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December 10, 1928

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill was held at 7:30 p. m., Mayor Council presiding, with the following Aldermen present, to-wit: Messrs. Hogan, Thompson, Eubanks and Braune, and Mr. Sawyer, the Town Attorney, was also present.

The Manager read the mintes for the following former meetings, which were approved:

August 13, 1928
September 10 and 14, 1928
October 8, 18 and 26, 1928
November 19, 1928

The matter of securing additional policemen for the Town was brought up for discussion. The Manager stated that as yet the University had taken no definite action in regard to the proposal submitted by the Town for an additional appropriation from them in order to increase the size of the Police Department. Mayor Council stated that he felt the present police force was inadequate as there is only one policeman on duty at a time, and for twelve hours of duty. He stated that it was very difficult to get a policeman over the telephone because when the man on duty is patrolling the residential district, he is out of reach of the police telephone. The Mayor stated that there were a good many situations that one policeman could not adequately cope with. Alderman Hogan stated that he felt it would be all right to have an additional policeman if someone would contribute the necessary funds. Alderman Eubanks stated that he felt the present police force was adequate for the needs of the Town. No definite action was taken.

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Mr. Timmerman, the representative of the Eureka Fire Hose Manufacturing Company, was present and asked if the Board was ready to take action in regard to purchasing fire hose. The Financial Statement, being prepared by Mr. Rogerson, had not been completed, so the Board took no action in regard to the purchase of hose.

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The Manager read a letter from Messrs. Gattis and Gattis and E. S. Parker, Jr., in regard to the case of Effie Heater vs. The Town of Chapel Hill. In this letter the attorneys for the Town of Chapel Hill stated that they did not think it wise for the Town to perfect the appeal which the attorneys had taken for the Town. The Attorneys said further that they had a professional pride which made them hesitate to send a record to the Supreme Court assigning errors which they did not believe existed. There was much discussion regarding the letter and upon motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Thompson, Mr. Sawyer, the

Town Attorney, was requested to get a copy of the record and report back to the next meeting of the Board in regard to the advisability of perfecting an appeal; all members of the Board present voting in the affirmative therefor.

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The Manager stated that the Street Improvements Committee had approved a map showing the numbers of all buildings in town. The question of the Town paying for the numbers or charging the cost of the numbers to the property owners was discussed. The Manager read a letter from the City Manager of Laurinburg, N.C., in which he stated that the Town of Laurinburg had recently renumbered their houses, and that the Town had borne the entire expense, which was about ten cents per house installed. Upon motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Eubanks, the Committee's report was moved to be accepted and the Town Manager instructed to get the house numbers and put them up, the town to pay for them; all the Aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor. The Manager asked that the Street Improvements Committee approve the numbers to be purchased before placing the order.

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The Manager read a letter from Mr. W. S. Roberson in regard to the Palmer Cobb lot. Alderman Thompson said that in his opinion there was was not much gravel left on the lot and that he believed that the most of the gravel used from the lot was taken by the State Highway Commission. The State Highway Commission used a steam shovel to remove the gravel from the pit. It was pointed out that the Palmer Cobb lot had never been listed for taxes. Alderman Braune said that he could not see how the Town has encroached on the property since the line has not been definitely established. Alderman Hogan said that he saw a paper purporting to be a deed for the property to Mr. Roberson, and that Mr. Roberson said that he paid $600 for the property about six years ago, but that on account of Mrs. Cobb being out of the State, he had not been able to get the deed signed. They had accepted the money, but he had no authority to sell the property. Alderman Hogan said that he had suggested to Mr. Roberson the matter of referreeing the matter, but Mr. Roberson was not agreeable to this. Mayor Council suggested that a Committee be appointed, and upon motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Eubanks, it was moved that a Committee consisting of Aldermen Braune and Thompson, together with the Mayor and the City Manager, be appointed to take this matter up with Mr. Roberson, with full power to make any settlement satisfactory to all parties concerned; all members of the Board voting in the affirmative therefor.

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The Manager stated that Mr. Bennett, Superintendent of the U. C. S. P., requested that the Town pay part of the expense incurred in replacing pavment torn out on Franklin Street on account of the installation

of a watermain. It was pointed out that the University received no income from putting this main into use, and that the Town had received a lower insurance rate on account of the installation of this grid-iron system. Upon motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Eubanks, it was moved to allow the City Manager to make satisfactory settlement with Mr. Bennett; all members of the Board voting in the affirmative therefor.

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The Manager presented a request from Miss Alice Jones to provide drainage on her lot on North Street. The Street Improvement Committee, consisting of Aldermen Braune and Thompson, had conferred with Miss Jones in regard to the storm drain and had looked over the situation. They felt that the general policy of the Town in regard to the extension of the storm sewer system should be followed, that is, that if the property owner would buy the pipe, the Town would install it.

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The Manager presented a map showing the fire alarm system of Chapel Hill, and explained that the Town had been divided into four wards. Imaginary fire boxes were located, and by means of a coded signal, the citizens would be able to determine the location of a fire. Mayor Council stated that he would be glad to print cards showing the location of the imaginary fire boxes and of the two pullboxes installed.

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

Z. P. Council MAYOR

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