

## MINUTES

Board of Alderman

Town of Chapel Hill, N. C.

October 25, 1954

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session October 25, 1954 at 7:30 P. M. in the Town Hall, with the following present: Mayor Lanier; Aldermen Davis, Burch, Robinson, Cornwell, Wager, and Putnam; and Town Attorney LeGrand. Town Manager Rose was out of the State.

The following business was considered:

MINUTES for the September 27, 1954, Regular Meeting were read, corrected, and adopted.

PETITION FOR SAFER STREETS FOR CHILDREN was made by a delegation from the Lincoln High School P.T.A. representing road and safety. The Board advised the petitioners that "Safety Signs" are to be placed throughout the Town at the discretion of Town Manager Rose. Their request for a street light on School property, stop signs at intersections, also for police escort protection for school children during the time of day when school opens and closes was referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Wager informed the Board that the Planning Board has extended an invitation to the Board of Aldermen to sit in their meeting during the next few months and suggested that the Board designate one of the members to sit in such meetings on a rotation basis. This suggestion was agreed upon.

MONTHLY REPORT'S were examined from the Recorder's Court, also the one from the Health Department. It was agreed that the situation caused on Fetzner Lane by the promiscuous throwing of trash and garbage, should be investigated and enforced by the Health Department.

AUDITOR'S REPORT was submitted by Mr. Erle Peacock stating he had examined disbursement vouchers for the months of July, August and September, 1954. He expects to have the annual audit for 1953-54 completed in early November.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT showed that the dead tree had been removed from the front of the Colonial Drug Company; that the debris resulting from the recent hurricane, is being cleared away as rapidly as possible by our regular employees; that exceptionally good work was done by policemen, street workers and University utilities workers. The Board suggested that a letter of thanks

go to the policemen, street workers, and University utilities workers.

That the proposed <sup>traffic</sup> street light at the intersection of Raleigh Street - Highway #54, be purchased and installed was agreed upon and that Town Manager be so advised.

Tax listing of the Poe Motor Company used cars (parked in Carrboro) was referred to Town Attorney LeGrand who is to advise Town Manager Rose as to what disposition is to be made.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE with regard to Bond anticipation Notes due December 1st, 1954. With unanimous consent the Board agreed to continue carrying the notes in the manner now handled rather than issue bonds for the amounts.

The Committee of the Whole recommended that a street light be installed at the driveway entering from the Colonial House on Rosemary and coming out by Smith-Prevost Cleaners on Columbia Street; they disallowed the request by Mr. Ernst for an additional street light on Westwood Drive.

The matter of drainage for Hooper Lane as requested by Mrs. Henderson, and the Gingham Road drainage problem by Miss Pearl Fischel was referred to the Street Committee.

Mayor Gibson of Carrboro was recognized. He stated that the Town of Carrboro is anxious to maintain the pleasant relations they have enjoyed in the past with the Town of Chapel Hill; that they would like to consider paying 1/3 of the maintenance cost of the Chapel Hill police radio service, requesting that a separate log be kept on the Carrboro calls to further their own efficiency; that a satisfactory settlement be entered upon between the two towns in reference to the court cases belonging to Carrboro that are heard by the Chapel Hill Recorder's Court, particularly where prisoners must be housed; that these charges be retroactive to July 1954 and that they would like to negotiate further with Chapel Hill about Carrboro's use of the Chapel Hill jail.

The motion, made by Alderman Burch and seconded by Alderman Putnam, that the recommendation made by the Citizen's Cemetery Committee that a portion of the new cemetery be set aside for use on a non-segregation basis be not accepted, was passed.

The Board suggested that Town Manager Rose and the Finance Committee examine the report (Feb. 1954) Popular Government on "Collection of City License Taxes from Out-of-town Businesses".

That an ordinance be drafted for formal approval on November 8th with reference to parking on one side only on Ransom Street (from McCauley Street to Briarbridge Lane) and on Wilson Street, was referred to Town Attorney LeGrand for completion under the direction of Town Manager Rose.

Sidewalk survey questionnaires from other Municipalities were left for Town Manager Rose and the Finance Committee for further consideration and their answer to be brought before the Board at the next meeting.

Mayor Lanier informed the Board that in case he was elected to position of County Commissioner on November 2, he would resign as Mayor of the Town of Chapel Hill on November 22, 1954.

The board members discussed and adopted the following: trimming the overhanging trees which cause a hazzard to pedestrians; also, pruning of shrubs that obscure vision to persons walking as well as auto drivers. Alderman Putnam asked that the shrubs be cut to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  rather than 4 feet and asked that Town Manager Rose establish the meaning of street or curb level in this matter.

Alderman Wager moved that a vote of thanks be extended by the Board in recognition of the untiring work done by Mayor Lanier in his compilation of the Town Ordinance and data in connection with the Town. Mayor Lanier advised the Board that this is about ready for editing.

Upon Motion by Alderman Burck, seconded by Alderman Putnam and unanimous consent by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

After hearing the minutes for the meeting of September 27, 1954 read on motion made by Alderman \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Alderman \_\_\_\_\_ the minutes were approved by vote of the Board of Aldermen this 25th day of October, 1954.

Edwin J. Lanier Mayor

Mary Lovejoy Town Clerk

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