

Minutes Special Meeting
Board of Aldermen - Town of Chapel Hill
May 20, 1949

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on May 20, 1949, at 8:00 P.M. Present were Mayor Lanier, Aldermen Burch, Putnam, Davis, Fitch and Fowler, Mr. Hinshaw, Town Attorney, Mr. Rose, Town Engineer and Mr. Ray, Town Manager.

The purpose of the meeting was for discussion of the zoning ordinance proposed by the Planning Board.

Dean Carmichael, Miss Herring and presidents of three sororities were present in behalf of the sororities of the University Campus. They don't feel that a suitable place has been provided in the proposed ordinance for the sororities to build homes when they are in position to do so. They stated they would like for a part of East Franklin Street or Battle Lane to be zoned for sororities. They think the property directly behind the women's dormitories on Battle Lane would be the most desirable place. Mr. Lanier advised Dean Carmichael that the Board will keep their desires and suggestions in mind when discussing the new ordinance.

Mr. Burch objected to allowing people with property in R.A. 6 Zone to build their homes closer than ten feet. Under the new ordinance the restriction would be set at eight feet and he feels that is too close. Mr. Burch presented petition signed by all property owners on Mallette Street requesting that Mallette St. be left in Zone A or B-10. After considerable discussion the matter of zoning ordinance was deferred for the next special meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Consideration of the Planning Board's proposed Ordinance to Regulate the Platting and Recording of Subdivisions of Land in Chapel Hill was also postponed until the next special meeting.

Mr. Lanier asked for a report from the committee investigating the request for franchise for bus line in Chapel Hill by Hastings Motor Lines. Mr. Ray and Mr. Fowler reported that their investigation had proved to them there is no reason this franchise should not be issued to this company, if the Board agrees to grant a franchise to anyone.

After some discussion, Mr. Burch moved that this Town offer a franchise to Mr. Hastings; the franchise to be drafted by a committee appointed by Mr. Lanier, to be approved by this Board before it is presented to Mr. Hastings. Seconded by Mr. Putnam. Voting for the motion were Messrs Burch, Fowler, Putnam and Fitch. Mr. Hobbs was not present and Mr. Davis was out of the room.

Mr. Lanier suggested that a committee should be appointed to consider requesting the Durham Gas Company to maintain a service shop in Chapel Hill for their customers in and near Chapel Hill. After some discussion, Mr. Putnam moved that resolution be adopted requesting the Durham Gas Company to open a repair shop in Chapel Hill with a repairman on duty to serve the Town of Chapel Hill. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously passed.

Mr. Lanier asked for report from Mr. Ray and Mr. Rose on their investigation of Mr. McAllister's request for sewer line on North Street. Mr. Ray and Mr. Rose reported that they find it will cost the town approximately \$2,900.00 to build this line. After considerable discussion, motion was made by Mr. Putnam that the town is financially unable to build the sewer line at this time. Seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously passed.

Mr. Lanier asked for report from Mr. Ray on his investigation of buying lot between Franklin Street and Rosemary Street owned by Mr. Danziger. Mr. Ray reported that he has found the lot is thirty feet wide and three hundred and seven feet deep and Mr. Danziger has told him he will sell the lot for \$7,500.00. After some discussion Mr. Ray and Mr. Rose were requested to investigate further on the approximate cost for installing culvert and making street of this property and report to the Board at a later date.

In reporting on the progress of Boyd and Goforth on the new sewer plant and lines, Mr. Rose reported that he thinks the cost will run approximately four or five thousand dollars over the amount of the contract because of the excess rock they have found. Mr. Fitch moved that Mr. Ray be directed to communicate with the University Authorities at once to get some definite understanding as to how the excess cost will be divided and report to the Mayor. Seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously passed.

Mr. Lanier presented a plan, drafted by Mr. Rex Winslow and Kiwanis Club, for guest parking privileges to be issued jointly by the Town of Chapel Hill and the University of North Carolina to special group visitors. Under this plan Mr. Ray and Mr. James A. Williams would be authorized to issue stickers to visitors allowing them to park in any of the reserved or restricted University parking areas and exempt them from penalty for overtime parking in the one-hour parking zones. After some discussion, motion was made by Mr. Putnam that so far as the streets of Chapel Hill are concerned, the request is denied. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Burch, seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 10:55 P.M.


Town Clerk