MINUTES OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL HELD ON MARCH 13, 1940, in The Town Hall

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The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill held their regular monthly meeting on March 13, 1940, at 8:00 P.M. in the Town Hall. Mayor Foushee presided and the following aldermen were present: Messrs. P. L. Burch, R. J. M. Hobbs, P. H. Robertson, G. B. Hellen and F. O. Bowman. Also present were J. L. Caldwell and C. P. Hinshaw.

The Clerk read the minutes of the last regular meeting and two called meetings after which the Board corrected and approved.

Subject: Use of Court Room by Justices of Peace.

Mr. L. J. Phipps presented to the Board a petition signed by the lawyers of the Town requesting the Board of Aldermen to permit Justices of the Peace to use the court room for trials in which more persons are interested than the offices of the Justices of the Peace can accomodate.

He stated that this condition only prevailed occasionally, and when there was a trial in which several lawyers were employed and several witnesses used, the office space was too small to accomodate the crowd.

Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Hellen, the Board of Aldermen empowered and authorized the City Manager to permit, when requested, Justices of the Peace to use the court room for occasional trials in case the court room is not being used for other purposes at the time.

Subject: Mr. H. U. Vickers Petition to Keep Horses on Premises in Town.

Mr. Vickers requested the Board to make an exception to its stock law and permit him to keep his horses on his premises in Town as it was his only means of making a living, and presented a petition for same which was signed by a number of his neighbors stating that it was not a nuisance.

After some discussion the Board of Aldermen instructed the City Manager to inform Mr. Vickers that theboard did not act favorable upon his request as it would lead to other requests of similar nature.

Subject: Police Report.

The Clerk read the police report for February after which Chief Sloan answered questions by the Board.

Subject: Health Report.

Mr. James Westbrook, sanitary engineer for the Health Department, asked the Board to extend its sewer inspection service to out-of-town residents connecting to the Town's sewer and the University's water main,

as faulty plumbing could endanger the lives of the people in Town, for example a cross connection between a sewer and water line. Discussion followed concerning theTown's authority to collect fees and inforce inspection out of town. It was brought out that the Town did have a sanitary district extending two miles out of Town.

Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Burch, the Board of Aldermen agreed to leave the matter with the Health Department and Attorney Hinshaw to work out and require the permits and inspection if legally possible to inforce.

Subject: Sale of Necessary Bonds for Next Fiscal Year.

Mr. Morehead appeared before the Board to answer questions concerning the proposed issues of bonds next fiscal year. Funds are needed for street improvements, refunds on West Franklin Street assessments, and a new fire truck. About $12,000 is needed for street improvements and $6,300 for the refunding of assessments on West Franklin Street. Further investigation will be made before the Board shall determine whether an additional Fire truck is to be bought. One election should be held to vote upon all issues in order to save expense.

Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Burch, the Board of Aldermen asked Mr. Morehead to go ahead with the necessary preliminary details with Attorney Hinshaw and the amount of bonds to be sold would be determined as soon as possible.

Subject: A Discussion with Mr. Morehead followed concerning the remodeling of all stores along Franklin Street to conform with the University architecture. He stated that such would make Chapel Hill resemble Williamsburg, Va.

Subject: Mrs. C. S. Mangum Requests Town Pay Sewer Repair Bill.

Mrs. C. S. Mangum presented to the Board a plumbing bill form A. S. Blackwood for repairs to and the cleaning out of her sewer line from the street to her house. She wrote that roots entered the line where it was connected to theTown line in the middle of the street and grew back up her line causing a sewage stoppage. She claimed that since her line was cast iron pipe, the roots did not enter her line but that of the Town's, whose is terra cotta, and caused her considerable expense in having it remedied and repaired.

Upon motion by Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Hobbs, the Board of Aldermen agreed that it was the Town's responsibility and voted to pay Mrs. C. S. Mangum's plumbing bill of $49.75 and charge to contingency fund.

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Subject: Widening of Columbia Street by Carolina Inn.

Alderman Hobbs reported that the Campus Committee was opposed to the widening of the street by the Inn and stated that the Town and School Boards should proceed in obtaining the project as soon as possible if they are interested in it.

Subject: Town Transit.

Mayor Foushee reported that he had investigated the possibility of selling the transit owned by the Town to Mr. Trimble and recommends that the Town keep it as it might be worth more to the Town than could be gotten out of it.

Subject: Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard.

The Mayor announced that the Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard Committee was to meet in the Washington-Duke Hotel on the 26th of March and that any interested parties were invited to attend.

The Board asked the Mayor to attend and agreed that the Town was financially unable to obtain a right-of-way to the Town limits and was not in favor of drawing the increased football traffic through Franklin Street, but if the North Columbia St. route is considered the Town is interested.

Subject: Clean Up and Paint Up Week.

The Mayor said one week had been set aside over the United States for clean up and paint up week and wanted to know if Chapel Hill was interested. The Board acted favorable and the Mayor will write for posters and pamphlets.

Subject: Trustee for Officer C. H. Wright.

Alderman Bowman reported that he and other members of the Board received frequent complaints that officer C. H. Wright was negligent in paying his personal debts. He explained that Mr. Wright wanted to straighten out his affairs and had agreed to sell his automobile and would like for the Town to take out of his weekly salary a certain amount for which the town would use in paying his debts. The Board appointed the Town Clerk as trustee who shall get bills from Mr. Wright's creditors and take out a certain amount of his salary each week to apply on his debts.

Mr. Burch was asked to convey this information to Mr. Wright and explain that he would be on probation.

Subject: Parking Meters.

Alderman Bowman reported that the man would be here to explain the parking meters at the next regular meeting.

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Subject: Sending of High School Band to World's Fair.

Mayor Foushee reported that it would cost approximately $35.00 per boy to send the High School Band to the World's fair for a Chapel Hill Day. No action was taken.

Subject: The Mayor announced a sixth district meeting of the League of Municipalities to be held March 14th, at 3:00 o'clock in the City Hall in Durham.

Subject: Street Lights.

Mr. Hinshaw requested the Board to consider placing a street light at the corner of Whitaker and Graham Streets. Street lights have also been requested on North Street and in front of Mrs. Logan's on University Drive. The Board referred the matter to the Street Committee to investigate and report back to the Board.

Subject: Additional Street Force.

The City Manager asked the Board to appropriate enough money for six additional men on the street force for 30 days.

Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Hellen, the Board of Aldermen authorized the City Manager to add 6 additional men to the street force for 30 days and transfer funds from contingency fund to labor account to take care of expenditures.

Subject: Country Club Road.

A discussion followed concerning the need of repair of Country Club Road between Cameron and Raleigh Road. It was stated that the State Highway Department maintains the street but had not done so since the heavy snow. The Board requested the Town Manager to cooperate with the University in trying to secure immediate attention to the road.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Town Clerk