

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF
CHAPEL HILL HELD ON JULY 10, 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 July 10, 1940, with Mayor Foushee presiding and the following Aldermen being present: Messrs. R. W. Madry, R. J. M. Hobbs, P. H. Robertson, G. B. Hellen, F. O. Bowman and P. L. Burch. Also present were J. L. Caldwell, C. P. Hinshaw and E. E. Peacock.

The Mayor called the meeting to order after which the Clerk read the minutes and the Board corrected and approved.

Subject: Discussion of Sidewalks.

Col. Pratt stated to the Board that at the last Town meeting which was held, the subject of who is responsible for the sidewalks in Chapel Hill was discussed. It was brought out that some sections of Town had good sidewalks, others bad, and others none. Some owners keep their sidewalks up, others do not, and some people use them for other purposes. Col. Pratt stated that the committee wishes the Board to consider the following: The establishment of a grade line and right-of-way, the assessing of property owners from 50 to 100% the cost of paving sidewalks, the kind of sidewalks to be had, and the responsibility of property owners in maintenance.

The Mayor asked the Street Committee to confer with Col. Pratt and his committee and report back to the Board.

Subject: Beer Licenses to Jane Dockery.

Mr. H. A. Whitfield appeared before the Board on behalf of Jane Dockery to make application for a beer license. Upon motion by Alderman Robertson and seconded by Alderman Bowman, the Board of Aldermen approved the application of Jane Dockery for license to sell beer for the fiscal year 1940-41.

Subject: Petition to change Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. L. J. Phipps presented a petition by the A. B. Roberson heirs to change the Zone in which their property lies on the corner of Columbia and Franklin Streets. Part of this property is now in Business Zone No. 1 and the rest, which faces Columbia Street, is in Residence Zone B. The petition requests that the Zone Ordinance be amended so as to effect this change and to allow the erection of a service station. Upon motion of Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Hellen, the Board of Aldermen referred the matter to the Zoning Committee for a recommendation.

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Subject: Auditor's Report.

M Mr. Peacock reported on the progress of the annual auditor and explained the audit procedure in verifying the taxes receivables.

Subject: Storm sewer pipe for Mr. Schnidt.

The Street Committee stated that they were not ready to report.

Subject: Sidewalk by the High School.

The Mayor reported that he had not heard from Mr. Burton as yet.

Subject: The Mayor reported that Mr. Mathiewson was already working on the Town map.

Subject: Penalties on privilege licenses.

Mr. Hinshaw stated that the Town could not charge any penalties for late payment of privilege licenses.

Subject: Stop light at corner of Pittsboro Road and McCauley Street.

Upon motion by Alderman Robertson and seconded by Alderman Hellen, the Board of Aldermen, due to the several complaints received, asked Chief Sloan to cut out the stop light and use it as a blinker until arrangements can be made with the School Board.

Subject: The Clerk read the police and nurse reports for the month of June.

Subject: Beer Application by John W. McCauley.

The Clerk presented an application for beer license by John W. McCauley. Upon motion by Alderman Robertson and seconded by Alderman Bowman, the Board of Aldermen approved the application for beer license by John McCauley for the fiscal year 1940-41.

Subject: Letter from Mr. H. G. Baity in regard to the placing of laboratory and sewerage plant equipment on the Town's property at the Sewerage Plant.

Upon motion of Alderman Hellen and seconded by Alderman Hobbs, the Board of Aldermen agreed to grant the request of the Department of Sanitary Engineering of the University and permit them to store their laboratory equipment for the conduct of an experiment station, on the Town property at the sewer plant.

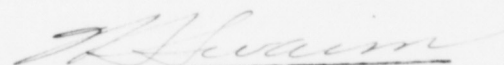
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Subject: Appointment of Electrical Inspector.

Two applications for electrical inspector were presented to the Board for their consideration. After some discussion, the Board elected Mr. Giles Horney as electrical inspector for the Town of Chapel Hill. The City Manager was asked to notify Mr. Horney and have him to recommend an assistant to the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Town Clerk

Mr. J. L. Caldwell

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June 20, 1940

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dean House and Assistant Controller Rogerson of the University, through whom all final negotiations will be handled. I am addressing this preliminary inquiry directly to you for the reason that we wish to transport the equipment on next Monday and wish to know prior to that time whether we may store it on the Town's property.

Cordially yours,

H. G. Baity

H. G. Baity
Professor of Sanitary Engineering

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cc: Dean R. B. House
Mr. L. B. Rogerson

It is our desire to incorporate this equipment into a modern and permanent sanitary engineering research station, to be located at Chapel Hill and used by our graduate students in Public Health for investigative purposes. It is logical and necessary that this station be located in proximity to the sewage treatment works. I therefore wish to make the following requests of the Town of Chapel Hill:

1. That we be permitted to store the pilot plant equipment on the property of the Town of Chapel Hill until such time as we are able to establish the experimental station. We should like to move this equipment from Greensboro on next Monday, June 23. If agreeable to you, we should like to construct a platform about 12' x 20' in size to receive the equipment and cover it with either a tarpaulin or a shed roof. We would place this at any location which you suggest inside the fence enclosure.

2. That we be permitted to establish permanently the experimental station on the property of the Town of Chapel Hill in proximity to the sewage treatment plant, as soon as provision can be made for the necessary structures. It is contemplated that a one-story building approximately 20' x 30' in area will be required, together with certain outdoor plant facilities such as trickling and sand filters, sludge drying beds, etc. No definite plan for the station has been prepared, but we would submit to you for review and approval all matters pertaining to location, design, appearance, and service connections before any steps are taken toward construction.

3. That in the design and placement of the secondary sewage treatment units, which I understand the Town is expecting to construct soon through W.P.A. assistance, attention be given to the accommodation of the proposed experimental station and its proper relationship to other plant units. If you are agreeable to the general plan which I propose, I hope that in designing the pump and control house for the trickling filters provision can be made for the accommodation of our laboratory equipment, and that this building be so planned as to permit its extension to serve our existing needs.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHAPEL HILL

June 20, 1940

THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT OF SANITARY ENGINEERING

Mr. J. L. Caldwell
City Manager
Chapel Hill, N. C.

My dear Mr. Caldwell:

For the past several years we have been conducting, in cooperation with the Textile Foundation, an experiment station at the Proximity Manufacturing Company at Greensboro, N. C., for the study of processes applicable to the treatment of textile wastes. This project will come to a termination at the end of this month, and the Department of Sanitary Engineering here will inherit the laboratory and pilot plant equipment which has been in use there. This equipment comprises a number of units of tanks, filters, pumps, compressors, etc., having a value of perhaps \$5,000 to \$6,000. By its use, we can simulate any known process of sewage or waste treatment.

It is our desire to incorporate this equipment into a modern and permanent sanitary engineering research station, to be located at Chapel Hill and used by our graduate students in Public Health for investigative purposes. It is logical and necessary that this station be located in proximity to the sewage treatment works. I therefore wish to make the following requests of the Town of Chapel Hill:

1. That we be permitted to store the pilot plant equipment on the property of the Town of Chapel Hill until such time as we are able to establish the experiment station. We should like to move this equipment from Greensboro on next Monday, June 24. If agreeable to you, we should like to construct a low platform about 12' x 20' in size to receive the equipment and cover it with either a tarpaulin or a shed roof. We would place this at any location which you suggest inside the fence enclosure.

2. That we be permitted to establish permanently the experiment station on the property of the Town of Chapel Hill in proximity to the sewage treatment plant, as soon as provision can be made for the necessary structures. It is contemplated that a one-story building approximately 20' x 50' in area will be required, together with certain outdoor plant facilities such as trickling and sand filters, sludge drying beds, etc. No definite plan for the station has been prepared, but we would submit to you for review and approval all matters pertaining to location, design, appearance, and service connections before any steps are taken toward construction.

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