

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL  
FEBRUARY 13, 1946

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Mayor Madry presided over the meeting, all members being present except Alderman Strowd. Others present were Mr. Berini, of the U. S. E. S. office, Mr. Collier Cobb, Mr. June Harris, Mr. Hinson ~~and~~ Mr. Peacock, Dr. Garvin, and Mr. Cannady

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The oath of office was administered to Alderman Bowman by Mr. Paul Robertson.

Mr. Berini appeared before the Board to ask that they give consideration to the problem of space for the U. S. E. S. office. He stated that since the opening of the office in Chapel Hill, the activities of the Employment service had increased tremendously, and another person had been added to the staff. He also stated that efforts had been made to secure other office space, but none could be located. After discussion, Mr. Berini was asked to try to secure space in the Post Office. Alderman Bowman Stated that he would help him in trying to secure the space.

Mr. Harris appeared with a number of complaints that he felt the town should look into at once. He contended that the automobile concerns were blocking the sidewalks by servicing cars on them, and that the water and grease allowed to run over the sidewalks was creating a very bad condition for the pedestrian. The Town Manager was asked to look into the situation and see what could be done.

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Mr. Hinson brought up the matter of applications for funds to prepare plans for construction of the sewer and sanitation facilities. Upon motion of Alderman Lanier, seconded by Alderman Hobbs, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Hinson should proceed with negotiations and secure the contract from the Federal Government.

The matter of extension of City limits was discussed by Mr. Cobb and it was the unanimous opinion of all present that a study should begin at once on this problem as well as all the problems of the community. It was the opinion of the Board that a meeting of representatives of the town and the suburban areas should be held in the near future.

Mayor Madry stated that Mr. Forrest Pollard of the Regional Rent Control Office in Durham had informed him that several complaints of high rents being charged had been received in Washington and that he

had been asked to investigate the matter. He wanted to hold a meeting with the members of the Board of Aldermen and some of the rental agencies in Chapel Hill to discuss the problem. The meeting to be held Thursday, February 14.

Dr. Garvin and Mr. Cannady reported on the activities of the Health Department for the month of January. They said that a clean-up campaign would be held in the Spring. They were assured of the Town's support in this campaign. Dr. Garvin stated that the town had a problem in combating disease, since it was very probably that a number of veterans would be carriers of many types of tropical disease.

Dr. Garvin reported that Mr. Cannady had resigned and would leave his office March 1. The Board expressed regret that he was leaving and Alderman Burch made a motion that the Board extend a vote of thanks and appreciation to Mr. Cannady for his work. Alderman Hobbs seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted.

The matter of removing the tree at Pritchard Avenue and West Rosemary Street was again discussed and Alderman Lanier made the following motion:

Because it was necessary to damage the large oak tree on the west side of Pritchard Avenue on the lot at the corner of Pritchard Avenue and West Rosemary Street, and because the tree has been declared a hazard by a recognized tree surgeon, and because the tree stands in the sidewalk edge of the lot, therefore, be it resolved that the Town remove the tree and charge the cost to the contingency fund. Seconded by Alderman Fitch and unanimous adopted.

Mr. Peacock stated that the Insurance Company had paid in full the claim for accounts due by Mr. Caldwell. He stated that there were still a number of old accounts on the books that he thought should be written off. Alderman Fitch made the motion that the remaining accounts of Mr. Caldwell be written off, seconded by Alderman Burch and unanimously passed. Mr. Peacock reported a shortage in the gasoline of about 35 gallons. Mr. Hinson stated that the shortage was caused by the register on the pump being out of order. He said it was being regulated.

Mayor Madry stated that Dr. Meyer had asked approval of the appointment of Mrs. Wettach and Vic. Huggins to the Recreation Commission. Alderman Burch made motion that the appointments be approved, seconded by Alderman Hobbs and unanimously passed.

The Meeting adjourned.

*Mae Wilkie*  
Clerk



NORTH CAROLINA  
ORANGE COUNTY  
TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

O A T H

I, Frederick O. Bowman, solemnly swear that I will fill the office of membership on the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Chapel Hill for the unexpired term of R. H. Wettach 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.

Frederick O. Bowman  
Member Board of Aldermen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of  
January, 1946.

Paul S. Roberson  
Mayor

my com. Exp. 9-12-46



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
~~WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION~~  
UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE LOCAL MANAGER

Chapel Hill, N. C.  
February 13, 1946

Board of Aldermen  
Town Hall  
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Gentlemen:

In May 1945, a United States Employment Service office, of which I am now Supervising Interviewer-in-Charge, was set up in your community in the Town Hall. The activity of this office has steadily increased since that date as a result of lay-offs in this community and other nearby communities and also as a result of the returning war veterans. This office has been having over 1,000 contacts per month during the last three months.

Due to this increase in activity an additional worker has been added to our staff and this necessarily has required an additional desk and chair. Mr. Hinson, City Manager of Chapel Hill, has brought my attention to the rent contract which was made at the time the office was located in your building. (Here, permit me to say that this matter is not any personal controversy between Mr. Hinson and myself. Your City Manager has been very cooperative in every respect and we appreciate this very much.) It is contended by Mr. Hinson that the U. S. Employment Service has taken more space in the rented room than it was entitled, that its activity is such that it has become too big for facilities available in the rented space, and that larger space should be obtained by this agency in another building in this community. I certainly agree with Mr. Hinson that more space is needed by my agency, but, at the present, I wish to point out that there is no available space in other buildings in this community. I wish also to point out that a very serious effort was made by my agency prior to opening an office in your building to locate at the Post Office Building and also to locate in one of the University buildings on the campus; all of these efforts ended in disappointing failures.

As you know, your local employment office's main function is to place unemployed workers in suitable jobs if suitable jobs are available, and if such are not available then the unemployed workers may elect to file an Unemployment Compensation claim. Returning veterans who are unemployed may elect to file a readjustment allowance claim which, as you know, has been provided for in the G.I. Bill of Rights.



Board of Aldermen

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This office has been unable to place as many workers on jobs as it would like because of bad weather and because of lack of materials. As weather permits, as materials become available, and as the coming building boom develops in your community, I am certain that the United States Employment Service office will render valuable service to the employers, to the workers (quite a few of which will be returning veterans), and to the community as a whole. However, I am unable to see how we may render this service to your community if we do not have office space of some kind in your community.

The United States Employment Service will appreciate any consideration you may give in the solution of this space problem.

Yours very truly,

UNITED STATES EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

*Louis Berini*

Louis Berini  
Supervising Interviewer-in-Charge

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