MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL ON JANUARY 10, 1940

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The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill held their regular meeting in the Town Hall on January 10, 1940, Mayor Foushee presided and the following aldermen were present: Messrs. P. L. Burch, R. J. M. Hobbs, P. H. Robertson, G. B. Hellen, F. O. Bowman and R. W. Madry.

After the meeting was called to order the clerk read the minutes and the Board approved.

Subject: Petition for change of East side of North Columbia between Rosemary and North Sts. from Residence Zone B to Business Zone #2.

Mr. L. J. Phipps presented to the Board of Aldermen a petition signed by a majority of property owners representing over one-half the total footage, to change the east side of North Columbia Street from Residence Zone B to Business Zone 2.

It was stated that it had been the custom of the Board to refer such matters to the Zoning Committee for their approval before taking action.

Upon motion by Alderman Hellen and seconded by Alderman Burch, the Board of Aldermen referred the petition to the Zoning Committee, and if approved by that committee to have a public hearing in the Town Hall at 8:00 P.M. on February 14, 1940.

Subject: Request by Mr. Zeb Council.

Mr. Council stated that he was going to run in his weekly paper a series of articles concerning the Town, its officers, and activities. He would like to acquaint the citizens of the Town about Town affairs and arouse more public interest in civic affairs. Mr. Council asked the Board for its cooperation in the writing of these articles and stated that he would call upon the different department heads to write an article on his department. The Mayor asked Mr. Madry to work with Mr. Council on behalf of the Board.

Subject: Report of Committee to Discuss Sewer Plant Extension With University Officials.

Alderman Hobbs reported that the committee had met twice together with Mr. Hollett and Mr. Caldwell to discuss the sewer plant extension and get acquainted with the facts before meeting with the University representatives. The need is apparent due to the growth of the University and Town, but the problem of financing is the question. One contractor estimated the total cost to be at present about $27,000. Mr. Carl Durham was asked about government aid and he stated that there was little hope of Congress continuing the PWA, and thus government aid is unlikely.

The committee will continue to work on the matter and meet with the University representatives.

Subject: Committee to Meet with Volunteer Firemen.

Alderman Burch stated that the committee was not ready to report.

Subject: Police Report.

Chief Sloan appeared before the Board to give the Police report in person. The summary was read by the Clerk after which the Board asked Chief Sloan questions concerning the Department. He stated that each officer was on an eight hour shift, that telephones were adequate, that parking was checked regularly, and that the spaces in front of the A. & P. Store seem a little smaller than the others. Officer C. H. Wright is left in charge when the Chief is out of Town.

Subject: Health Report by Dr. Richardson.

Dr. Richardson stated that no influenza epidemic had broken out yet and that the few cases were not out of the ordinary. He stated that dairies were coming along nicely. Mr. Fred Sparrow's case had been held in abeyance until he had recovered from a recent automobile accident.

A sanitary privy for Eugenia Jones on Rosemary was recommended. He disclosed that no sanitary facilities were in her home or rental house next to it and that her income was too small to afford running water and pay sewer rent. In cases of this kind the state law provides that towns and counties are responsible and must provide sanitary facilities to insure against a health menace.

Upon motion by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Madry, the Board of Aldermen referred the matter to the Health Committee, Alderman Bowman and Dr. Richardson, with power to act and to proceed to build a sanitary privy, the cost not to exceed $25.

Subject: WPA Codification of Ordinances.

Mr. Hinshaw presented the ordinances as prepared by the WPA and stated that most of the work was suggested ordinances. A committee should be appointed to run through the set and pick out the ones needed and revise the codification to fit the needs of Chapel Hill.

Upon motion by Alderman Hellen and seconded by Alderman Madry, the Board of Aldermen moved to have a committee appointed to investigate and weed out the proper ordinances and report back to the board.

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Hobbs and Bowman to work on a committee with the Town Attorney to revise the ordinances and present to the Board for adoption.

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Upon motion by Alderman Hellen and seconded by Alderman Robertson, the Board of Aldermen agreed that the committee should have stenographic services.

Upon motion by Alderman Hellen and seconded by Alderman Madry, the board of Aldermen appropriated out of the contingency fund $25.00 for stenographic services to be used by the committee.

Subject: Auditor's Report.

Mr. Peacock revealed a 14 gallon gasoline shortage for December. All vouchers were audited. Several vouchers for gravel were issued without invoices from the payee, and a donation of $100.00 to the Merchants Association for street Christmas decorations was paid and charged to contingency without authority from the Board.

Upon motion by Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Hellen, the Board of Aldermen appropriated out of the contingency fund $100.00 for Christmas decorations in the business district.

Upon motion by Alderman Hellen and seconded by Alderman Robertson, the Board of Aldermen instructed that no monies be paid without invoice received except for salaries and wages.

The Auditor then discussed the budget position with the Board.

Subject: $10,000 Revenue Note.

Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Hobbs, the Board of Aldermen ratified the renewal of the $10,000 revenue note by the Bank of Chapel Hill at 2% interest rate, dated January 5, 1940, maturing April 4, 1940.

Subject: Auto Tags.

Upon motion by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Burch, the Board of Aldermen instructed that the Police Department be notified to make arrests of any car owner not displaying a town license tag by February 1st. A notice of same shall be published in the Chapel Hill Weekly.

Subject: Refund of G. F. Harris Taxes.

The City Manager reported that Mr. G. F. Harris was charged Town taxes for 1938 in the amount of $8.26 and same was paid. This charge was erroneously made, since Mr. Harris lived in the school district and the charge should have been $1.47.

Upon motion by Alderman Hellen and seconded by Alderman Bowman, the Board of Aldermen authorized the City Manager to pay Mr. G. F. Harris $6.79 for taxes erroneously paid.

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Subject: Old Garbage Bill due by Pritchard Drug Co.

Mr. Caldwell reported that Mr. Pritchard claimed he did not receive any garbage service and was paying some one else to haul his garbage at that time and therefore would not pay the bill. Mr. Caldwell recommended that the account be released.

Upon motion by Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Hobbs, the Board of Aldermen authorized that an old garbage bill of $40.25 be released from the account of Pritchard Drug Company since it appeared to be uncollectable.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Town Clerk