MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL
JANUARY 26, 1948

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A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill was held at the Town Hall Monday, January 26th at 8:00 P. M. Mayor Madry presided over the meeting and all members were present. The Board welcomed Mr. Fowler, the newly appointed member.

H. A. Whitfield, appeared before the Board in behalf of S. H. Basnight to request that the Town take steps to remedy a condition existing in the sewer line serving the Scott Building and Mr. Basnight's Building, which condition often caused a stoppage in the line resulting in sewerage backing into Mr. Basnight's building. Mr. Ray reported that he, Mr. Lanier and Plumbing Inspector Sparrow had checked the situtation and that the only solution they could offer would be to place a manhole at the bend in the line near Rosemary Street. He stated that the line was a six-inch pipe which seemed adequate for the buildings. After discussion Alderman Lanier made the following motion:

That the City Manager be instructed to open the sewer lines so as to avoid sewerage backing into Mr. Basnight's present building; that, if installation of a manhole is necessary to accomplish this, he is hereby authorized to install such at a point he and Engineer T. D. Rose may determine. Seconded by Alderman Hobbs and passed.

The Street Committee reported on their study of the proposed traffic signals at the Post Office corner and recommended that two stop lights be installed as outlined in the plan submitted by Mr. Dieter. Mr. Davis made a motion to adopt the plan and to authorize the purchase of the necessary and suitable equipment. Seconded by Mr. Hobbs and passed.

It was suggested that parking be limited to the west side of Henderson Street and Mr. Lanier made the following motion:

1. When the control lights at the intersection of E. Franklin and Henderson Streets are put into operation, that parking on Henderson Street between Franklin and Rosemary Streets, be limited to the west side only.

2. That the Town Manager be instructed to proceed in having the bulge in the East side of Henderson Street removed as soon as possible.

Seconded by Mr. Fitch and passed.

Mr. Ray reported that the manner of requiring a bond and holding such bonds for a period of time for all street openings within the town had proved unsatisfactory to both contractors and the Town and he recommended that a flat charge be made for each opening. He read a letter from Engineer Rose recommending a charge of $6.00 per square yard for dirt streets and $10.00 per square yard for surfaced streets. Upon motion of Alderman Davis,

Seconded by Alderman Lanier, all members present voting in the affirmative, the following ordinance was adopted:

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

Section 1. That no person, firm, or corporation shall cut an opening in any street without first obtaining a permit therefor from the Town Manager.

Section 2. That for the privilege of making said opening, the applicant shall pay a fee therefor as follows: For surface-treated streets, $10.00 per square yard, and for dirt streets $6.00 per square yard.

Section 3. That the applicant herein mentioned shall refill the ditch with dirt in six inch layers, and shall tamp each layer thoroughly before the next layer is placed. The ditch shall be filled to a point at least two or three inches above the finished grade of the street.

Section 4. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. That any person, firm, or corporation violating this ordinance shall forfeit and pay a penalty of $50.00.

This the 26th day of January, 1948.

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Mr Ray. read a letter from Mr. F. H. Sparrow requesting the Town to pay him $200.00 per year for damages resulting from sewerage over-flowing on his property. The letter stated that it was his intention to enter suit against the Town, but if the sum of $200. was paid he would not enter suit. Mr. Hobbs suggested that the Town Attorney draw up a contract with Mr. Sparrow and present it at the next regular meeting.

Mrs. Gillin, President of League of Women Voters, was present and reported that the League had voted unanimously to support the forthcoming bond election. The Board requested that Mayor Madry write the Leage a letter of appreciation for their work and to thank them for their support.

Mr. Ray reported that he, along with Mr. Burch and Mr. Lanier, ahd discussed the proposed land-fill method of garbage disposal with Mr. Teague, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Shepherd of the University Administration and that they approved of the proposed change.

The proposed bond election was discussed in detail and the Board requested the Town Attorney to instruct the Bond Attorneys to prepare the necessary ordinances for the calling of an election to submit to the voters the question of issuing $260,000 in bonds for the following purposes:

$25,000 for equipment consisting of three trucks, one motor grader, tractor, with clamshell attachment, for garbage disposal, mowing machines, office equipment and sewer cleaning equipment.

$200,000 for the construction of a sewerage disposal plant and sewer lines and for repairs to existing plant.

$35,000 for street improvements. The following streets were tentatively listed as streets to be hard-surfaced: West end of Cameron Avenue, Graham Street, Whitaker Street, Nunn Street, Lindsay, McDade, Noble Heights, and Hooper Lane. The streets to ~~xxxxx~~ be seal-coated were tentatively listed as follows: Pritchard Avenue, Carr Street, Short, North, Henderson, Pickard Lane, North Boundary Street, Glenburnie, E. Rosemary Street, Tenny Circle, Park Place, Senlac Road, McCauley, Ransom, W. University Drive, Ridge Lane, Wilson Court, Patterson Place, Vance Street, and Glandon Drive.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.