

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL
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Mayor Madry president over the meeting, all members being present except Alderman Bowman.

Mr. E. C. Smith, President of the Merchants Association, came before the Board to represent the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Transit Company in requesting that parking space be provided in the business block of Franklin Street for the buses. He stated that the Bus Company wanted space marked off in front of Texaco Station, Battle, Vance & Pettigrew, Postoffice and Penders Store. There was much discussion as to the advisability of allowing the buses to park around the Post Office because of the amount of congestion at this point. Alderman *Burch* ~~Bowman~~ made a motion that the matter of these additional stops on Franklin Street be referred to the Street Committee and that they make a report to the Board. Seconded by Alderman Lanier and unanimously passed.

The matter of the type of bus stop signs now used by the Company was discussed and it was the Board's opinion that a more suitable sign could replace the present one. After some discussion Alderman Lanier made the following motion:

1. That it is the opinion of the Board of Aldermen that the yellow signs located on certain poles in Chapel Hill should be removed as quickly as possible by the persons putting them there, and
2. That a more conservative and suitable sign be worked out in a conference of the Street Committee, Mr. Bennett and the Bus Company.

Seconded by Alderman Burch and unanimously passed.

Mr. ~~Bartlett~~ of Carolina Cab Company was present to discuss the call stations located throughout Chapel Hill which are used by his Company. Mr. Bartlett explained that the use of the boxes enabled his drivers to give quicker service to the public by eliminating the necessity of returning to the central office after completing a trip. The Board explained to Mr. Bartlett that the chief criticisms from citizens in Chapel Hill was due to the size and color of the boxes, and that the advertising was especially objectionable.

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After some discussion, Alderman Burch made a motion that this matter be referred to the Street Committee and that they meet with University officials and all concerned and report back to the Board. Seconded by Alderman Fitch and Unanimously passed.

Alderman Hobbs stated that he had been requested by Mr. Paul Robertson to bring up the matter of stray dogs and see if some action could not be taken to eliminate them. After discussion it was decided that the Police Department should take every possible step to ride the town of this nuisance. The Board also requested that the Police do every thing possible to eliminate speeding in Chapel Hill.

Alderman Burch stated that he had been requested to ask the Board if it would be possible to place a trailer drink stand on West Franklin Street opposite the new bus station. Since this would conflict with fire zone regulations, it was the opinion of the Board that the trailer could not be permitted.

Upon motion of Alderman Fitch, seconded by Alderman Burch, it was unanimously decided that due to the fact the space is needed by the Town Authorities the U. S. Employment Office will be requested to vacate the office within thirty days. The Employment office was notified to obtain other quarters in the early part of February but to date have not done so. The Board felt that definite notice should be given to the Employment office so that the office could be vacated within a short time.

Mayor Madry reported that the American Veterans Committee, a new organization of Veterans of World War II, had requested the use of the Court room for a meeting place. It was the opinion of the Board that the room could not be used as a regular meeting place, but it could be used by the Committee for a special meeting for the purpose of getting organized.

A committee was appointed by Mayor Madry to study the various problems of post-war development of Chapel Hill and the surrounding community. The members are as follows:

R. J. M. Hobbs, Chairman, R. B. Fitch, E. S. Lanier (representing the Board of Aldermen); C. E. Teague, L. B. Rogerson, J. S. Bennett, P. L. Burch (representing the University); Collier Cobb, Jr., H. G. Baity, L. J. Phipps, J. P. Harland, W. M. Prince (members of the town planning commission); Gordon Blackwell, Y. Z. Cannon, Adolphus Clark, John Couch, T. B. Creel, M. J. Dawson, R. M. Grumman, J. S. Henninger, T. F. Hickerson, A. P. Hudson, Vic Huggins, W. S. Kutz, J. B. Linker, E. C. Markham, Eben Merritt, Grady Pritchard, W. M. Pugh, E. E. Peacock, W. D. Perry, Hubert Robinson, Carl Smith, E. C. Smith, Jack Sparrow, W. B. Stinson, W. E. Thompson, Paul Wager, R. H. Wettach, J. B. Woosley.

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