

Chapel Hill, N.C.
December 6th. 1949.

Mayor Ed Lanier,
Chapel Hill, N.C.
Dear Mr. Lanier:-

I hate to bother you with the Hut problem again as I thought that all had been thrashed out and was settled. At this time it seems that Dewey Horner has rented the place to some Jew Fraternity. Last Saturday night they were there until 3:30 o'clock or later. I called the police and Mr. Blake answered and said that he "would go up and recommend that they leave but if they did not there was nothing he could do about it."

It is my understanding and I guess that it is with the Board of Aldermen that they leave by twelve o'clock when the Hut is rented out. We thrashed that out and there is an agreement to that effect. Blake also reported very nice for them and there were no drinks. The janitor can tell you what he put in the trash can Monday evening or before dark Monday.

I called Mr. Carmichael and then I called Mr. Friday. Wish you would speak to Mr. Friday. Fred Weaver seemed to have cut out students from renting the Hut at all. Cordially,

G.C. Bush
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P.S. My telephone is a party line.

Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Wednesday Afternoon
December 14, 1949

You attended the public hearing before the Board of Aldermen last Monday night. The group agreed they wanted (1) an early conference with Mr. James A. Barnwell, Highway Commissioner for this highway district, or (2) a conference with him in Durham on Wednesday, December 14.

Later in the evening the Board of Aldermen advised me to seek promptly (1) or (2) with Mr. Barnwell.

Yesterday I contacted Mr. Barnwell by telephone. His schedule is packed until the middle of January. He said that he would be glad to meet with a group in Durham today (his regular conference day for Durham County). He then asked --- and I took it to be a suggestion --- that I and one or two other persons from Chapel Hill have lunch with him in Durham and discuss our problems with him.

Today Mr. Sam T. Emory, Chairman of the Chapel Hill School Board, - Mr. R. J. M. Hobbs, member of the Board of Aldermen, - and I had lunch with Mr. Barnwell and, then, a conference with him. We found Mr. Barnwell very cordial, very frank, and well informed about the highway and traffic problems in and around Chapel Hill. From him we learned:

1. That he is surveying the Stowd Hill section of the Durham Road with the intention of widening the Stowd Hill bridge and of trying to add four (4) feet to the width of the highway from Stowd's bridge up the hill to a point near Dr. MacNider's home on East Franklin Street; also, in adding the four feet he hopes to reduce the sharpness of the curves between the bridge and the top of the hill.
11. A. That a by-pass road from Highway #54 at a point just west of Muirhead's Apartment project to the Durham Road (#15) at a point east of Harward's Durham Road Dairy will probably be started in the early spring of 1950.
- B. That a by-pass from #54 south to the Pittsboro Road (#15) at a point near Purefoy's bridge is to be constructed. It will be a continuation of A. When? Indefinite; not in the picture for the immediate future.
- C. That a by-pass from a point on #54 just west of Carrboro south to the Pittsboro Road (#15) to connect with B. When? Indefinite; not in the near future, but will be done after B.
111. Mr. Barnwell, on the bases of traffic counts and analyses, and on the advice of the engineering department of the Highway Commission, has no plan for bringing a new Durham-Chapel Hill road into Chapel Hill by way of Franklin Street, or by way of the Airport Road and North Columbia Street, or along the north of Chapel Hill and out by Carrboro.

Cordially yours,

Edwin S. Lanier, Mayor

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on December 12th at 8:00 P.M. Present were Mayor Lanier, Aldermen Burch, Hobbs, Putnam, Davis and Fitch; Town Manager Rose.

Minutes of the November 28th regular meeting were read and approved.

As there was a large delegation of citizens of Chapel Hill present the meeting recessed and reconvened in the court room.

The delegation, led by Mr. Collier Cobb, Dr. Wm. MacNider, Mr. Carl Durham, Mr. Louis Graves, Dr. E.C. Rogers, Mr. Paul Green, and others stated that they had been informed that a four lane highway was being surveyed to enter Chapel Hill from Durham by E. Franklin Street. These people are all property owners on E. Franklin Street and very much against having the new road come in by E. Franklin Street. They requested that arrangements be made for an early hearing in Chapel Hill with Mr. Barnwell, Mr. Browning and Dr. Jordan, members of the State Highway Commission. If the meeting could not be arranged for Chapel Hill, they thought some delegates from the group and the Board of Aldermen should attend a meeting of the Highway Commission in Durham on December 14th. Later in the evening the Board advised the Mayor to arrange with Mr. James S. Barnwell, Fifth District Highway Commissioner, for a meeting in Chapel Hill or for a meeting with him in Durham on Wednesday December 14th. A report of that meeting is attached hereto.

Mr. Lanier read a letter from Mr. J. Minor Gwynn about the possibility of the Town's meeting a part of the summer recreational needs for the children of this community through adapting a new school building plans to that purpose. After discussion, motion was made by Mr. Burch that the matter be referred to the School Board for their consideration. Seconded by Mr. Hobbs and unanimously passed.

Mr. Phipps, Chairman of the Planning Board, reported the recommendation of the Planning Board on the petition for rezoning of a portion of W. Rosemary Street changing the area requested from business zone to RA6. The Planning Board recommended that the change be made. Mr. Hobbs moved that a public hearing be announced for January 23, 1950, for discussion of rezoning the portion of W. Rosemary Street from halfway between Mitchell Lane and Roberson Street to the Carrboro town limits. Seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously passed.

Mr. Phipps also reported the recommendation of the Planning Board on a petition to change the zoning of South side of W. Franklin Street from 150 feet to 350 feet deep from the colored Baptist Church to the Eastern side of Merritt Mill Road. The Planning Board recommended that this change not be allowed. Mr. Putnam moved that a public hearing be held for discussion of this petition on January 23rd. Seconded by Mr. Burch and unanimously passed.

Mr. John Manning, advised that the Parent Teachers Association is asking each organization to appoint a representative to meet with their committee to make plans and suggestions for the new school building and grounds. He asked the Board to consider appointing a person to represent them.

Mr. Lanier read a letter from Mr. G.C. Bush asking the Board to do something about the noise from parties being held at the American Legion Hut. He stated that the hut is being rented to fraternities and they are staying there until all hours of the night. After some discussion, Mr. Hobbs moved that Mr. Rose be instructed to see that the ordinances covering matters of this kind are enforced. Seconded by Mr. Burch and unanimously passed.

Mr. Rose read monthly reports from the Police and Fire Departments. He also read a report on traffic tickets. \$895.00 has been collected from traffic tickets from September 20th to December 12, 1949.

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

Mr. Rose read a letter from Gavin, Jackson and Gavin stating that Suit is being started on the case of Pendergraft vs. the Town of Chapel Hill.

Upon motion of Mr. Putnam, seconded by Mr. Burch and unanimous consent the following ordinance was adopted:

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

Section 1. That no person or persons shall park a motor vehicle or horse drawn vehicle on the north side of Rosemary Street between Columbia Street and Hillsboro Street, that all parking on Rosemary Street shall be on the south side and parallel to the curb with one front wheel and one rear wheel within 12 inches of the curb.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 12th day of December 1949.

Louise H. Zalkat
Town Clerk

Mr. Rose asked the Board if they would be interested in securing for the Town some quonset huts from the University to be moved to the old disposal plant to be used for the storage of town trucks and equipment. Mr. Rose was asked to make further investigation as to getting the huts and the cost of moving and reconstructing them and make report at the next meeting.

Mr. Rose read a letter from Mr. S.H. Basnight requesting that something be done to improve the sewer service from his building on Henderson and Rosemary Streets. There was some discussion but no action was taken.

Mr. Rose presented the application of Margie Williams for license to sell beer at 412 W. Franklin Street. Mr. Rose also read a letter of recommendation from Mr. L.G. Edwards, Solicitor County Criminal Court of Lee County and signed by Mr. T.P. Watson, Chief of Police, Sanford, N.C. Action was deferred until next meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Hobbs reported on meeting with Dr. Bost at which he, ^{Mr. Rose} and Mr. Lanier went over the matter of extra cost for building sewer line to the Lutheran Church and parsonage. Mr. Hobbs reported that he explained to Dr. Bost that the sewer project had cost the town more than was anticipated because of excess rock and since this charge to the church is for the same reason, he does not think the town can excuse the balance due. Dr. Bost stated that they had made a contract with the town and they would stick by it but if there was any way a reduction in the charge could be made it would be appreciated. Mr. Hobbs committee did recommend that the church be given a period of five years from January 1, 1950 to pay the charge against them. After some discussion, Mr. Putnam moved that the report of the committee be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously passed.

Mr. Burch moved that since the time for the second regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen for December will fall on December 26th that the meeting be held on Wednesday night, December 28, 1949. Seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously passed.

Mr. Putnam moved that the town office be closed for Christmas Holidays on December 26 and 27th. Seconded by Mr. Hobbs and unanimously passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Burch, seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

Louise H. Latham
Town Clerk