

September 28, 1928

There was a call meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Council presiding and the following Aldermen present, to-wit:- Messrs. Braune, Burch, Connor, Eubanks, Burch and Hogan.

The preliminary street assessment scroll was brought up for discussion. The assessment against the property owners on each of the streets is as follows:

Rosemary-Columbia St. to Church Street	\$ 2,277.07
Ransome-Vance Street to W. Univ. Drive	1,274.76
Vance St.	1,717.19
Columbia Street	
Franklin to Rosemary	4,997.62
Ginghoul Road	2,985.67
West Univ. Drive	
Pittsboro to Ransome	1,371.01
Ransome Street	
McCauley to Vance Street	1,184.32
Boundary Street	
Franklin to North Street	3,659.67
Rosemary Lane	
Col. to Hillsboro	6,415.32
Franklin St.	
Henderson to Columbia	2,311.99
North St.	
Hillsboro to Boundary	2,702.30
Henderson St.	
North to Cobb Terrace	412.27
McCauley St.	
Pittsboro to Ransome	2,464.26
Franklin St.	
Columbia to Merritt Mill Road	<u>43,121.84</u>
Making the total assessment levied as of Oct. 1928	\$ 75,837.89

The assessment scroll was then read and upon motion of Alderman Braune, seconded by Alderman Eubanks, the preliminary scroll of assessments was approved; all the Aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor.

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The Manager stated that the indebtedness of the Town was 6.7% and that the state law allowed the town to borrow up to 8%. The petitions for surface treatment on Pittsboro Street, Cameron Avenue and Vance Street were again taken up for discussion.

Mr. Rex, a representative for Mr. Catchine, was present and explained to the Aldermen how the petitions had been circulated. Mr. Rex said that his price of .35¢ per square yard was in line. The price they made Guilford County was .33¢ but that the Guilford County job was much larger. Mr. Rex denied the charge that his company was charging the town \$400.00 for circulating the petitions. Mr. Eubanks stated that he was very anxious to see the petitions go through. Mr. Braune stated the Mr. Homewood had asked to be given the opportunity to bid on surface treatment. The question of ^{vers} tar asphalt was discussed.

Alderman Eubanks moved that the petitions be accepted and the details worked out later. Alderman Eubanks later withdrew his motion, and the following motion was offered by Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Eubanks:

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

That these petitions be received but no action be taken until the City Manager gets other prices on surface treatment and reports back to the Board. The motion was carried; all the Aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor.

At this junction Mr. Catchine came in. Mr. Catchine stated that he had no idea of what the status of the meeting was but that he would be very glad to answer any question relative to the surface treatment which he had to offer. He stated that he had been engaged in surface treatment work for the past 6 or 8 years and that he had been working on the petitions in Chapel Hill for over a year and one-half and at one time had carried the whole engineering class with Prof. Janda on a tour to inspect the catchinite treatment work. He stated that he felt that catchinite treatment should have been mentioned in the petition. He explained that the main problem here was to get the base in proper shape and not just a question of the proper treatment. Mr. Catchine said "I have traveled over different states investigating the different types of surface treatment and have decided on catchinite treatment; I have investigated thoroughly different types and it is true that we have some very good tar roads, but they have good bases. Elizabeth City has good tar roads, but it was surfaced on a base of gravel shipped from Washington. You do not have that material in your town. Gentlemen, if our experience on roads is not worth anything to you, we cannot sell you, of course, and if you are not willing to go ahead and put the road in shape we do not want the job. In Lexington they have a good grade of clay gravel. I told them it was very necessary to excavate at least 5" from the gutter. They went ahead and sometime later I came back on the job and found that they had not done this, and

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they stated that I had a contract to put the surface treatment down in just the condition the streets were in, and I told them that I did not want the job unless they would put the base in proper shape. They were not willing to do this, so I did not do the work. Now, gentlemen, if the experience we have had is not worth anything to you, we don't want your job either. If there is any question in the world you care to ask relative to any other type of treatment, or this I have to offer, I will be glad to answer, giving you absolute facts as to what I know of the same."

Mr. Council asked if there were any questions anyone wanted to ask and there was much general discussion.

There being no further business, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Z.P. Council, Mayor

Annie Johnson, Clerk