

Minutes Regular Meeting  
Board of Aldermen--Chapel Hill, N. C.  
March 9, 1953

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on March 9, 1953 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present were Mayor Lanier, Aldermen Fowler, Fitch, Burch, Davis, Cornwell, and Putnam, Town Attorney LeGrand, and Town Manager Rose.

The minutes for the regular meeting of February 23, 1953 were approved as read and amended.

Rev. J. R. Manley and a delegation representing the Old Rock Hill Baptist Church came before the Board requesting curb and gutter for North Robeson Street between W. Franklin and W. Rosemary streets. Mayor Lanier stated that property owners representing 51% of the frontage on this street would have to sign a petition before the town would proceed with the work. Mr. Putnam recommended the delegation get the petition signed by the 51% of property frontage and return it to the Board.

Mr. Rose read to the Board a copy of a letter from John Manning to Mr. R. Lee Whitmire, Chairman, House Committee Judiciary Number 1, opposing a bill now pending in the House which would ostensibly permit the prosecuting attorney of Orange County Recorder's Court to also serve as prosecuting attorney of the Chapel Hill Recorder's Court, when requested to do so by the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Rose read a petition from the residents of Plant Road requesting that a sewer line be laid to combat unsanitary conditions caused by septic tanks in that area. After some discussion it was decided that the request be considered at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Rose read the report from the Health Department for the month of February, 1953.

Mr. Bernice Ward came before the Board to request curb and gutter on Hill and Jones Streets. Mr. Rose stated that this curb and gutter would cost approximately \$2,500. Mr. Burch moved that the curb and gutter project for Hill and Jones Streets be authorized, and that the expenditure for it be charged to the contingency fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fitch and passed unanimously.

Mr. Raymond Knight came before the Board to suggest that a "dead-in" sign be placed at the intersection of Hill and Jones Streets.

Mr. Lanier brought up the matter of distributing natural gas in Chapel Hill under the 1930 Franchise. After full discussion of the matter lead by Mr. LeGrand, Mr. Putnam moved that the following resolution be adopted. His motion was seconded by Mr. Fitch and passed unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill, Inc., Chapel Hill, N. C., that:

ONE: The Town of Chapel Hill has been ready since January, 1952, to negotiate with the Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., a franchise from the Town of Chapel Hill, Inc., for the distribution of natural gas in Chapel Hill, N. C.

TWO: While we want natural gas made available to the residents of Chapel Hill, we want it delivered safely, efficiently, and at a reasonable price to the consumers; also, with due regard for the preservation of streets, sidewalks, curbs, trees, etc.

THREE: We deny the Durham Gas Company or the Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc. has the authority and/or privilege under the 1930 franchise granted the Durham Gas Company by the Town of Chapel Hill to distribute natural gas in Chapel Hill, N. C. And any attempt to deliver and/or distribute natural gas in Chapel Hill under the 1930 franchise will be done at the sole risk of the Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., or its successor.

Mr. Putnam moved that an official copy of this resolution be sent by registered mail to the Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., its headquarters office and the Durham branch office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fitch and passed unanimously.

Paving Assessment for Davie Circle was brought up by Mr. Rose. After some discussion Mr. Putnam moved the resolution concerning paving assessment for Davie Circle be adopted. His motion was seconded by Mr. Cornwell and passed unanimously. A copy is hereto attached as a permanent part of these records.

Mr. Rose brought up the matter of refunding to Mrs. Stella Long sewer rental on a toilet which has not been used since 1946. At a rate of \$12.00 a year, \$72.00 should be refunded Mrs. Long. Mr. Davis moved that a refund of \$72.00 be sent Mrs. Stella Long for sewer rental erroneously charged for the years 1946 through 1951. Mr. Putnam seconded his motion and it was passed unanimously.

The matter of the curb change at the Carolina Inn corner was brought up by Mr. Rose. Mr. Rose reported that the change has been approved by the University of North Carolina Building and Grounds Committee but has been disapproved by the University officials. Mr. Fitch suggested that we secure from the University of North Carolina Building and Grounds Committee a copy of the letter of disapproval.

Mr. Rose presented the matter of having a Topographic Map of the new cemetery site. He stated that \$860 has been collected from lots sold in the old cemetery since announcement of the purchase of the new cemetery, and suggested that part of this money be used to have the Map made. Mr. Cornwell moved that Mr. Rose be authorized to have this Topographical Map made, the cost of same to be charged to Cemetery Account. His motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously.

Mr. Lanier stated that a public hearing on the Zoning enabling act is to be held on Wednesday, March 11, 1953 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The matter of entering the drive south of Peabody Hall was brought up by Mr. Rose. It was reported that Mr. J. S. Bennett stated that to stop the entrance to this drive would involve complications to the Carolina Inn, and that he did not think the University would be willing to do this. Mr. Cornwell suggested waiting until the stop light at the triangle on Pittsboro Road is installed.

Mr. Putnam brought up the matter of BB guns and air rifles being shot in Chapel Hill. He suggested having this ordinance published in newspaper. Mr. Putnam also brought to Mr. Rose's attention the roads in Westwood Drive and the entrance to Dogwood Drive.

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

After hearing the minutes for the regular meeting of March 9, 1953, read as amended on motion made by Alderman Burch, seconded by Alderman Putnam, the minutes were approved by vote of the Board of Aldermen this the 23rd day of March, 1953.

 Mayor

 Town Clerk

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