

Minutes Regular Meeting
Board of Aldermen--Chapel Hill, N. C.
March 23, 1953

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on March 23, 1953 at 8 o'clock p.m.

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

The minutes for the regular meeting of March 9, 1953 were approved as read and amended.

Mr. Roland Giduz and a delegation representing Roosevelt Avenue came before the Board to request paving a portion of Roosevelt Avenue. After some discussion of the matter, it was decided that Mr. Rose file the petition and that it be given consideration when the budget for 1953-1954 is made.

Rev. J. R. Manley and a delegation representing the Old Rock Hill Baptist Church came before the Board to present a written petition requesting curb and gutter for North Robeson Street between W. Franklin and W. Rosemary Streets. The petition was signed by 75% of the property owners, representing the frontage on this street. It was decided later in the evening that Mr. Rose find out whether the cost of the work could be taken out of this year's budget and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Earl Peacock reported that the vouchers for the month of February were all in proper shape. He brought up the matter of having less tax receivable control accounts. He suggested having a meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the matter further.

Mr. Rose read the report of the Fire Department for the period February 21 through March 22.

Mr. C. B. Zeigler, President of the Public Service Company of North Carolina came before the Board to discuss the franchise concerning distribution of natural gas in Chapel Hill. After some discussion it was decided that Mr. Zeigler meet with either a committee from the Board or the entire Board to discuss this matter further. Mayor Gibson of Carrboro and a committee representing Carrboro were invited to meet with Mr. Zeigler and the Chapel Hill Committee.

Mr. Rose brought up the matter of confirmation of the assessment roll for curb and gutter for Davie Circle. At this time Mrs. Rush came before the Board to present complaints and suggestions concerning Davie Circle. It was suggested that Mrs. Rush write a letter to Mr. Rose stating her suggestions for the improvement of Davie Circle. After some discussion it was moved by Mr. Burch that the curb and gutter assessment roll on Davie Circle be confirmed. His motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose brought up the matter of accepting a 16-foot alley off Roosevelt Avenue from Mr. M. J. Dawson. Mr. Putnam moved that it be referred to the Street Committee, the Town Attorney and Town Manager. His motion was seconded by Mr. Burch and passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose presented the Tax Map to the Board. Mr. Rose stated that the county would like to use the map. At this time the matter of contributing to the purchase of a radio for the Dog Warden's car was brought up. After some discussion Mr. Burch made the motion that Mr. Rose meet with Mr. Ward and the County Commissioner to discuss the Tax Map and the radio and report back to the Board. His motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose read a claim from Red Neville for damages to his property amounting to \$20.00, resulting from the laying of a sewer line. No action was taken.

Mr. Lanier presented the following Resolution supporting House Bill 850. Mr. Fowler moved that the resolution be adopted. His motion was seconded by Mr. Fitch and passed unanimously.

Be It Resolved, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill, N. C., Inc., that the General Assembly of North Carolina be urged in behalf of the Town of Chapel Hill to adopt House Bill 850, the "prima facie rule of evidence" for dealing with violations of municipal parking regulations. Without such addition to North Carolina's General Statutes the Town of Chapel Hill will be unable to deal with the automobile and truck traffic situation in this municipality. We, also, believe other municipalities would likewise be handicapped.

Mr. Rose presented the financial report for operations through December 31, 1952.

Mr. Rose read a letter from R.J.M. Hobbs, Chairman of the Committee on Building and Grounds, opposing curb change at the Carolina Inn corner.

Mr. Rose read a letter written to Chancell^r R. B. House, University of North Carolina, asking the assistance of the University in attempting to persuade the State Highway ~~Committee~~ to restore Graham Street and West Cameron Avenue which are in bad shape as a result of heavy trucks traveling them during the construction of several University buildings.

Mrs. Rush representing the League of Women Voters presented the matter of having a table with handbills for distribution during registration. The matter was turned over to Mr. Rose.

Mr. Rose recommended that the following street lights be installed:

2 - Hillcrest Road
1 - Cobb Terrace

1 - Tenney Circle
1 - N. Roberson Street

Mr. Putnam moved that the street lights be authorized. Mr. Fitch seconded his motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Lanier brought up the matter of Vance Street Extension. After considerable discussion Mr. Fowler moved that the following resolution be adopted. Mr. Putnam seconded his motion and it was passed unanimously.

Be It Resolved that the Town notify the people on the service alley known as Vance Street Extension that the Town has not taken over the drive-way for a street and does not contemplate doing so in the near future. And that all property owners along this said alley be sent a copy of this resolution.

Upon motion by Mr. Putnam, seconded by Mr. Fowler, and unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P. M. o'clock.

After hearing the minutes for the regular meeting of March 23, 1953, read as amended on motion made by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Fitch, the minutes were approved by vote of the Board of Aldermen this the 13th day of April, 1953.

Edwin J. Lanier Mayor

Dorothy J. Durham Town Clerk