

Minutes Regular Meeting  
Board of Alderman--Chapel Hill, N. C.  
February 26, 1951

The regular meeting of the Board of Alderman was held in the Town Hall on February 26, 1951 at 8:00 P.M.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 1951 and the special meeting of February 19, 1951 were read and approved.

Mr. Joe Graham owner of the drive-in known as the Curve Inn, situated on the Durham Road, came before the Board to request that they give him time to settle his business before making him comply with the Ordinance passed on October 9, 1950, which states that nobody is allowed to consume beer in any place other than the place in which it was purchased. He explained that his place of business was too small for his customers to sit inside, and that beer was his biggest volume of business. He further stated that if he were made to comply with this Ordinance immediately that it would put him out of business. Mr. Lanier explained to him that the Town had had many complaints about his business and that it was up to the Town to see that business is done in an orderly way to protect people's property. After discussing this matter, Mr. Putnam moved that the Curve Inn be allowed to operate outside the provisions of the Ordinance passed on October 9, 1950 until May 1, 1951, provided that it is operated otherwise according to law. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burch. Voting for the motion were Aldermen Putnam, Burch, and Fowler--against, Fitch, Hobbs, and Davis, resulting in a tie vote. Mr. Lanier voted against this motion, therefore, it was not passed. Mr. Fitch requested that the minutes show the reason for his voting against this motion. He stated that if one person was made to obey the law, all persons should obey it; otherwise, the law should be rescinded.

Mr. Burton S. Jones came before the Board to discuss the possibility of getting a sewer line on the Vance Street Extension so that he could connect to this line when he builds his home there. The Board thought that it might be possible to work a line in on the contract for the sewer line in the newly annexed area. Mr. Rose stated that the Town should come from the present sewer line to a

manhole in the center of Vance Street Extension, and that Mr. Jones would then be responsible for connecting to this line, under specifications of the Town. After discussing this matter, Mr. Hobbs moved to request the low bidder for the sewer contract in the Davie Woods area to give the Town a price on this line from our present sewer up to a manhole in the middle of the street, about 166 feet, including two manholes. This motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and Fitch, and unanimously passed.

Mr. Fitch moved that Mr. Jones would be required to build a line from his lot to the manhole in the center of Vance Street Extension at his expense, but by specifications given to him by the Town Manager. This motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously.

Mr. Peacock reported that he had examined the vouchers for the month of January, 1951 and had found that the Clerk had written a voucher for 45¢ less than the bill, to Nathan Veterinary Hospital. Other than this, he stated, the vouchers were in order.

Mr. Rose reported that the Town had sent out delinquent tax notices the first of February, and that more were ready to be mailed on March 1.

Mr. Hobbs moved that the following Bill be sent to Representative Umstead with the request that he introduce it in the General Assembly of North Carolina and try to secure the passage of the Amendment to the Town Charter. This motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously passed.

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN TO APPOINT AN ASSISTANT TAX COLLECTOR

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

Section 1. Due to the large increase in taxable property the Board of Alderman of the Town of Chapel Hill is hereby authorized to appoint an Assistant Tax Collector, who shall be paid a salary for his services to be fixed by the Board of Alderman.

Section 2. That said Tax Collector shall post a bond in the amount of \$1,000.00, guaranteeing the faithful performance of his duty. Said bond to be paid for by the municipality.

This amendment shall be in full force and effect upon its ratification.

Ratified this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1951.



Mr. Rose reminded the members of the Board that at 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 28, 1951, the bids for the sewer construction in the newly annexed area would be received and opened. He stated that he had been under the impression that the Town could issue bonds within 2/3 of what the Town retired the year before, but while in Raleigh recently, he learned that the Town could issue bonds in the amount of \$16,000.00 this year and \$6,000.00 next year. Mr. Rose stated that it had been suggested that the Town authorize an Ordinance to issue \$22,000.00 in bonds, \$16,000.00 to be in the form of a short-term note until August or September. He further stated that it might be possible to appropriate some money from surplus, as the Town had a net surplus of about \$33,000.00 in cash or bonds, as of June 30, 1950.

Mr. Burch stated that the alley by the Electric and Water building is very narrow and that a lot of traffic passes each day. He said that some people had asked about the possibility of a raised sidewalk. Mr. Putnam moved that this matter be referred to the Streets Committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burch and unanimously passed.

Mr. Hobbs moved that the bid on painting the Town Hall be accepted from Williams and Campbell for \$335.00. This motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously. Mr. Fitch suggested that a wood preserver be put on the cupola at the top of the building.

Mr. Fitch stated that he was disturbed about the sewer lines in the new area because he felt that if the Town and the University of North Carolina have a joint account, the University should help the Town in paying for this line. Mr. Fitch moved that the matter of the University of North Carolina's participation in the sewer extension in the newly annexed area be discussed with University officials. This motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously passed.

Mr. Lanier congratulated Mr. Putnam on being elected Chapel Hill's "Young Man of the Year", and stated that he knew that he spoke for the members of the Board when he said that the Board was proud of him.

*by the Junior Chamber of Commerce*

Mr. Putnam moved that on April 9, 1951 the Board of Alderman of the Town of Chapel Hill will hold a public hearing on the Planning Board's recommendation for zoning of new area. This motion was seconded by Mr. Fitch and passed unanimously.

Mr. Lanier reported that the Street Naming Committee was supposed to make their formal report to the Board of Alderman in February, but that he had not heard how near ready they were to make that report. Mr. Putnam reported that the Junior Chamber of Commerce was anxious to finish their street marking project, and that they would put the names on the posts and change them later if it became necessary.

Upon motion of Mr. Putnam, seconded by Mr. Burch, and unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M. o'clock.

*Helen J. Gidney*  
Town Clerk