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BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL
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Mayor Madry presided over the meeting and the following members were present: Aldermen Burch, Hobbs, Lanier, Davis and Fitch. Also present were Mr. Hinson, Mr. Hinshaw, Dr. Garvin, Mr. Fitzrow, and Mr. Bartlett.

The minutes of the meetings of December 11th and 19th were read and approved.

Dr. Garvin reported that much improvement had been shown in the garbage collection on main street. Mr. Hinson stated that he had secured the five additional laborers, and he felt that the collection would be properly made. To Dr. Garvin's request that the streets be washed occasionally, Mr. Hinson stated that he had obtained a tank and would soon have it in operation. Dr. Garvin stated that something should be done to eliminate water standing in the tin cans at the dump, and also to control the rats around the incinerator.

Mr. Fitzrow reported that he has resigned from the department of health effective February 1st, in order to enter private business. The Board expressed their regret of his decision to leave the department and thanked Mr. Fitzrow for his services to the town and community.

With reference to the matter of installing larger pipe on West Franklin Street near the bus station, Mr. Hinson reported that Mr. Roy Homewood had proposed to do the required work for \$717.00. After discussion, Alderman Hobbs made a motion to authorize Mr. Hinson to enter into contract with Mr. Homewood to complete the job as follows: Install 68 feet of 30 inch pipe for \$520, Cutting and replacing pavement \$197.00. To authorize payment for the work from the contingency fund if the street fund is insufficient. Seconded by Alderman Burch and unanimously passed.

Mr. Bartlett of Carolina Cab Company requested that the Board members give some expression of their feelings in issuing further permits to taxicab operators in the event further permits were requested. He stated that he feared too great a number of cabs in Chapel Hill would tend to lessen the service now trying to be maintained. He felt that he could not keep good equipment and give the service he wanted to give if competition became too great. Mr. Bartlett stated that he wanted to keep operating at the present fare, the lowest in the state, but if more permits were issued he felt that an increase in the rate would be necessary. After discussion, Alderman Hobbs suggested that no further taxicab permits be issued until the cab operators proved the need of such additional cabs.

Alderman Lanier Asked Mr. Bartlett to express his feelings toward the proposal of taking the regulation of taxicabs from the municipalities and placing it under the State Utilities Commission. Mr. Bartlett stated that he was undecided, but was inclined to oppose such an action.

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

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill, in regular session January 8, 1947, petition Rep. John Umstead and Senator James Webb to oppose the removal of taxicab regulations from municipalities because the Town of Chapel Hill is familiar with its need for taxicabs and the needed ordinance regulations of the operation of taxicabs in Chapel Hill.

The audit report of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1946 was presented to the Board by Mr. Peacock. Copies of the report were distributed to the members, and Mr. Peacock went over the major points exhibited in the report. He reported that the actual cash on hand was less than the year previous, but this was offset by an investment in Government Bonds in the amount of \$11,046.86. Mr. Peacock recommended that the Finance Committee check the old accounts receivable, and advise what should be done. Several of the accounts were very old and probably uncollectible. He stated that improvement had been shown in the collection of taxes, even over the previous year which was the best in the history of the town. In checking the General Fund budget statements, Mr. Peacock reported that the budget was actually overspent in the amount of \$799.58, due to the construction of the Noble Heights sewer line at the end of the year. After discussing several other items, Alderman Hobbs suggested that a special meeting be held at an early date to go over the audit report in detail.

The traffic and parking problems were again discussed by the Board, and Alderman Lanier made the following motion: That the City Manager and Street Committee make recommendations to the Board of Aldermen at its next regular meeting as to the advisability of:

1. Limiting to one side of the street parking on Pittsboro Street between Cameron Avenue and the old railroad crossing line near the Barrack Buildings on Pittsboro Street, all of Pine Street, Hillsboro Street between East Franklin and East Rosemary Streets.
2. Eliminating the U turn at the Post Office.
3. Extending the one-hour parking limit from the Post Office on East Franklin Street east to a point opposite the walk-gate entrance to the campus near Graham Memorial Bldg.
4. Extending the one-hour parking limit on the east side of North Columbia Street between Franklin Street and Rosemary Street.

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5. Parking limitations on the sides of West Franklin and Kenan Streets adjacent to the new Bus Station.
6. Parking limitations on South Columbia Street, between Franklin Street and Cameron Avenue.
7. Cutting the one-hour parking limit to thirty minutes between Post Office corner and Strowd Corner.
8. Using new tags, and methods of getting parking violaters.

Seconded by Alderman Fitch and Unanimously passed.

Upon motion of Alderman Burch, seconded by Alderman Lanier, all members present voting in the affirmative, the following ordinance was unanimously adopted:

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

Section 1. That on and after January 15, 1947, all persons desiring to park a vehicle on the northern end of Pittsboro Street in the Town of Chapel Hill shall park same parallel to the curb in that area of said street between Cameron Avenue and the Railroad bed in the bend of said street.

Section 2: That no vehicle shall be parked on either side of Pittsboro Street for a distance of forty feet from the southern curb line of Cameron Avenue.

Section 3. No vehicle shall be parked on the south side of Cameron Avenue on either side of the intersection of the east and west curb lines of Pittsboro Street with curb line on the South side of Cameron Avenue.

Section 4. That all vehicles shall be parked with a front wheel and a rear wheel within a distance of twelve inches of the curb.

Section 5. That any ordinance or part of any ordinance in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

Section 6. That any person or persons violating the terms hereof shall forfeit and pay a penalty of \$10.00.

This the 8th day of January, 1947.

Mae Wilkie, Clerk

With further reference to the traffic problems, Alderman Hobbs made a motion that Alderman Bowman see Col. Hatcher and request that an additional Highway Patrolman be assigned to the Chapel Hill area.

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Upon motion of Alderman Hobbs , seconded by Alderman Lanier, it was unanimously decided that Mr. Hinson should go before the County Commissioners and lay before them the serious necessity of another Deputy Sheriff in Chapel Hill Township.

The committee, consisting of Aldermen Lanier, Fitch, and Burch, appointed December 11 to study the possible ways of getting more and better outside work done by the hourly wage employees, recommended that a worker-overseer for outside work be secured by the City Manager as soon as possible, and they also recommended that every effort be made to have the work done by the hourly wage workers on such a basis that all the workers may be on a 40-hours a week basis not later than July 1, 1947, in order to eliminate the excessive amount of overtime. A copy of the recommendations is attached to these minutes.

After some discussion, Mr. Hinson was requested to contact Mr. Charlie Graham and discuss the possible worker-overseer idea with him and to find out what he would be willing to work for.

A letter from the Farmer's Mutual Exchange of Durham, requesting the rezoning of Roberson street in order to permit them to build a freezer locker plant was read to the board. Since the request was not filed with the signatures of the required number of property owners, Mr. Hinson was asked to write and inform the Farmers Mutual Exchange of the procedure required for changing a zone.

Mr. Hinson ask for authorization to pay the bill of the Carolina Inn for a dinner served when members of the State Planning Board were here in December. Alderman Hobbs made a motion to pay the bill, seconded by Alderman Lanier and unanimously passed.

Mr. Hinson read the reports of the Police and Fire Department for the month of December.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Mae Wilkie
Clerk

ROY M. HOMEWOOD

January 8, 1947

TO The Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Box 150

CHAPEL HILL, N. C.

Your committee, appointed December 11, to make recommendations concerning possible ways or getting more and better outside work done by the town's hourly wage employees, makes the following recommendations for your consideration:

(Assuming that the Mayor and the Board members are in full agreement that nothing should be done that might impair the present efficiency with which the town's records are kept by the City Manager, and that it is imperative that more and better outside work be accomplished,)

1. That a Worker-Overseer for outside-work be secured by the City Manager as soon as possible, and that his duty be to carry out, under the direction of the City Manager:

- (1) Garbage and trash collection,
- (2) Street cleaning,
- (3) Street repairs,
- (4) Parking marks, etc., and
- (5) Daily inspection and repair work of the sewage disposal plant, incinerator, and sewage lift pumps.

(Assuming, further, that the above recommendation is adopted and a worker-overseer is secured, then,)

11. That the City Manager move very cautiously about adding new hourly wage workers and about increasing the hourly rate of pay. BUT that, within his authority, he do whatever is necessary in order to get these outside items-(Item 1, (1)--(5) above - promptly and efficiently performed.

111. That, as the Board expressed its desire when the budget for 1946-47 was prepared, the City Manager make every effort to the work being done by hourly wage workers on such a basis that all hourly wage workers may be on a 40-hours a week basis not later than July 1, 1947 (eight hours a day for five days and four hours on Saturday), and that the rate of pay for all time in excess of 40 hours a week be equal to time and a half rate.

Committee.

Edward L. Davis
W. L. Busch

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ROY M. HOMEWOOD

CONTRACTING ENGINEER

Box 150

CHAPEL HILL, N. C.

January 8, 1947.

Town of Chapel Hill,
Chapel Hill, N. C.

I propose to put in 68 feet of 30 " pipe
on Franklin Street near the bus station for: \$520.00

To cutting out and replacing pavement:

197.00

Total Bid

\$717.00

Yours truly,

Roy M. Homewood
Roy M. Homewood

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Chapel Hill, N.C.
Jan. 8, 1947

THIS CONTRACT, Made and entered into this the 11th day of January, 1947, by and between Roy Homewood, party of the first part and the Town of Chapel Hill, party of the second part, WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the premises and agreements hereinafter mentioned, the party of the first part agrees to install a 30 inch terra cotta or concrete drain pipe for a length of approximately 68 feet from or near the west corner of the lot owned by Mrs. Nellie Andrews on West Franklin Street across said street to a catch basin. Said drain pipe is to be laid between the two drain pipes now crossing said street, and is to be in addition to the two drain pipes already under the street.

The said party of the first part further agrees to

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The said party of the first part further agrees to cut the necessary pavement across the street and to replace it, after laying the pipe, in a workmanlike manner and to use the necessary precautions to protect the public by placing adequate barricades and lights near said opening, and further agrees to provide for the passage of traffic at all times, and agrees to furnish all material and labor and to supervise the job and to complete same within a reasonable time for the sum of \$717.00.

The party of the second part agrees to pay the party of the first part the sum of \$717.00 upon the completion of the job to the satisfaction of the City Manager.

Roy M. Homewood (SEAL)

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

BY: [Signature]

City Manager

Chapel Hill, N.C.
Jan. 8, 1947

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 November & December 1946.

Nov. 10th 2:55 P.M. Call to # 12 Cobb Terrane. Car on Fire No Alarm turned in. No Damage.

Nov 11th 2:25 P.M. Call to trailer back of 211 Short Street. Inside of trailer damaged considerably. Gas stove in trailer exploded. Damage about \$40.00

Nov. 14th 6:20 P.M. Call to Will Wright Res. 208 N. Columbia St. Oil heater under house flared up. No Damage.

Nov. 14th 8:20 P.M. Call to Will Durham Res. 115 S Merritt Mill Road. Oil Heater Exploded. Damage about \$ 30.00

Nov. 16th. 10:00P.M. Call to Will Durham Res. 115 S. Merritt Mill Road. Oil Heater Flared up. No Damage.

Nov. 19th. 2:10 P.M. Grass fire in back yard of W. S. Crawford, 106 Carr St. No Damage.

Dec. 4th 2:25 P.M. Garbage house back of Fowler's Food Store on Fire. Damage About \$ 10.00 Mr. Timmons and his Port Hole Fire Dept. Did good work in controlling this fire. They had the fire just about out when the truck arrived.

Dec. 12th. 5:00 P.M. Leaves on Fire Mrs. Canada's Res on Pritchard Ave. No Damage.

Dec. 13th. 12:15 A.M. Car on Fire Columbia St. No Alarm turned in.

Dec. 14th. 12:45 P.M. Call to 136 E. Rosemary St. Bed on Fire. No Damage.

Dec. 23rd. 1:20 P.M. Grass fire at Graham Court. No Damage. Fire out when truck arrived.

Dec. 26th. 3:50 P.M. Call to Weaver's Wood Yard on Brooks Street. The wood, and wood saw was completely destroyed. This was out of the City limits and no water available.

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The garbage collection, that is, Waste paper etc. in the Business block has not been any too good recently. The trucks are not coming around to collect at the regular times. Of course we realize that the town is short of help and the trucks are getting in pretty bad condition but a more regular collection of the Business block would help the fire conditions. Anything that can be done to remedy this condition will be appreciated.

We understand that the town has agreed with the University that we would fight any fire that might ~~occur~~ occur in the Victory Village. We would like to have a note to that effect so that the Volunteer men will answer any call down there. I have checked with Mr. Culbreth and find that there has been 6 hydrants installed in this village and if any fire should occur there that all hydrants are ready now.

Respectfully submitted,

P. R. Perry

P. R. Perry, Chief.