MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL HELD NOVEMBER 17, 1941

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The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill held a special meeting in the Town Hall on November 17, 1941, with Mayor Foushee presiding and the following Aldermen present: G. O. Davis, R. B. Fitch, F. O. Bowman and R. W. Madry. Alderman Hobbs and Burch were absent.

The Mayor stated the main purpose of the meeting was to hear the auditor's report, but a few other matters would be taken up before the report was given.

Subject: Speed Limits.

Since no member of the Public Safety Committee was present, Mr. Hinshaw reported that a meeting was held but the committee made no recommendation except that the Town should continue to follow the State law, which establishes the speed limit for business districts at 20 miles per hour and 25 miles per hour for residential districts.

Subject: Safety League Report by Mr. Umstead.

Mr. Umstead restated the request of the Safety League which was as follows:

1. That the Board of Aldermen establish the speed limits. The Board of Aldermen agreed to follow the State law in this respect.

2. That the Board of Aldermen give permission to the Safety League to sponsor the use of stickers on the windshields of car owners in Chapel Hill, pledging to observe all traffic regulations.

After considerable discussion, the Board of Aldermen, upon motion by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Bowman, agreed to give this permission to the Safety League provided they secured from the Attorney General written approval ofthe stickers.

3. That stop signs be placed at the following intersections: On Mallett, Roberson and Ransom coming into Cameron.

4. That the Town have stop signs painted on the street surfaces at the following intersections with Franklin Street: Boundary, Hillsboro, Columbia, Henderson, Church, Mallett, Kenan and Roberson.

Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Fitch, the Board of Aldermen authorized that this request be granted.

Subject: Report from Zoning Board of Adjustment in regard to changing of the Zoning Ordinance.

The Mayor reported that the Zoning Board recommended the following amendments to section 6, number 4 of the Zoning Ordinance:

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4. A church, provided that an exception can be recommended by the Board of Adjustment in any case in which the congregation, by a majority vote, certified to by a unanimous statement of the governing body of the church, shall agree to the erection of a garage or filling station within a distance of less than 200 feet of the church.

Mr. McIntosh suggested that the last paragraph of Section 6 be striken out since it would then be in conflict with the amendment. Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Fitch, the Board of Aldermen adopted the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and agreed to strike out the last paragraph of Section 6 of the zoning ordinance which reads as follows: "No exception shall be made to the provisions of this section by the Board of Adjustment."

Upon motion by Alderman Fitch, seconded by Alderman Bowman, the Board of Aldermen authorized a public hearing on the question of changing the zoning ordinance as set out above, to be held at 7:45 on December 10, 1941.

Subject: Authorizing purchase of two trucks.

Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Fitch, the Board of Aldermen moved to reopen the question of purchasing two new Town trucks. Upon motion by Alderman Fitch and seconded by Alderman Madry, the Board of Aldermen moved to reopen the bids. A representative of the Chevrolet Motor Company and Mr. Hazzard, of Hazzard Motor Company appeared before the Board to discuss Chevrolet trucks. After considerable discussion, the Board of Aldermen, upon motion of Alderman Fitch and seconded by Alderman Bowman, moved to take another vote on the bids previously submitted provided the Town would not get into legal difficulty. The Mayor called for a vote which result is as follows: Chevrolets - 3 votes; Dodges - 1; Fords - 0.

The contract was awarded to Hazzard Motor Company in accordance with the above vote provided the Town will not get into legal difficulty as a result of the order already being placed with Poe-Mangum for Dodges.

Subject: Audit report for 1940-41.

Mr. Peacock presented to the Board of Aldermen copies of the 1940-41 audit report and went over the complete report summarizing the important exhibits and schedules. Two hundred names from the tax scroll were checked with the County abstracts and only a few minor differences occurred and they might be in order after a recheck is taken. The differences were in the listings of Albert Coates, S. H. Hobbs and Bruce Hogan. One hundred confirmation letters of tax accounts were sent out and only 27 replied. Only a few claimed the accounts were in error. An inventory of the Town equipment for last year was not taken, and Mr. Peacock stated that he hoped the Board of Aldermen would continue to require this. No audit of fines and costs was made, as it is not contained in the audit contract. The Board of Aldermen agreed that this should be taken up at a future meeting. Mr. Peacock went over the listings of special accounts receivable and stated that a special effort should be

made in collecting these items: Hubert Atwater, Lib Farrington, Movie Guild and three orfour businesses for privilege licenses. The Board of Aldermen authorized salary deductions be made from Hubert Atwater and Lib Farrington's checks and that the Movie Guild be approached in regard to their appropriation for venereal disease clinic. Mr. Peacock stated that only a few invoices were not supported and that in a few cases discounts were not taken advantage of.

The Board of Aldermen extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Peacock for his audit work.

Subject: Leave of absence for Town Clerk and Accountant.

Mr. Peacock brought to the attention of the Board the fact that Mr. Swaim, Town Clerk and Accountant, would be inducted into the army sometime within the near future and that he would like for the Board of Aldermen to grant authority for the City Manager to employ a man to be learning the job and recommended that he be paid $100 per month until Mr. Swaim leaves and not over $130 per month when he takes over full responsibility. Mr. Peacock stated that he had a man in mind for the job, but did not know whether he would be able to accept. The man is Mr. Bordon Mace.

Upon motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Fitch, the Board of Aldermen voted to grant Mr. Swaim a leave of absence for a period of 18 months, as he is to be inducted into the army in the near future; and that the Mayor, City Manager and Auditor take the matter of appointing another Town Clerk and Accountant up with Mr. Mace, and gave authority to employ him at $100 per month until the present Clerk leaves and not over $130 afterwards.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

R. L. Swaim
Town Clerk