

SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AT TOWN HALL FEBRUARY 14, 1945
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 and Fitch. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Since there wasn't sufficient members present for a quorum, no actual business was transacted, but the Board Discussed in detail the meeting to be held on February 16 in connection with the extension of the Town limits. A number of questions had been submitted to the Board and they prepared the answers for them.

Bus Line in Town

Mr. Irvin J. Watts, who had submitted an application to the Board to operate a bus line in Chapel Hill, was present to answer any questions they desired to ask him, and also to give them detailed information as to schedules, routes and insurance coverage. Mr. Bartlett, operator of the Carolina Cab Co., was here to oppose the granting of the franchise. He stated that he had considered the operation of a bus sometime ago, that he had gone over the matter several times with his attorney and that they thought that it would be unwise to start one. He also said that with the opening of a bus company here it would seriously affect his business and would mean that he would have to raise his rates. Nothing definite was decided about this but it was decided that an answer would be given to Mr. Watts after the meeting of the Board on February 16.

Taxicab Rates and Insurance
Coverage for Taxicabs

Mr. Hinshaw, Town Attorney, was asked to draw up an ordinance setting the taxicab rates in Chapel Hill and also the amount of insurance coverage that they should carry.

Authority for Policement to Make
Arrests

The Board also asked Mr. Hinshaw to draw up an ordinance authorizing the policem~~en~~x to make arrests as far as the Recorder's Court had jurisdiction.

Complaints Regarding Parties at
American Legion Hut

It was reported that complaints had been received from Mr. Bush that there was much noise at the American Legion Hut that extended beyond midnight. The Board decided to investigate this matter and find out the policy of the local post of the American Legion in regard to renting the hut for parties.

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Watts to Board

Subject: Election Ordinance.

Upon motion of Alderman _____ and seconded by Alderman _____ all aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor, the Board of Aldermen passed the following ordinance:

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

Section 1. Pursuant to the charter of the Town of Chapel Hill and the General Laws of the State of North Carolina governing elections in municipalities, an election is hereby called to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 1945 for the purpose of electing a mayor, three aldermen and the judge of recorders court - the mayor to serve for a term of two years, and three aldermen to serve for a term of four years, and the judge of the recorders court to serve for a term of two years.

Section 2. The polls to be opened on the day of election from 6:30 A. M. until 6:30 P. M. Eastern Standard Time (7:30 A. M. to 7:30 P. M. War Time) and no longer, and each person whose name may be registered shall be entitled to vote.

Section 3. The name of any candidate for Mayor, Alderman or Judge of Recorders Court, shall be printed upon the official ballot, provided there is filed with the Town Clerk not less than fifteen days previous to the holding of such election, the name of each candidate and the office for which he is a candidate. After the expiration of the time for filing such notices of candidacy, the Town Clerk shall cause to be printed a sufficient number of said ballots. Provided that nothing herein shall be construed as preventing any elector from making out any name which might appear on such ballots and substituting therefor the name of any person he may favor for the respective position. When the election shall be finished and the Registrar and Judges of the election shall count the ballots; and if there shall be two or more ballots rolled together, or any ballots which contain the names of more persons that the elector has the right to vote for, or shall have a device or ornament upon it, such ballot shall not be numbered in counting the ballots, but shall be voided, and the counting of the votes shall be continued by the Judges until completed and the result therefor declared. Such person receiving the highest number of votes as Mayor shall be declared duly elected to such office for the ensuing term of two years; and the three persons receiving the highest number of votes as Aldermen, shall be duly elected for the ensuing term of four years, and the person receiving the highest number of votes as Judge of the Recorders Court for the ensuing term of two years. All duly elected officers will be eligible to assume office on May 9th, upon taking the oath.

Section 4. That the place of holding the election is hereby designated as the Fire Department in the Town Hall on Northwest corner at the intersection of Rosemary and Columbia Streets.

Section 5. That Rev. R. L. Bolton is hereby designated and appointed Registrar for this election, and A. A. Pickard and Mrs. E. R. Hinton are hereby designated and appointed Judges of this election, who before entering upon the discharge of their duties shall take oath before some person authorized by law to administer oaths, to conduct the election fairly and impartially, according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of North Carolina, and the Charter of the Town of Chapel Hill.

Section 6. For the purpose of voting at said election, the registration books shall be open for registration of any new electors beginning on April 21st and continuing through April 28th (except Sunday) at the Chapel Hill Fire Department in the Town Hall.

The registration book shall be open on each Saturday from 9:00 o'clock A. M. to 9:00 o'clock P. M. and on each other day during said election period, except Saturday, from 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. The hours mentioned in this paragraph are on the war time basis.

That Saturday April 28th shall be designated as Challenge Day. That the registration for this election shall close on Saturday April 28th and that this ordinance shall be posted in three places.

W B Nash

W. B. Nash
Clerk to the Board