MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON MAY 18, 1942.

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The Board of Aldermen held its regular monthly meeting in the Town Hall on May 18, 1942, with Mayor Foushee presiding and the following Aldermen present: Messrs. P.L. Burch, R.J.M. Hobbs, R.B. Fitch, P.O. Bowman, G.O. Davis, and R.W. Madry. Also present were J.L. Caldwell, C.P. Minshaw, and E.E. Peacock.

Subject: Sewer of Mr. L.L. Garner

Mr. L.L. Garner appeared before the Board and stated that he had recently been connected to the Town sewer system. In so connecting to the sewer line, he had been forced to cross a lot adjacent to his rather than going directly into the street in order to get the proper drop. Mr. Garner stated that this had cost him $108.84 in addition to the pipe he had on hand and felt the Town should grant him some relief in the form of release from sewer rental. It was suggested that the minutes be studied on similar cases in the past, and that the Street Committee act in cooperation with Mr. Caldwell in working out an agreement with Mr. Garner. Upon the motion of Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Bowman, the Board passed a resolution to treat this matter in the same manner as other similar cases in the past.

Subject: Police Report

Chief Sloan presented a general report of police activities for the month. Mayor Foushee reported that he had written Captain Farmer of the State Highway Patrol about the alleged lack of co-operation on the part of the local Police Department, but he had received no reply. Alderman Burch brought to the attention of the Board the fact that the University was contemplating an increase in compensation of Patrolman Merritt. He stated that other members connected with the University Police and Night Watchmen force had been granted increases, and since Mr. Merritt was working under the supervision of the Town Police Department, it might be well for the Board to make some recommendation in the matter. After considerable discussion, the Board decided to make no official recommendation.

Subject: Obtaining Right-of-Way for Proposed Airport Road

Mr. W.B. Carmichael appeared before the Board and reported that the Federal Road Commission had authorized the release of

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funds for roads essential to National Defense, and the proposed airport road had been so held. He stated that bids were to be let on May 20, and if the road was to be brought into town, right-of-ways in town to the amount of approximately $14,000 must be obtained. He further stated that he felt that the University would be able to go on a fifty-fifty basis with the Town in obtaining these right-of-ways. He emphasized that speed in obtaining the funds was the primary factor to be considered. Mayor Foushee appointed Alderman Bowman, Alderman Hobbs, and Mr. E.E. Peacock to serve as a committee to work with Mr. Hinshaw in ascertaining what funds would be immediately available for this purpose.

Subject: Safety League

Mr. J.W. Umpstead, Jr., appeared before the Board in behalf of the Chapel Hill Safety League and presented written suggestions from that body for improvement of the traffic situation in town. These suggestions were referred to the Public Safety Committee with the request that it make a study of the suggestions and present recommendations to the Board.

Subject: Control Center

Mr. Caldwell brought to the Board's attention the fact that certain incidental expenses were arising in the operation of the Civilian Defense Control Center and he stated that it was the practice in most other towns to contribute something toward defraying these expenses. Upon motion of Alderman Fitch and seconded by Alderman Davis, the Board voted to pay current bills of the Local Civilian Defense Control Center up to the amount of $20.00, and further provided that said sum was to be paid from the Contingency Fund. Upon motion of Alderman Fitch and seconded by Alderman Davis, the Board passed a motion authorizing the setting-up of an account to include all expenses directly expended for the Civilian Defense Control Center.

Subject: Town Coal Supply

Mr. Caldwell suggested to the Board that it might be advantageous to obtain a supply of coal for the Town in the near future

to avoid a possible shortage next year. Upon motion of Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Madry, the Board voted to appropriate $200.00 from the Contingency Fund to purchase coal for the Town.

Subject: Insurance on Fabricated ~~Steel~~ Steel

Mr. Caldwell informed the Board that the Town had a rather large amount of fabricated ~~Steel~~ Steel at the sewerage disposal plant, and since there was no prospect of using it in the immediate future, there was an apparent need of some form of insurance. After considerable discussion, the Board decided to leave the matter open for the present.

Subject: Certificate of Deposit

Upon motion of Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Burch, the Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL THAT:

Section 1: Whereas it appears to the Board of Aldermen that on December 9, 1925, the Bank of Chapel Hill issued Certificate of Deposit No. 20839 to some person whose name is unknown for the use and benefit of the Chapel Hill Cemetery Association;

Whereas since the year 1930, there has been carried in said bank a separate account known as the Cemetery Account, into which are deposited funds derived from the sale of lots;

Whereas it is the desire of the governing body of the Town of Chapel Hill that the funds represented by the certificate of deposit heretofore described be transferred to the Cemetery Savings Account of the Town of Chapel Hill, and it appearing that the Bank of Chapel Hill refuses to pay to said town the one hundred dollars plus interest represented by the certificate of deposit heretofore stated unless the governing body of the town execute and deliver to said bank a bond in the sum of two hundred dollars guaranteeing the repayment to the Bank of Chapel Hill any loss it may sustain up to the face value of said bond by reason of having paid to the Town of Chapel Hill the face value of said certificate of deposit plus interest on same up to the date of the call of the Bank for the cashing of said certificate, said interest amounting to approximately thirty dollars.

Section 2. Be it resolved by the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Chapel Hill that the Town Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to draw a bond in the sum of two hundred dollars, pledging the town to reimburse the Bank of Chapel Hill for any loss it may sustain by reason of having paid the principal and interest on its Certificate of Deposit No. 20859, in the amount of one hundred dollars, issued December 9, 1925, to some person whose name is unknown, for the use and benefit of the Cemetery Association.

Section 3. The Mayor, John M. Foushee, and City Manager, John L. Caldwell, are authorized to execute said bond under the seal of the town.

This the thirteenth day of May, 1942.

Subject: Fires in Battle Park

Mayor Foushee read a letter from Dr. W.C. George in which he cited the fire hazard in Battle Park caused by carelessness of persons building fires in the park. He suggested that there was some need of an ordinance prohibiting, or at least regulating, fires in the park. Upon motion of Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Madry, the Board authorized the Town Attorney to frame an ordinance to prevent fires in Battle Park except at specified pla ces, with the further provision that appropriate signs be placed in the park to this effect. Action on adopting of such an ordinance was deferred until the next regular Board meeting.

Subject: Auditor's Report

Mr. Peacock reported that all checks and invoices for the month of April w re in order. He reported that he was still working on the Cemetery audit, and that he was having some difficulty in obtaining confirmations of accounts receivable.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

H. D. Byrd
Town Clerk