Minutes Regular Meeting
Board of Aldermen - Chapel Hill, N.C.
March 27,1950

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on March 27,1950 at 8:00 P.M.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 16th were read and approved.

Some of the members of the S.P.E. Fraternity were present and stated that since the parking on Franklin Street between Columbia and Mallette Streets has been limited to two hours they have no place to park their cars. There are approximately five boyd who own cars and there is not enough room on their lot to park them. After some discussion, Mr. Putnam moved that the request be referred to the Town Manager and the Safety Committee for investigation and recommendation to the Board. Seconded by Mr. Fitch and unanimously passed.

Mr. Rose advised that he has an application from Charlie Mason for license to sell beer at Mason Grocery on W. Rosemary Street. Mr. Rose and Mr. Sloan, Chief of Police, were asked to make investigation and make recommendation at next meeting.

Mr. Rose read the monthly report of the Fire Department for the month of March.

Mr. Peacock reported that he has examined the vouchers for February and found them in order. He asked the Board to set a certain mileage rate for travel expenses. Mr. Burch moved that seven cents per mile be allowed for travel expenses. Seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously passed.

Statements of the expenditures through February 28th were passed to each member of the Board and were discussed by Mr. Peacock and the Board.

Mr. Lanier reported that the sidewalk on Kenan Street has been completed and is being used.

Mr. Rose reported that Mrs. Bruce Whitmire damaged her car when she hit a part of the catch basin to a storm drain on E. Rosemary Street. A part of this catch basin stands about eight inches above the curb. Mr. Rose inquired as to whether the town would be liable in this case. Investigatio will be made.

Mr. Rose reported that Rufus Bynum has threatened to sue the Town of Chapel Hill for injuries sustained by his son when he fell in an open ditch left by Boyd and Goforth during the recent sewer line construction project.

Mr. Rose reported that he has obtained permission from every property owner on Kenan Street, with the exception of Mr. Montjoy, to make a gravel sidewalk on the east side of the street. He has written Mr. Montjoy for his consent and hopes to have an answer very soon.

Mr. Rose reported that gas for the Town of Chapel Hill is now being purchased from the Gulf Oil Company and they have installed a new thousand gallon tank and a new pump.

Mr. Rose advised that he would like to have a detailed survey made of Rosemary Street for future plans on widening the street. Mr. Hobbs suggested that approximate cost be put in the town budget for the new year, for consideration at that time.

Mr. Rose asked that the Board be thinking of having a tax map made for the Town of Chapel Hill.

Mr. Rose advised that Fred Edwards has given him a plat of a road thirty feet wide running from Nunn Street to the new negro cemetery. Mr. Rose asked if the Board would like for him to have the town labor crew to work on the road with the motor grader at times when they are not busy on something else.

Mr. Putnam reported that he has talked with one of the property owners on Oakwood Drive and he was advised that it is the feeling of the people out there that Oakwood Drive should be taken into the city limits and then they should be allowed to connect to the sewer lines of Glen Lennox.

Mr. Fitch advised that he has noticed that the negro community center is getting to be in a run down condition. He asked if the town is responsible for the upkeep. The Town Properties Committee, Mr. Rose and Mr. Burch were asked to inspect the building and make further report to the Board.

Mr. Hinshaw presented the following ordinance for adoption:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL:

Sec. 1. That all ordinances relative to limiting parking on Columbia Street between Franklin Street and Cameron Avenue are hereby repealed.

This 13th day of March, 1950.

Mr. Putnam moved that the above ordinance be adopted, seconded by Mr. Burch. Voting for the ordinance were Aldermen Burch, Putnam, Fitch, Davis and Hobbs. Against Aldermen Fowler.

Upon motion of Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Burch and unanimou consent the meeting adjourned at 10:50 P.M.

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Mr. Rose reported that he has asked the police to check the jail about once every hour when there is someone in jail as a precaution against fire. He further reported that he has ordered some heavy wire to be welded over the windows of the jail so nothing can be passed through the bars to someone in jail.

Mr. Lanier reported that Mr. Rose has had some complaints on the stream by the home of Joe Barbee off Mitchell Lane. Upon investigating the ditch a most undesirable situation was found by the home of Willie Roberts. Mr. Burch, building inspector,and the Health Department were both notified of this condition.

Mr. Rose asked that an ordinance be prepared and adopted requiring any property owner to connect to the sewer line, if they are within a reasonable distance of the line. A model ordinance was presented for consideration. Mr. Hinshaw was requested to draw an ordinance suitable to the needs of Chapel Hill and present it at the next meeting.

Mr. Rose reported that the contractor,for the new building being erected by Michael Pappas on Henderson Street,has asked him where the connection should be made to the sewer line. He was advised that a group of property owners near him had been discussing a new sewer line to take the place of the old one now in the private alley west of the Presbyterian Church but that they had made no formal application to the Town. Mr. Rose advised them to let a contract for their plumbing and that the sewer line be extended five feet from the rear of the building and the question of the line to the sewer would have to be settled at a later date.

Mr. Rose reported that at the meeting of the School Board for discussion of the sewer line to the new negro school it was decided that a survey would be made as to the actual length of the line and the actual lift of the line. When this report is made, further consideration can be given.

Mr. Putnam reported that he, Mr. Burch, Mr. Rose and Mr. Lanier inspected the community center and they found that is is fair condition but that it does need some minor repairs and painting in the near future. After some discussion, Mr. Rose and Mr. Burch were asked to go back to the Community Center and make a list of the repairs that need to be made and get an estimate as to the cost.

Mr. Hobbs suggested that the city limits sign on the Raleigh Road be moved to the actual town line.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Hobbs moved that the City Manager be directed by the Board of Aldermen to invite the people of the Davie Circle area to meet about the end of April for discussion of extending the city limits. Seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously passed. Mr. Rose and Mr. Hobbs were asked to prepare a letter of invitation to be sent to the people in the Davie Circle Area. The date for the meeting will be set at the next meeting and the letters will not be sent out until after the date has been set.

Mr. Rose reported that he has had a request for a street light at the end of Caldwell Street which would be just outside the city limits. It was decided that the Town cannot put lights outside the city limits.

Mr. Lanier advised the Board that there will be a regional meeting of the N.C. League of Municipalities in Durham on April 6th from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Those attending the meeting are invited, also, to be the dinner guest of the Durham officials.

Mr. Lanier further advised that an official of the Public Housing Administration has been invited to come here on March 31st to discuss the requirements for a Low Income Housing Project for Chapel Hill. Mr. Lanier expressed his hope that a meeting could be arranged with the Town Manager and The Board Members to get full information about the requirements for such a project.

Upon motion of Mr. Burch, seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 10:50 P.M.

Louise K. Zellat
Town Clerk