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There was a regular monthly 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. G. M. Braune, P. L. Burch, M. E. Hogan, C. L. Eubanks, and B. S. Thompson. Mr. Sawyer, the Town Attorney, was also present.

The question of purchasing fire hose was brought up for discussion. Fire Chief Foister and a representative from the Eureka Fire Hose Manufacturing Company, were present. Mr. Foister stated that about one thousand feet of fire hose is needed. He explained to the Board of Aldermen that at the present time, wet hose had to be reloaded after each fire, and that this materially shortens the life of the hose. Aside from the economy involved, there is danger of a section of hose blowing out when put under pressure.

The Manager stated that he with the Committee on Public Safety, Mr. P. L. Burch, had gone thoroughly into the fire hose situation and recommended that the Town purchase one thousand feet of fire hose. The Manager stated that he had seen Mr. C. T. Woollen, Business Manager of the University, in regard to getting the University to pay for one-half of this extra fire hose. Mr. Woollen stated that he felt the University should participate in the purchase of this hose, and that he would take the matter up with the Budget Commission in Raleigh.

Mr. Timmerman, the Eureka Fire Hose salesman, was very insistent that the purchase be made at once, and offered to give the town one year to pay for the hose, and charge no interest.

There was much discussion on the matter. Alderman Hogan stated that he thought the town should have the financial statement now being prepared by the Auditor, Mr. Rogerson, before any new expenditure was incurred. Alderman Braune was of the same opinion. It was decided that no fire hose should be purchased until the Auditor finished the financial statement.

Mr. Timmerman, salesman for the Eureka Hose Manufacturing Co., withdrew his proposition regarding the absorbing of the interest for one year, stating that his offer was made subject to the placement of the order that night.

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The Manager stated that Mr. S. Berman requested a street light in Berman's Court, Upon motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Braune, the matter was referred to the Light Committee; all the Aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor.

The Manager stated that he had received a letter from Mr. John Sprunt Hill in regard to sidewalk paving in front of his property on Franklin Street. The letter is as follows:

"Mr. John Foushee,
City Manager,
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Mr. Foushee:

Referring to the four brick stores belonging to me situated on the South side of Franklin Street, I beg to say that it is my desire to have constructed, at an early date, a ten to fifteen foot sidewalk in front of these four stores. I will thank you, therefore, to furnish me, at your earliest convenience, with map showing grade of street and sidewalk in front of this property so that I can act with some degree of intelligence in letting contract for construction of sidewalk.

Yours truly,

(SIGNED) JOHN SPRUNT HILL"

The Manager wrote the following letter in reply to Mr. Hill's:

"Mr. John Sprunt Hill,
Durham, N.C.

Dear Sir:

In regard to paving sidewalk in front of your store buildings on Franklin Street:

I have had a survey made of this property and will send you a blue-print showing the grade and areas between curb and building, and also copy of our specifications for sidewalk. If you should decide to do this work, we will be

very glad to set grades for you and assist you in any way possible in the construction of the sidewalk.

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED) J. M. FOUSHEE

City Manager".

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The Mayor stated that the Postmaster had talked to him in regard to the numbering of the houses in Chapel Hill. The Postmaster had stated that there were quite a few cases of duplication of numbers and that the system was not uniform. The Manager stated that he had written several towns in regard to house numbers, but as yet had not received a reply. The advantages of a uniform numbering system were pointed out and after much discussion, upon motion of Alderman Burch, seconded by Alderman Hogan, it was duly adopted that the City Manager should work out some system of numbering the houses; all voting in the affirmative therefor.

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The Mayor stated that quite a few people had been asking how any one could tell just where a fire was when the alarm was turned in. The Manager stated that the imaginary fire boxes had not been established, but that as soon as blue-prints of the town map were returned from Atwood & Nash's office, he, with Fire Chief Foister, would work out a system of imaginary boxes and give a blue-print showing the location of these boxes to all of the volunteer firemen. Mayor Council stated that he would be glad to publish a card for free distribution showing the location of all the imaginary fire boxes.

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Alderman Hogan asked what was the sewer rental charge on cottages in the yard where only one connection was made to the town sewer. The Manager stated that according to the town ordinance, the charge would be $1.00 per month for each cottage.

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Alderman Braune stated that Mrs. Tenney who lives in Tenney Circle, had been to see him in regard to the charge for sewer rental. Mrs. Tenney stated that she did not feel she should pay any sewer rental since the sewer has been put across her property. There was some question as to whether or not Mr. Knox had secured the right of way from Mrs. Tenney, and it was felt that some agreement should be made with Mrs. Tenney. There was much discussion on this subject and upon motion of Alderman Burch, seconded by Alderman Braune, the City Manager was authorized to work out some agreement with Mrs. Tenney regarding her sewer rental. All of the Aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor.

The question as to whether the sewer rental fees should apply directly to sewer bonds, or be put in the General Fund was brought up for discussion. Aldermen Hogan and Braune were of the opinion that the sewer fees were being applied to the bonds, but it was pointed out that according to the budget for the fiscal year 1928-29, as approved by the Board of Aldermen, placed the sewer rental fees in the General Fund, and that all bonds were being paid for by the Bond Tax. It was decided to postpone further discussion on the matter until the financial statement of the Town was presented to the Board of Aldermen.

There being no further business, the Board of Aldermen adjourned at 9:30 p. m.

ZEB. P. COUNCIL, MAYOR

ANNIE JOHNSON, CLERK