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BOARD OF ALDERMAN AT TOWN HALL ON  
DECEMBER 13, 1944 AT 8:00 P.M.

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Mayor Madry presided over this meeting with the following members of the Board present: Aldermen Hobbs, Burch, Wettach, Strowd, and Fitch. The minutes of the preceding meetings were read and approved. Reports were submitted to the Board from the police, fire, and health departments for the month of November. Mr. Peacock, Town Auditor, also gave his report, stating that all vouchers had been inspected and were properly supported, but that there was a shortage of 53 gallons of gasoline.

Dr.

Chapel Hill High School

Dr. R. E. Coker, Chairman of the Chapel Hill School Board, spoke regarding the construction of the new school building, and the work that they had done thus far toward deciding on the type of architecture, and the proposed plans for getting sufficient funds to do the work. The types of building that had been submitted for their consideration was modernistic design and modified colonial style. It was the general opinion of the members of the school board that to build a school building of the latter type would cost around \$400,000.00. It had been proposed by the Governor that the state contribute \$125,000, since the school is also used in connection with the teacher training program in the University, \$75,000.00 from the insurance on the old building \$75,000.00 from the county and that it would probably be necessary to issue bonds for the remainder, which would be from \$100,000.00 to \$125,000.00. It would require an enabling act passed by the legislature to permit the school to issue the necessary bonds. The idea was that by 1949 the present school bonds outstanding bonds would be retired and that the money now paid for the retirement of the present bonds could be used for the new ones. It was the opinion that the bonds could be issued at from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2%. As chairman of the Planning Board, Mr. Collier Cobb stated that they were interested in seeing that the exterior of the building be of modified colonial design. Mayor Madry stated that he would like for the Town Board to go on record as favoring this type of architecture for the school building.

Hazard on Rosemary Street

Mr. Cobb Spoke to the Board about the traffic hazard at the intersection of Rosemary and Henderson Streets. He thought that some large sign should be put there or stop signs be painted on the street to warn the automobile drivers of the danger.

Extension of Town Limits

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A map of the proposed boundaries of the Town of Chapel Hill was presented to the Board of Aldermen for inspection. Mr. Hobbs, Chairman of the Post War Planning committee stated that he thought the Board should follow the map as presented by Mr. Rose, which will set the boundaries as follows:

"Beginning at the present Northwest corner of the Town of Chapel Hill, N. C., the said corner being in the Eastern line of the Town of Carrboro, N. C., and running thence N 25° 28' W, with the Eastern line of the Town of Carrboro, to the center line of Lloyd Branch, South of the tracks of the

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Southern Railway; thence with the center line of Lloyd Branch, as it meanders downstream to its confluence with Tanyard Branch; thence with the center line of Tanyard Branch as it meanders downstream to its confluence with Bolin Creek; thence with the center line of Bolin Creek, as it meanders downstream in an Easterly direction, crossing the new Airport Road and crossing the Durham Road (US Highway 501) and continuing downstream with the center line of Bolin Creek to a point where the said creek intersects the Western line, or Western line extended, of the property of Pierre DuBose; thence with the said DuBose's Western line to the center of the Raleigh Road (NC State Highway 54); thence in a direct line to Morgan Creek at the point where the said creek turns sharply to the South at the Mason Farm; thence with the center line of Morgan Creek, upstream, in a generally Westerly direction, crossing the Pittsboro Road (US Highway 15-A) to the confluence of Morgan Creek with Pritchard Branch; thence with the center line of Pritchard Branch, upstream, to a point where the said branch intersects the present Western line of the Town of Chapel Hill, at the present Sewage Pumping Station; thence with the present Western line of the Town of Chapel Hill, N 25° 28' W to the present Northwest corner of the Town of Chapel Hill, the point of beginning."

This motion was seconded by Alderman Wettach and unanimously adopted by the Board.

Leave of Absence for Tom Henry  
Prosecuting Attorney

Upon motion of Alderman Hobbs, the request of Mr. Tom A. Henry, Prosecuting Attorney, presented to the Board by Mr. Buch, for a leave of absence from December 13, 1944 to May 1, 1945, without pay, was seconded by Alderman Wettach and unanimously adopted by the Board. Mr. C. P. Hinshaw was appointed prosecuting attorney during the absence of Mr. Henry at a salary of \$75.00 per month.

Release from property Taxes West  
House

A letter ~~xxx~~ from Mr. Teague, of the University, was presented to the Board requesting that the town release from taxes the property known as "West House" located on the old Fraternity row. It was stated that the property was leased from the Atlantic Corporation for an indefinite period for \$1.00 per year. Motion by Alderman Strowd that taxes on this property be released; seconded by Alderman Wettach and unanimously adopted by the Board.

Request for Sewer Line for Residents  
of Nunn Street, Sunset Drive  
and Graham Street

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Apetition was presented to the Board from residents on Nunn Street, Sunset Drive and Graham Street requesting that the sewer line in that section be extended so that



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they can connect with it. Mr. Hinson was instructed to get bids from various plumbers and report them to the Board.

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reported that it had considered 5 pages of names of people for which the books showed that they owed taxes. It appears that in many cases this has been the result of double charge, including property on the tax lists that is not within the town or school district, the people had died, were bankrupt or had moved away and owned nothing but personal property. The total of these sheets was around \$9,300.00. Mr. Peacock was asked to check the lists with the books before any action is taken.

New Highway

Alderman Hobbs presented a letter from the Mayor of Siler City requesting assistance in getting the state highway officials to build a short way highway for this section. Alderman Hobbs was requested to write a reply stating that the Board was in favor of the project.

Building Code

Alderman Burch stated that he thought that the Board should adopt a definite building code for the town. He had a copy of the code adopted by the City of Durham and presented it to the Board. A committee was appointed as follows: Burch, Chairman, Strowd, Fitch and Mr. Hinson, to study the code and submit the report at the next meeting of the Board.

Retirement Plan for Employees

The committee appointed to study the possibility of instituting a plan whereby the town employees could contribute toward a retirement and benefit plan. They submitted material showing that such a plan had been approved for the towns and cities in the state but that it had not gone into effect because the required membership had not been secured. It was the general opinion of the board that the town should get in on this but nothing definite was done at this meeting.

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Deficit in Debt Service Fund: At the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1944, there was a deficit in the Debt Service Fund amounting to \$7,104.07. Mr. Peacock suggested that the \$2,992.44 remaining in the Capital fund and the remainder from the general fund be transferred to eliminate this deficit. Motion by Alderman Fitch that the \$2,992.44 together with what amount is necessary be transferred to the debt service fund. Seconded by Alderman Hobbs and unanimously adopted.

Accounts Receivable Special: Mr. Peacock recommended that the Town manager investigate the accounts, find out whether or not they can be collected, and those that cannot be collected be written off the books.

Bonds of Chapel Hill School: The Chapel Hill School has \$35,000 bonds maturing July 1, 1945, and that \$10,000 of the sinking fund money is invested in building and loan stock. Mr. Peacock stated that it was necessary to have the money in New York when the bonds come due for payment, and that if the money were taken from the building and loan company before July 1, 1945 the school would lose \$75.00 interest. He suggested that the town let the school have \$10,000, in the event it were needed, for a few days until the transaction could be completed, in order that there would be sufficient money to redeem the bonds.

Transfer of Funds for Town  
Clerk's Salary

Mr. Peacock and Mr. Hinson brought to the Board attention the fact that the \$10 raise for the Town clerk effective January 1 would overspend that account if sufficient funds were not transferred from another account to take care of it. The board recommended that this amount be transferred from the clerical help account.

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