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November 14, 1927

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill at 7:30 P. M., Mayor Council presiding and with the following Aldermen present:- Messrs. P. L. Burch, C. L. Eubanks, M. E. Hogan, R. D. W. Connor and B. S. Thompson.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meetings of the Board of Aldermen were deferred by action of the Mayor.

About forty citizens were present to hear and take part in the discussion regarding the planting of trees on the North side of Franklin Street between Columbia and Henderson Street. Upon motion of Alderman Eubanks, seconded by Alderman Burch, the following resolution was duly adopted.

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

SECTION 1. That the ordinance adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen instructing the Manager to plant trees on the north side of Franklin Street between Columbia and Henderson Streets is here-by brought up for reconsideration and is now open to discussion.

Several of the citizens present took part in the discussion, including Mr. M. W. Durham, Dr. W. E. Coker, Mr. W. B. Sorrell, Mr. A. G. Nash, Mrs. A. M. Jordan, Mrs. A. A. Klutz, Mr. J. E. Lear and a letter was read from Dr. H. V. Wilson who could not be present at this meeting. After much discussion the motion was made to defer action on this question which was adopted in due form. At this time all of the citizens present left the meeting of the Board.

The question of the practice by certain persons in the Town of standing in the traffic portion of the street was brought up for discussion. Mr. Francis Bradshaw was present and stated that he had talked with several of the representative students of the University regarding the matter of prohibiting the practice of standing out into the streets in order to catch rides, which is so commonly being practiced by the students, and that he felt that any reasonable regulation by the Board of Aldermen would be respected by the majority of the students without any difficulty from the standpoint of enforcement

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After much discussion and upon motion of Alderman Connor, seconded by Alderman Hogan, the following resolution was duly adopted, all the Aldermen voting in the affirmative therefor, the said resolution being as follows:

Whereas, a large number of persons have been engaging in the practice of standing in the portion of the streets of the Town which has been designated for motor vehicular traffic, and thereby have become a menace to public safety, endangering not only their own lives, but also, the lives of the persons operating motor vehicles on the streets; now therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That no pedestrian shall be permitted to take a stand on the motor vehicular portion of any street in the town or in any manner obstruct motor vehicular traffic, and that in crossing the street all pedestrians shall keep in motion while in this portion of the street.

SECTION 2. That any person guilty of wilfully violating this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 in the discretion of the court.

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The Manager brought up for discussion the advisability of having two regular monthly meetings and the elimination of so many call meetings. The Manager recommended that the meetings be held on the second and fourth Mondays in each month. There was much discussion regarding this matter but no definite action taken.

Alderman Eubanks brought up for discussion again the question regarding the planting of trees on the north side of Franklin Street between Columbia and Henderson Streets and suggested that this matter should be disposed of at this meeting. In the discussion, various types of trees were mentioned and the Mayor suggested that the cost of planting these trees should be investigated before final action is taken. Alderman Connor made a motion that the trees be planted in accordance with the resolution adopted at the previous meeting of the Board of Aldermen. This resolution was seconded by Alderman Burch, and was duly adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Aldermen. This resolution is recorded again in the minutes of this meeting for reference, which is as follows:

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

SECTION 1. That the Manager is hereby instructed to plant on the North side of Franklin Street between Columbia and Henderson Streets new trees which are to be placed approximately 50 feet apart and in such a manner as not to interfere with the proposed lighting standard.

SECTION 2. That blocks shall be left out of the concrete sidewalk adjacent to the curb for this purpose.

SECTION 3. That Dr. W. C. Coker is hereby requested to advise with the Manager and the Improvement Committee in this matter.

The Manager reported that in accordance with the resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on September 7th, Mr. Luceo Lloyd had been notified to repair the concrete sidewalk abutting his property on Henderson Street near its intersection with Rosemary Street and that Mr. Luceo Lloyd had failed to comply with this resolution. The Manager stated further that unless there was some objection by the Board that this sidewalk would be repaired and the cost of same would be charged to Mr. Luceo Lloyd.

The Manager stated that Mr. A. C. McIntosh had resigned as Attorney for the Town of Chapel Hill and in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Town he had accepted the resignation of Mr. McIntosh and was presenting the same for approval by the Board of Aldermen. The Manager stated that Mr. McIntosh had never received any remuneration for the service which he had performed to the Town of Chapel Hill over the long number of years which he had acted in the capacity of Town Attorney and that he felt that the Board should remunerate Mr. McIntosh in some way for the very valuable service which

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he had rendered. The Manager stated that he did not feel that Mr. McIntosh would accept a fee in money for the services which he had rendered and suggested that the balance due to the Town of Chapel Hill by Mr. McIntosh for street assessment be remitted and Mr. McIntosh be given credit for this amount. The Manager stated further that this amount would not be in excess of \$300.00. After much discussion and upon motion of Alderman Burch, seconded by Alderman Thompson, the following resolution was duly adopted, all the aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor, the said resolution being as follows:

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

SECTION 1. That whereas Mr. A. C. McIntosh has served the Town of Chapel Hill as Attorney for over five years and whereas Mr. McIntosh has refused to accept a fee for his services rendered, the City Manager is hereby instructed and authorized to notify Mr. McIntosh that all charges against him for street assessment are hereby remitted by the Town of Chapel Hill as an expression of the appreciation for the very valuable services he has rendered to the Town, and that the City Manager shall write to Mr. McIntosh a letter thanking him for the much time and his very valuable service which he has given to the Board of Aldermen.

The Manager then brought up for discussion the question of the appointment of an attorney for the Town and stated that Mr. Albert Coates had been suggested as a competent man to handle this matter. Mr. Coates is teaching in the Law school and is also doing a small work of practice and his particular subject which he is now teaching is the Law Governing Municipal Corporations. After much discussion, the following resolution was duly adopted.

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

SECTION 1. That the Manager is requested to defer the appointment of an Attorney for the Town until the qualifications of various persons who might be in position to accept this appointment could be studied carefully.

SECTION 2. And in case of an emergency the City Manager is hereby instructed and authorized to employ such an attorney as he might deem necessary until the appointment of a regular attorney is made.

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The Manager presented for the approval of the Board of Aldermen the appointment of Mr. N. Mayes as a policeman in the Division of Police, Department of Public Safety, and stated that Mr. Mayes had been on trial for the past thirty days and that he thought Mr. Mayes would be satisfactory as a motorcycle officer after further training. The Manager stated upon request that the salary to be paid for this position was \$130.00 per month. Upon motion of Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Hogan, the appointment of Mr. N. Mayes as a patrolman was duly approved, all the aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor.

The Manager read a letter from Mr. J. S. Bennett, Supt., of the Electric and Water Division of the Consolidated Service Plants, stating that the University Consolidated Service Plants were ready to cooperate with the Town in carrying out the recommendations from the Southeastern Underwriters Association regarding a better insurance rating for Chapel Hill, as soon as the Town is ready to put a full time man on at the Fire Station to operate the fire truck. The Manager was instructed to investigate the conditions which would have to be met in order to have an operator for the fire truck on duty all the time and to report to the Board of Alderman at a later meeting the cost of such service.

The Mayor brought up for consideration the advisability of employing another policeman for general service in the Town and pointed out that it was impossible to adequately police the town with the force which we now had. In the discussion it was brought out, however, that there were no funds available for this purpose until a new budget was made out in June 1928

The Manager brought up for consideration the advisability of converting the room on the second floor of the Fire Station so that it would be possible to use it for a court room and the meetings of the Board of Aldermen. The Manager stated that the firemen had agreed to give up this room and that they did not further desire it for a lounge room for their men. Upon motion the Manager was instructed to secure prices on the furniture necessary for this change.

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The Manager read a letter from Dr. William McNider regarding the traffic situation and his talk before the Board of Aldermen at a previous meeting and stated that he was collecting information regarding various types of traffic signals and traffic controlling devices and would report the results of his investigations at a later meeting.

The Manager reported that the construction of the sidewalk on the north side of Franklin Street in front of the Post Office property had been delayed in order to determine what action would be taken by the Government regarding the approach to the Post Office building. The Manager recommended that the sidewalk be constructed by the Town at once, insomuch as the Postal Department had sent an Engineer here who had made plans for raising the approach to the Post Office building in accordance with the new grade which is to be established on the sidewalk by the Town and stated that if there were no objections, he would proceed with this work.

There being no further business the Board of Aldermen adjourned at 11 P. M.

Zep. P. Council, Mayor

Annie Johnson, Clerk