

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Board of Aldermen Town of Chapel Hill
January 12, 1949

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall, Wednesday, January 12, 1949.

Mayor Madry presided. Present were Aldermen Burch, Hobbs, Lanier, Fowler, Davis and Fitch. Also present were Messrs: Hinshaw, Rose, Peacock and Ray.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

Mr. Ray reported that the Jaycees planted some trees on Columbia and Franklin Streets in Chapel Hill and some in Carrboro on New Year's day. He stated that these men seem to be very enthusiastic group and he thinks they will go along with the project as fast as possible. He also advised that because of electric lines under the streets in some places, he has asked that the town force be allowed to do the planting in these places.

Mr. Rose reported that he and his committee have finished their investigation of the needed sewer lines in Chapel Hill. He advised that on McCauley Street two Huskey houses are not connected but it is possible for them to connect to the present sewer line. On North Street the line requested by Mr. John T. Manning is needed to serve a house owned by Mr. Manning and two houses owned by Miss Alice Jones. The estimated cost of this line is \$2,900.00. On Tenney Circle there are two houses not connected; one owned by Mr. Giduz and one owned by Miss Susan Akers. Estimated cost of this line \$1,040.00. Mr. Rose estimated cost of line requested by Mr. John Humphreys and Mrs. Mattox at \$790.00. This line would serve property being developed by Mr. Humphreys and Mrs. Mattox. Mr. Ray brought up the alternate request of Mr. Manning in which he stated that if the town would not put in the extension, they would maintain and service the line in there now. After considerable discussion motion was made by Mr. Burch that the Board agree to maintain the present line and wait for further development before building a new line and that a manhole be built by the Town for servicing the line. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously carried. At a future date the Board will discuss the matter of building a line back of property owned by Miss Alice Jones.

A delegation of Taxicab owners in the Town of Chapel Hill were present. Mr. Bartlett of the Carolina Cab Company speaking for the delegation advised that they have all closed their books for the year and they find that they are in the red. They asked for a ten cent increase in the flat rate fare. This will increase the fare from twenty-five cents to Thirty-five cents. There was considerable

discussion but some were not convinced of the needs of the cab companies and wanted to wait until a future date to make any decision so that the public might have a chance to know about it. Others were ready to cast their votes. Mr. Davis made a motion that the vote be taken at this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Fowler. Voting for the motion were Burch, Fowler, Fitch and Davis. Against Lanier. Mr. Hobbs did not vote

Mr. Davis further moved that the taxi flat rate fares in Chapel Hill be raised from twenty-five (25¢) cents to thirty-five cents (35¢) effective February 1st, 1949 and ordinance to that effect be drawn by Mr. Hinshaw, Town Attorney. Seconded by Mr. Burch. Voting for the motion were Burch, Fitch, Fowler and Davis. Against Lanier and Hobbs on the ground that no adequate hearing was held which includes hearing from the public.

Mr. Ray reported that he has requested the Utilities Commission to install a light in front of the Community Center and he was informed that an order was placed for a light there about a year ago but it could not be installed until the electric lines in that section could be rerouted.

Mr. Ray was requested to be gathering information as to the water consumption of individual houses for this year so that study could be made for basing sewer charge on the water consumption for this year.

Mr. Ray read a contract prepared by Mr. J.A. Williams, University Attorney, conveying one half interest in the site on which the new sewer plant is being erected, to the Town of Chapel Hill. Mr. Hobbs reported that in the early discussions of the new sewerage disposal plant it was decided that the University was to be allowed to have all the sludge from the plant to be treated for the grounds of the University and it was his opinion that if they are still interested it should be made a part of this contract. It was the suggestion of Mr. Hobbs that Mr. Ray present the idea to Mr. Williams that the University is to have the sludge and to have the responsibility of moving it. It was the feeling of the Board that the University should convey to the Town of Chapel Hill one half interest in the easement across the University for maintaining the sewer lines. Mr. Ray, Mr. Lanier and Mr. Hinshaw were appointed as a committee to work with Mr. Williams in drawing this contract between the University and Town of Chapel Hill.

Mr. Ray read a letter from Mr. J.A. Westbrook of the Health Department advising that the water supply in Chapel Hill is inspected by the Health Department periodically. They make tests at the plant and also from nine different places in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Mr. Ray advised that he checked the gas regularly during the month of December and according to the meter on the pump, the gas checked ten gallons short which would indicate that tickets in the amount of ten gallons had been omitted. Another check, however, showed the tank to be forty-five gallons short. Since the end of December the gas company has checked the meter and the test showed the meter to be accurate. If the shortage continues this month, Mr. Ray thinks the tank should be checked.

Mr. Ray reported that the radio has been installed in the police department and in the cars. The policemen would like to have a petition cutting off a small portion of the room from the rest of the office to house the transmitter and a desk. The Board advised Mr. Ray and Mr. Sloan to work this out to the best advantage.

Mr. Ray reported that Mr. Ed. King of the Police Department was involved in an automobile accident while on duty when a police car being driven by Mr. C.E. Durham struck the top of a manhole and threw Mr. King against the windshield. Mr. King is suffering from a fractured neck and will not be in condition to return to active duty for sometime. Mr. Ray asked the Board to supplement the Workman's Compensation to bring Mr. King's income up to his present salary per month. Mr. Lanier moved that Patrolmen C.E. King receive until not longer than the March meeting of this Board, his full salary including his Workman's Compensation benefit. It is to be decided at that meeting whether the Board will continue after that time to supplement the salary. Seconded by Mr. Burch and unanimously carried.

Mr. Ray told the Board of the burning of the home of Willie Link, Town employe on Christmas morning. Everything he had was burned with the exception of his family and the clothes they had on. Mr. Ray reported that he had taken the responsibility of paying Willie two weeks salary and if the Board sees fit he would like to have their authorization for paying this man his two weeks salary. Willie was suffering from burns on the face and hands and was not able to work but he is now back on the job. Mr. Hobbs made a motion that the Board authorize the payment of two weeks salary to Willie Link because of the burns he sustained. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously carried.

Application of Bob Smith for license to sell beer and wine was presented to the Board for approval. Mr. Burch moved that license to sell beer and wine be granted to Bob Smith. Seconded by Davis. Voting for the motion were Burch, Hobbs, Fowler, Davis and Lanier. Against Fitch.

Mr. Ray reported that the traffic light ordered about a year ago for the corner at E. Franklin Street and Henderson Streets has arrived and he hopes to have it installed within the next two weeks.

Upon request Mr. Lanier moved that a committee be appointed to make a study of the sidewalk needs in Chapel Hill. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously carried. This motion was made at the last meeting but was not seconded or voted upon.

Mr. Madry asked for a report from the committee appointed to make a study of the building code presented to the Board sometime ago by the Planning Board. It was decided that a special meeting should be called so that the whole Board could go over the building code more thoroughly. Thursday night, January 20th was set for the special meeting.

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

Louise H. Jellison
Town Clerk