

Minutes Regular Meeting
Board of Aldermen--Chapel Hill, N. C.
May 11, 1953

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on May 11, 1953 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present were Mayor Lanier, Aldermen Wager, Davis, Burch, Robinson, Cornwell, and Putnam, Town Attorney LeGrand, Town Auditor Peacock, and Town Manager Rose.

The minutes for the regular meeting of April 13, 1953 were approved as read and amended.

The Registrar and Judges' report on the May 5, 1953 election was read to the Board, and is attached hereto.

Mayor Lanier welcomed the new members of the Board.

Dr. R. J. McMullen read a passage from the Scripture and led the Board in prayer.

Mr. Rose read a petition from the residents of Dogwood Drive, requesting curb and gutter. After some discussion Mr. Burch made the motion that it be referred to the Street Committee and Mr. Rose. Mr. Cornwell seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Philip P. Greene, Jr. came before the Board to discuss an agreement with the Town, whereby houses in the Oakwood Drive-Rogerson Drive area could be connected to the Town's sewer line. He stated that the area has been surveyed by Mr. John R. Gove, Engineer. Mr. Cornwell moved that the Town Manager, Town Attorney and the Utilities Committee discuss the situation and work it out for final deposition on May 25. His motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose read an application from Mr. L. C. Blackburn to sell beer off premises at Crooks Corner on Franklin Street. Mr. Putnam moved that the application be tabled. Mr. Robinson seconded his motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose read a petition from F. L. Johnson representing the residents of Hillview Road requesting hard surface for Hillview Road. After some discussion the matter was referred to the Street Committee and Mr. Rose to be studied for the 1953-1954 budget.

Mr. Peacock presented the Auditor's report for the month of March.

The Police and Clerk of Court's reports were presented to the Board.

Mr. Rose read the Health Department report for the month of April.

Mr. Burch reported that the fraternities and sororities have agreed to have J. D. Wilkins and Company submit prices and plans for fire escapes. Prices have been quoted to all fraternities and sororities and eight have made arrangements to have the work done. Mr. Cornwell made the motion that the following statement be adopted. Mr. Putnam seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

"The Town Manager and Building Inspector are instructed by the Board of Aldermen to notify in writing each fraternity and sorority that they must complete arrangements for the construction of adequate fire escapes by June 5, 1953, or the Town of Chapel Hill will take all available legal steps to prevent further use as a dormitory after June 10, 1953, of all fraternity and sorority houses which are not equipped or under contract for the prompt installation of proper equipment."

Town Attorney LeGrand gave his report for the month to the Board.

Mr. Rose brought up the matter of sewer rental for the Greenwood area. Mr. Putnam moved that the following policy be adopted for the Town Manager's guidance with out of town sewer connections.

1. When bills are sent they are due in 30 days or not later than October 30.
2. All new sewer connections shall be billed on a monthly probated basis for the number of months or the major part thereof on that calendar year.

Mr. Rose brought up the matter of a new road from the Raleigh Road to the new Glenwood School near Glen Lennox and called attention to the fact that the proposed intersection would be dangerous. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the Town Manager and the Street Committee look into the situation and notify the School Board that the Town is concerned. They are to report at the next meeting.

Mr. Davis brought up the matter of plans by the Esso Standard Oil Company to rebuild his service station in Chapel Hill. It was suggested that Mr. Davis tell the Esso representative to come to Chapel Hill and discuss the matter with the Planning Board.

Mr. Putnam brought up the matter of parking on Rosemary Street. He suggested that parking be shifted from the South side of the street to the North Side. Mr. Cornwell moved that it be referred to the Street Committee for study and recommendation. Mr. Burch seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Putnam stated that the League of Women Voters would like for the Police to check the parking on Franklin Street and begin tagging cars hourly.

Mr. Robinson brought up the matter of installing a street light between Franklin Street and Cameron Avenue on Robeson Street.

Mr. Lanier brought up the matter of electing a Pro Tem Mayor. Mr. P. L. Burch was elected by the Board.

Mr. Lanier stated that he would like for the Board members to write the aims and objectives that they believe to be important for 1953-1955 and discuss them at the next meeting.

Mr. Lanier presented the Standing Committees for 1953-1955. Mr. Putnam moved that the following committees be adopted. Mr. Burch seconded his motion and it was passed unanimously.

FINANCE, PROPERTIES, & UTILITIES: Cornwell, Chr.
Burch
Wager

STREETS, SAFETY, & HEALTH: Davis, Chr.
Putnam
Robinson


RECREATION, PARKS, & PLAYGROUNDS: Putnam, Chr.
Cornwell
Robinson

CEMETERIES: Burch, Chr.
Davis
Wager

Mr. Rose stated that he would like to have a meeting with the Finance Committee to go over the proposed budget for 1953-1954 before the next regular Board meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Putnam, seconded by Mr. Burch, and unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 P. M. o'clock.

After hearing the minutes for the regular meeting of May 11, 1953, read as amended on motion made by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Davis, the minutes were approved by vote of the Board of Aldermen this the 25th day of May, 1953.


Mayor


Town Clerk