MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL HELD ON JUNE 14, 1940

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The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill held its regular monthly meeting in the Town Hall on Friday, June 14th at 8:00 P.M. Mayor Foushee presided and the following Aldermen were present: Messrs. P. L. Burch, R. J. M. Hobbs, P. H. Robertson, R. W. Madry, and F. O. Bowman. Alderman G. B. Hellen was absent. Also present were C. P. Hinshaw, E. E. Peacock, and J. L. Caldwell.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor after which the Clerk read the minutes of the last regular meeting and the Board approved.

Subject: Petition from Gimghoul Residents.

A group of citizens led by Mr. White appeared before the Board and presented a petition signed by all the residents of the Gimghoul Road section asking that there be more police patrol and law enforcement in the Gimghoul section. It was stated that there was considerable speeding on the street and much noise around Gimghoul Castle late at night. The conditions have grown to such an extent that they have become a public nuisance. The petition asks that a sign limiting speed to 25 miles per hour be placed at the entrance to Gimghoul Road along with additional patroling of the street, and also asks that the Gimghoul Order be requested to close the entrance to their property at the Town line.

Upon motion by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Bowman, the Board of Aldermen instructed the Town Manager to have placed at the west entrance to Gimghoul Road a sign stating the speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

Upon motion by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Bowman, the Board of Aldermen instructed that a communication be sent to Dr. Hickerson, an officer of the Gimghoul Order, expressing the Board's concern in regard to the matter, that the petition expressing the residents' concern and requests accompany the communication, and that the Gimghoul Order be requested to place a chain across the street entering the property every night, and a sign reading no trespassing between certain hours be erected at the entrance.

Subject: Sanitary Ordinance.

The Board discussed at length the proposed sanitary ordinance after which an amendment to the ordinance was adopted, upon motion by Alderman Madry and seconded by Alderman Robertson. A motion was made to adopt the amended ordinance but no vote was taken as a motion to carry the matter over until the next meeting was made by Alderman Burch, seconded by Alderman Bowman, and passed by the Board.

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Subject: Reports.

The Police and Health reports were read by the Clerk.

Subject: Town Swimming Pool and Playground at University Lake.

Alderman Burch called attention to the fact that the Town has in the past been sponsoring the pool and playground at the University Lake with the Movie Guild contributing the cost. Mr. Burch stated that the bottom of the pool was covered with broken bottles, thus making it dangerous for swimming. The Board discussed the responsibility and liability of the Town in case of injury sustained on the playground and in the pool, and also the possibility of returning the rights of running the playground back to the University.

Upon motion by Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Bowman, the Board of Aldermen authorized the Town Manager to have placed at the playground signs notifying the public that the pool is closed for swimming due to the broken glass on the bottom.

Subject: Pipe across Property of Mr. Schnidt.

The matter was deferred until the next meeting as the street committee was not ready to report.

Subject: Sidewalk by High School.

The Mayor stated that he had written Mr. T. A. Burton of the State Highway Commission asking him to come over to discuss the possibility of getting a sidewalk by the High School and the widening of Pittsboro Road on the opposite side of the Inn.

Subject: Texas Company asks for Permit to Continue Running Filling Station at Present Site.

Mr. Woodward of the Texas Company asked the Board to issue a permit to his company giving them the right to continue operating a filling station on the corner of Franklin and Columbia Streets. The Texas Company has a right to purchase the property outright before the expiration of their option, and they are contemplating exercising their right. They feel that a permit would make their position more secure.

The Board of Aldermen informed Mr. Woodward that the Town does not issue permits of this kind, but would authorize the Town Attorney to write The Texas Company a letter granting them permission to continue operating under the Zoning Ordinance which permits service stations on the corner of Franklin and Columbia Streets.

Subject: Auditor's Report

Mr. Peacock reported that the gasoline check up revealed a large

overage which was probably due to the fact that the relief fireman during Mr. Boone's absence was new on the job.

Due to the fact that over the past several years employees weekly salaries have been arrived at by dividing the annual salary by 52 weeks instead of 52 weeks and one day, the amount placed in the budget for salaries will all be paid by June 22nd, one week short of the end of the fiscal year.

Upon motion by Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Hobbs, the Board of Aldermen authorized the Town Manager to pay out of the contingency fund the salary of Town employees for the last week in the fiscal year 1939-40, if there is a balance in this fund. If not, the salaries shall be paid and added to next year's budget.

Subject: Amount of Interest to be Paid Miss Pritchard on Sewer Contract.

The Town Attorney stated that the law authorized the payment of 6% interest in cases where interest is to be paid but no rate stipulated. The Board instructed the Town Manager to pay Miss Josephine Pritchard 6% on her contract.

Subject: The Mayor asked the finance committee to meet with the Town Manager to go over a tentative budget for next year and call a special meeting before July 1st to adopt it.

Subject: Tax Confirmation Letters.

At the suggestion of Mr. Peacock the Board of Aldermen, upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Hobbs, authorized the auditor to send 50 confirmation letters to tax payers in order to verify the accuracy of their accounts, the expense to be borne by the Town.

Subject: Map of Town.

Alderman Madry brought to the attention of the Board the matter of having an up-to-date basis map of Chapel Hill made. He stated that Mr. Kent Mathewson, a student in school this summer and who has had experience in this type of work, had approached him concerning the matter.

The Board asked that an estimate of cost be obtained before any action can be taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Town Clerk