

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Board of Aldermen Town of Chapel Hill
December 8, 1948

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall December 8th at 8:00 P.M. Mayor Madry presided. Present were Aldermen Burch, Hobbs, Lanier, Fowler, Davis, and Fitch. Also present were Mr. Hinshaw, Town Attorney, Mr. Rose, Town Engineer, Mr. Peacock, Town Auditor and Mr. Ray, Town Manager.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

Messrs. Herbert Wentworth, Bill Flowers, Kenneth Putnam, Lloyd Roof and F.J. LeClair representing the Junior Chamber of Commerce were present. Mr. Roof, speaking for the Jaycees, advised the Board of their plans to plant trees in empty spaces and replace dead trees where needed from the Carolina Inn North on Columbia Street to the Town Hall, both sides of the street, and from Strowd Motor Company to Boundary Street. Mr. LeClair will furnish the trees from his farm on the Mason Farm Road and the Jaycees will dig them and plant them in the desired places on the streets named. Mr. LeClair advised that he can furnish enough sugar maple and willow leaf oak to complete the project. The trees will be close to ten years old and around twelve to fifteen feet high. They asked the Town to help with the maintainance of these trees as they will need water for at least the first year or until they are well started. Mr. Roof also stated that any donations from interested citizens would be appreciated.

Mr. Kenneth Putnam, is Program Chairman, and he advised that the Junior Chamber of Commerce is a newly organized group in Chapel Hill and they want the people to know that they are interested in the community and they will do all they can to make this project a success.

Mr. Hobbs moved that the Board accept the offer of this group and authorize them to proceed, keeping at all times in contact with the City Manager and that the Town supply certain needed assistance in the way of hauling, water, etc. and a committee be appointed to work with the group. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously passed. Mr. Madry appointed the following committee: Mrs. Roy Homewood, Mrs. Frank Graham, Messrs. Lloyd Roof, Kenneth Putnam, H.R. Totten, F.J. LeClair, G.W. Ray, Obie Davis and E.S. Lanier. It was decided that any disagreements arising from the planting of these trees will be referred to the Street Committee and Town Manager.

Mr. Madry asked for report of investigation of sewer line owned by Mr. John T. Manning. Mr. Rose reported that he has made

Mr. Ray reported that the Institute of Government has agreed to remove the wire in front of their building.

Mr. Ray recommended that a street light be placed on the pole directly in front of the Community Center on Roberson Street. There is no light near there and it is very badly needed. Mr. Hobbs moved that the Town Manager be authorized to have the light installed. Seconded by Mr. Burch and unanimously carried.

Mr. Hobbs reported that the Finance Committee had met on Monday night December 6th. He advised that they went over the statement of expenditures for this year and found the budget in good shape. He reported that it was brought to the attention of the committee that one of the insurance representatives of the town desired a reallocation of the town's insurance business. The committee made no recommendation. Mr. Hobbs reported that the committee spent some time in the discussion of the need for improved sidewalks and requested that the Board members be giving this some study within the next few months as the Board would likely be called on for an appropriation for this purpose. Mr. Lanier moved that Mr. Madry appoint a committee to make a study of the sidewalk needs of the town and report to the Board at the April 1949 meeting. Mr. Madry said he will appoint a committee at a later date. Mr. Hobbs further reported that the Finance Committee spent considerable time on the question of garbage fees. He advised that they were struck with the inequality and inadequacy of the charge for the collection from business houses. The committee would recommend that the situation be reviewed and come to some policy which would equalize the charge in proportion to use and take care of the cost of the service.

They also discussed the present sewer rate and they feel that the charge should be made on the basis of the volume of water used and the people should be advised that it will be done in the next year.

Mr. Ray reported that the sewer charges for 1948-49 were approximately \$2000.00 over last years assessment and he would like for the \$2,000.00 to be appropriated to the Debt Service fund in addition to the \$8,500.00 already in the budget. Mr. Hobbs moved that we add \$2,000.00 to the appropriation of \$8,500.00 for this year. Seconded by Mr. Lanier and unanimously passed.

A letter from Mr. John T. Manning, President of the Parent Teachers Association was read by Mr. Ray, offering assistance of the executive committee to the Board in the selection of the School Board. Mr. Madry was asked to write to Mr. Manning advising that the Board will appreciate any suggestions.

inspection of the line with Mr. Manning and found that it is a four inch line. He said that because of so much rain a thorough investigation has been delayed and he asked that the Board allow the committee a little more time to complete the study of the situation. Mr. Ray read a letter from Mr. McAllister stating that he is planning to build on North Street and he would like to add his request to that of Mr. Manning for a sewer line extension on North Street. Mr. Madry asked the Health Committee to make further study with Mr. Rose and Mr. Ray and give definite information at the next meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Hobbs seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimous consent of the Board, the following ordinance was adopted.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill:

Section 1. That in the section of West Franklin Street situated between the intersection of W. Franklin St. and Mallett Street and the intersection of said W. Franklin St. and Roberson Street it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to park a vehicle for longer than one hour whether on the north side of W. Franklin or on the south side thereof, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. on any day except on Sundays and Public Holidays; a change of position of the vehicle from one point directly to another point within the area herein set out shall be deemed one continuous parking period.

Section 2. That this restriction shall not apply to taxicabs parked within parking areas heretofore designated for the parking of taxicabs.

Section 3. That all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That any person violating this ordinance shall forfeit and pay a penalty of \$1.00.

This 8th day of December, 1948.


Town Clerk

The Street Committee reported that they with the Town Manager, have studied the parking situation on Battle Lane and recommend that parking on Battle Lane be limited to one side only as follows: On the east side of Battle Lane from E. Franklin Street to Hooper Lane and on the west side of Battle Lane from Hooper Lane to East Cameron Avenue. This regulation to become effective January 1, 1949. Mr. Burch moved that an ordinance be drawn to this effect. Seconded by Mr. Hobbs and unanimously passed.

Mr. Ray read a letter addressed to Mr. Madry from the Health Department advising of their inspection of the jail. The letter expressed their compliments on the way the jail is kept. Mr. Ray also read monthly report from Mr. Westbrook of the Health Department. Mr. Hobbs suggested that these reports should show the findings of the Health Department when they make their tests and inspections.

The following report from Mr. Jordan was read by Mr. Ray:

Collection of Privilege Licenses November 5 and	
Not complete	\$407.00
Collection of 1947-48 Town Tax and more	
to go	301.35
Christmas time makes it hard.	

Mr. Ray reported that the University has installed five new hydrants as follows: 1 on Airport Road, 1 on Roberson Street, 2 on Graham Street and 1 on Columbia Street.

Report from Mr. Rose stated that Mr. J.A. Williams Attorney for University had discussed with ^{him} the matter of conveying one half interest in the site for the new sewer plant to the town. After some discussion it was decided to request that the site extend to the creek on two sides.

Mr. Madry read a note from Mrs. Gillian asking if the Health Department makes an inspection of the water supply of the Town. Mrs. Gillian was advised that the water is inspected; a test is made by the University Plants each week and a report is made to the State Board of Health periodically. Mr. Ray was asked to check with the Health Department to see if they too make an inspection of the water.

Mr. Peacock reported that he had inspected the vouchers for the month of November and found them all in order. He also reported that the gas is running short and something should be done about it. Mr. Ray has kept a very close check on the gas for the past few days and it is still running short. Mr. Peacock thinks there might be a hole in the tank but Mr. Ray thinks he can eliminate any shortage in the future by his new system of checking the gas daily. He thinks someone has just neglected making tickets when they got gas.

Upon motion of Mr. Burch, seconded by Mr. Lanier and unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.


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