

April 1 1929

There was a call meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill at 7:30 p. m., Mayor-Protem Eubanks presiding with the following Aldermen present, to-wit: Messrs. Braune, Burch, Connor, and Thompson.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on February 11 and of the call meeting held on March 4th were read and approved.

The Manager presented a request from Mrs. Dan Gaster, cashier in Gooch's Cafe, requesting a refund of town taxes paid in 1927. Her property is outside the City limits and is not liable for town taxes. Upon motion of Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Connor, it was moved that Mrs. Gaster's taxes be refunded, all the members of the Board of Aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor.

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There was some question as to the advisability of passing a swimming pool ordinance for Chapel Hill, but since there was not any immediate possibility of a pool being built within the city limits, no action was taken.

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The Manager read a letter from Mr. R. R. Benson. Mr. Benson contended that the present plumbing inspector, Mr. Sparrow, does the best he can but is not capable of performing his duties. It was the opinion of the Aldermen that Mr. Sparrow was the best man available for the job.

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The Manager read a letter from Mr. A. H. Graham in regard to a compromise offer of Mr. R. H. Parker, Executor for Mrs. A. S. Barbee, in regard to back taxes on personal property which has never been listed. The Executor has prepared a statement showing the value of personal property for the years 1926, 1927 and 1928. On this basis the Town would receive \$910.28. There was much discussion and the matter was referred to the Town Attorney for investigation.

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Upon motion of Alderman Connor, seconded by Alderman Braune, the following ordinance was passed:

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

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the charter and general laws of the State of North Carolina governing elections in municipalities, an election is hereby called to be held on Tuesday, May 7, 1929, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three Aldermen; the Mayor to serve for a term of two years and the three Aldermen to serve for a term of four years.

Section 2. The polls shall be opened on the day of the election from 8 o'clock A. M. 'til sunset, and no longer, and each person whose name may be registered shall be entitled to vote.

Section 3. The name of any candidate for Mayor or Alderman of the Town of Chapel Hill shall be printed upon the official ballot, provided there is filed with the Town Clerk, not less than five days previous to the holding of said election, the name of such candidates and the office for which he is a candidate. After the expiration of the time for filing such notices of candidacy the Town Clerk shall cause to be printed a sufficient number of the said ballots. The names of the candidates for Mayor shall be printed upon the official ballot in such manner that the name of each candidate shall appear at the top of an equal number of ballots and immediately above these names shall appear the words, "Vote for One". The names of the candidates for Aldermen shall be printed upon the official ballots in such a manner that the name of each candidate shall appear at the top of the list on an equal number of ballots, and immediately above these names shall appear the words, "Vote for Three". The ballots shall be printed upon plain white paper and shall be headed, "Candidates for the office of Mayor of the Town of Chapel Hill", and "Candidates for the offices of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill", respectively. At the bottom of the ballots shall be printed the words "Place a cross (X) in the square opposite the names of the person you favor as candidate for the respective position". PROVIDED that nothing herein shall prevent any qualified registered voter from being a candidate in such an election, whether notices of his candidacy be filed or not, provided he shall at his own cost and expense, prepare ballots bearing his name. PROVIDED, further, that nothing herein shall be construed as preventing any elector from marking out any name which might appear on such ballots and substituting therefor the name of any other person he may favor for the respective position. When the election shall be finished the Registrar and Judges of the election shall count the ballots, reading aloud the names of the persons which shall appear on each ballot; and if there shall be two or

more ballots rolled up together, or any ballot which contains the names of more persons than the elector has a right to vote for, or shall have a device or ornament upon it, such ballot shall not be numbered in counting the ballots, but shall be voided; and the counting of votes shall be continued by the Judges until completed and results thereof declared and such person receiving the highest number of votes as Mayor shall be declared duly elected to such office for the ensuing term of two years; and the three persons receiving the highest number of votes as Aldermen shall be declared duly elected for the ensuing term of four years.

Section 4. That the place of holding the election is hereby designated as Chapel Hill Graded School on the South side of W. Franklin Street, between Columbia and Mallett Streets.

Section 5. That B. J. Howard is hereby designated and appointed Registrar for this election and Mr. M. W. Durham and Mr. T. E. Best are hereby designated and appointed Judges of this election, who, before entering upon the discharge of their duties shall take an oath, before some person authorized by law to administer oaths, to conduct the election fairly and impartially according to the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina and Charter of the Town of Chapel Hill.

Section 6. That <sup>for</sup> the purpose of voting at the said election the registration books will be open for the registration of any new electors entitled to registration whose names have never been registered upon said books, beginning Friday, April 19, 1929, from 9 o'clock A. M. until 5 o'clock P. M. on each day (Sunday excepted) and until 9 o'clock P. M. of each Saturday and the said designated period shall close for this election Saturday, April 27, 1929.

Section 7. The notices of this election shall be published in the Chapel Hill Weekly and the Chapel Hill News.

Upon motion of Alderman Connor, seconded by Alderman Braune, the Manager and Committee on Public Safety were empowered to establish locations for "Stop" signs where they deemed necessary; all members of the Board of Aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor.

Dr. Braune made a report for the Street Improvement Committee. The Committee recommended that the Manager have a survey made of Senlac Road estimating as closely as possible the cost of putting down curb and gutter, and surfacing the street with gravel. In regard to a letter from Dr. W. C. Coker, Mr. R. B. House and Mr. C. T. Woollen, requesting that the Town take over Boundary Street and maintain it, the Committee made no recommendation.

The Manager stated that the property owners for street improvement work would have to pay 100 per cent of the improvements. There was much discussion on this subject. In regard to Boundary Street it was pointed out that if the University would put on additional gravel and drain the street properly and make the street conform to the City's requirements for maintenance of streets, that the Town would take over the Street.

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Alderman Connor moved that the Street Improvement Committee and the Town Manager be empowered to deal with the situation at Pendergraft's Filling Station in regard to drainage, provided that the improvement does not cost over \$400.00. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson, all the members of the Board of Aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor.

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The Manager asked the Board to seriously consider the proposition of 100 per cent. assessments of street improvements to the property owners. This is necessary and some action should be taken as soon as possible, in order to carry out an improvement program during the summer months.

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Upon motion of Alderman Connor seconded by Alderman Burch, it was moved that Dr. Braune and the Manager take up the routing of Highway No. 54 through Chapel Hill with Mr. Hill and the State Highway Commission, all the members of the Board of Aldermen voting in the affirmative therefor.

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There being no further business, the meeting of the Board of Aldermen adjourned at 9:50 p. m.

ZEB P. COUNCIL, MAYOR

*Ruby Ross*, Clerk.