

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL
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Mayor Madry presided over the meeting and all members of the Board were present. Others present were Mr. Hinshaw, Mr. Peacock, Mr. Paul Robertson, Mr. E. C. Smith, Mr. E. B. Patterson and Mr. J. H. Rich.

Mr. Robertson requested the Board to again consider the petition of the American Legion to have approximately 333 feet of property on E. Rosemary street rezoned from residence zone B to Business Zone 2. He stated that three firms wanted to build on the property if it was ~~rezoned~~ rezoned for business. Since the objections raised by various citizens when the petition was first submitted, were based on the conduct at the Legion Hut during the time they were selling beer, Alderman Lanier raised the question as to whether the Legion would apply to the Town for a beer license if the zone was changed. Both Mr. Robertson and Mr. Patterson stated that to the best of their knowledge no application for such a license would be made. After discussion, Alderman Davis made a motion to change the North side of Rosemary street, from Columbia Street to and including the property owned by the American Legion, from Residence Zone B to Business Zone 2. Seconded by Alderman Bowman and unanimously passed.

Mr. E. C. Smith, representing the Merchants' Association, came before the Board to request that more lights be installed in the ally back of the stores on Franklin Street. He stated that a light was particularly needed back of Ogburn Furniture Store on W. Franklin Street. It was reported that Mr. Hinson had already authorized the installation of this light. There was some discussion as to the possibility of the Town obtaining the allys back of the stores on Franklin Street, and the Street Committee was asked to check on this matter and also to check on the lights needed.

Mr. Smith also reported that the Merchants' Association would again decorate Franklin Street for the Christmas season, and he requested that the town furnish one truck and two men for a half-day in order to obtain trees to be placed on the street. He stated that the Association would spend around four hundred dollars for the decorations. The members of the Board stated that they would like to furnish the truck and men, but in the absence of the City Manager, they made no definite plans. It was decided to leave the decision with Mr. Hinson.

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Mr. J. H. Rich came before the Board to request that the Town take steps to relieve the congestion in his sewer line connecting with the manhole on North Columbia Street. He stated that considerable damage had resulted to his house because of this congestion and he felt that the town should correct the existing condition. After discussion, Alderman Lanier made a motion that Mr. Hinson and the Plumbing Inspector again investigate the situation, and if they determined that the condition could be remedied at small cost, Mr. Hinson is hereby authorized to make the necessary repairs even though the congestion was in Mr. Rich's own personal line and due to faulty installation.

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An application from Thurman Atkins, operator of Hollywood Cab. Company, for a permit to operate an additional taxicab was read to the Board. The application stated that the volume of business necessitated an additional cab. Alderman Burch made a motion to grant the permit seconded by Alderman Hobbs and unanimously passed.

Mr. Hinshaw suggested that the Taxicab Ordinance be amended, with respect to that section pertaining to persons refusing to pay their fares. He stated that the section should not apply to persons engaging the cab for the purpose of going to a destination beyond the City limits. The Board requested Mr. Hinshaw to draw the necessary ordinance and submit it at the next meeting.

Mr. Peacock stated that the Rotary Club wanted to start a project to collect the discarded paper in the town and had requested the town to furnish two trucks for one Sunday each month to help gather the paper. Five members of the club would each furnish a truck and Boy Scouts would probably help to gather the paper throughout the town. Upon motion of Alderman Bowman, Seconded by Alderman Lanier, it was decided that Mr. Hinson and Mr. Peacock would consider the matter after the Rotary Club had made more definite plans for the project.

Upon motion of Alderman Bowman, seconded by Alderman Fitch, all members present voting in the affirmative, the following resolution was passed and adopted:

Whereas the Supreme Court has recently held that policemen have no authority to make arrests beyond the city limits of a municipality,

And whereas the Police Department of the Town of Chapel Hill is greatly handicapped because of the lack of the necessary authority to follow speeders and criminals beyond the City limits in order to affect an arrest;

And whereas the Chief of the Chapel Hill Police Department has requested that an effort be made to get an act passed by the 1947 Legislature authorizing him and his men to make arrests beyond the city limits.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. John W. Umstead be and is hereby requested by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill to sponsor an act of the Legislature reading substantially as follows:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DO ENACT:

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Section 1. That all police officers of any town in Chapel Hill Township, Orange County, are hereby vested with the same authority as is given to sheriffs to serve criminal process or make arrests in Chapel Hill Township, Orange County.

Section 2. That this act shall take effect upon ratification.

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Ratified this the _____ day of January, 1947.

Adopted this the 13th day of November, 1946.

Mae Wilkie
Clerk

There was some discussion as to the steps to be taken in giving the police department authority to police the University Campus. It was decided that Mr. Hinson and Mr. Hinshaw should meet with University Officials and that they should take any steps necessary to bring the campus under the jurisdiction of the Chapel Hill Police Department.

The ordinance prohibiting the sale of beer and wine on Sundays was brought before the board for the second reading. Alderman Hobbs made a motion that the ordinance be adopted. Alderman Fitch seconded the motion. Those voting for adoption of the ordinance were Aldermen Lanier, Hobbs, Fitch and Davis. Those opposed were Aldermen Burch and Bowman.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Mae Wilkie
Clerk

Chapel Hill, N. C.
November 13, 1946.

Mr. T. E. Hinson, Mgr.,
Town of Chapel Hill,
City

Dear Mr. Hinson:

Following is a report of the activities of the Chapel Hill
Fire Department for the months of September and October 1946.

Oct. 1 6:50 PM Call to Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Dresser burned.
No damage to house. Dresser quite badly damaged. Probable
cause. Cigarette.

Oct. 19th 12:15 P.M. Truck on fire on E. Franklin St.
No Damage.

Oct. 21st. 10:30 A.M. Cleaning fluid back of Carolina Dry
Cleaners on W. Franklin St. on fire. No Damage. Cause: Hot Ashes.

Oct. 26th Call to G. E. Andrews res on W. Rosemary St.
Mattress on fire. No damage to house. Probable Cause.
Cigarette.

There were no alarms during the month of September.

We wish to thank the Board of Aldermen for the fine Fish Fry
given the Department during September.

During Fire Prevention Week the department called fire drills
at both the White and Colored Schools. The time for each was
as follows: White School, approximately 750 pupils 2 minutes
ten seconds. The Colored School approximately 576 pupils
one minute and thirty seconds. I think this time was very good.
All students took their time and there was no pushing or shoving
to get out. I think the principals have the children very well
trained.

We have made an inspection of part of the town and find that every
thing is in very good shape taking in consideration the crowded
conditions in Chapel Hill.

Respectfully submitted,

P. R. Perry

P. R. Perry, Chief.

CEV/PR