

Minutes Regular Meeting
Board of Aldermen - Chapel Hill, N.C.
September 12, 1949

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall at 8:00 P.M. September 12, 1949.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 10th and Special Meeting of August 24th were read and approved.

Several citizens of the town were present to request that some help be given to school children crossing Cameron Avenue behind the school when going to or leaving the school. They feel that a stop light will not be adequate and they asked that a police officer be stationed there for short periods of time several times a day. No definite action was taken but they were advised that consideration is being given to this problem. Mr. Rose reported that he will try to have a policeman there at the desired times but he is not sure how well it will work with the limited number of officers now on the police force.

Mr. Giles Horney requested that the Town recognize Spring Lane as a municipal street and make some effort to repair the surface and divert the water that runs across the street from Rosemary Street. Mr. Horney was advised that this would be given due consideration.

Mr. Rose read a petition from Mr. Carl Smith of Smith Prevost Cleaners requesting that taxicabs be prohibited from parking on Columbia Street between Franklin and Rosemary Streets. Mr. Rose was requested to advise Mr. Smith that all taxi companies have been notified to provide off street parking for their cabs by December 1, 1949.

Mr. Rose read a petition from Mr. Paul Green requesting the town to help pay a bill in the amount of \$375.00 for grading at the Negro ball park. After due discussion, Mr. Putnam moved that Mr. Green's request be declined with regrets as the town is not allowed by law to give monetary support to any recreational project. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously carried.

Mr. Rose read a petition from Messrs. B.S. Thompson, A.C. Pickard, and J.S. Bennett requesting that the Town accept a street between 219 and 223 E. Rosemary Street as a municipal street and pave it at the earliest convenience. Mr. Hobbs suggested that a survey be made of all similar streets in the Town of Chapel Hill and a report be made to the Board as to the number and condition of each. Mr. Burch moved that this be referred to the Street Committee and the Town Manager and when they have prepared a report to bring it to the Board. Seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously passed.

Mr. Rose read the monthly report of the Health Department.

Mr. Cobb presented layouts for the housing project of the Country Club Development Corporation and Lennox Corporation on Highway 54. These plans had been approved by the Planning Board and they recommended that they be approved by the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Hobbs moved that the recommendation of the Planning Board be accepted by the Board of Aldermen. Seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously passed.

Mr. Rose reported that he has had several complaints about the rummage sales being held on Saturday mornings by children on the wall in front of the Masonic Hall. After some discussion, Mr. Rose was asked to check with the Masonic Lodge to see if these sales are objectionable to them and, if they are, to ask Mr. Davis, principal of the school, if there is a place on the school ground that could be used by the children for such sales.

After some discussion, Mr. Putnam moved that Mr. Rose and Mr. Hinshaw be instructed to prepare the zoning ordinance for printing. Seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously passed.

Mr. Rose reported that he has been advised by the Bank of Chapel Hill that they have securities posted in the amount of \$235,000.00 to secure the Bond deposits of 1948. Now that most of that money has been spent the bank would like to reduce these securities by \$155,000.00. Mr. Putnam moved that Mr. Rose be advised to inform the bank that they may reduce these securities by the amount requested. Seconded by Mr. Hobbs and unanimously passed.

There was some discussion as to whether or not the Town should add one officer to the Police Force. Mr. Putnam suggested that a three wheel motorcycle be bought and an additional officer hired to act as traffic officer. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee and the Safety Committee.

Upon motion of Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Burch, all members present voting in the affirmative the following ordinance was adopted:

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen for the Town of Chapel Hill:

Sec. 1 That it shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle or horse drawn vehicle on south Columbia Street for a period of time greater than one hour between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. each day except on Sundays and Holidays.

Sec. 2 All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3 Any person, firm or corporation violating this ordinance shall pay a penalty of \$1.00.

This 12th day of September, 1949.

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Upon motion of Alderman Hobbs, seconded by Alderman Burch, the following ordinance was adopted. Voting for the ordinance were Aldermen Burch, Hobbs, Davis and Fowler. Against Fitch.

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

Sec. 1 That because of the increased traffic in town it is necessary to limit it to one way on certain streets as follows:

A. No person, firm or corporation shall drive or cause to be driven any vehicle of any kind in a southerly direction on that portion of Henderson Street between Rosemary Street and E. Franklin Street.

Sec. 2. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. Any person, firm or corporation violating this ordinance shall forfeit and pay a penalty of \$2.00.

This 12th day of September 1949.

Louise H. Talbot
Town Clerk

Mr. Rose advised that the bids on paving Graham, Nunn and Whitaker Streets were considerable lower than the estimate of last year and he finds that the town has enough money in the street improvements fund to pave several other streets that need to be done. Mr. Rose recommended the following streets to be paved:

Graham Street - From Rosemary To Whitaker
Roberson Street - From Rosemary to Whitaker
Whitaker Street - From Roberson to Nunn
Nunn Street - *Whitaker to Sunset Drive*
Sunset Drive - *Nunn to Rosemary*
Mitchell Lane - From Rosemary to Lindsay
North Columbia - From Stephens to Noble
North Hillsboro - From present paving to town line
Westwood Drive - Portion that is in town limits

There would be approximately 12,100 yards of paving and the approximate cost would be \$6,400.00.

About two hundred and thirty-five feet of Sunset Drive is in Carrboro and Chapel Hill collects taxes from all houses on the east side of the 235 foot strip and Carrboro collects taxes from the property on the west side, therefore, Carrboro has agreed to pay for one half of the paving of the 235 feet. Mr. Burch moved that Adams and Tate Construction Company of Roanoke, Virginia be awarded the contract for the paving of all the streets mentioned above at approximately \$6,400.00. Seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously passed.

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Mr. Rose advised that A.C. Shearer Company has offered to furnish equipment and labor to build a demonstration portion of sidewalk in front of the High School.

Mr. Lanier invited and urged all members of the Board to attend the meeting of N.C. League of Municipalities in Winston-Salem November 19, 20 and 21st, 1949.

Mr. Lanier advised that since Mr. Cobb has found it necessary to resign as Chairman of the Planning Board the vacancy should be filled as soon as possible. Action was deferred until the next meeting.

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

Louise H. Zallat
Town Clerk

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September 26, 1949

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on Monday, September 26, 1949, at 8:00 P.M.

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

A group of citizens of W. Cameron Avenue led by Dr. Eubanks and Dr. Dobbins were present to request the Board to make Cameron Avenue a no truck street instead of making it into a truck lane. They were advised that their request will be given consideration before any definite action is taken.

Mr. Rose read reports of police department and the fire department. The firemen requested that the \$60.00 returned to the town from the amount allotted for expenses at the convention at Carolina Beach, be turned over to the fire department for miscellaneous expenses.

Mr. Rose suggested that the police cars be equipped with fire extinguishers. After some discussion, the matter was left with Mr. Rose to install fire extinguishers at his discretion.

Mr. Rose advised that the experimental portion of sidewalk in front of the school has been completed and he invited all members of the Board to go by to see it.

Mr. Rose reported that the two stop lights ordered some time ago have been shipped and should be delivered within the next week. It was decided by the Board that one should be put at the corner of Mallette and Franklin Streets and the second one at the corner of Roberson and Franklin Streets.

Mr. Rose reported that Mrs. Hamrick has been to see him and requested that for the benefit of the patrons of the curb market, that parking on North Columbia Street be limited to one hour parking on Saturday mornings only. It was the feeling of the Board that since only such a short time is involved they could not grant this request.

Mr. Rose advised that when the paving of the streets is started someone will have to be on the job at all times to inspect the paving as it is done. He asked permission to hire Mr. John R. Gove to do this inspection work. The matter was left to the discretion of Mr. Rose.

Mr. Lanier reported that he has had several requests for Cobb Terrace to be paved and also the three main driveways in the cemetery while the paving is being done in the town. Mr. Rose requested that he be allowed to tear up the section of W. Rosemary Street between Mitchell Lane and Roberson Street and have it paved anew. After discussion Mr. Burch moved that Mr. Rose and the Street Committee be authorized and empowered to act on investigating and paving the above mentioned streets, if they find it necessary. Seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously passed.

Mr. Peacock suggested that no parking be allowed on W. Rosemary Street on afternoon of football games. This was referred to the Town Manager and the Safety Committee.

Mr. Peacock made a partial report on his annual audit. Mr. Peacock recommended that a campaign be started to collect all back taxes. He also recommended that the Assistant Tax Collector be given a list each month and that he make a monthly report to the ~~Board~~ *Town Manager* on his efforts to collect back taxes.

The Board considered the matter of alleged water damages caused by rain water to Mr. Pendergraft's property on W. Franklin Street for which the Board of Aldermen does not recognize any legal responsibility.

Mr. Hinshaw presented for the Board's consideration, a franchise contract between the Town of Chapel Hill and ~~Hastings Motor Lines~~ *Chapel Hill Transit Line, Inc.* for operation of town busses in and near Chapel Hill. After some discussion of the contract it was formally adopted by the Board and a copy is attached herewith as part of the minutes of this meeting. Motion for the adoption of the franchise contract between the Town of Chapel Hill and Hastings Motor Lines was made by Mr. Burch, seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously passed.

Mr. Putnam nominated Mr. Roland McClamroch to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board left by the resignation of Mr. Collier Cobb. No other name was suggested and decision on Mr. McClamroch was deferred until a later date.

The Safety Committee recommended the employment of one additional policeman and the purchase of a Servi-Car. The Finance Committee recommended that an extra policeman be employed on a temporary basis at a salary not to exceed \$175.00 per month, the salary to come out of the Contingency Fund; also, that a Servi-Car be purchased by using balance of the bond equipment money, and if extra money is needed such amount to come from the contingency fund. Mr. Putnam moved that the recommendations of the Safety and Finance Committees be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Burch and unanimously passed.

Mr. Lanier reported that the N.C. League of Municipalities has expressed its willingness to be released of its promise to codify the ordinances of the Town of Chapel Hill. After discussion Mr. Putnam moved that the City Manager be requested to contact the Institute of Government as to the estimated cost of their preparing the ordinances for printing. Seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously passed.

Mr. Rose reported that Mr. H.L. Stone has resigned from the police force effective October 1, 1949 in order to return to his former position with the Farmer's Dairy.

The Mayor recommended that the Board promptly study the provisions of Title III of the 1949 Federal Housing Act which authorized federal aid to communities to house low-income families. Families who cannot afford to pay enough to induce private enterprise to build an adequate supply of decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for their use. While our population under the 1940 census may technically disqualify Chapel Hill for such assistance, the 1950 census will certainly make this community eligible so far as the population requirement is concerned. Possibly Chapel Hill and Carrboro could and should act jointly in this matter.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Burch and unanimous consent the meeting adjourned.

Louise H. Talbot
Town Clerk