MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 1941

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The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill held their regular monthly meeting in the Town Hall on October 8, 1941, at 8:00 p.m., with Mayor Foushee presiding and the following Alderman present: Messrs. P. L. Burch, R. J. M. Hobbs, G. O. Davis, R. W. Madry, F. O. Bowman and R. B. Fitch. Also present were E. E. Peacock, J. L. Caldwell and C. P. Hinshaw.

Subject: Rock Wall torn down by Town in front of Miss Lentz's house.

Mr. Simons and Miss Lentz appeared before the Board asking for the resolution authorizing the City Manager to destroy that portion of her rock wall which the Town thought was on its property. The Clerk stated that the proceedings failed to get into the minutes. Miss Lentz claimed that the Town should compensate her for the rock which was carried away by the Town. Upon Motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Hobbs, the Board of Aldermen authorized that the Town determine the width of the Town right-of-way on Mallett Street through its engineer and report to the Board, and if it is found that the wall was on her property, as she maintains, then the Town will compensate her for any damage.

Subject: Citizens interested in Traffic Situation.

Mr. John Umstead and representatives from the Kiwanis Club, the Rotary Club and the Merchants' Association appeared before the Board in the interests of improving the traffic situation in Chapel Hill. A committee of three members from each of the above named organizations and from the Student Body of the University is organizing for the purpose of arousing interest toward the solution of the traffic problem in Chapel Hill and asked that two or three members be appointed from the Board of Aldermen to serve on this committee. The committee is planning to send a representative to appear before each organization in Town and advertise the project. Posters are to be printed and distributed, and Mr. Louis Graves will be asked to give publicity in the Weekly.

The Mayor appointed Mr. G. O. Davis and Mr. P. L. Burch to serve on this committee.

Subject: License on Bakery Trucks.

Mr. Bowman stated that it appeared that the Town is without authority to levy a privilege license on bakery trucks under the section dealing with peddlers in schedule B Privilege Licens es.

Mr. Hinshaw stated that he was of the opinion that the Town had the authority to charge the trucks an annual license on the basis of their using the streets. The Board of Aldermen took no action and left the amount of the license the same as adopted previously in the license ordinance.

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Subject: Delinquent Taxes of L. V. Huggins.

The Town Clerk stated that Mr. Huggins had paid the delinquent street assessments which were found to be due on his property bought from Mr. Grady Pritchard, but Mr. Huggins claims that he should not have to pay the 1934 and 1935 taxes on the lot, as he was not informed of these balances until recently.

The Board of Aldermen agreed to release one-half of the balance due in the event that he cannot recover from Mr. Grady Pritchard.

Subject: Old balance due by O. A. Hamilton.

Mr. Bowman brought to the attention of the Board the request of Mr. Hamilton that the Board take some action on his claim for release of his 1935 taxes. Mr. Peacock stated that in his first audit he discovered this old balance which Mr. Hamilton claims he paid and showed him a check stub showing the payment. However, Mr. Peacock stated that he informed Mr. Hamilton that he would have to produce more positive proof of payment, that is a receipt or cancelled check or evidence that the check had gone through the bank. The Board of Aldermen concurred with Mr. Peacock and instructed Mr. Bowman to give this information to Mr. Hamilton.

Subject: Halloween Party on Franklin Street.

The Clerk read a letter from the director of the Recreation Commission asking for permission to block Franklin Street for dances and a celebration on Halloween night, October 31.

Upon motion of Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Madry, the Board of Aldermen agreed to block off Franklin Street between Columbia and Hillsboro Streets on the night of October 31st. for a Halloween party sponsored by the Recreation Commission. The time and manner for blocking the street is to be worked out between the Recreation Commission, Chief of Police and the City Manager.

Subject: Alley from Cameron Avenue to Elementary School.

Mr. Burch stated that this alley was in very bad condition and was wondering if it could be considered for pavement. The Board of Aldermen referred the matter to the Street Committee for a recommendation.

Subject: Rooms for Soldiers.

The Mayor stated that the Town and University had formed a joint committee to take care of soldiers spending nights and week-ends in Chapel Hill. The University had equipped the Horace Williams room in Graham Memorial for this purpose and would like for the Town to place a sign on Franklin Street at Graham Memorial directing the soldiers to this room.

Upon motion by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Fitch, the Board of Aldermen authorized the City Manager to attend to this matter and pay for the erection of the sign.

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Subject: West Franklin Street Refund to Dr. Berryhill.

Alderman Hobbs stated that Dr. Berryhill had cleared the way for his refund on the West Franklin Street assessment.

Upon motion of Alderman Hobbs seconded by Alderman Bowman, the Board of Aldermen agreed to pay Dr. Berryhill his refund if he would give to the Town a letter stating that he would relieve the Town of any expense in connection with a suit by the former owner to recover the refund.

Subject: Procedure for Enlarging City Limits.

Mr. Hobbs stated that Mr. Hinshaw was asked to investigate the procedure for enlarging the City Limits. Mr. Hinshaw reported that it is not exactly clear but that it could be done by legislative action upon a petition. Mr. Hinshaw and Mr. Bowman agreed to visit the Attorney General to determine more definitely the procedure.

Subject: Sewer Project.

Mr. Caldwell stated that the survey was about complete. The Board of Aldermen requested Mr. Bowman to work with Mr. Caldwell on the survey and make a recommendation to the Board.

Subject: Report by Street Committee.

Mr. Foushee stated that the street committee had met and found that with the money at hand every street in Town could be resurfaced. The following streets were recommended for new paving: West University Drive, West Rosemary, Ransom Street where overhead bridge taken out, Glandon Drive, Ridge Lane and one-half of Westwood.

Subject: Motor Grader.

Mr. Caldwell stated that the motor grader that they had been using was in good condition and that Mr. Cobb would sell it to the Town for $675. Upon motion by Alderman Fitch and seconded by Alderman Davis, the Board of Aldermen authorized the City Manager to buy the motor grader out of the proceeds from the sale of the apparatus bonds.

Mr. Caldwell stated that there was enough money provided by the bonds for the purchasing of two new trucks. The Board of Aldermen authorized Mr. Davis to work with the City Manager in the buying of the new trucks.

Subject: Dr. MacNider resigns from Cemetery Committee.

The Mayor stated that he had a letter from Dr. MacNider notifying the Board of Aldermen that he wished to resign from the Cemetery Committee. The Board of Aldermen deferred any action on the letter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

W. J. Swaim Town Clerk