MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD IN THE TOWN HALL FEBRUARY 11, 1942

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The Board of Aldermen held its regular monthly meeting in the Town Hall on February 11, 1942, with Mayor Foushee presiding and the following Aldermen present: Messrs. R. J. M. Hobbs, P. L. Burch, G. O. Davis, F. O. Bowman, R. B. Fitch, R. W. Madry. Also present were J. L. Caldwell and E. E. Peacock.

Subject: Request by Mrs. R. B. Lawson for Priming of Trees and Hedges in Town.

Mrs. R. B. Lawson appeared before the Board and requested that certain trees and shrubs on East Rosemary and Columbia Streets be shaped up and pruned in the near future. Mrs. Lawson stated that now was the proper time for such work to be undertaken and further offered the services of a laborer to assist in the work. It was suggested that the matter be referred to the Street Committee for action in the near future. In this connection Alderman Bowman suggested that there was a definite need for more strict action in the future regarding the planting of trees and shrubs too near the sidewalks in town.

Subject: Proposed Ordinance Relating to Building Inspection Fees.

The Clerk read a proposed ordinance relative to building inspection fees for the Town prepared by Mr. Hinshaw in collaboration with Alderman Burch and Mr. Caldwell. After considerable discussion the proposed ordinance was referred back to Alderman Burch and Mr. Caldwell for further study and revision relative to fees for houses in the less than $500 valuation bracket and relative to the possibility of the Town retaining a portion of the fee to defray expenses incidental to the assessment and collection of such fees. It was also suggested that Mr. Caldwell and Alderman Burch make a study of the electrical and plumbing permits and present a report at the next regular Board meeting. The Board authorized Mr. Little to proceed immediately with his work as Buildings Inspector for the Town.

Subject: Need of Report from Fire Department.

Mayor Foushee suggested that Mr. Caldwell consult the Fire Chief about the possibility of a monthly report of the Fire Department to the Board of Aldermen regarding activities of the Department.

Subject: Request for Parking spaces for Taxies.

Alderman Bowman presented a request for parking spaces to be reserved for taxies in the vicinity of the local bus station. After some discussion on the matter, Alderman Bowman made a motion that the matter

be referred to the Town Manager and the Public Safety Committee and that they should consult the parties concerned and arrange for spaces to be reserved. The motion was seconded by Alderman Davis and passed by the Board.

Subject: Report of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Caldwell presented a report on the progress of collections of delinquent personal property taxes and was instructed by the Board to proceed with garnishees and levies on the delinquents. In this connection the Board also requested that the Town Attorney clarify the ruling on levies on mortgaged cars. The Finance Committee also approved a request of Mr. Peacock for assistance in his audit of the Cemetery Account. Alderman Hobbs made a motion that a fund not to exceed $15.00 be appropriated from the contingency fund to be used in employing an assistant for Mr. Peacock in his audit of the Cemetery account. The motion was seconded by Alderman Madry and passed by the Board.

Subject: Incorporation of the Cemetery Account into the Town Accounts.

Mr. Peacock presented a request to the Board that the Town Attorney be authorized to draw up a formal certificate as evidence of ownership for all cemetery lots that have been purchased and will be purchased in the future, such certificates to be issued when payment is actually made. Mr. Peacock further recommended that the Cemetery Fund be incorporated into the town accounts, and that he, as auditor, be authorized to take any steps deemed necessary for a complete audit of the cemetery records. Alderman Fitch moved that the recommendations, as made by Mr. Peacock, be accepted. The motion was seconded by Alderman Davis and passed by the Board.

Subject: Need of new Cemetery Site.

Alderman Hobbs suggested that there was a rather urgent need for a new and more appropriate cemetery site for theTown. It was suggested that the matter be referred to the Cemetery Committee and they should confer with the Town Planning Board about the need and the possibility of some action on the matter in the near future.

Subject: Home Guard.

Mayor Foushee presented a request from Admiral P. W. Foote that some action be taken about the organization of a Home Guard Unit. After some discussion the matter was left open for future action.

Subject: Purchase of Ammunition and Riot guns by the Town.

Mr. Caldwell stated that due to a possible shortage in the near future of certain arms and ammunition, it was essential that the Town

obtain an ample stock of these items in the near future. Mr. Caldwell also stated that he, Alderman Burch and Chief Sloan had made an estimate of the Town's needs in these items. The Board passed a motion made by Alderman Madry and seconded by Alderman Bowman authorizing the purchase of two riot guns and ammunition for these guns, as well as any other needed ammunition provided that the University pay one-half the bill, and further authorized that the Town's share of the expenditure be made from the emergency fund.

Subject: Institute of Government Meeting of Municipal Officials.

Mayor Foushee made some pertinent remarks from the recent meeting of the district municipal officials. He suggested that Mr. Caldwell investigate the possibility in supplying the needs of the town for the next year in certain items, most notably fuel, in the near future.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

A. D. Byrd
Town Clerk