MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL HELD ON OCTOBER 9, 1940

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The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday night, October 9th., with the following aldermen present: Mayor Foushee, Aldermen P. L. Burch, R. J. M. Hobbs, P. H. Robertson, G. B. Hellen, and F. O. Bowman; Alderman Madry being absent.

The minutes were read and approved.

Subject: Town Map.

The Mayor reported that he had investigated the map which had been started by Kent Mathiewson and was incomplete at present. Since there was no one available to finish the job now, the matter will have to be deferred for the present.

Subject: Permission to H. F. Watts to Operate Cleaning and Pressing Establishment on Franklin Street.

Mr. L. J. Phipps asked the Board to clarify the zoning ordinance in regard to dry cleaning plants. His client, Mr. Watts, requests permission to operate a cleaning and pressing establishment in his new building on West Franklin Street in Business Zone No. 2.

Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Robertson, the Board of Aldermen ordained that it be permissable for Dry Cleaning Establishments to be located in Business Zone "2.

Upon motion by Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Hellen, all the Aldermen present voting in the affirmative to wit: Aldermen Hellen, Hobbs, Bowman, Burch and Robertson, the following ordinance was adopted, repealing the present Dry Cleaning Ordinance passed October 14, 1929.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL that the following ordinance pertaining to Dry Cleaning Establishments, adopted on October 14, 1929, and appearing in Minute Book 5, page 210, be repealed this the 9th day of October, 1940:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL THAT Buildings used for Dry Cleaning Plants shall be built of standard brick construction, with windows made of metal frames and wire glass construction, and no such building shall be built until the location has been approved by the Chief of the Fire Department and by the Inspector of Buildings.

Subject: The Mayor asked Mr. Hinshaw and Mr. Bowman to look over the Zoning Ordinance and suggest changes that are needed at the next meeting.

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Subject: Old balance of $451.48 due on Street Assessments by the E. V. Howell Estate.

Mr. Phipps stated that the E. V. Howell Estate claims that the Town promised to rebate part of the street assessments owed by the Estate for the privilege of running a sewer line through the Howell property.

Mr. Hobbs suggested that the City Manager check the minutes and records to see if any agreement can be found which would substantiate the claim of said party, and unless such evidence be found the Town could not legally refund or release any assessments. The Board of Aldermen concurred.

Subject: $246.18 Street Assessments Owed by the A. B. Roberson Estate.

Mr. Caldwell stated that the A. B. Roberson Estate claimed that they should not have been charged the $246.18 street assessments on their Columbia Street property, as the assessment was irregular.

Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Hellen, the Board of Aldermen authorized that the assessment be collected.

Subject: American Legion Asks Relief from Payment of sewer rent on Hut.

Alderman Bowman brought to the attention of the Board the request of the American Legion that they be relieved from paying sewer rent on the Hut, as it was seldom used and was not a profit making venture. If this could not legally be done, they asked that payment be deferred for a few years until the Legion had paid for its Hut.

The Board referred the matter to the Town Attorney for advice.

Subject: Town Ordinances.

Upon motion by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Bowman, the Board of Aldermen authorized the City Manager to call upon Mr. Albert Coats and get the ordinances left with the Institute of Government for codification, since it seems that sufficient time has been given for the work and it is still incompleted.

Subject: Police Car Repair Bill.

The City Manager reported that the Police Car was wrecked by Policeman Norwood on the airport road while chasing a speeding car from Town, and the repair bill from Strowd Motor Company amounted to $192.80.

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Upon motion by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Burch, the Board of Aldermen authorized the City Manager to pay the bill and charge the contingency fund, it appearing that the companion with Mr. Norwood made a statement in the presence of Alderman Hellen that he was with Mr. Norwood and he was trying to apprehend the operator of a speeding car in line of duty.

Subject: Trees on Franklin Street.

Alderman Bowman reported that Mrs. Lawson was complaining that the gravel which was placed around the trees had packed hard and would starve the trees.

The City Manager said he would have it dug out and replaced with top soil.

Subject: City Manager asks Board if Town could do business with metal work in Carrboro in which he has part interest.

The City Manager reported that he had acquired part interest in a metal works shop in Carrboro which had been doing some work for the Town, and that he wished to get the opinion of the Board as to whether this should be discontinued. The Board of Aldermen suggested that it would be unwise for the Town to do business with said concern as the Manager might be criticized.

Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Hellen, the Board of Aldermen authorized the payment of $15.50 for the work already done.

Subject: Appropriations to Recreation Commission.

The City Manager brought to the attention of the Board the fact that there was some uncertainty in regard to the amount to be paid to the Recreation Commission. The Board decided to ask Mr. Honeycutt to appear at the next meeting for a discussion before taking any action.

Subject: Stop Light at Intersection of Pittsboro Highway and McCauley Street.

Alderman Burch opened discussion concerning the operation of the light. Mr. Caldwell stated that it had been operating on blinker at the suggestion of Mr. Honeycutt and as agreed upon by the Board of Aldermen. The Mayor asked Mr. Burch to represent the Town at a committee meeting composed of members of the School Board, Town Board and the University.

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Subject: Resignation of Dr. R. E. Coker from the Zoning Board.

The Mayor read a letter from Dr. R. E. Coker, member of the Zoning Board, tendering his resignation from the said Board.

Upon motion by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Hellen, the Board of Aldermen accepted the resignation of Dr. Coker from the Zoning Board and authorized the Clerk to write Dr. Coker a letter regretting his resignation and expressing the Board's appreciation for his valuable services while serving on the Board.

Subject: R. P. McClamroch Appointed to Zoning Board.

Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Burch, the Board of Aldermen unanimously appointed Mr. R. P. McClamroch as a member of the Zoning Bard to fill the vacancy created by Dr. Coker's resignation.

Subject: League of Municipalities Convention.

The Mayor stated that the League of Municipalities was going to hold its annual convention in Charlotte next week and would like for Chapel Hill to be represented. Several members stated that they planned to attend.

Upon motion by Alderman Hellen and seconded by Alderman Hobbs, the Board of Aldermen approved the appropriation from the contingency fund of $10.00 per member for traveling expenses attending the convention.

Subject: Cemetery.

The Mayor reported on his investigation of the status of the cemetery accounts as requested by the Board. A resolution of the Board of Trustees of the University was read, and the Board did not find where the cemetery accounts should not be audited by the Town auditor or where the Town should not have any records or information concerning their financial condition.

The Board authorized that a letter be written to Dr. W. C. Coker, member of the Cemetery Committee, stating that it is the Town's duty to appoint another member to the committee since the death of Mrs. Wilson, who was an appointee of the Town, and that it is an appropriate time for the Committee to render an account to the Town of any monies on hand at present, and that the Town would look for a financial report each year and that hereafter the cemetery funds should be subject to the Town audit. A copy of the Trustees report should be mailed with the letter.

Appointment to the committee was deferred until next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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