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The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill held their regular monthly meeting in the Town Office on November 10, 1938, at 8 o'clock P.M. Mayor Foushee presided and the following aldermen were present: Messrs. G. B. Hellen, P. H. Robertson, F. O. Bowman, P. L. Burch and R. J. M. Hobbs. R. W. Madry was absent. Also present were Manager J. L. Caldwell, Auditor E. E. Peacock, Attorney C. P. Hinshaw and Mr. John Manning.

Subject: Street Assessments on Property owned by Mr. Vick Huggins.

Mr. Huggins appeared before the Board asking for relief on back street assessments on his lot on the corner of Ransom Street and W. University Drive in the amount of $42.96. Mr. Huggins was of the opinion that he had paid all street assessments in full when he bought the property, since he was informed so by the Town Office, although he was not certain as to what he asked for when he inquired of the amount of assessments due.

Upon motion by Alderman Robertson and seconded by Alderman Hobbs the board of Aldermen deferred action until the Town Manager and attorney could investigate and report back at the next meeting.

Subject: Tax on Professional Bondsmen.

Alderman Bowman brought to the attention of the Board the fact that several men in Chapel Hill were carrying on professional bonding business to the detriment of the general public, and asked, in the form of a motion, that the Town Attorney prepare an ordinance which would levy a tax on Professional Bondsmen and suggested that the tax be $200 per year with a penalty or fine of $50 for each offense. Alderman Robertson seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Subject: Street Lights and Stop Signs.

Alderman Robertson reported that the people around the corner of Ransom Street and Cameron Ave. were asking for a street light. He stated that the light formerly at this corner was moved to the next corner at Kenan Street and Cameron Avenue. The Board deferred action until the Street Committee had time to investigate.

Alberman Robertson mentioned the need of a stop sign on the north side of the intersection of Rosemary and Henderson Streets. The City Manager reported that a sign at this point had been decided upon by the Public Safety Committee would be put up within the next day or two.

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Subject: Delinquent Privilege Licenses

Auditor Peacock reported that several merchants in Chapel Hill were delinquent for 1937 and previous years privilege licenses, and that he thought they should be pressed for payment.

Upon motion by Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Robertson, the Board moved that the proper machinery be put in force to collect these licenses and to issue a warrant in case of non-payment.

Subject: West Franklin St. Paving Assessments

Attorney Hinshaw gave the report of the committee's interview with Mr. Easterling of the Local Government Commission. Mr. Easterling suggested that the adjustment be financed by issuing Refunding Bonds during the next fiscal year. He stated that the Board should decide upon something definite as a starting point and then have the committee to meet with him again in about two weeks.

Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Burch, the Board of Aldermen asked that the City Attorney prepare an act, which would give the town authority to make the adjustment to be given the State Legislature for enactment at its next session. The Board also added that the Committee continue its work with the purpose in view of following out the adjustment with two districts.

The Board also invited Mr. John Manning to appear with the Committee at its next meeting with Mr. Easterling.

Subject: Sewage Treatment Plant Extension

City Manager Caldwell reported that the PWA had refused an extension of time in which to start work; therefore, the town would lose the project.

He stated that if the Board desired that a WPA application for the job would be filed.

Alderman Hobbs made the motion that a WPA application for the construction of a Sewage Treatment Plant Extension be filed. Alderman Bowman seconded and the Board Approved.

Subject: Reports by City Manager

The City Manager then reported on the progress of the Municipal Building and WPA projects.

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Mrs. Burnham had started to put up a rock wall around her yard and next to the street, but was asked to stop, since she was placing it upon the sidewalk.

The Board of Aldermen asked the City Attorney to establish her property line and ~~give~~ inform Mrs. Burnham of her rights.

One, Mr. Slocum, has bought a piece of property from Dr. Williams and desires to renovate the house situated on the lot. Mr. Caldwell informs that the house is on the sidewalk and, therefore, he should be prohibited from building a house on public property. Also, several of the nieghbors desires that the structure be raised. The Board asks that he be informed of the law and to follow through in conforming with it.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Signed H. Swain
Town Clerk