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July, 11, 1927

There was a meeting of the Board of Aldermen at 8 P. M., Mayor Council presiding, and the following Aldermen were present. Messrs. C. L. Eubanks, M. E. Hogan, P. L. Burch, R. D. W. Connor, B. S. Thompson.

The reading of the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Aldermen on June 13th and 27th were postponed until the next meeting.

The Manager stated that Mr. A. C. Pickard requested that the action regarding his application for the construction of the Filling Station on East Franklin Street be delayed, as he had found it impossible to be present at the meeting.

The question of the privilege tax levied on newspapers was then brought up for consideration and the following letter was read from W. B. Thompson, Editor of the Chapel Hill News.

June 8, 1927

Mr. E. M. Knox,  
City.

Dear Sir:

I am at a loss to know what a \$5.00 license and a \$15.00 license is imposed on the Chapel Hill News. I have never heard of a town or in fact, a country newspaper being taxed to do business in a town before. Its always presumed that a local paper always does the town more good in advertising it than the little privilege tax amounts to, and therefore I never paid any privilege tax in the 36 years The News has been established here. I do not think there is another town in the state requires its local newspapers to pay a privilege tax. And \$20.00 would be out of all reason if such were the case. I wish you would investigate this, as my town tax and county tax is sufficient for little local newspapers to pay. Why the state does not require a privilege tax on a country paper.

With best wishes, I beg yo remain,

Very truly yours,

B. S. Thompson.

Mr. Louis Graves, Editor of the Chapel Hill Weekly, was present and he was asked to express his opinion regarding the license tax imposed on newspapers and job print establishments. Mr. Graves stated that he had no objection to the payment of the tax imposed, providing that all places were taxed on the same basis, but suggested that there should be only one privilege tax for the operation of a newspaper business in connection with a printshop. The Manager recommended that the privilege tax on the weekly newspaper be abolished and that the tax on printing establishments remain as it is. Upon motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Thompson, the following ordinance was duly passed, all present voting in the affirmative therefor.

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

Section 1. That the license and privilege tax ordinance is hereby amended be struck therefrom on Page 7, Column 1, Item 2, "Newspaper (religious exempt) Daily \$25.00, other than daily \$15.00"

The following letter from Mr. A. S. Barbee regarding a charge against her for a sewer connection which was installed under the pavement on Franklin Street in 1922, was read to the Board.

June 11, 1927

Mr. E. M. Knox,  
City.

Dear Sir:

I see you have me charged with sewer connection made by the street highway without my consent. I have never used it and have no idea of ever using it. I would be glad to have the town to give me free go by- Asked by

Mrs. A. S. Barbee.

In the discussion it was pointed out that the sewer connection was put in for a vacant lot and that this charge was collectable only as were any open accounts. No action was taken regarding this matter.



Dr. E. V. Howell was present to request that the Town take over and maintain a road which he had built leading eastward from Rosemary Street and in line with Rosemary Street. Dr. Howell was informed of the regular requirements regarding the taking over of new streets and was informed that when these requirements had been complied with, the Public Works Committee would inspect the same and report upon his application for the taking over and maintaining of this street.

The Manager reported that the County Commission meeting in regular session in Hillsboro that date had made a reduction of 10% on the property assessments for a tax rate of all real estate in the corporate limits of Chapel Hill and that this reduction would possibly be greater than the increase in the total tax valuation due to new construction of buildings and would possibly mean an increase in the Town Tax rate for the next year.

The Manager brought up for discussion the question of using a surface treatment on some of the dirt streets in Chapel Hill and stated that Mr. T. L. Pendergrass, Superintendent of the Road Committee had offered to rent the Town his equipment for applying this treatment after August 1st. This matter was referred to the Public Works Committee.

Dr. E. V. Howell brought up the question of the condition in which the sewer contractors of the Town had left his cabin road and requested that the same be put in good condition by the Town. Upon motion duly adopted the Manager was instructed to have this road worked with the regular road equipment and shaped properly so that the same would not be subject to excessive rutting.

The Manager presented to the Board a Budget statement for the month of June, the said month being the first month of the fiscal year, and a balance sheet showing the condition of all funds, which statements may be found on the succeeding pages.

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BUDGET STATEMENT

JUNE 30, 1927

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>Estimated Total</u>	<u>Actual To Date</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>E x p e n d i t u r e s</u>			
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Division of Legislation - - - - -	\$ 375.00	\$ 42.50	\$ 332.50
Division of Attorney - - - - -	600.00		600.00
Division of Management - - - - -	8,312.00	1,692.31	6,619.69
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE			
Division of Auditing - - - - -	600.00		600.00
Division of Treasury - - - - -	400.00	15.00	385.00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
Division of Sewers - - - - -	850.00	99.21	750.79
Division of Sanitation - - - - -	4,566.00	248.98	4,317.02
Division of Streets - - - - -	5,010.00	472.53	4,537.47
Division of Sales & Service - - - - -		47.95	*47.95
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES			
Division of Hydrants - - - - -	950.00		950.00
Division of Lights - - - - -	1,350.00		1,350.00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY			
Division of Fire - - - - -	1,770.00	33.35	1,736.65
Division of Police - - - - -	6,439.00	540.75	5,898.25
Division of Building Inspection - - - - -	100.00		100.00
Division of Electrical Inspection - - - - -	360.00		360.00
Division of Plumbing Inspection - - - - -	175.00		175.00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE			
Division of Cemeteries - - - - -	400.00	70.25	329.75
Division of Charity Donations - - - - -	25.00		25.00
Division of Health - - - - -	2,640.00	215.00	2,425.00
Total Expenditures - - - - -	\$ 34,922.00	\$ 3,477.83	\$ 31,444.17

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Taxes - - - - -	\$ 17,178.50	\$ 4.68	\$ 17,173.82
Rights and Privileges - - - - -	4,298.25	234.50	4,063.75
Services and Sales - - - - -	4,845.25	333.40	4,511.85
Interests and Refunds - - - - -	50.00		50.00
Fines and Forfeitures - - - - -	850.00	2.84	847.16
Assessments - - - - -	6,700.00	*4.00	6,704.00
Total Income * - - - - -	\$ 33,922.00	\$ 571.42	\$ 33,350.58



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	100*00	12*00	222*00
DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY	200*00		200*00
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE			
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT	212*00	1*222*21	2*212*22
DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY	200*00		200*00
DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION	212*00	12*20	222*20
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT			

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# BUDGET STATEMENT CONTINUED

JUNE 30, 1927

	Estimated Total	Actual To Date	Balance
<u>CAPITAL FUND</u>			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Division on Management - - - - -	\$	1.50	\$
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
Division of Sewers - - - - -		350.01	
Division of Engineering - - - - -		567.45	
Division of Streets - - - - -		6,681.41	
Total Expenditures - - - - -		<u>\$7,600.37</u>	

## TRUST FUND

### Expenditures

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS			
Division of Operation - - - - -	\$	473.99	
Division of Bonds - - - - -		170.02	
Total Expenditures - - - - -	\$	<u>644.01</u>	

## SINKING FUND

### Expenditures

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE			
Division of the Treasury - - - - -	\$ 21,405.13	\$1,875.50	\$ 19,529.63

### Income

Taxes - - - - -	\$ 7,580.13	\$ 1.62	\$ 7,578.51
Interests - - - - -	4,485.00	*1.20	4,486.20
Assessments - - - - -	8,340.00		8,340.00
Total Income - - - - -	<u>\$ 20,405.13</u>	<u>\$ 0.42</u>	<u>\$ 20,404.71</u>

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CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET - FUNDS

JUNE 30, 1927

	Totals	General Fund	Capital Fund	Trust Fund	Sinking Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash (*Overdraft)	\$ 4,975.50	\$ 12,218.53	\$ 6,519.29	\$ 22.10	\$ 745.84
Receivables:					
Taxes	14,355.67	6,137.70		6,336.58	1,881.45
Assessments	59,827.50	9,125.79			50,701.71
General Accounts	7,355.22	4,519.74			2,835.48
Sinking Fund Investments	9,015.03				9,015.03
Properties:					
Equipment	39,454.34		39,454.34		
Real Estate and Buildings	7,905.54		7,905.54		
Local Improvements	280,968.07		280,968.07		
Total Assets	\$ 413,905.87	\$ 7,564.70	\$ 334,847.24	\$ 6,314.42	\$ 65,179.51
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Notes Payable	164,050.00	8,000.00	156,050.00		
Bonds Payable	160,000.00		160,000.00		
Reserves				6,314.42	
Uncollected School Taxes	6,314.42				64,341.96
Retirement of Bonds and Notes	64,341.96				
Total Liabilities	394,706.38	8,000.00	316,050.00	6,314.42	64,341.96
Surplus	31,031.35	2,471.11	26,397.61		2,162.63
Total Liabilities, Surplus and Reserve	\$ 425,737.73	\$ 10,471.11	\$ 342,447.61	\$ 6,314.42	\$ 66,504.59
Plus Income (First month)	571.84	571.42			.42
Less Expenditures (First Month)	12,403.70	3,477.83	7,600.37		1,325.50
Totals	\$ 413,905.87	\$ 7,564.70	\$ 334,847.24	\$ 6,314.42	\$ 65,179.51



There being no further business, the meeting  
of the Board of Aldermen adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

Zep. P. Council, Mayor

*Annie Johnson*  
Clerk.