

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 at 8:00 P. M., June 9th, 1948. Mayor Madry presided over the meeting and the following members of the board were present: Aldermen Burch, Hobbs, Lanier, Davis and Fitch. Also present were Town Manager Ray, Town Attorney Hinshaw, Auditor Peacock and Engineer Rose.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

With reference to the request for limited parking on Battle Lane, Mr. Ray reported that the Street Committee, Messrs Lanier and Davis, had visited the site with him and that they recommended that no action be taken at the present time. The Committee recommended that the street light on the corner of Mr. McClamroch's private drive be moved to the end of Senlac road to serve that end of the street -- almost in front of Dr. Patterson's place. Upon motion of Mr. Fitch, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, the recommendation of the committee was accepted. With reference to the matter of moving the light on Ridge Lane up about 40 feet on Gimghoul Road, Mr. Ray reported that Mr. Potter of the light and water division had said the light could be moved, provided permission could be obtained to put up a pole. Mr. Hobbs recommended that it be discussed more fully with Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Wade, Mr. Phipps and Mr. Bennett with regard to the placement of the light. It was decided to defer the matter until the next meeting. With reference to the taxi stand and telephone box at the corner of Hillsboro and E. Franklin Streets, it was the opinion of the Street committee that if the telephone boxes were going to be permitted in the residential district, it was in as good a place as could be found for that section of town. It was pointed out that it was a nuisance to the Coenen family who live on that corner. Mr. Lanier raised the question as to whether the Board could legally control where the taxi boxes were located. Mr. Lanier stated that he would like for the Board to gain control of issuing permits for the location of these telephone boxes, and that permits should be obtained for the present boxes and any new boxes installed in the future must be done on a permit basis. After discussion, it was decided that an ordinance should be submitted by Attorney Hinshaw on this question. Mr. Ray was asked to inform Dr. Coenen that the matter was under consideration and that an ordinance for requiring permits would be voted on.

Mr. Ray read a letter from Mr. Culbreth, requesting that a loading zone be permitted in front of the telephone exchange. The letter stated that since parking had been prohibited on the south side of Rosemary Street, vehicles are now parked directly in front of the building, preventing the loading and unloading of equipment for the telephone exchange. The Street Committee recommended that the request be rejected due to the fact that by granting this request numerous other similar requests would be submitted. Mr. Hobbs pointed out that some of the requests may be needed and worthy of consideration.

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There was considerable discussion of the two tractors on which bids were submitted June 4th, 1948. Mr. Ray stated that he had contacted several individuals and firms, and that most of them had recommended the International Tractor rather than the Cletrac or Oliver Tractor. After considerable discussion, Mr. Burch made a motion that the Town enter into contract with the North Carolina Equipment Company for the purchase of the International Tractor with Bullclam shovel, and that the contract specify that the Company will give 365 days of free service for the first year of operation. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously passed.

The following itmes were discussed for consideration of the Board in making the budget for the coming year.

1. Stop light at Hazzard Motor Company
2. Light at Town Hall and also at Bus Station.
3. Mr. Collier Cobb's request for a danger sign at the curve in front of his house on E. Franklin Street.

Mr. Cobb suggested that the Board consider extending fire protection into Westwood and Forest Hills. Mr. Cobb reported that the Planning Board is interested in the proposed highway to Durham with regard to traffic. He stated that the Board felt that by-ways should be provided for through traffic. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was decided that a resolution presented by Mr. Phipps would be submitted to the State Highway Commission, with regard to this problem.

With reference to the application of Mr. Ogburn for permission to remodel the front of his store building, the planning Board recommended approval. Upon motion of Mr. Burch, seconded by Mr. Lanier, the plans were unanimously approved.

Auditor Peacock reported that all vouchers were in good shape. He stated that a check of the gasoline still indicated a large shortage. Mr. Ray recommended a new way of checking the gasoline by trucks and tickets. It was recommended that a check on the cost of each new piece of equipment be maintained.

Mr. Ray stated that he had a letter from Dr. Connor requesting that a sidewalk be built in front of his property on E. Rosemary Street. The matter was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Ray read a letter from the Merchant's Association requesting that those persons peddling flowers on Franklin Street be required to buy a license or to use other streets of the Town rather than the main street. The matter was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr. Ray read a letter from Mr. P. C. Gardner in which he petitioned the Board to extend the Town sewer line from the Noble Heights Addition to a point on North Columbia Street, where Mr. Gardner is planning to erect a dwelling. Mr. Gardner also requested that he be permitted to fill in

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and level the east end of Saunders Avenue and that this section be discontinued as a public thoroughfare. The matters were referred to Engineer Rose and the Street Committee.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 P. M.

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By L. L. Latham