

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Board of Aldermen - Chapel Hill, N.C.  
July 13, 1949

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on July 13, 1949 at 8:00 P.M.

Present were Mayor Lanier, Aldermen Burch, Hobbs, Putnam, Fowler, Davis and Fitch; Mr. Hinshaw, Town Attorney; Mr. Peacock, Town Auditor.

Minutes for the June 8, regular meeting for June, and the minutes for the June 15, June 21, June 22, June 28, and July 6th special meetings, were read, corrected and approved by the Board.

The monthly reports from the Auditor, the Health Officer, the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief were made and are attached hereto.

Mr. Lanier recognized Mr. Johnson who has a home under construction on Hillview Avenue on Strowd Hill. Mr. Johnson stated that his lot is very undesirable for a septic tank and in view of the fact that he is within thirty-five feet of the sewer line, he would like very much to connect to the sewer line. After considerable discussion it was decided that some definite policy should be adopted by which to be guided in allowing out of town connections to the sewer line. Upon motion of Alderman Fitch, seconded by Alderman Putnam and unanimous consent the following policy was adopted and Mr. Hinshaw, City Attorney was directed to draw ordinance to this effect:

It is now the policy of the Town of Chapel Hill to welcome and encourage sewer connections outside the city limits at the rates and stipulations as follows:

(1) The charge for connection to the sewer line shall be \$25.00 for each individual family unit.

(2) The connections are to be made only upon the recommendation of the Town Engineer and the approval of the Town Manager.

(3) Each property owner must build and maintain the line from his house to the town's main line.

(4) The sewer rental for outside connections is to be at  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times the town sewer rental rate.

(5) Any connection to a line, even though it may be built by an individual, will be considered a separate connection and a separate connection fee and sewer rental rate will be charged for each individual family unit.

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Joe Barbee requested the Board to have something done immediately about the stream that runs in front of his property on Mitchell Lane as the odors from the stream are making a very unpleasant condition in his neighborhood. Charlie Brooks, Jr. also made complaints about the condition of this stream stating that it is a polluted stream. Mr. Lanier asked that the Town Manager, the Town Attorney and the Health Officer study this condition and make recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

Thurman Atkins requested that action be taken on his request for permit to sell beer. After some discussion, Mr. Davis moved that license be issued to Thurman Atkins to sell beer on premises. Seconded by Mr. Burch. Voting for the motion were Aldermen Burch, Fowler, Putnam and Davis. Against Hobbs. Mr. Fitch did not vote.

Mr. Hinshaw, Town Attorney, presented the privilege license schedule and recommended that gypsies be added to the ordinance at the rate of \$100.00 per year.

After discussion of the proposed tax schedule, Mr. Hobbs moved that privilege tax schedule be adopted as recommended by Mr. Hinshaw. Seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously adopted.

The Board was advised that Hubert and Luther Atwater are not satisfied with the raise in salary awarded them as of July 1st. It was decided to take no action on this matter and to let Mr. Rose handle it when he takes the office at City Manager.

Mr. Lanier read a letter from Mr. Vashaw, Secretary of the Fire Department, requesting that seven members of the fire department be allowed to attend the fire convention at Carolina Beach the week of August 15th through the 18th at a cost of \$35.00 per man. After discussion Mr. Putnam moved that the Town send the seven men listed to Carolina Beach with the total expenses for the seven men not to exceed \$200.00 or not in excess of \$35.00 per person, if less than seven go. Seconded by Mr. Hobbs and unanimously passed.

Mr. Burch suggested that some change be made in the timing of the stop light in front of the Post Office, as he feels that the timing of the red light is too long. It was the opinion of the entire board that the waiting time on Franklin Street is too long. Mr. Burch moved that Mr. Sloan be requested to see Mr. Grey Culbreth of the University Service Plants to work out a suitable solution for cutting the waiting time of this stop light. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously passed.

Mr. Lanier advised that the fence around the negro ball park has been completed. He also read a petition from the recreation center requesting that they be allowed to have ball games on Sunday for which there will be a charge. Mr. Davis moved that this request be granted. Seconded by Mr. Putnam. Voting for the motion were Messrs: Burch, Hobbs, Putnam, Fowler and Davis. Mr. Fitch did not vote.



Mr. Hobbs reported that he has the map made by Mr. F.J. LeClair of the lay out of the new negro cemetary and he feels that it is an excellent piece of work. He advised that he will bring the map so that the rest of the Board might see it.

Mr. Lanier suggested that the Board should immediately study and consider abandoning the old gasoline tank and pump at the rear of the Town Hall and consider buying gas from some other company, if the Standard Oil Company will not give the Town some better equipment. ~~Action~~ Action was deferred until Mr. Rose reports for duty as city manager.

Mr. Lanier asked the Board of Aldermen to direct the Town Manager and the Town Clerk not to pay any bill or statement that is not itemized. Mr. Burch moved that the Town of Chapel Hill will pay no statement that is not itemized. Seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously passed.

Mr. Lanier recommended that the Town definitely adopt and follow a policy of buying no materials, no special services, no insurance policies, no machines, etc. time permitting, without first getting written bids.

Mr. Lanier read a letter from Mr. Wiley B. Sanders suggesting that the Town build a safe and sanitary swimming pool for the negro children of the Town. No action was taken.

Mr. Lanier read a letter from Mr. John T. Manning requesting that fans be installed in the court room. This request was referred to the Town Properties committee.

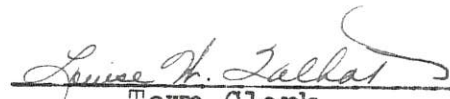
Mr. Lanier read another letter from Mr. Manning requesting that he be reimbursed in the amount of \$12.00 paid by him for unstopping the sewer line running to his property on North Street. The Board decided they cannot pay this account and the next time a similar condition exists, if Mr. Manning will contact the Town Manager, it will be taken care of as soon as possible provided the stoppage is in the line taken over by the Town for maintenance.

Mr. Lanier advised that Mr. Vic Huggins term on the Planning Board expired on July 1st and an appointment should be made to fill the vacancy. Mr. Burch nominated Mr. Bill Cochrane to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Huggins. No action was taken.

Mr. Lanier reminded members of the Board of the public hearing to be held by a special committee from the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina concerning the possible sale or lease of some or all of the utilities owned and operated by the University of North Carolina at 2:30 P.M. on July 14th at Gerard Hall on the University

Campus. He then reported to the Board the information he secured from Mr. Esterling of the N.C. Local Government Commission about possible ways for this municipality to finance the purchase and operation of utilities. It may be done by issuing "Revenue Bonds" for which there is no statutory debt limitation; or by issuing "General Obligation Bonds" for which there is no statutory debt limitation where utilities are involved. Mr. Esterling emphasized to Mr. Lanier that the marketability of revenue bonds or general obligation bonds is a far more pertinent question and far more real limitation than any statutory limitation would be.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

  
Town Clerk