

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD IN THE TOWN
HALL ON NOVEMBER 18, 1942

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The Board of Aldermen held a special meeting in the Town Hall on November 18, 1942, with Mayor Madry presiding and the following Aldermen present: Messrs. P. L. Burch, R. J. M. Hobbs, R. H. Wettach, F. O. Bowman, and R. B. Fitch. Also present were J. L. Caldwell, E. E. Peacock and C. P. Hinshaw.

Subject: Police Department

The Board heard reports of alleged mistreatment of certain colored prisoners by members of the Police Department. After some discussion a motion by Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Wettach was passed to authorize the Mayor to appoint an investigating committee. Mayor Madry appointed Aldermen Burch and Wettach as members of a special committee to make preliminary investigations in the matter and suggest a date for a hearing before the full Board.

Subject: Funds from Lanham Act.

Alderman Bowman reporting for a special committee, stated that his committee had been to Raleigh and had a satisfactory conference with Mrs. Campbell in connection with obtaining funds under the Lanham Act for the Town. He said that some over \$7,000 had been requested for the remainder of the fiscal year and prospects were favorable for obtaining at least part of the sum requested although funds for a new fire truck would not be available. He stated also that a man from Raleigh had been sent over to help with the application. Upon motion of Alderman Wettach and seconded by Alderman Fitch, the Board approved the action of the committee and authorized the committee to proceed.

Subject: Recreation Commission Insurance.

Alderman Fitch stated that the Recreation Commission had requested that \$1200 insurance be placed on the Commissions' equipment. After some discussion the Board decided no action was necessary, since the matter could be handled through the Manager's office.

Subject: New Board Member.

Upon motion of Alderman Wettach and seconded by Alderman Fitch, the Board passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS: it has come to the attention of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that Alderman G. O. Davis has accepted a Commission as Lieutenant Junior Grade in the Navy; and whereas the Attorney General has ruled that a Town official who accepts a commission in the armed forces forfeits his civilian office:

Therefore, be it resolved that the office formerly held by the said Obie Davis is hereby declared vacant, and it further resolves that a new alderman be elected to serve the unexpired term of the said Davis.

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The Board unanimously appointed Mr. Bruce Strowd to fill the unexpired term of Mr. G. O. Davis as a member of the Board of Aldermen.

Subject: Audit Report.

Mr. Peacock presented copies of his annual audit report to the Board.

He stated that he had encountered certain items in the count of Tax Collector's cash which should be disposed of:

Items of flowers for amounts of \$10.50 and \$5.15 were authorized to be charged to the Contingency Fund on a motion of Alderman Bowman and seconded by Alderman Fitch and passed by the Board.

The Board authorized charging of a check of Mr. R. R. Benson dated March 16, 1933 to the amount of \$7.00 if after sending the check to Mr. Benson, he is not heard from in a reasonable length of time.

On a check on Mr. H. H. Williams for \$15.48 dated November 2, 1938, the Board gave instructions to send a bill to the Administrator of Mr. Williams' Estate.

Mr. Peacock suggested that all special accounts receivable and all Privilege License Receivables should be settled as soon as possible. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee for appropriate action. He also reported that there was a shortage of \$45.00 in the Inspection Fees Payable account which had probably accrued over several years. Upon motion of Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Wettach, the Board authorized a charge to Surplus of the amount necessary to correct the Inspection Fees Payable Account.

In connection with the Cemetery Audit Mr. Peacock reported that three negro accounts claimed they had paid but produced no receipts. He also suggested in this connection that Cemetery Account Receivables in the amount of \$905.00 should be collected as soon as possible.

The Board of Aldermen expressed its appreciation to Mr. Peacock for the efficient manner in which he handled his auditing duties.

Subject: Ration Board.

The need for additional room for the Ration Board was cited to the Board and a committee composed of the following was appointed to study the situation: Guy B. Phillips, chairman, M. W. Durham, S. Stoudemire, Mrs. R. H. Wettach, and R. B. Fitch.

Subject: Health Department.

A letter from Dr. Reynolds of the State Health Department relating to the milk ordinance was presented to the Board. After some discussion action was deferred and the letter was presented to Alderman

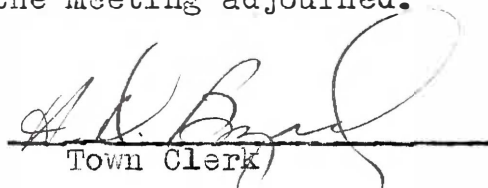
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Bowman for study.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


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