Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Town of Chapel Hill, July 27, 1931.

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There was a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Town of Chapel Hill, held at 8:00 P. M. in the Town Office, Monday, July 27th, 1931, with Mayor Council presiding and the following Aldermen present: Messrs. P. L. Burch, C. L. Eubanks, M. E. Hogan, and B. S. Thompson. Attorney Sawyer and Auditor Rogerson were also present.

Visitors present were Mr. D. D. Carroll and Louis Graves.

The Manager read a letter from Mr. Charles M. JOhnson of the Local Government Commission, Raleigh, inviting the Mayor, City Manager and other town officials to attend a meeting of the N. C. Municipal League, to be held at Wrightsville Beach on August 7th and 8th. Members of the Board of Aldermen expressed the opinion that the City should be represented at the meeting. No action was taken.

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Mayor Council stated that the Meeting was called for the purpose of adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year 1931-32. Auditor presented the tentative budget as submitted by the finance committee, and later amended by the Board of Aldermen as regards salaries. Auditor Rogerson included the necessary contingent fees plus an estimate of the uncollected taxes for the past three years, estimating an assessed valuation of $3,500,00.00, the rate for General Fund purposes would be 57½¢, and the Debt Service requirements would be 49½¢. Members of the Board expressed the desire that the tax be not increased . Alderman Burch stated that he was opposed to a straight 10% reduction in salaries, and he made the following recommendation,- That the salaries for officials in the Recorder's Court remain the same, and that the Chief of Police salary be reduced from $140.00 to $135.00 per month,- That Mr. Rackley's salary be reduced from $125.00 per month to $115.00 per month,- and that Mr. Huskey's salary remain at $100.00 per month.

Upon motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Thompson, it was moved that the salary reductions as proposed by Mr. Burch be put into effect, and that all other Town Officials have their salaries cut 10%. All the Aldermen present voted in the affirmative therefor.

Town Accountant Rogerson submitted a statement which if adopted would allow the same tax rate for 1931-32 as was used in 1930-31. His suggestion was that from the General Fund expenditure of 1930-31 that the estimated savings as shown by the Finance Committee's Budget for 1931-32 be deducted, and that the estimated new requirements for 1931-32 be added, and that the savings effected in the 1930-31 budget be deducted . Then adding $5,000.00 for the estimate of uncollected taxes for 1931-32 and deducting a 10% reduction in salaries, he estimated that the tax rate for General Fund based on the valuation of $3,500,000.00 would be 42½¢.

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Upon motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Thompson, it was moved that the recommendations of the Town Accountant be adopted, and that the tentative budget as previously adopted, be revised so as to include the recommendations of the Town Accountant. All the Aldermen present voted in the affirmative therefor.

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There being no further business, the Meeting of the Board of Aldermen adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

MAYOR ZEB P. COUNCIL

By_____Acting Clerk.
(Mrs. C. L. Merritt)