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June 13, 1927

There was a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill at 8 P. M., Mayor Council presiding and the following Aldermen present:- Messrs. G. M. Braun, P. L. Burch, M. E. Hogan, and B. S. Thompson.

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on ~~May~~ 17th were read and approved.

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Mr. C. T. Woollen, Manager of the Consolidated Service Plants, presented to the Board the proposal of the Chapel Hill Telephone Company to install an automatic telephone system in Chapel Hill, and pointed out that it would be necessary to ask for an increase in telephone rentals of Seventy-five cents (75¢) per month for each telephone. Under this plan the charge for the business telephone would be \$4.75 per month instead of the present rate of \$4.00. A long list of the business telephone rates in the various cities and towns of the state was read to the Board, some of which are listed below.

Durham - - - - -	\$6.00
Winsto-Salem - - - - -	5.00
Greensboro - - - - -	5.50
Wilson - - - - -	4.00
Sanford - - - - -	4.00

Of these places, Durham is the only one that has an automatic exchange. In the discussion which followed it was pointed out that an automatic system would be very valuable to the Town from the standpoint of increased efficiency with which fire alarm calls would be handled, because at any time during the day a ~~direct~~ connection could be secured which would cause the siren to blow and make a connection with the station as well as several of the fireman telephones at one operation. After much further discussion, and upon motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Braune, the following resolution was duly adopted, all the Aldermen voting in the affirmative therefor. The said resolution being as follows:

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

SECTION 1. That the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill does recommend to the North Carolina Corporation Commission that the Chapel Hill Telephone Company be granted an increase in telephone

Free  
Telephone  
Rent

Mr. Woollen stated that during the summer the University has considerable trouble in the parking of automobiles on the campus and particularly on the grass, and requested that the Board of Aldermen pass an ordinance which would cover the situation. After much discussion, and upon motion of Alderman Braun, seconded by Alderman Thompson, the following ordinance was duly adopted, all the aldermen voting in the affirmative therefor.

Parking  
Ordinance

SECTION 2. That no motor vehicle shall be parked on any park-way area, or any space which has been planted with grass or shrubbery in any part of the Town.

SECTION 4. That each person violating any section of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 for each and every offense.

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daughter, who was then a minor. After much discussion the following motion was duly adopted.

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

SECTION 1. That this matter be referred to the Public Works Committee with the suggestion that a survey be made of this property and an estimate of the amount of materials used presented to the Board.

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The Manager requested that a Budget Committee be appointed to look over and approve the budget so that the same might be adopted at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Monday, June 27th when it would be necessary to have a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees of the Graded Schools. Mayor Council appointed on this committee, Aldermen G. M. Braun, M. E. Hogan and B. S. Thompson.

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The Manager recommended that bills for sewer rentals be made out annually on October 1st of each year and be sent to the citizens with the bills for the taxes. And that, the sewer rentals be subjected to the same discount and penalties as applied to the property taxes in accordance with a provision contained in the Charter of the Town. The Manager, further, recommended that the business house trash service be abolished on account of the fact that the fees collected for this service were not sufficient to take care of the expense. The income for the two trash services during the fiscal year ending May 31, 1927 was \$1,423.25 and the Expenditures for the same was \$1,516.00, plus the use of motor equipment and accounting expense. Upon motion the following resolution was adopted.

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

SECTION 1. At the beginning of the year June 1, 1927 all bills for sewer rentals shall be rendered annually on Oct. 1st of each year along with the bills for property taxes. And that, the same shall be subject to the same discount and penalties as are provided for property taxes.

SECTION 2. That the business trash service shall not be discontinued at the present time, but that if it is impossible to operate the same for the fees now being charged, that the persons using this service be notified that an increase would be necessary.

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The license and privilege tax schedule for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1928 was brought up for consideration and a motion was duly adopted as shown below.

LICENSE AND PRIVILEGE TAXES

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Manufacturers Agents resident	25.00	biles and busses engaged in the business of operating passenger routes and licensed by the State of North Carolina.	
Newspapers (Religious exempt)			
Daily	25.00		
Other than daily	15.00		
Palmist	200.00	Real estate and rent collecting agents	15.00
Pawn broker	150.00		
Peddlers		Sewer (tax to be paid by owner of premises served)	
Per week	5.00	For each house	12.00
Per month	10.00		
Per year	100.00	Soft drink dealers (not otherwise taxed)	10.00
Phrenologists	200.00	Sign Painters—contractors	<del>15.00</del> 10.00
Piano or organ dealers	25.00	Shoemakers and repairers	15.00
Plumbing	25.00	Steam fitters—contractors	
Pressing establishments (including any outside the town collecting or delivering in the town)	10.00	Resident	25.00
Printing establishments —		Itinerant	50.00
Every person operating a printing shop, with or without bindery, the following tax on annual gross sales or receipts:		Telegraph companies	10.00
Less than \$5,000	5.00	Tin shop, roofers, metal workers	25.00
\$5,000 to 15,000	10.00	Undertakers and Embalmers	15.00
\$15,000 and over	15.00	Wood working establishments	25.00
Privy (tax to be paid by owner of premises) each house served	6.00	Wood, coal, or coke dealers	15.00
Public conveyances—The business of transporting passengers or freight for profit and when used for the hauling of dirt or other similar materials except where the charge is made by the hour or day.		Wagons, see Public conveyances	
One passenger automobile used in such business	15.00	Watch and jewelry repairers (Jewelry stores paying retail merchants tax exempt)	15.00
For each additional automobile	10.00		
For each truck of not over one ton capacity	5.00	Miscellaneous—All business, trades, professions or other undertakings prosecuted for profit or gain in the Town of Chapel Hill and not herein taxed, shall be liable for a tax equal to one-tenth of one percent of the annual gross sales or receipts; Provided, the taxing of such enterprise shall not be in conflict with the State Revenue Act, and provided further, that the minimum tax shall not be less than \$5.00.	
Drays, wagons, one horse	5.00		
Two horses	10.00		
(Provided that this section shall not apply to automobiles)			

U-Drive-It Passenger Cars

5 passenger - - \$5.00  
Less than 5 passenger \$2.50

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Section 16. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.



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The Manager recommended that a sewer be constructed from Franklin Street along an alley adjacent to the negro brick cafes on Franklin Street, between Keenan Strert and Roberson and pointed out that the estimated cost of this sewer construction was \$900.00 and that the income necessary was \$72.00 per year whereas there were eight (8) immediate connections which would create an additional income of \$96.00 per year. Upon motion of Alderman Braun, seconded by Alderman Hogan, the following resolution was duly adopted, all aldermen voting in the affirmative .

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

SECTION 1. That the Manager is hereby authorized to construct on the said alley indicated above a sewer line for the purpose of serving eight (8) houses which are now unconnected with the sewer.

SECTION 2. That the Manager is hereby authorized to enter into such contracts and purchase such material as may be necessary for the construction of the said sewer.

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The question of cutting several dead trees within the Town was brought up for discussion and particularly the dead tree on Franklin Street near the Woman's Building be cut, of which had been recommended by Dr. W. C. Coker, and a dead tree on Franklin Street near its intersection with Boundary Street. Upon motion of Alderman Braun, seconded by Alderman Hogan, the following resolution was duly adopted.

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

SECTION 1. That the Manager is hereby instructed to cut and take away dead trees in any section of the Town where the same might be found and also to remove such dead limbs on the trees of the street which might be in a dangerous condition.

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June 1, 1927

This petition was referred to the Public Works Committee and the Manager was instructed to inform the property owners who signed this petition of the regular requirements of the Public Works Committee for the taking over of new streets.

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The following letter from the Chapel Hill Welfare Council was presented to the Board of Aldermen:

"Since it is understood that the Town of Chapel Hill has for sometime past been contemplating changes in regard to the arrangement for its jail, fire house and town offices, the Chapel Hill Welfare Council wishes to advocate the abolition of the present jail facilities on the ground that they are entirely inadequate to meet the needs and standards of the community. It is suggested that a new building be provided for the purpose of housing the municipal lockup, this to be accomplished either by a separate building used only for this purpose or to be included in a larger building which might function as a Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian G. Simmons, Secretary.

May 23, 1927

This matter was referred to the Committee of Public Safety.

The following petition from the property owners on the east extension of Rosemary Lane was read to the Board .

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, CHAPEL HILL.

Gentlemen:

The undersigned property owners on Rosemary Street Extension hereby petition the Town of Chapel Hill to take over and hereafter maintain the street at present extending from the corner of Rosemary Street and Glenburnie Road to the drive-way of the Foerster house.

E. V. Howell

Frederick H. Koch

Norman Foerster

June 1, 1927

This petition was referred to the Public Works Committee and the Manager was instructed to inform the property owners who signed this petition of the regular requirements of the Public Works Committee for the taking over of new streets.



The Manager pointed out that no action had been taken by the Cemetery Committee and that it was very necessary that something be done within a very short time with the situation. The Cemetery Committee, consisting of Mayor Council, Aldermen G. M. Braun, and C. L. Eubanks, was requested to make a report on this matter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10.30 P. M.

Zeb P. Council, Mayor

Miss Johnson Clerk