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HALL ON AUGUST 12, 1942

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The Board of Aldermen held its regular monthly meeting in the Town Hall on August 12, 1942 with Mayor Madry presiding and the following Aldermen present: Messrs. P. L. Burch, R. J. M. Hobbs, R. B. Fitch and G. O. Davis. Also present were J. L. Caldwell and E. L. Peacock.

Subject: Health Department

Mr. Croom and Mr. Brendle of the Health Department presented reports on milk bacterial counts and sanitary rating of cafes and markets in town. Mr. Foard, State Health Inspector, was also present and informed the Board that the milk supply in Chapel Hill is not safe for public consumption. He cited the laxity of methods of pasteurization at the local milk shed and showed the possibility of disease through such handling.

Subject: Auditor's Report

Mr. Peacock reported that with one minor exception all vouchers issued during the month had the proper invoice support. He reported the gasoline reading showed a shortage of forty-five gallons. Upon Mr. Peacock's suggestion, the Board authorized him to send out two-hundred negative confirmations of tax accounts in his audit.

Subject: Fire Department

Mr. P. R. Perry, Fire Chief, appeared before the Board and reported that the exact cause of the High School fire was unknown but overloaded lines and plugs were possible causes. He stated further that lack of water did not contribute to the department's inability to handle the fire.

Subject: Chicken Ordinance

Mr. Hester and Rev. Bolton appeared before the Board and asked that the recently enacted Chicken Ordinance be enforced, especially as regards distances from the nearest property owners as required by the ordinance. They stated that Mrs. Lentz was openly defying the law and further, that she insisted that she would use her property as she saw fit.

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Subject: Police Report

The clerk read the report from the Police Department for the months of June and July. Chief Sloan was present and gave a general report of the department's activities for the month. In answer to an inquiry from Mayor Madry regarding race friction in Chapel Hill, both Chief Sloan and Mr. T. A. Henry of the Recorder's Court stated that the situation seemed to be well in hand at the present and cited the disposition of several recent cases involving negroes. Chief Sloan was commended for his manner of handling similar situations in the past.

Subject: Report from Dr. Richardson

Dr. Richardson made some comments on the inspection reports presented earlier and cited new regulations regarding inspections. He also stated that enforcement of the Chicken Ordinance would be difficult due to the requirement of a 50 foot minimum distance from the nearest property owner. He suggested that this distance be reduced to 30 feet and after some discussion the Board declined to take any action until all parties concerned could be heard.

Subject: Resignation of Vice-Recorder

The Mayor read the resignation of Mr. John T. Manning as Vice-Recorder of the Chapel Hill Recorder's Court, and upon motion of Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Fitch, the Board voted to accept the resignation of Mr. Manning. Action was deferred on selection of his successor to a later meeting.

Subject: Planning Board

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Alderman Hobbs and Alderman Fitch were appointed on a committee to consult with members of the Planning Board and seek recommendations for a new member of the Planning Board to replace the late Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt. The committee was also asked to ascertain, if possible, whether or not citizens were forced to comply with recommendations of the Planning Board in regards to construction.

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Subject: League of Municipalities

Mayor Madry was appointed delegate to attend the annual convention of the League of Municipalities in Greensboro on August 14.

Subject: Airport Road Right-of-Ways.

Mr. Adkins of the State Highway Commission appeared before the Board and stated that no definite agreement had been worked out with two of the property owners, Mr. Kutz and Mr. Clark, regarding the Airport Road right-of-ways but felt that the cost should run around \$9,692 exclusive of all legal services. Mayor Madry, Alderman Hobbs and Alderman Burch were appointed as a committee to meet with University officials and obtain the necessary funds.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned


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The Board of Aldermen held a special meeting in the Town Hall on August 19, 1942 with Mayor Madry presiding and the following Aldermen present: Messrs. F. O. Bowman, R. B. Fitch, P. L. Burch, G. O. Davis and R. J. M. Hobbs. Also present were J. L. Caldwell and C. P. Hinshaw.

Subject: Health Department

Dr. Richardson and Mr. Croom of the Health Department were present and stated that they, in the company of Mr. Ford of the State Health Department and Mr. Miller of the Federal Public Health Service had visited the four milk producers, Messrs. Suitt, Neville and others during the week. He read a written report from Mr. Miller on the situation in which he cited the lack of enforcement of the milk ordinance and stated that the dairies would have to be degraded if the Milk Ordinance was to remain in effect. Dr. Richardson also read a letter from Mr. Jarrett of the State Health Department in which he showed a rather deplorable condition existing as regards the Chapel Hill Milk supply and Alderman Bowman said that Dr. Reynolds of the state Health Department had informed him in a conversation that something would have to be done about the local milk situation. Dr. Richardson stated that the Health Department had gone the limit in allowing the situation to exist. After considerable discussion by the Board, the Mayor appointed Alderman Fitch and Alderman Davis to accompany Mr. Harward to see the four producers in a final effort to get them to comply with the Milk Ordinance.

Subject: Chicken Ordinance

Dr. Richardson stated that the 50 ft. minimum distance provision in the recently enacted Chicken Ordinance would not be easily enforced and probably would give rise to considerable complaints. The Board passed a motion of Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Fitch to amend Section 2 of the Chicken Ordinance passed June 17, 1942 to read "That said chickens must be kept at least thirty feet from the nearest residence other than that of the owner".

Subject: Drainage from Franklin Street

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Alderman Davis presented a complaint from Mrs. Brooks on Rosemary Street about the water draining from the Franklin Street stores and

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washing away her property. After some discussion the matter was referred to the Town Attorney for investigation as to whether or not the Town had any responsibility in the matter.

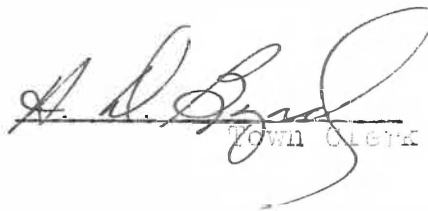
Subject: Salary Raises

Alderman Davis presented a request for an additional salary raise from Fireman Boone. There was also some discussion of a raise in the salary of the City Manager. Upon motion of Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Bowman the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for action.

Subject: Appointment of New Board Member

Action on appointment of a new Board member was deferred to the next regular meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


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