REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL HELD ON JULY 9, 1941

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The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill held its regular monthly meeting in the Town Hall on Wednesday, July 9, at 8 P.M., in the Town Hall with Mayor Foushee presiding and the following Aldermen present: Messrs. P. L. Burch, R. J. M. Hobbs, G. O. Davis, F. O. Bowman, R. W. Madry, and R. B. Fitch. Also present were J. L. Caldwell, C. P. Hinshaw, and E. E. Peacock.

Subject: Recreation Commission.

Colonel Pratt, Chairman of the Recreation Commission, stated that the W.P.A. had withdrawn its support of a Recreational Director for Chapel Hill and that unless the Town could provide funds to retain Mr. MacPhee during the summer the Town would be without a director. Colonel Pratt believed that an additional appropriation of $150.00 to the Recreation Commission would take care of Mr. MacPhee's salary. He thought it probable that some assistance might be obtained from the N.Y.A., and if this is secured the Town's appropriation would not be needed.

Colonel Pratt also asked the Board to raise the regular appropriation to the Recreation Commission from $400.00 to $600.00 in view of the fact that the Negro Community Center building should be completed, and funds will be needed for water, light, and heat.

Colonel Pratt urged the Town to go ahead with the Planning Commission, and he thought that two or three architects would compete for plans to improve the architectural design of the business district.

The Board of Aldermen took no action on the requests of Colonel Pratt.

Subject: Art Department for High School and Elementary School.

Mr. Honeycutt; Mr. Alcott; Mr. Fields, director of the State Art Project; and Mr. Thorne, Art Teacher at the high school last year, appeared before the Board in the interest of an appropriation by the Town for an Art Department in the schools. Mr. Honeycutt stated that the school had already allocated all of its funds for next year, and that if an Art Department is to be had the funds will have to be provided from some other source. The amount necessary to provide for a full time teacher is $1,000.

After considerable discussion the Board of Aldermen, upon motion by Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Fitch, approved an appropriation not to exceed $75.00 from the contingency fund to help in the establishment of an Art Department.

The Board of Aldermen suggested to the committee present to make the project a community affair and try to get funds from the various civic organizations.

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Subject: The Town registration book has not been completed yet.

Subject: The City Manager reported that new steps will have to be built in front of Mary McDade's house.

Subject: Storm Sewer drain across Mallett Street from Mrs. Andrews'.

Upon motion of Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Madry, the Board of Aldermen authorized the Town Manager, after consulting the Health Department, to go ahead with plans for concreting and levelling the bottom of the ditch.

Subject: The Mayor stated that the recreation department got the N.Y.A. help which it had asked for. Also, he stated that the State Highway would probably be able to pay for the complete cost of the Orange Church highway leading from Town, including the right-of-way.

Subject: Appropriation by Movie Guild to Health Department.

It was reported that the Movie Guild was behind $120.00 in its appropriation to the Health Department for the control of venereal diseases.

Alderman Bowman stated that this would be paid by January and that after this has been paid the Movie Guild would probably cut this appropriation altogether.

Subject: School Tax Rate. B

Mr. Peacock stated that due to a decrease in the County's appropriation toward the school debt service of approximately $1200, the school debt service tax rate would have to be increased 1⅛¢ over the tentative rate as set July 3, making the total rate for the schools 27½¢ divided as follows: current expense - 20¢, special fund -⅛¢, debt service - 7¢.

Subject: Adjustment in 1941-42 Budget.

Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Hobbs, the Board of Aldermen, due to an increase in the tentative school tax rate, moved to reduce the general fund appropriation and therefore reduce the general fund tax rate to 85½¢ in order to keep the same tax rate as passed July 3, which was $1.60, and the reduced appropriation to be deducted from the budget as follows: $200 from the contingency fund and $348 from the special street repair fund.

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Subject: Auditor's Report.

Mr. Peacock stated that the gasoline report revealed a 35 gallon overage.

The Auditor stated that last year 50 confirmation letters were mailed, and that with the Board's approval he would like to send 100 this year. Upon motion by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Burch, the Board of Aldermen authorized the Auditor to mail out 100 tax confirmation letters and authorized that the expense in connection with this work be paid by the Town.

Subject: Letter from Humane Society in regard to the Dog Situation.

The Clerk read a letter from the Chapel Hill Humane Society in regard to the catching and treatment of stray dogs found in Chapel Hill. The Board of Aldermen, upon motion by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Bowman, instructed the City Manager to write the Humane Society thanking them for their letter stating that the Board sympathized with their cause.

Subject: Sewer Rent Rate.

The Board discussed the proposition of reducing the sewer rent.

Upon motion by Alderman Burch and sec nded by Alderman Bowman, the Board of Aldermen agreed that a survey of the sewers in the homes should be made before any definite action could be taken.

Subject: 1941-42 Sewer Rent.

Upon motion by Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Madry, the following Aldermen voting in the affirmative therefor: Aldermen Burch, Hobbs, Davis, Bowman, Madry, and Fitch; the ordinance herein set out was passed and adopted:

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a sewer tax be levied and assessed for the purpose of meeting the expenditures authorized under the budget adopted on the 3rd. of July, 1941, for the paying of principal and interest due on sewer bonds and also for the maintenance of all the Town's sewer system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL:

Section 1. There is hereby levied and assessed a sewer rental of $1.00 per month upon any property from which a connection made with the sewer system of the Town of Chapel Hill, for the charge heretofore stated, two connections may be made from the same building; any and all connections made to the said sewer system in excess of two shall be taxed at the rate of 50¢ per month for each connection.

Section 2. The rate of tax set out above shall apply to all sewer connections, both within and beyond the limits of the Town of Chapel Hill, except as to that section adjacent to said Town known as Westwood, wherein, both by special agreement and by levy, the charge for sewer connections shall be $1.50 per month, two connections on the same property being allowed for the rate herein set out, and an additional charge of 50¢ per month being levied for each additional connection in excess of two.

Section 3. The taxes herein levied shall be a lien against the property served by said sewer system.

Section 4. A "connection", as herein used, shall be defined as the connection of a closet, commode, or toilet with the line which is connected with the line which leads to and is connected with the sewer system of the Town of Chapel Hill.

Section 5. This ordinance does not repeal any other concerning special sewer taxes, other than as herein set forth and does not invalidate or nullify any contract, heretofore entered into, between the Town of Chapel Hill and any property owner, either within or without the limits of the Town of Chapel Hill concerning the rate of tax for the use of the sewer system of the Town of Chapel Hill.

Passed this the 9th day of July, 1941.

Subject: Street Improvements.

Mr. Caldwell stated that the streets were in bad need of repair, and that if the Town is going to sell bonds for the purpose of improving its streets it should be done within the next few months and before cold weather sets in. The City Manager stated that this work would cost approximately $18,000. The Town's portion of the cost of the new fire truck would be $6,000, and other equipment which the Town should buy together with the expenses of the bond issue would make the total amount necessary to raise by bond issue $26,000.

Upon motion by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Burch, the Board of Aldermen authorized the Town Attorney to draw the necessary ordinances for the calling of a bond election.

Subject: To Enlarge Corporate Limits.

At the suggestion of Alderman Bowman, the Board of Aldermen asked the Town Attorney to inform the Board of the procedure necessary for the enlarging of the Town Limits.

Subject: Tax Anticipation Note.

Upon motion by Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Hobbs, the Board of Aldermen adopted the following resolution:

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Be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill:

Section 1. That the revenue note in the amount of $6,500 dated April 3, 1941, is due July 3, 1941, and since the Town does not have in its treasury sufficient funds to pay the note at maturity, that the note be renewed in like amount.

Section 2. That the renewal note for $6,500 be dated July 3, 1941, and mature October 3, 1941, bearing interest at the rate of 2¼% per annum and payable at the Concord National Bank, Concord, N. C.

Section 3. That the original note was issued pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, 1921, as amended, for necessary expenses and for the purpose of meeting appropriations made for the current fiscal year in anticipation of the collection of taxes and revenues of the current fiscal year.

Section 4. That the Mayor and Clerk of the Town of Chapel Hill be authorized to sign the note under the corporate seal of the Town.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Town Clerk