

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL AT THE TOWN HALL TUESDAY MAY 11th
1943 at 8 P.M.

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Mayor Madry presided over this meeting and the following
Aldermen were present: Bruce Strowd, R.H. Wettach, E.L. Burch
R.J.M. Hobbs, R.B. Fitch and F.O. Bowman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

This meeting was advanced from Wednesday night to Tuesday
night as Mayor Madry was to leave for St Louis and would not
be present on Wednesday; it was desired that all the board members
be present as this was the first meeting after the election.
Swearing in of the members re-elected, also the Mayor was to
be done at the next regular meeting. It was thought best to
validate the last regular meeting, as so few members were present
then and on motion of Alderman Boman and seconded by Alderman Hobbs
the board passed the necessary resolution making that meeting
valid.

Subject: Lawyers fees for services of A.H. Graham and
C.P. Hinshaw in connection with suit Lawrence
et al.

Bill for \$100 by A.H. Graham and \$50 by C.P. Hinshaw were presented
to the board and the same were authorized to be paid on motion
of Alderman and seconded by Alderman Burch.

Subject: Bill for \$66.15 for goods for the Recreation
Commission.

Mrs Wettach asked that this amount be sent to Montgomery Ward
on her order for certain items for the commission. Since the
allotment of \$2700 from the Lanham Fund had not come it she
asked that the Town advance the money as they needed the goods;
the money, of course, was to be refunded the town as soon as the
the federal check came in. On motion of Alderman Burch and
seconded by Alderman Fitch and passed by the Board the Manager
was authorized to advance the amount with the above understanding.

Subject: Bill State Highway and Public Works Commission
for work done on the yards of Mrs Durham and
Mrs Jackson.

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T.A. Burton, Division Engineer and Merle Adkins, Right of Way
Engineer met with Aldermen Burch and Bowman in the City Managers
office and went over the final figures and connection ~~the~~ with
the North Columbia Street right of way. This bill amounted to
\$775.01 in total and Mr Burton stated that in view of the fact
that the Town of Chapel Hill had spent \$912 for necessary replacement
of plumbing and sewer lines in connection with this project he

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
TOWN OF CHAPEL

Section 1. Whereas, on the 4th day of May 1943 a general election was held for the purpose of electing a mayor, three members to the Board of Aldermen, and a judge of the Recorder's Court, and whereas, in said election Robert W. Madry received 43 votes for Mayor and W.S. Crawford received 1 vote: Henry A. Whitfield received 41 votes for Judge of the Recorder's Court and L.J. Phipps received one vote for Judge of the Recorder's Court and C.P. Hinshaw received one vote for Judge of the Recorder's Court: R.J.M. Hobbs received 41 votes for Alderman; P.L. Burch received 41 votes for Alderman and R.H. Wettach received 41 votes for Alderman.

Section 2 Robert W. Madry having received the highest number of votes for Mayor is hereby declared elected Mayor for the Town of Chapel Hill for the period of two years; Henry A. Whitfield having received the highest number of votes for Judge of the Recorder's Court of the Town of Chapel Hill is declared elected to that office for the next two years: R.J.M. Hobbs P.L. Burch and R.H. Wettach having received the highest number of votes for membership to the Board of Aldermen the three are declared elected to that office for the next four years.

J. R. Good
Acting Clerk to the Board

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Committee on Resolutions for
the Negro Civic Club

Rev. J. H. Jones, Chairman
H. M. Holmes
A. D. Clark
Kenneth Jones
Albert Register

Charles Henry President
For the Negro Civic Club

J. H. Jones Chairman of committee.

George W. Cole Secretary

Chapel Hill, N. C.
May 10, 1943

The Honorable Board of Aldermen
Town of Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

The Negro Civic Club of Chapel Hill, N. C. wishes to submit the following resolutions to the Honorable Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill, N. C.

In view of the very low moral practice of some of our people; and realizing as in as much as this condition affects us as a group, it is a much larger problem; we, therefore, wish to present for your careful consideration the following resolutions:

- I. That street lights be placed at the following points
 1. On Roberson Street near the community center.
 2. At the corner of Nunn and Craig Streets.
 3. At the end of Cotton Street just below the Orange County Training School.
 4. At the corner of Caldwell and Church Streets.
 5. A traffic "Stop and Go" light at the intersection of Merritt Mill Road and W. Franklin Street.
- II. That a careful study be made of the effects of installment payment of fines in the Recorder's Court.
- III. That the places where beer is sold in Chapel Hill be required to abstain from sale of such from Friday night 12 until Monday morning 7.
- IV. That one or two Negro police officers and a truant officer be added to our police force to patrol in the Negro settlement.
- V. That the streets in the Negro community be toured by a committee from the Board of Aldermen to ascertain conditions of said streets with a view toward better upkeep of same.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
STATE HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

L. B. PRINCE, CHAIRMAN

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GREENSBORO, N. C.

FIFTH DIVISION OFFICE

T. A. BURTON, DIVISION ENGINEER

April 29, 1943

County Project 324
Orange County

Mr. J. L. Caldwell
City Manager
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

I am attaching hereto itemized statement of work done on the yards of Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Durham in connection with the construction of that part of the above project inside the corporate limits of Chapel Hill.

As per agreement made this morning in your office between Messrs. Bowman and Burch of the Board of Alderman of the Town of Chapel Hill, you as City Manager, and Mr. M. T. Adkins, Sr. Right of Way Engineer, and myself, representing the State Highway and Public Works Commission, this is to advise that we will accept a check made payable to the State Highway and Public Works Commission in the amount of \$200.00 in payment of the attached statement. Of this amount \$150.00 is to compensate the contractor for moving his shovel back to the Chapel Hill end of the job to do the necessary excavating as it could not be done at the time the roadway was graded on this end of the job, and \$50.00 is in payment for the rearranging of the water lines.

The cost of this work was included in the original estimate of the right of way cost inside the city limits of Chapel Hill and was furnished you by Mr. Adkins. The original estimate was for \$587.00 and the overrun is explained by the fact that we had to pay the contractor \$150.00 to move his shovel as referred to above.

If this manner of handling the attached statement is satisfactory to you and your Board of Alderman, please indicate same in a letter addressed to me, enclosing check for \$200.00, payable to the State Highway and Public Works Commission, which will be accepted in full and final settlement of this account.

Very truly yours,

T. A. Burton
DIVISION ENGINEER

TAB/w

Cc-Mr. Adkins

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ORANGE COUNTY
TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

O A T H

I, R. H. Wettach, solemnly swear that I will fill the office of membership on the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Chapel Hill for the ensuing four years to the best of my ability; and that I will support both the Constitution of the United States and of the State of North Carolina, so help me, God.

Robert H. Wettach
Member Board of Aldermen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 1943

Paul H. Robertson
Justice of the Peace

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ORANGE COUNTY
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O A T H

I, P. L. Burch, solemnly swear that I will fill the office of membership on the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Chapel Hill for the ensuing four years to the best of my ability; and that I will support both the Constitution of the United States and of the State of North Carolina, so help me, God.

P. L. Burch
Member Board of Aldermen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 1943

Paul H. Robertson
Justice of the Peace

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O A T H

I, R. J. M. Hobbs, solemnly swear that I will fill the office of membership on the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Chapel Hill for the ensuing four years to the best of my ability; and that I will support both the Constitution of the United States and of the State of North Carolina, so help me, God.

R. J. M. Hobbs.
Member Board of Aldermen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 1943.

Paul H. Roberts
Justice of the Peace

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I, R. W. Madry, solemnly swear that I will fill the office of Mayor of the town of Chapel Hill for the ensuing two years to the best of my ability; and that I will support both the constitution of the United States and of the State of North Carolina, so help me, God.

R. W. Madry

Mayor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of July, 1943.

Robert H. Roberts

Justice of the Peace

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ORANGE COUNTY
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The following oaths taken and subscribed before Carlene R. Jones, Notary Public, in said State and County on the 7th. day of May, 1943:

I, Henry A. Whitfield, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States; so help me, God.

Henry A. Whitfield

I, Henry A. Whitfield, do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the state of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the constitution of said state, not inconsistent with the constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

Henry A. Whitfield

I, Henry A. Whitfield, do solemnly swear that as Recorder of the Recorder's court of the Town of Chapel Hill, Orange County, North Carolina, in all articles in the commission to me directed, I will do equal right to the poor and rich, to the best of my judgment and according to the laws of the state; I will not, privately or openly, by myself or any other person, be of counsel in any quarrel or suit depending before me; the fines and amercements that shall happen to be made, and the forfeitures that shall be incurred, I will cause to be duly entered without concealment; I will not wittingly or willingly take, by myself or by any other person for me, any fee, gift, gratitude or reward whatsoever for any matter or thing by me to be done by virtue of my office, except such fees as are or may be directed and limited by statute; but well and truly I will perform my office of Recorder of the Recorder's Court of the Town of Chapel Hill; I will not delay any person of common right, by reason of any letter or order from any person in authority to me directed, or for any other cause whatever; and if any letter or order come to me contrary to law I will proceed to enforce the law, such letter or order notwithstanding. I will not direct or cause to be directed to the parties any warrant by me made, but will direct all such warrants to the sheriffs or constables of the county, or other officers or ministers of the state, or other indifferent persons, to do execution thereof; and finally, in all things belonging to my office, during my continuance therein, I will faithfully, truly and justly, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, do equal and impartial justice to the public and to individuals; so help me, God.

Henry A. Whitfield

NORTH CAROLINA
ORANGE COUNTY
TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

The foregoing oaths of Henry A. Whitfield were duly administered by me this day and were duly sworn to and subscribed in my presence.

Witness my hand and private seal, this 8 day of May, 1943.

Carlene R. Jones (SEAL)
Notary Public.
my com. ex. 6-3-44

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considered it right that the Highway Commission should help the Town in that cost. He agreed that if the Town paid \$200.00 all accounts would be balanced out and he would receipt the bill in full. On motion of Alderman Wettach and seconded by Alderman Hobbs passed by the board the city manager was instructed to send for \$200 to State Highway and Public Works Commission in full settlement of all accounts in connection with the North Columbia Street project, requesting receipt in full as agreed upon by Mr Burton in the last paragraph of his letter of April 29th. The letter is herewith included.

Subject ; Amount agreed upon in minutes of Oct 14th 1942 to pay Mrs Norman Jackson for extra expenses incurred by her as result of delay in moving her house.

The Board directed that \$42.00 the amount agreed upon, as requested by her attorney, be paid Mrs Jackson contingent upon Mrs Jackson signing a receipt in full for all claims she might have against the Town of Chapel Hill in connection with the moving of her house as per contract.

Subject: Fire Pumps for Civilian Defence.

The Board of Aldermen agreed to pay one half the cost of ~~ten~~ ten portable pumps if the University paid the other half. See minutes of regular meeting of November 1942. Mr J.A.Branch presented ~~for~~ for the cost of 5 of these pumps in amount \$73.13 and the Board on motion of Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Burch instructed that this amount be sent the University when the pumps arrive.

Insurance on Negro Community House.

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Letter from Mr Carmichale was read in regard to this insurance in which he indicated that the insurance would be taken care of ~~of~~ out of rents paid by the Navy Department. \$5,000 is now in force with Service Insurance and Agency Co and \$15,000 with Mr J.M.Foushee. The Town last year had \$20,00 coverage placed and paid the premiums on condition the University would repay the amount. That has not been ~~paid~~ to date. The City Manager was instructed to investigate the matter at once and have the property covered; to communicate with Mr Carmichale asking him to certainly insure the property for at least \$20,000. The house and all real estate is owned by the Town in fee simple and the Board feels that insurance should be carried by the University as it has been leased to them for the duration.

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Subject: Site for Recreation Building.

Alderman Bowman reported that he had not been able to locate a suitable site yet, but had several under consideration and thought it possible that he could obtain options shortly. At any rate he would continue his efforts and would report to the Board result of his efforts at some future meeting.

Subject: Dean Parker's idea in regard to
Fraternities being located in other
sections of the Town due to present
Fraternity Buildings being considered
for lease to University.

This matter was brought to the attention of the Board and was discussed by them but no serious action was deemed necessary at this time. Possibilities were discussed and it seem to be something that would eventuate and full consideration was to be given it when necessary. The Board decided when that time came the Zone Board should be called to give the matter consideration.

Subject: Request of Negro Civic Club

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A letter from this club and signed by Chas Craig, President making certain requests as outlined in letter herewith as a part of these minutes was considered and in order and the City Manager was instructed to write in reply that the items as listed were to be handled as follows:

- 1-The Street committee was asked to investigate and they found the request justified to have the lights placed as indicated.
- 2- The matter of installment payments in Recorders Court was talked of pro and con and Chief Sloan and Attorney Hinshaw stated that, in their opinion, there was great improvement in this and very few were allowed to pay their fines and cost except in cash. The Judge had stated that there were no installment payments to be allowed except in rare cases and only when he thought them necessary.
- 3- The Beer and wine situation was gone into and the Board decided that instead of passing an ordinance at this time prohibiting the sale of beer and wine on Sunday that a police booth would be placed on W. Franklin St so that closer police supervision could be maintained. If this did not succeed further consideration would be given this matter.

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- 4-The question of engaging more officers to look after the colored section as well as a truant officer was discussed at length and it was considered best to give this considerably more thought and to further discuss the matter; in the meanwhile try out the plan of having an officer stationed more or less on regular hours at the above mentioned booth, the idea being and so stated by Chief Sloan that better order could be maintained.
- 5-The streets in the colored section such instructions as necessary to be issued as to better upkeep of these streets.

It was to be explained to the Civic Club that the Board of Aldermen were deeply interested in the situation and that every effort would be extended to better the conditions

Subject: Auditor's Report

Mr Peacock reported the gasoline as 19 gallons short for the past month. He stated that one voucher made payable to Jesse Jones was not supported. He further reported that the budget report showed the budget underspent for the year to April 1st 7%. He suggested that a monthly report on budget conditions should be furnished.

Subject; Canvass of Municipal Election.

An ordinance to validate this election was passed as shown ~~enax~~ herewith and the results were as shown thereon.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

J. L. Coe
Acting Clerk