

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Book 5, Page 34

May 14, 1928

There was a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill at 8:00 P. M., Mayor Council presiding and the following Aldermen present; to wit:- Messrs. G. M. Braune, P. L. Burch, M. E. Hogan, C. L. Eubanks, B. S. Thompson and R. D. W. Connor.

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Messrs. Jack Sparrow, Charlie Martindale, and J. A. Duke were present and complained of the odors which they had noticed at their home coming from the sewerage disposal plant on Bowling Creek. There was a general discussion regarding this matter and the persons making the complaint were assured that the Board of Aldermen was desirous of doing everything possible so there would be no nuisance created by this plant and suggested that there were several things there which might cause odors of sufficient intensity to be noticable as far as their home, but that none of the Town officials had ever noticed such odors and that it was impossible to say what was causing the specific odor which was bothersome to them. These gentlemen were requested to notify the City Manager at any hour of the day that they should detect odors from this plant at their residence so that the cause of such odor might be determined. At this time Messrs. Sparrow, Martindale and Duke left the meeting of the board. Following their departure there was a general discussion regarding the condition of this sewer plant and the Manager stated that the Plant had never operated satisfactorily, due to some unknown causes, and pointed out that it was going to be necessary to make addition to this plant in order to get a satisfactory effluent and to eliminate the possiblilty of undesirable situations existing at this plant.

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Mr. Parrish, Representative of the General Electric Company, was present to talk with the Board of Aldermen regarding the installation of "Stop and Go" Traffic signals. Mr. Parrish supplied the Town with a light which had been installed at the corner of Columbia and Franklin Street on trial and was desirous of explaining the operation of these lights which might arise in the minds of the Aldermen. Following Mr. Parrish's departure, there was a general discussion regarding the type of traffic signals to be placdd at this intersection. The

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H. S. Pendergraft Motor Co. 1 Chev. Touring Car including tires, tube, cover, front and rear bumpers -	\$611.00
Less allowance for 1926 ford touring car -	175.00

Cash for Chev. Touring Car	\$436.00
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Strowd Motor Company, 1 Five Passenger Ford Touring Car with bumpers and extra tire complete -	\$518.50
Less allowance for 1926 ford touring car -	60.00
Net price for new ford touring	\$458.50

There was much discussion regarding these two bids and upon motion of Alderman Connor, seconded by Alderman Braune, the following resolution was duly adopted; all the alderman present voting in the affirmative therefor.

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

SECTION 1. That whereas bids have been received for the furnishing of one Touring Car for the Police Division and whereas it is the opinion of the Board of Aldermen that the Ford Touring Car will be better suited to the town, the Manager is hereby instructed to purchase from the Strowd Motor Company in accordance with bids received and the date of the First Day of May one (1) Ford Touring Car for use by the Police Division.

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The special committee appointed by the Mayor to confer with the University Building and Ground Committee reported that this Committee would recommend to the Building Committee of the University Trustees to extend the Cemetery about two acres East of the present location and on the South to the new highway. This report was accepted and the Committee will continue to confer with the Faculty Building and Ground Committee and with the Improvement Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University.

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The Manager called attention again to the petition that the Town construct an interceptic sewer from its Disposal Plant on Bowling Creek up to the Gimghoul Development and stated that the estimated cost of the construction of this interceptic was \$10,000. The Manager stated further that the University had agreed to pay 20% of the cost not in excess of \$10,000 for the privilege of connecting its hydrants in the Park Place development on to this sewer and eliminating its disposal plant in minor places. In the discussion it was brought up that the Town would have enough immediate income from a sewer line constructed in this location to provide on the regular basis of $8\frac{1}{2}\%$ the construction of \$6,000 of sewers. After a general discussion and upon motion of Alderman R. D. W. Connor, seconded by Alderman G. M. Braune, the following Ordinance was duly adopted; all the Aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor;

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

SECTION 1. That the Manager is hereby instructed to construct a sewer interceptor from the Park Place Development and the Gimghoul development to the Town's Disposal Plant on Bowling Creek, the estimated cost of which is \$10,000.

$\frac{1}{4}$ SECTION 2. Provided, that the cost of such interceptic sewer shall not exceed \$10,000.

SECTION 3. PROVIDED, that the University of North Carolina will pay 20% of the cost of such interceptic sewer which amount is not in excess of \$2,000.00.

SECTION 4. Provided that the Order of Gimghouls will pay the remainder of the cost.

SECTION 5. That the Town hereby agrees to reimburse the Order of Gimghouls such amount that they may pay in the completion of the said sewer interceptor on the basis of \$140.00 for each new connection to this line which pays to the Town a regular sewer rental of \$12.00 per year.

SECTION 6. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to proceed with the work provided the University of North Carolina and the Order of Gingham Road may agree with these conditions.

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The Manager presented the following petition from the University Officials regarding the improvement of the Country Club Road from Raleigh Street to its intersection with the new state Highway to Nelson:

March 29, 1928

To the Town of Chapel Hill:

The extension of Cameron Avenue to the east of the campus gate running to what now becomes the new state highway to the South of the campus should be put into permanent condition, and an agreement made as to its future upkeep. The essential things seem to be that the road should be widened and curb and gutter should be built, and the road properly graveled.

The University paid the total cost for the construction of the road as it now stands. Inasmuch as it now becomes an important length of the town system of highways, due to the construction of the new state highway to the south, it seems fair that the town should bear part of the cost of reconstructing the road and should agree to care for its upkeep after it is put in condition. The cost of putting the road in shape would be about as follows:

2,314 cu. yds. excavation at 60 cts.	\$2,048.40
3,805 linear feet curb and gutter @89¢	3,386.45
	<u>\$7,434.85</u>

To these figures should be added 15% for engineering and contingencies, and that also does not include the cost of a fresh gravel surface.

In view of the above considerations we, the undersigned, petition the Town of Chapel Hill to agree with the University to put this road in condition in accordance with the above facts, it being understood that the University will agree to bear two-thirds of the total cost of conditioning the road if the Town of Chapel Hill will agree to bear one-third of

these total costs and to maintain the road after it is put in condition.

Very truly yours,

H. W. Chase
L. B. Rogerson
R. B. House
W. C. Coker
A. H. Patterson
T. F. Hickerson

Upon motion of Alderman Connor, seconded by Alderman Hogan, the Manager was instructed to have a survey made of this improvement and present an estimate of cost to the Board of Aldermen for further consideration.

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The Manager stated that he had had numerous complaints regarding the failure of the Chief of Police to carry on his work in a manner which was satisfactory to the public, and that after many months of working with the Chief of Police in an attempt to get him to conduct his work in a better manner, and after making a thorough investigation of the whole situation, and giving to the Chief of Police that his services would not be required by the Town of Chapel Hill after the 15th day of June. After much general discussion in which the Manager presented in detail his reason for this removal. The Manager requested that the Board of Aldermen approve Mr. Featherston's dismissal from the service.

Upon motion of Alderman Braune, seconded by Alderman Connor, the following resolution was duly adopted; all the Aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor: said resolution being as follows:

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

SECTION 1. That it is the opinion of the Board of Aldermen that G. T. Featherston, Chief of Police, had not been carrying on his work in an efficient manner and the Manager has seen fit to dismiss him from the services of the Town. Such action by the Manager is hereby approved.

There being no further business, the Board of Aldermen adjourned.

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Z. P. Council, Mayor
Clerk