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Mayor Madry presided over the meeting with the following members of the Board present: Aldermen Burch, Hobbs, Lanier, Strowd and Fitch. The minutes of the preceding meetings were read and approved, after the addition to the statement regarding the money from the Navy Pre-Flight, Band, "That there would not be any more money forthcoming, that the check received by the Board was turned over to the Recreation Commission for use at the Community Center.

Payment of Attendance Officer

Mr. Honeycutt, Superintendent of Chapel Hill Schools, was present and spoke to the Board regarding the appropriation of \$155.00 to the school for the payment of the Attendance Officer's salary for the remainder of the year, so that that budget account would not be over spent. Hubert Robinson, the Attendance Officer, and Mr. Jannigan, Principal of Orange County Training School, were also present. Hubert gave a very good summary of his activities, how he had worked with the parents to getm them to see that their Children attend school regularly, and that in a number of instances it was necessary to bring some of the parents to Court. Mr. Janrigan also spoke as to the effect that Hubert's work had on the attendance, that it had increased considerably. Alderman Lanier made a motion that the Board of Aldermen express its thanks to Hubert for the good work he had done this past school year. Seconded by Alderman Hobbs and unanimously adopted by The Board. After discussion of the matter of appropriating money for the payment of the Attendance Officer's salary, Alderman Hobbs made the statement that the Board had previously recognized the Town's part in this work by appropriating \$100 when the program was started; he then made a motion that the Board give \$100 for the payment of his salary for the remainder of this year. Seconded by Alderman Burch. Thost voting for: Aldermen Burch, Hobbs, and Strowd. Against: Aldermen Fitch and Lanier.

Complaints about Dances at American
Legion Hut

It had been reported that the people living near the American Legion Hut had made complaints about the conduct of some of the people attending the dances there. Recently there was a fight among some servicemen which resulted in the destroying Mr. Bush's Flower Garden. Messers Patterson, Roberson, and Hornner were present representing the Legion and stated that their purpose in giving the dances was to provide recreation for the servicemen in town. They stated that on the night that the fight occurred they called the police headquarters for assistance, but that it was 20-25 minutes before any came, and that then they only drove by and did not make an at-

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tempt to stop the fight or arrest the participants. They requested that the police check by the Hut every hour or so on the nights that they had the dances. The Town Manager was asked to check into the situation.

Extension of Fire District

Upon motion of Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Burch, all members present voting in the affirmative therefor, the Board of Aldermen voted to adopt the following ordinance:

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

Section 1. That the Fire District of the Town of Chapel Hill is hereby amended and extended to cover the area hereinafter described.

e. Beginning at the intersection of the north boundary line of East Franklin Street with the east boundary line of Henderson Street and proceeding thence along and with the east property line of Henderson Street to a point where it intersects with the south property line of East Rosemary Street to the northwest corner of the Presbyterian Church property; thence in a southerly direction along and with the Presbyterian Church property line to a point where it intersects with the north property line of East Franklin Street; thence in a westerly direction along and with the north property line of East Franklin Street to a point where it intersects with the east property line of Henderson Street, the point of beginning. That from and after this date no building shall be erected or altered except upon first acquiring a permit from the building inspector approved by the Insurance Commissioner, as provided by the laws, building and electrical codes of the Town of Chapel Hill.

Section 2. That any person, firm or corporation violating the terms of this ordinance shall forfeit and pay a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each day such violation exists.

Section 3. That all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby revoked.

Ratified and adopted this the 13th day of June, 1945

W. B. Nash
W. B. Nash, Town Clerk

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Application from Alpha Delta Gamma
Sorority

An application was received from Mrs. G. E. Shepherd requesting that the Board of Aldermen approve the purchase of the E. K. Graham property on Battle lane for use of the Alpha Delta Gamma Sorority. She stated that she had received verbal approval from the members of the Zoning Board, and had written statements from citizens living in the vicinity stating that they had no objection to the house being used by the sorority. Motion by Alderman Hobbs that the Board approve the application, but that Mrs. Shepherd be requested to obtain a written approval from the Zoning Board so that it could be filed with the records; seconded by Alderman Lanier and Unanimously adopted.

Resignation of Town Clerk

W. B. Nash, Town Accountant and Clerk, submitted his resignation effective July 16, 1945. Alderman Lanier made a motion that the resignation be accepted and that the Town Manager write him a letter of appreciation for his services. Seconded by Alderman Strowd and unanimously adopted. At the request of Mr. Peacock, Mr. Nash was given a leave of absence with pay for two weeks, to take effect at the termination of his services.

Funds for Engineering Services
For Post War Program

Mr. Hinson reported that he had written the Federal Agency in Atlanta regarding availability of funds to be used in preparing plans, etc., for post-war projects. He had a letter, application blanks and instructions from that office as to the procedure to follow in making application for the funds. This material was turned over to Alderman Hobbs, Chairman of the Post War Planning Committee, who together with Committee is to study the situation and advise the Board regarding making application for the funds.

Resolution Regarding Memorial
Center

Alderman Lanier read a resolution which he had prepared regarding the erection of a memorial, community center, for the men in service, which is as follows:

WHEREAS, Every community should and does take rightful pride in and appreciate the services, devotion to the common good, and sacrifices made by its men and women who have served and are now serving in World War II; and

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WHEREAS, Chapel Hill should establish some acceptable and useful symbol of its gratitude and honor for its men and women in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Such a symbol or memorial should be of such type and adequacy as to be worthy of all those we would honor and memorialize, to keep alive the memories of their services and sacrifices, and to inspire the thoughts and acts of the people of a peaceful future; and

WHEREAS, A memorial planned also for the continuous benefit of this community will best and fittingly accomplish these high and worthy purposes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF CHAPEL Hill:

Firstly, Go on record as wanting plans promptly formulated for the building and operation of a War Memorial in Chapel Hill as soon as circumstances will permit.

Secondly, That we express the desire and hope that the Memorial be in the form of an adequate Community Center for the people of this town.

Thirdly, That we proceed promptly with this project by requesting the Mayor of Chapel Hill to appoint a War Memorial Committee from the Board of Aldermen to investigate all questions and angles relative to the building of a community center, including the formation of an advisory committee of representative citizens,--the choice of a suitable location, type and size of building desired, and an estimate of the total cost (land, building, equipment, and operation) and methods of raising the funds involved.

Fourthly, That while we recognize the fact that we cannot build a community center memorial immediately, we can and should be prepared with adequate information and plans in order to proceed at the earliest, expedient time.

Motion by Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Strowd that the Board approve the resolution. Unanimously approved. At the request of Alderman Lanier, action on this matter was deferred until a later meeting.

Taxicab Rates

Mr. Hinson submitted a letter to the Board from Mr. Bartlett, owner of the Carolina Cab Co., setting forth his rates, which were as follows: Rates in town 1 or 5 .25; each extra stop .25; each piece of luggage, box of groceries, etc., .10 in addition to fare.

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Town Attorney Hinshaw was asked to look into the matter and see whether the Board had authority to set the out-of-town rates before the schedule as submitted by Mr. Bartlett was approved.

Resolution Regarding Taxable
Property

Alderman Lanier read a resolution to the Board that he had prepared, which is as follows:

WHEREAS, The prospective growth of this town makes a greatly increased town budget inevitable; and

WHEREAS, The present sources of revenue are limited and approaching the maximum yielding power;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

Firstly, That this Board make an exhaustive study of possible sources for additional revenue;

Secondly, That this Board invite the University of North Carolina to join it in an exhaustive study of the town's duties and financial problems, both current and future;

Thirdly, That this Board ask the University of North Carolina if it will consider an offer from the Town of Chapel Hill to buy the electric, water, and telephone utilities.

Alderman Fitch moved that the Board approve this resolution and that action thereon be postponed until a later date; seconded by Alderman Strowd, and unanimously approved.

Granting Beer and Wine Licenses
to the Marathon Sandwich Shop

The matter of granting licenses to Tommy Marias, operator of the Marathon Sandwich Shop, to sell wine and beer was brought up for discussion. He was convicted of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to have been stolen, and was given a suspended sentence of 12 months and fined \$300. The court records revealed that this crime was a felony, and the Attorney General had advised the Town Manager that anyone who had been convicted of a felony was not eligible to sell beer and wine. Mr. Whitfield, attorney for Marias, appeared before the Board and explained that the warrant did not give a true picture of the situation, that he did not enter a plea of guilty, and that according to the latest N. C. Statutes, Marias was guilty of a misdemeanor. It was decided to defer action on this matter until more information could be secured, the case to be submitted to the Attorney General and

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get a ruling from him.

1945-46 Budget

Copies of the present budget, expenditures to date, estimated expenditures for June, and proposed budget for 1945-46 were prepared by the Town Manager and distributed to the members of the Board to study. No action was taken on this matter as it was planned to have meetings in the future to study the budget in detail.

Handling Dogs at Pound

The ever present dog problem was brought up for discussion again. Mr. Hinson reported that he had talked to Dr. Nathan and that he had agreed to let the town put the dogs at his hospital, he would keep them for a maximum of five days, and those not called for by that time would be disposed of. Any owner who claimed his dog would pay the costs of keeping it while there. He also requested that the Town move its present pens to his hospital so that he would have a place to keep them. After much discussion by the members of the Board, Alderman Hobbs made a motion that Dr. Nathan be authorized to keep the dogs, that the town pay the cost of 50¢ per day for a maximum of five days, that those who call for their dog be charged for keeping it, plus a one dollar delivery charge, and that Dr. Nathan settle with the Town Manager monthly. Seconded by Alderman Strowd. Those voting for: Aldermen Hobbs, Burch and Strowd. Against: Lanier and Fitch.

Appointment of Officials

Upon motion of Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Lanier, all members of the Board present voting in the affirmative therefor, the following appointments made by Town Manager Hinson were approved:

C. P. Hinshaw, Town Attorney
M. W. Durham, Clerk of Court

Upon motion of Alderman Lanier and seconded by Alderman Burch, all members of the Board present voting in the affirmative therefor, the following were elected to the positions indicated, as recommended by Town Manager Hinson:

W. T. Sloan, Chief of Police
P. R. Perry, Chief of Fire Department
C. P. Hinshaw, Prosecuting Attorney, if eligible to hold this position.

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Upon motion of Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Burch, all members of the Board present voting in the affirmative therefor, Mr. T. E. Hinson was re-elected to the position of Town manager, the salary to be determined when the Budget is taken up for consideration.

Upon motion of Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Strowd, Mr. E. E. Peacock was re-elected as town Auditor.

Depository of Funds

Upon motion of Alderman Hobbs and seconded by Alderman Lanier and all members of the Board present voting in the affirmative therefor, the Bank of Chapel Hill was designated as the depository of funds of the Town of Chapel Hill for next year.

Appointment of Member of Welfare
Committee

Mayor Madry appointed Alderman Lanier as a member of the Welfare Committee.

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