

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL
APRIL 20, 1948

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held at 8:00 P. M. April 20th, with all members of the Board present. Town Manager Ray, Town Attorney Hinshaw and Engineer Rose were also present.

Mrs. Gillin was present and called attention to the pamphlet, prepared by the League of Women Voters, containing information of Orange County and Town of Chapel Hill Government. Mrs. Gillian asked each member to study the pamphlet and offer any criticism they might have of the information contained therein. She requested that suggestions be made by May 5th before the pamphlet is printed.

Mayor Madry reported that three vacancies had occurred on the Recreation Commission, and that the Commission had recommended the following appointments:

E. S. Lanier to replace R. B. Fitch
Roy Barham to replace H. F. Comer
Mrs. Bernadine Sullivan to replace Miss Mildred Mooneyham

Mr. Burch made a motion that these persons be named to the Recreation Commission, seconded by Mr. Davis and passed.

Mayor Madry read a letter received from J. Hampton Rich with reference to his claim for damages against the Town. Mr. Ray reported that Mr. Rich has never paid sewer rental to the Town and that he refuses to pay on the basis that he sustained damage to his property because of a faulty sewer connection which was inspected and passed by the Town Plumbing Inspector. Mr. Lanier made a motion that the Town Manager and Town Attorney be instructed to bring suit against Mr. Rich for collection of the sewer rent if he refuses to pay within thirty days. Seconded by Mr. Davis and passed.

The minutes of a meeting of the Zoning Board held April 13th were read. The Board recommended that the petition of Miss Billie Curtis to make a seven-foot addition to a cottage in the Rear of Mrs. Bason's lot on East Franklin Street be denied, and also recommended that the petition of Mr. Lawrence Deans to convert a garage into a three-room dwelling at 106 Carr Street be denied.

The Board recommended that the request of Mr. J. S. Bennett and Mr. Giles Horney for permission to build a duplex each on their properties located North of East Rosemary Street, be granted subject to certain conditions. In connection with this matter, Mr. Ray presented a petition signed by other property owners in this area, requesting that that portion of said property be rezoned from Residence Zone "B" to Residence Zone "A".

Mr. Lanier moved that this petition be referred to the Zoning Board and that action on the requests of Mr. Bennett and Mr. Horney be deferred until the zoning Board makes further recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Hobbs and passed.

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Upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, and passed, the recommendation of the Zoning Board to deny the petitions of Miss Curtis and Mr. Deans was approved.

The Board then discussed the new construction program. Mr. Hobbs reported that the University was still trying to raise funds in order that the sewerage disposal plant could be constructed at the lower site. He stated that he and Mr. Collier Cobb, Jr., had been appointed by President Graham to work on the details of the final plans for advertising for bids and for letting the contract. Mr. Hobbs reported that Mr. Cobb recommended that advertisements be made calling for alternate bids for the two sites.

Mr. Lanier made the following motion: That Engineer Rose be instructed to proceed at once to complete plans necessary for calling for alternate bids on the new sewerage disposal plant and sewer lines, and for bids on a new sludge bed at the old plant; the bids to be received on or near May 25th. Seconded by Mr. Burch and unanimously passed.

Mr. Hobbs made a motion that bids be received for the construction of an addition to the sewer plant for the use of the Sanitary Engineering Department for their pilot plants, to be paid for by the University and without cost to the Town. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously passed.

Mr. Fitch and Mr. Fowler were appointed to consult with a committee from the University to work out the details for the contract for the sewer plant. Mayor Madry appointed Town Attorney Hinshaw and Town Manager Ray to work with the committee. Mr. Fitch was appointed chairman of the delegation from the Town.

Mr. Lanier made a motion that the Finance Committee and Town Manager be instructed to work out means and pay the Engineers \$5,184 for services rendered in connection with plans and specifications for the new sewer plant, which amount has been due since 1947. Seconded by Mr. Burch and passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Davis and passed, Engineer Rose was requested to prepare to advertise for bids for the street improvements as soon as possible.

Upon motion of Mr. Burch, seconded by Mr. Fitch, Mr. Ray was asked to prepare specifications for the equipment to be purchased as specified in the bond proposal.

Mr. Burch made a motion that Town Manager Ray be authorized to go to Richmond to observe the operations of the land-fill method of garbage disposal and to investigate needed equipment, and to have anyone from the Board accompany him at the expense of the Town. Seconded by Mr. Lanier and passed.

Mr. Lanier made a motion that Mr. Ray be reimbursed for expenses incurred in trips to Salisbury and Wilson upon presentation of an itemized statement. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and passed.

The Meeting adjourned.