

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Board of Aldermen - Town of Chapel Hill, N.C.  
August 10, 1949

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday August 10th, at 8:00 P.M.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 13th were read and approved.

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

Joe Barbee was present to inquire if any progress has been made in the investigation of the polluted stream which runs in front of his home. He was advised that the situation was being investigated and a report would be made in the near future.

William Lampley requested the Board to rezone the area of W. Rosemary Street, where he has recently built a new home, back to residential zone instead of the present commercial zone. He was advised that if he would present a petition, it would be turned over to the Planning Board for investigation and recommendation.

Mr. Rose, Town Manager, advised that the new sewer plant has been finished and has been put into operation.

Mr. Rose read a petition from the people of West Franklin Street, Roberson Street and Graham Street requesting that the business zone on Roberson and Graham Streets be extended to three hundred and fifty feet south instead of the present one hundred and fifty feet. The petition was referred to the Planning Board

Mr. Rose read a petition from the Negro Men's Civic Club offering the following proposals:

1. That the city install piping for sewer connections, on the streets designated in the recent bond election to be paved, beyond the width of the street to the lots ~~and~~ the added cost to be paid by the home owner when connections are made.

2. That some city ordinance be established or some enforcement be carried out to the effect that shrubbery or other things that may obstruct a driver's view upon entering one street from another be removed.

3. That traffic lights be placed at the intersection of West Franklin and Roberson Streets and West Franklin and Graham Streets.

4. That regulations be enforced on the distances that cars should be parked from corners, especially in the West Franklin Street area.

5. That some means be made by which the open ditch running from Franklin Street across Rosemary Street and down Mitchell Lane can be piped. It is now a health hazzard and a nuisance.

Mr. Rose read a letter from Mr. J.A. Williams, Treasurer of the N.C. Beta Foundation, Inc. advising that he has been told of the bad condition of the alley behind Chi Phi and the Phi Delta Theta houses. It was his opinion that this alley was opened to be used by school buses when the high school building was placed on the property now occupied by the trailer court. If it should develope that it is the responsibility of the town to improve this alley way he would like for them to do so. The matter was referred to the Town Manager and the Street Committee.

Mr. John T. Manning made a brief report on the contents of his letter of August 3rd to the Board of Aldermen. In that letter he requested that he be reimbursed for \$12.00 incurred in unstopping the sewer line running from his property on North Street. This request was denied and Mr. Manning stated that he feels that some action should be taken to assure him that the town line will be kept clear. He is willing to install a new lines to run from his buildings to the new manhole on North Street, if the town can assure him the main lines will be kept open. The matter was referred to Mr. Rose to be investigated and report to be made to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Rose reported to the Board that the Esso Standard Oil Company propose to install a new one thousand gallon gasoline tank but they want to put it in a place closer to the building than the present tank. Mr. Rose and Mr. Davis were advised to work this out to best advantage.

Mr. Rose advised that the garbage fill is about filled up and on investigating he has found a location on the Airport Road that he thinks will serve very nicely. If the site is approved, the Town will need a temporary building to house the tractor and possibly need a fence along the road. No action was taken.

Mr. John T. Manning requested that the Court Room be rearranged to give more space for the Clerk of Court's desk. After some discussion Mr. Rose recommended that the changes in the court room be made. The request was referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Fitch, Hobbs, Fowler, Burch and Rose. Mr. Davis moved that the committee be advised to investigate these alterations and be empowered to act on the request of Mr. Manning, the cost not to exceed \$50.00. Seconded by Mr. Burch and unanimously passed.

Mr. Rose was further requested to get prices on proper files to be used in the office of the Clerk of the Recorder's Court.

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Mr. Manning advised that he would like to have an alphabetized list of the names of all people who owe fines from prior years. He feels that some effort should be made to collect this money and it would be a great help to him to know if a defendant owes anything from prior convictions. Mr. Peacock advised that he will have all the fines listed by numbers when he has finished his audit and then the names could easily be added.

Mr. Hobbs and Mr. F.J. LeClair presented the layout of the new negro cemetery. After explaining it in detail to the Board, Mr. Hobbs moved that Mr. LeClairs plans for the new cemetery be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously passed. Mr. Rose was directed to make plans for starting to develop the cemetery in the near future.

Upon motion of Mr. Burch, seconded by Mr. Hobbs and unanimous consent, Mr. Rose was authorized to take bids on a new car for the police department and a new pick up truck for the labor force.


Mrs. Hamrick has been to see Mr. Rose about the possibility of purchasing from the Town the lot at the intersection of the Airport Road and Columbia Street. She is interested in this lot for the location of a new curb market. Mr. Rose was requested to check the size of the lot, whether or not the University would have any interest in the ownership and report back to the Board at a later date.

Mr. Davis, chairman of the Streets Committee reported that several of the residents of the negro section have been to see him with regard to the paving of Sunset, Whitaker, Graham and Nunn Streets. It was decided to ask Mr. Rose to investigate the possibility of putting the piping for sewer connections out to the side of the Road so these streets could be paved without having to cut them later.

Mr. Lanier called a special meeting for the night of August 24th, to consider special reports from the Board's standing committees.

Mr. Lanier asked the Board to elect a new member to the Planning Board for a term of five years to succeed Mr. Vic Huggins. After some discussion Mrs. W.C. Coker was unanimously elected to serve the five year term on the Planning Board, effective July 1, 1949.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

  
Town Clerk