MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL
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The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held at the Town Hall January 14, 1948, with the following members present: Aldermen Burch, Hobbs, Lanier, Davis and Fitch. Mayor Madry presided over the meeting and others present were Town Manager Ray, Attorney Hinshaw and Auditor Peacock.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 10th were read and approved.

Mr. A. H. Bush came before the Board to request that he be permitted to build a small shop building on the rear of his lot on N. Columbia Street, and that he be allowed to use said building for temporary living quarters for immediate members of his family. After discussion, Alderman Lanier made the following motion: That Mr. Bush be granted permission to build a shop building, 20 x 24, on the rear of his lot located on N. Columbia Street, which building he may use as temporary rooming quarters for immediate members of his family for a period not to exceed four years. Seconded by Alderman Fitch and unanimously passed.

Alderman Burch suggested that a Board of Adjustment be established to review cases of this type in order to eliminate the necessity for such matters coming before the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Lanier reminded the Board that apparantly no progress was being made toward obtaining a new Building Code and Zoning Ordinance and he urged that something be done in the very near future.

Mr. S. H. Basnight came before the Board to request that his application for a loading and unloading zone be reconsidered. He stated that he was beginning construction of an additional building on the vacant lot in the rear of his present building, and thus could not use this space for a loading zone. The Board requested that he submit the plans for the proposed building to the Planning Commission and Building Inspector, and that his request would be considered, along with the plans, by the Street Committee and Building Inspector.

The matter of placing traffic signals at the intersection of East Franklin and Henderson Streets was discussed. Mr. Ray presented a sketch showing a detailed plan as worked out by Mr. Frank L. Dieter of the Planning Commission of the City of Durham. The plan called for two signal lights, one at the intersection of Franklin and Henderson Streets and one in front of the postoffice near the pedestrian walk. After some discussion, Alderman Burch made a motion that the plan be adopted in principle and that the Street Committee and Town Manager make a further study of the plan and make any changes that seem necessary. Seconded by Alderman Hobbs and passed. Alderman Hobbs was asked to work with the Street Committee and Manager on this particular project.

Mr. Ray reported that the traffic light at the intersection of South Columbia Street and Cameron Avenue had been giving a great deal of

trouble in recent months, and that the University electricians recommended that it be replaced as soon as possible. Mr. Burch made a motion that the light be replaced. Seconddd by Mr. Lanier and passed.

There was some discussion of the probable need for a stop light at the corner of West Franklin and Roberson Streets. Mr. Lanier suggested that the State Highway Commission be requested to consider the possibility of routing traffic for Highway 54 on to Graham Street and Cameron Avenue, thus eliminating some of the heavy traffic now on Franklin Street. Mr. Ray reported that State Highway Engineers were meeting with the County Commissioners in Hillsboro on Monday, January 19th, and suggested that this would be a good opportunity to discuss the matter with them. Mr. Lanier made a motion that Town Manager Ray attend the meeting and present the matter to the Engineers. Seconded by Mr. Hobbs and passed.

The request of the fire department to permit those volunteer firemen, whose businesses are located in the main block of Franklin Street, to have their cars parked near the businesses all day was again discussed. The Board felt that special space could not be reserved for the firemen, but that possibly they could be allowed to keep the cars parked in any space they might secure. Mr. Ray suggested that the two or three firemen concerned be given identification stickers for their cars, and that the police department be instructed not to tag these cars for parking overtime. Mr. Burch made a motion to adopt Mr. Ray's suggestion and that the number of cars be restricted to three. Seconded by Mr. Lanier and passed. Mr. Ray was requested to furnish suitable stickers to those firemen needing them, such firemen to be chosen by the fire department.

Mr. Ray read a letter from Mr. John Manning requesting that action be taken on his request for refund of an alleged overpayment of sewer rental. The Board requested that the Town Attorney investigate the matter further and to report to the next regular meeting at which time the matter would definitely be settled. Mr. Ray was asked to notify Mr. Manning to this effect.

Mr. Ray read a letter from Mrs. Mary Graves Rees in which she requested that the Town construct a sewer line from her house, on Hooper Lane, to the Manhole on Hooper Lane near Boundary Street. Mr. Ray was asked to write Mrs. Rees the policy of the Town for such construction, that of taking the sewer line within 200 feet of the individual's property.

A letter from Mr. J. Hampton Rich, requesting that his claim for damages be reconsidered and that the case be reviewed by the Street Committee and the Town Manager, was read to the Board. Upon motion of Mr. Lanier, seconded by Mr. Burch and unanimously passed, Mr. Ray was asked to write Mr. Rich that the matter had been thoroughly studied and that the Board did not see fit to reopen the case.

With reference to the proposed issue of bonds in the amount of $25,000 for a new incinerator, Mr. Ray reported that he, Mr. Burch and

Mr. Lanier had investigated the land-fill method now being used in several cities, and that they had been very impressed with the operations in Salisbury and Wilson. He stated that engineers and others with whom he had discussed the matter all favored the land-fill method over the incinerator. He also stated that the land-fill method could be operated at much less expense. Alderman Hobbs xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx suggested that Mr. Ray, Mr. Lanier, and Mr. Burch meet with Mr. Bennett and other University officials and discuss the matter with them to ascertain if they would favor such a change.

Mayor Madry reported that Mr. L. J. Phipps had been appointed chairman of the Citizens Committee for the proposed bond issue.

The Planning Commission requested that another member be appointed to that Committee and suggested the name of Mr. L. V. Huggins. Mr. Huggins appointment was unanimously approved by the Board.

Upon motion of Alderman Hobbs, seconded by Alderman Fitch, all members voting in the affirmative, Mr. R. L. Fowler was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Alderman E. B. Patterson.

Upon motion made and seconded the meeting adjourned.

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Clerk