

MINUTES

Board of Aldermen

Town of Chapel Hill, N.C.

A special meeting in the form of a public hearing of the Board of Aldermen was held at 7:30 P.M. on November 1, 1954 in the Chapel Hill High School Auditorium. Present were Mayor Lanier, Aldermen Burch, Putnam and Wager, Town Manager Rose.

Also present as special guests were General Claude T. Bowers, Commander of the 30th Division of the National Guard, Colonel C. B. Shimer and Colonel Thomas B. Longest, executive officers.

About 75 citizens, including Congressman Carl Durham and Representative John W. Umstead, Jr., Mayor J. S. Gibson of Carrboro and Mayor Ben Johnson of Hillsboro.

The Mayor explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of securing a Medical Battalion Headquarters in Chapel Hill. He then introduced General Bowers who outlined the plan and the need for a Medical Detachment. Colonel's Shimer and Longest presented details of the organization.

After a general discussion of the matter, Mr. John Umstead moved that the group go on record as endorsing the movement, and that the matter be referred to the Boards of Aldermen and the County Commissioners. The motion received a second, and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.


Acting Clerk