MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD IN THE TOWN OFFICE JANUARY 13, 1937, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M.

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Office at eight o'clock P. M. January 13, 1937. Mayor J. M. Foushee presided and the following Aldermen were present: Messrs. J. T. Dobbins, C. L. Eubanks, R. J. M. Hobbs, M. L. Thompson, and P. L. Burch. City Attorney Sawyer and City Engineer Hollett also attended.

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on December 9 were read and approved.

SUBJECT: Property re-valuation.

The City Attorney, Mr. B. D. Sawyer, brought to the attention of the Board that this was the year for re-appraisement of property, and led a discussion on the advisability of Chapel Hill taking part in a county-wide re-valuation. The discussion brought out the approximate cost to the Town, the probability that there would be just as much dissatisfaction among property owners after the re-appraisement, and the probability that the increased valuation on new property would be off-set by decreased valuation within the Town.

In this matter, the following plans were considered:

1. A.County-wide re-valuation of all property.
2. A committee, appointed by the County Board of Commissioners, to appraise new property.
3. A committee appointed by the County Board of Commissioners to meet long enough to hear complaints of dissatisfied property owners.

On the motion of Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Dobbins, the Board approved the third of these suggestions.

SUBJECT: Report of Health Department.

Dr. Richardson reported that the Venereal Disease Clinic had re-opened on December 15, and that he was getting excellent co-operation from citizens, and dairy owners, and operators of cafes and restaurants. Dr. Chrisman, assistant in the Health Department, was presented to the Board, and read the Milk Report for three tests made in June and September.

SUBJECT: Sewer Project.

The City Engineer reported that the work on the sewer

construction was progressing, and that the Project would be completed by February 15 if the weather permitted. The specifications for the Incinerator have been completed, and City Engineer Hollett suggested that the letting be held on Tuesday, February 2.

SUBJECT: Fire Hydrant for McCauley Street.

Alderman Burch stated the need of an additional fire hydrant on the west end of McCauley Street. Alderman Hobbs moved that, if the University would put in the necessary water line, the Town bear the rent of the additional hydrant. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson and approved by the Board. The City Manager was instructed to write to Mr. Bennett authorizing the installation of the hydrant.

SUBJECT: Services exchanged with the University.

In order that a more definite plan be arranged for the payment of services rendered to and received from the University, Alderman Hobbs made the motion that Alderman Thompson confer with University officials on the matter of old obligations due each other, that he be granted power to cancell such obligations if an agreement can be reached with the officials, and that he present a plan whereby, in the future, the Town would pay for services received from the University and the University make actual payment for services received from the Town. The motion was seconded by Alderman Burch and approved by the Board.

SUBJECT: Plumbing and Building Codes.

After citing the need for Plumbing and Building Codes, due to the increased building activity of the Town, Alderman Burch moved that the Plumbing and Building Codes of the City of Durham, North Carolina be adopted for use in the Town of Chapel Hill. The motion was seconded by Alderman Thompson and approved by the Board.

SUBJECT: Highway Patrolman for Chapel Hill.

A motion was made by Alderman Burch, seconded by Alderman Hobbs that the Board instruct the City Manager to write to Captain Farmer of the Highway Patrol requesting that a patrolman be stationed with headquarters in Chapel Hill. The letter to be signed by the City Manager and Dean House of the University. The motion was passed by the Board, all members present voted affirmatively.

SUBJECT: Munch Building sewer rent.

Upon recommendation of the City Manager and on the motion made by Alderman Eubanks, seconded by Alderman Hobbs, the Board approved of reducing the amount of Munch building sewer rent from $60.00 to $48.00 per year, this being on the basis of four connections instead of five.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Foushee, Mayor

W. W. Thomas, Clerk