

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL
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A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on August 18th, will all members of the Board present except Alderman Hobbs. Mayor Madry presided over the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to take action on a resolution submitted by Mr. J. T. Manning with reference to the request of Mr. C. M. Crawford for a building permit. The proposed resolution, asking for a change in the zoning ordinance to permit this building, was read to the Board. Further opposition to the proposed building was heard. Mrs. Moore stated that she was opposed to the additional building because of the narrowness and shortness of North Street, the narrowness of Mr. Crawford's lot, the existing parking problem on North Street and the possibility that further developments of this type would arise on North Street, resulting in lower property values. Miss Edith Averitt also stated her opposition to the plan. Alderman Fitch gave his reason for being in favor of granting the permit to Mr. Crawford. He stated that similar permits had been issued and that no protest against such buildings had been exercised to the Board by the residents of North Street or any other section of the Town. He stated that in view of the fact that Mr. Crawford had spent a considerable sum of money thinking the permit would be issued, he felt that under the circumstances the permit should be allowed.

There was considerable discussion of the proposed resolution which provided for an amendment to the Building Zone Ordinance. The resolution stated that the amendment would apply only to the property of Mr. Crawford. Those present were opposed to granting special permission and barring others of the same privilege. Mr. Manning requested that a vote be taken on the adoption of the resolution so that it could be made a matter of record. After much discussion, Mr. Lanier, although opposed to the proposed amendment, stated that as a courtesy he would make the motion for the adoption of the amendment. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. All members present opposed the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Madry stated that in view of the opposition he hoped Mr. Crawford would voluntarily stop the building, and that he would personally urge him to do so.

The matter of rewriting a new Building Zone Ordinance was discussed and upon motion of Alderman Lanier, seconded by Alderman Burch, the following was unanimously passed.

That the Mayor appoint a committee of five resident citizens of Chapel Hill and instruct the Committee to proceed at once to draft a new Building Zone Ordinance for Chapel Hill; that said Committee utilize any

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and all help it may want and can get without cost to the Town, and that said Committee report to this Board not later than October 8th the progress made on its assignment.

Mr. T. D. Rose was present for the meeting and presented a map outlining the Town's street, and a report on the need for work to be done on the streets. He stated that all the streets needed attention, but that there were certain streets which should be taken care of within the next few weeks. There was some discussion as to what steps should be taken with regard to a bond issue to take care of all the street work, and also for the proposed sewer system and incinerator. It was brought out that bonds could be issued in the amount of \$12,000 without a vote of the people, since municipalities could issue bonds in the amount of two-thirds of that retired in the previous year. It was decided to issue \$12,000 at once in order to proceed on the street work most urgently needed. After much discussion, Alderman Patterson made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we proceed at once to issue \$12,000 of bonds for resurfacing 30,000 square yards of streets, more or less, the resurfacing to be started as quickly as possible, and that the Town Attorney prepare the necessary ordinances for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Alderman Burch and unanimously passed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that a bond issue of \$65,000 for street repair and reconstruction, and for equipment replacements be submitted to a vote of the people for approval, and that the Town Attorney prepare the necessary ordinances for this purpose.

Alderman Lanier moved that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that a bond issue of \$250,000 for an additional Sewage Disposal Plant, additional sewer lines, and an additional incinerator be submitted to a vote of the people for approval, and that the Town Attorney prepare the necessary ordinances for this purpose. Alderman Burch seconded the motion and the motion was adopted. Those voting for the motion were Messrs. Burch, Lanier, Fitch and Patterson. Mr. Davis opposed this resolution because he felt the bond issues for the streets and additional disposal plant and incinerator should not be submitted together.

Town Attorney Hinshaw stated that Mr. Easterling of the Local Government Commission, had recommended that the Town employ Reed, Hoyt, and Washburn of New York as attorneys for the bond issues. Mr. Burch made a motion that Mr. Hinshaw handle all details with the firm suggested by Mr. Easterling. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously passed.

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With reference to the street work to be done immediately, Mr. Burch made a motion that Mr. T. D. Rose be employed to prepare the specifications and bid sheets, and for the supervision of the work on a fee basis of 6%; that bids be requested as early as possible. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously passed.

Mayor Madry brought up the matter of the request of the Parent Teacher's Association for the safety lane in front of the school building. A stoplight was suggested as a safety measure for the school. It was also suggested that the Safety Committee work with the street committee on this problem. Mr. Patterson made a motion that the committees work out something with Mr. Davis, the school superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously passed.

Mayor Madry stated that he thought someone from Chapel Hill should attend the meeting of the North Carolina League of Municipalities to be held the last of August. He stated that he had talked with Mr. Ray about the matter and that Mr. Ray felt that he could not attend this year. Mr. Madry stated that he was planning to attend and would like for some member of the Board to also attend. No one felt that they could do so. Mr. Lanier made a motion that Mayor Madry be directed to attend the meeting, seconded by Mr. Burch and unanimously passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Burch, seconded by Mr. Patterson, all members voting in the affirmative, the meeting adjourned.

Town Clerk