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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL
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The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held at the Town Hall October 8th with all members present. Others present were Town Manager Ray, Attorney Hinshaw, Dr. Garvin of the Health Department, Messrs B. L. Ward, F. E. Strowd, L. J. Phipps and Louis Graves.

Mayor Madry presided over the meeting. The minutes of the meetings of September 10th and 17th were read and approved.

The minutes of a meeting of the Zoning Board held September 17th were also read. The Zoning Board recommended that the petition requesting a change in the zone of that area bounded on the East by Graham Street, on the North by Rosemary Street, on the West by Merritt Mill Road, and on the South by Business Zone 2 be granted. A notice of a public hearing on the matter was given for this date and since no one appeared opposing such a change, the Board of Aldermen approved the recommendation of the zoning Board.

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

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

Section 1. Whereas on September 9, 1947 a petition was filed with the Town Clerk by more than 50% of the citizens who own property adjoining Graham Street on the west, Rosemary Street on the South, Merritt Street on the East, and West Franklin Street on the North requesting that said area be changed from Residence Zone to Business Zone #2, and whereas said petition was duly referred to the Zoning Commission for Consideration and the said Zoning Commission having recommended that the petition be granted, and a public hearing ~~being held~~ having been held by the Board of Aldermen on October 8, 1947, after due notice in accordance with law, and there being no opposition to such a change, and whereas the Board being of the opinion that it will be to the best interests of the Community and to the citizens owning property or residing in the area heretofore described;

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the area heretofore described be and is hereby changed from Residence Zone to Business Zone #2.

Section 2. That all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 8th day of October, 1947.

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

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

Section 1. The Ordinance adopted June 18, 1947, and recorded in Minute Book 7, at page 327, requiring all buildings to be constructed at least twenty-two feet from the present South curb line of West Rosemary Street from Church Street to Dawson's ally, is hereby amended to include all of the South side of West Rosemary Street from Dawson's ally to the Western Town Limits.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 8th day of October, 1947.

Alderman Lanier suggested that the Town Manager contact the property owners in the rezoned area with respect to obtaining any allyway through the block.

Mr. Phipps recommended that a committee be appointed from Chapel Hill and Carrboro to work jointly and in cooperation with the Planning Board. He stated that Chapel Hill was rapidly growing toward Carrboro and he felt that such a committee would be beneficial to both Towns. He also recommended that colored citizens be included on the committee and suggested Charles C. Craig for one member of such a committee if established.

Mr. Patterson made a motion that such a committee be appointed, seconded by Mr. Burch and unanimously passed.

Dr. Garvin reported to the Board that the Incinerator and Disposal Plants were in much better shape than they had been in some months, but he recommended that a bulldozer be obtained for the purpose of disposing of the tin cans which were now standing open around the dump. He stated that the use of the bulldozer to flatten the cans would help to eliminate mosquito breeding in the vicinity. Dr. Garvin also reported that the alleys in back of the main street stores were being kept in a cleaner condition, but he stated that several business houses should be required to obtain larger garbage and trash containers.

Philip Graver and Vinson Bridgers were present to discuss their application for a retail off-premises beer license. The applicants stated that they were obtaining a storage house on Roberson Street and would take orders by telephone for delivery of beer by the case; there would be no house to house canvassing for sales. After much discussion, Mr. Burch made

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a motion that the license be granted. Mr. Hobbs seconded the motion. Those voting for the motion were Messrs. Burch, Patterson, Davis, Lanier and Hobbs. Mr. Fitch did not vote.

Messrs. Ward and Strowd came before the board to request that something be done with reference to the drainage situation existing on West Franklin Street. They stated that the overflow from the storm sewer flooded the grounds around their building thus creating a very bad situation, especially after any considerable amount of rain, which would leave water standing on the grounds. Messrs. Patterson and Davis stated that they had looked over the situation and were of the opinion that something should be done, but were not in a position to make any recommendations for a solution to the problem. Mr. Burch suggested that the entire Board meet to investigate the problem. It was decided to meet at 4:30 Monday, October 13th.

Mrs. M. A. Abernathy came before the Board to request that the Town take steps to relieve the parking and traffic situation existing around the Intimate Book Shop. She stated that business men working in the main block of Franklin Street used the parking spaces in front of the Bookshop, since there was no time limit established there, thus preventing customers from parking around the shop. She requested that the one-hour parking limit be extended on East Franklin Street to a point below the bookshop. In connection with Mrs. Abernathy's request the Committee, appointed to study the recommendations made in a resolution adopted at a special meeting of the Board held October 2nd, presented their report incorporating those recommendations with amendments. There recommendations were as follows:

1. The installation of parking meters on Columbia Street, both sides, from Rosemary Street south to Cameron Avenue; and on Franklin Street, both sides, from the Graham Memorial gate west to Bryant Lane at the northeast corner of the elementary school grounds, except no meters shall be installed on the north side of Franklin Street from the corner of Columbia and Franklin Streets west to a point opposite Bryant Lane; and that such parking meters be operated from 8 A.M. to 7 P.M., Sunday excepted.

Parking spaces in front of churches located on these streets as designated may be reserved for funerals or for weddings, in the discretion and by direction of the Chief of Police.

2. The elimination of overnight parking--that is, from 12:00 midnight to 6 A.M.--on the above named streets in the designated parking meter zones.

3. The limitation of parking to one side only of the following streets:

- (a) Pittsboro Street, from Cameron Avenue to McCauley St., West S.
- (b) Henderson Street, from Franklin Street, at the Post Office, to North Street, east side.
- (c) North Street, from Columbia Street to Henderson Street, north side.

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- (d) Rosemary Street, from Church Street to Glenburnie Street, south side.
- (e) Kenan Street, from end to end, west side.
- (f) Roberson Street, from end to end, east side.
- (g) Pine Street, from end to end, east side.
- (h) Hillsboro Street, from Franklin Street to Rosemary Street, east side.
- (i) Ransom Street, from Cameron Avenue to McCauley Street, west side
- (j) Mallett Street, from end to end, west side.

4. The elimination of overnight parking--that is, from 9 P.M. to 6 A.M.--by moving vans, trailer trucks, and trailers, attached and unattached, on any street within the city limits of Chapel Hill.

5. Reserving to each taxi-cab company, now domiciled and operating in Chapel Hill, parking space as follows:

- (a) Carolina Cab, four spaces directly in front of the Carolina Taxi-cab Company's office, the space in front of the door of the Carolina Cab's garage to be considered one of the Company's four reserved parking spaces.
- (b) Two spaces for each of the other taxi-cab companies domiciled and operating in Chapel Hill.

Such reserved parking spaces may be withdrawn at the will of the Board of Aldermen on **thirty** days notice to the taxi-cab companies.

There was considerable discussion of the congestion of pedestrian and automobile traffic at the postoffice corner and several suggestions were made for the elimination of the U turn at this corner and/or the installation of a stop light. Upon motion of Mr. Lanier, duly seconded and passed, the committee report was amended to add the following:

6. That a stop light be installed at the intersection of Henderson and East Franklin Street.

The Board decided that a public hearing should be held in order to discuss each of these proposed items and upon motion of Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Patterson and unanimously passed, the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ meeting was set for 8:00 October 20th.

Upon motion of Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, the committee report as amended was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Ray stated that Mr. Ogburn proposed to extend the length of his present furniture store building, which extension would place the building over a manhole situated on the back of the lot. Mr. Ogburn had requested that the manhole be moved. Mr. Burch suggested that this request be investigated along with the drainage problem on W. Franklin Street.

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Mr. Ray stated that the janitor, Lewis Cole, had become dissatisfied due to the fact that his wages as janitor were not increased, and that Lewis wanted to quit his job as janitor and work full time at the incinerator. There was some discussion as to which job he would be most valuable. Mr. Ray stated that he would like to keep him on as janitor and let him continue working at the incinerator on a part time basis. The Board decided that this matter should be left to the discretion of the Manager.

Mr. Lanier made a motion that a committee be appointed to study the possibility of opening sidewalks on the east side of Kenan and Roberson Streets, in view of the heavy amount of traffic now passing over these streets creating a hazzard for the pedestrians who necessarily have to walk in the street. Mr. Burch seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. Mayor Madry appointed Messrs. Lanier, Burch and Patterson for this committee.

Mr. Ray stated that Mr. Rose had reported that the major part of the street work had been completed and that possibly one or two streets that were not in the original plan could be resurfaced. Upon the recommendation of the Manager and the Engineer, Mr. Burch moved that Battle Lane from Franklin Street to Hooper Lane and Mallette Street be resurfaced, if possible. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and passed.

Mr. Ray presented an application ~~from~~ from T. W. Cannada, Jr. and Eugene Petty for permission to operate two taxi-cabs in Chapel Hill. The matter was referred to the Street Committee for recommendation.

A letter from John T. Manning, Attorney, requesting a refund of overpayment of sewer rent by Miss Alice Jones for the years 1939 through 1945 in the amount of \$210.00, and overpayment by John T. Manning, agent, for the years 1946 and 1947 in the amount of \$60.00, on properties located on North Street, was read to the Board. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and recommendation.

Mr. Ray reported that advertisement was made for bids to be received on painting the interior and exterior of the Town Hall. He stated that only one bid had been received, that of Mr. T. G. Campbell, which was opened and read to the Board. Mr. Campbell submitted a bid of \$1500. for the entire job according to specifications. Mr. Davis asked that acceptance of the bid be deferred until other bids were received. Since this would require another advertisement for receiving bids, the board was inclined to accept Mr. Campbell's bid. Mr. Burch made a motion that the bid of \$1500 for painting the interior and exterior of the Town Building be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Hobbs and passed. Those voting for the motion were Messrs. Burch, Hobbs, Lanier, Fitch and Patterson. Mr. Davis voted against ~~the~~ it.

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Mr. Hobbs, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met with Mr. Peacock and Mr. Ray for the purpose of reviewing delinquent tax accounts for years prior to 1938. He stated that the majority of the accounts could not be identified ~~xxxx~~ and that the committee felt that collections from this source would be very little. Mr. Peacock recommended that all accounts in the suspense ledger, except those positively identified as tax on real estate, be written off for 1938 and prior years. Mr. Burch made a motion that the recommendation be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Lanier and unanimously passed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the meeting adjourned.