen Wills, seconded by Alderman Connor, these matters were referred to the Street Committee.

 Alderman Braune brought up for consideration the question of the construction of curb and gutter and drainage on Boundary Street from Franklin to North Street and stated that a petition for this work had been in the Clerk's hands for approximately a year, and suggested that this work be done immediately. Upon motion of Alderman Wills, seconded by Alderman Connor, this matter was referred to the Street Committee with the request that they review again the petitions in their hands for the construction of curb and gutter with particular attention to Boundary and Vance Streets.

 The Manager read a letter from Collier Cobb requesting that a street light be placed at the extreme end of Cobb Terrace. Upon motion, this matter was referred to the Committee on Street Lights.

 An Ordinance to authorize the Town of Chapel Hill to borrow \$5,000.00 in anticipation of the sale of \$5,000.00 sewer bonds was brought up for consideration and upon motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Connor, the following resolution was duly passed, all the Aldermen voting in the affirmative therefor; to-wit: R.D.W. Connor, G.M. Braune, C.L. Wills, M.E. Hogan and B.S. Williams, said C.T. Durham,

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resolution be as follows:

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

Section 1. That in order to anticipate the receipts of the proceeds from the \$5,000.00 Sewer Bonds of the Town of Chapel Hill, authorized by the Board of Aldermen on the 21st day of January, 1926; said ordinance having taken effect on February 21st, being 30 days after its first publication, it is necessary, to borrow the sum of \$5,000.00 in anticipation of the said sale.

Section 2. That a temporary loan of \$5,000.00 shall be made bearing interest at not more than 6% per annum and maturing not later than May 10, 1927, said loan shall be evidenced by a note and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby instructed to fix the face amount of said note and the rate of interest it shall bear and to fix the date of maturity, all within the limitations herein set forth, and with the power to dispose of said note to the best advantage.

Section 3. That the said note shall be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Clerk under the corporate seal of the Town and shall be substantially in the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE

No. _____

\$ _____

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that the Town of Chapel Hill in the State of North Carolina for value received hereby promises to pay to _____ on _____ the principal sum of _____ with interest at six per cent per annum, payable at the Town Office, Chapel Hill, N.C., in advance.

THIS NOTE IS GIVEN FOR MONEY borrowed in the amount of the face of this note in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of bonds in full compliance with the Municipal Finance Act and resolutions duly passed by the Board of Aldermen of said Town.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED AND RECEITED that all acts, conditions and things required by the laws and constitution of North Carolina to happen, exist, and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this note, have happened, existed and have been performed in regular and due form and time as so required, and that the total indebtedness of the Town, including this note, does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitations thereon.

Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL:

Resolution as follows:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Town of Chapel Hill has caused this note to be signed by its Mayor and countersigned by its Clerk, under the corporate seal of the Town, all as of the _____ day of _____ 1926.

C. T. Roberson, Mayor and S. L. Wills, Clerk.

The Manager stated that this meeting had been called by Mayor Roberson for discussing the construction of sewer mains in the section of the town known as Section 4. The property owners in this section had been notified of this meeting so that they might have an opportunity of expressing their opinions in regard to the same. The Mayor stated that the following were present:

Mayor

Countersigned:

The Manager further stated that the engineering work for sewer for this section had been completed and that there were several unusual engineering features connected with the same. Due to the fact that there were two ways by which this section might be served by sewer and therefore, the whole proposition was entirely a matter of choice for the Board of Aldermen. It was decided to construct a sewer line in the center of the section and to connect the property owners with the same.

Clerk

Section 4. That before the said note is issued, it shall be approved by the attorney for the Town, and his approval endorsed on said note in substantially the following form:

I, _____, Attorney for the Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, do hereby approve the within note and do state that said note constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Town of Chapel Hill.

Town Attorney

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen at this time, it adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

W. S. Roberson, Mayor

Sarah Meritt Clerk

An ordinance authorizing the Town of Chapel Hill to borrow \$5,000.00 in anticipation of the sale of \$5,000.00 sewer bonds was brought up for consideration and upon motion of Alderman Barnes, seconded by Alderman Brown, the following resolution was duly passed, all the Aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefore; to-wit: S. L. Wills, C. T. Roberson, W. S. Roberson, S. L. Wills, C. T. Roberson and S. L. Wills, said resolution being as follows: