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The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on April 9, 1941, at 8:00 P.M., with Mayor Foushee presiding and the following Aldermen present: Messrs. P. L. Burch, R. J. M. Hobbs, P. H. Robertson, G. B. Hellen and R. W. Madry. Alderman F. O. Bowman was absent. Also present were J. L. Caldwell, C. P. Hinshaw and E. E. Peacock.

Subject: Public Hearing on Proposal to Change Zoning Ordinance.

The Mayor recognized those present as those interested in the proposal to change the zone on the north side of Rosemary Street, from a point 100 feet to the east of Columbia Street to Roberson Lane, from Business Zone No. 2 to Residence Zone B. Among those present, Mrs. Brockwell, Mrs. Collier Cobb, Mrs. Jordan, Mr. Eugene Strowd and Mr. L. J. Phipps spoke in favor of changing the zone to a residence zone, and Mr. John Manning and Mr. Webb, who read a letter by Mr. Frank D. Bozarth, trustee for the Lueco Lloyd Estate, spoke in favor of letting the zone remain as business property.

After a lengthy discussion, the group adjourned and the Board decided to defer any action until the next regular meeting.

Subject: Taxes and Street Assessments Due by L. V. Huggins.

Mr. H. A. Whitfield, representing Mr. L. V. Huggins, asked the Board to compromise on the amount of street assessments which are due on the property of Mr. L. V. Huggins, as he understood at the time of purchase that all taxes and assessments were paid. Street assessments in the amount of $42.96 are due and the Clerk reported the finding of taxes for 1934 of $11.20 and 1935 of $10.80 still due. The Board deferred the matter to the attorney for further investigation.

Subject: Parking spaces on Columbia Street.

Alderman Hobbs reported that two complaints were received in regard to the parking spaces on Columbia Street being too narrow.

Upon motion by Alderman Robertson and seconded by Alderman Hobbs, the Board of Aldermen authorized the City Manager to make the spaces on Columbia Street the same size as those on Franklin Street.

Subject: Bank between sidewalk and street in front of Battle-Vance-Pettigrew Dormitories.

Alderman Hobbs stated that he had talked with Dr. Coker in regard to the improvement of this ground, but that no definite arrangements had been made yet. Another meeting will be held and a further report will be made later.

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Subject: Report by Public Safety Committee.

Alderman Burch reported that the Public Safety Committee had investigated the possibility of turning right on red lights and the present practice of making U-Turns at the Post Office and Strowd's Garage. They found that nothing specific could be recommended at this time but that the problem would be kept in mind.

Subject: Bus Situation.

Mr. Burch stated that he and Mr. Bowman had met with the bus officials in Raleigh and that they had agreed to work out some suitable plan for the location of a bus station in Chapel Hill. They prefer leasing a station rather than purchasing property and building their own station. They will get estimates from their architect in regard to the space needed and will inform the committee of this report when received. The Board referred the matter to the same committee of Mr. Burch and Mr. Bowman and asked that they keep in touch with any developments.

Subject: Traffic Bureau.

Mr. Hinshaw stated that he had sent a copy of our ordinance establishing the Traffic Bureau to the Attorney General for an opinion. The Attorney General's opinion was read to the Board. Although there are no cases on record which would prove the validity of this ordinance, the Attorney General was of the opinion that the ordinance in question would never be contested. The Board discussed the type of receipt to be issued by the Traffic Bureau and the place for collecting the fines.

Upon motion by Alderman Hellen and seconded by Alderman Robertson, the Board of Aldermen referred the matter to a committee composed of Chief Sloan, Mayor Foushee, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Burch and Mr. Hinshaw to work out a solution to the problem of where the money is to be collected and the type of receipt to be used.

Subject: Auditor's Report.

Mr. Peacock stated that the only questionable voucher issued during February and March was No. 4714, payable to Dr. L. E. Fields for medical services rendered to Jesse Council, laborer on the Town street force. Mr. Caldwell explained that, it was reported to him, Jesse Council was injured in line of duty with the Town, and therefore the doctor bill would have been paid by the Unemployment Compensation Commission. But since that time Mr. Caldwell learned that the injury was not sustained in line of duty and therefore not a compensation case; so the Town was responsible for the bill. Mr. Peacock reported there was a gasoline

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overage of 50 gallons for the months of February and March. The budget is in good shape, being 4.5% underspent to date. Only a few individual items are overspent.

Subject: Clerical and Stenographic Help.

The City Manager stated that the funds provided in the budget for clerical help had been expended, and that there were three months left in the fiscal year in which the Town will need a stenographer.

Upon motion by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Burch, the Board of Aldermen authorized that $125.00 be transferred from the contingency fund to clerical help for the Town office.

Subject: Options on North Columbia Street Property.

The Mayor reported that Mr. J. B. Johns had obtained options on the Piggsbee, Jackson and Durham properties on North Columbia Street where the State Highway is contemplating bringing the Orange Church Highway into Town. The Board discussed the possibility of foreclosing the Ira S. Johnson lot, since no taxes have been paid for the last ten years, and removing one of the houses to this lot.

Mr. Caldwell was asked to investigate the possibility of securing State funds, allotted to cities and towns for highway maintenance and construction, to be used in the purchase of these options.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

R. L. Swain
Town Clerk