

MINUTES

Board of Aldermen

Town of Chapel Hill, N.C.

January 10, 1955

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session January 10, 1955 at 7:30 P. M. in the Town Hall with the following present: Mayor Cornwell; Aldermen Davis, Burch, Robinson, Wager, Putnam and Wade; Town Attorney LeGrand, and Town Manager Rose.

MINUTES for the December 13, 1954, regular meeting were read, corrected and adopted.

AUDITOR'S REPORT. Erle E. Peacock presented his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954. He reported that while there had been some deterioration of the cash position of the Town, it is still on a sound financial position. He also reported that the tax collector has made a satisfactory settlement of all tax collections; that current tax collections are excellent, however, there are too many amounts for privilege licenses and garbage fees still uncollected. While there showed excess expenditures in some of the account over the amounts set up in the Budget, the total expenditures were much less than the total amount set up in the Budget.

WRITTEN PETITIONS. Town Manager Rose read a letter from the Service Realty Company signed by Mr. C. E. Hornaday, wherein he requested consideration of a change in elevation of E. Rosemary Street near Glenburnie Street, in order to develop property belonging to the Kyser Estate which is to be sold in the near future. The matter was referred to the Street Committee for study and consideration. A letter signed by the Secretary of the Planning Board, was read with reference to an informal meeting with the Board of Aldermen to be held on Tuesday, January 11th.

Mrs. Gordan Blackwell and Mrs. Stuart Chapin, representing the residents of Dogwood Drive and Vicinity in and about the Little Red School House area, requesting that an area be blocked off once each week from 4PM to 5:30 PM so that children in the area can learn to skate and ride bicycles; that proper police protection would be supplied through officers off duty; that proper barricades be supplied cutting off the traffic from that area. After much discussion the Board agreed that Town Attorney LeGrand-

be asked to check as to the Town's responsibility in the matter; that a letter from the police officer stating that the time would be donated and properly signed, be presented to the Board for filing purposes. Motion was made by Aldermen Robinson, Seconded by Alderman Putnam. The motion was carried.

Hill House. A letter was read by Town Manager Rose wherein they requested that the Town supply a method for restricting the parking of cars in their driveway. This was referred to the Street Committee for immediate action.

MONTHLY REPORTS: Reports from the Health Department, Police Department and the Recorder's Court were examined.

Mrs. D. R. Brooks came before the Board requesting that the Town remove several trees which are Town property; that these trees grow into the sewer line on her property and have in the past and still are, a source of great nuisance and expense; that the alley which runs to side of her property be black topped and that she will contribute two (2) feet of ground to help supply a proper width to the alley. The Board requested Town Attorney LeGrand to prepare a document setting forth the facts and necessary information and present same to the Board.

The Sanitary Sewer problem on the I. W. Pritchard Estate discussed at last Board meeting was again discussed. Mr. Grady Pritchard informed the Board of Aldermen that he would like to get the matter settled. Mr. Pritchard agreed to meet the following Tuesday with Town Attorney LeGrand and Town Manager Rose, and their report to be presented at the next Board meeting.

PARKING AT THE POST OFFICE BUILDING. That ordinances be prepared by Town Attorney LeGrand for limited parking was discussed. Alderman Burch made a motion that this be done, it was seconded by Alderman Putnam and passed.

ANIMAL ORDINANCE. A motion was made by Alderman Burch that an ordinance be drawn that will prohibit the keeping of hogs, goats, sheep, horses and cattle within the Town limits of Chapel Hill. Alderman Putnam seconded this motion. There was unanimous consent.

PARKING ON PITTSBORO ROAD at the entrances of Memorial Hospital, due to lack of information, was referred to the Street Committee.

TAX SUITS. That the Town of Chapel Hill should enter in with tax suits commenced by Mr. Emery Denny, Jr., for Orange County was discussed. The Board were in agreement that Town Attorney LeGrand and Town Manager Rose meet with the proper officials to help decide what and how many of collections should be entered. Alderman Putnam made the motion, seconded by Alderman Wager.

A TAX REFUND in the amount of \$4.66 due to excess valuation of \$491.00 to Mr. Ben T. Pritchard, 434 Cameron Avenue, was passed on a motion made by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Burch.

DRAINAGE of a part of the I. W. Pritchard Estate was brought before the Board. Town Manager Rose supplied figures showing the costs involved in supplying drainage. Alderman Burch questioned as to the Town's obligation in this request. The Board agreed that an open ditch should be put to drain from Ransom Street across the Pritchard property to Sycamore Street, and the Town would take care of the culvert under ~~Sycamore~~ ^{Sycamore} Street. A motion made by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Robinson that this ditch be installed, was passed. *Reference
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Grading at North Columbia and Rosemary Streets was discussed. That the sidewalk along East side of North Columbia Street be lowered; that the Town accept Mr. Wm Sloan's offer to build the walk from his store back to the alley, was agreed upon.

GRADING KYSER LANE. That this grading be done was unanimously agreed.

On the petition of M. J. Dawson with reference to Valley Park Road being taken over and maintained by the Town of Chapel Hill, it was agreed that when the street is widened to thirty (30) feet and put in proper condition, then the Board will consider taking it over.

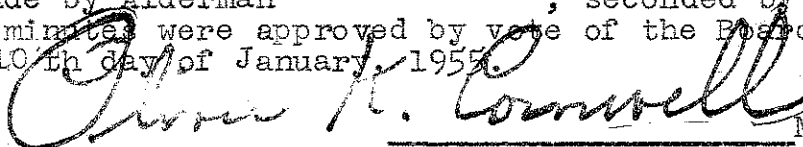
Alderman Wager speaking for the Finance Committee informed the Board that Mr. Claude Teague, Business Manager of the University of North Carolina would recommend that the University participate to the extent of one-third (not in excess of \$500.00) toward the costs of the proposed parking and traffic survey. This was referred to the Finance Committee.

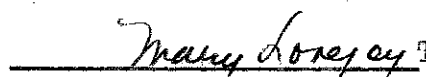
Carrboro's participation in jail and radio expense was discussed with the suggestion that Town Manager Rose and the Finance Committee meet in the near future with Carrboro officials to negotiate an agreement.

The matter of a sidewalk on East side of Merritt Mill Road, and grading at the Negro Community Center, both matters were referred to the Street Committee.

Upon motion by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Burch and unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 o'clock P.M.

After hearing the minutes for the meeting of December 13, 1954, read, on motion made by Alderman , seconded by Alderman , the minutes were approved by vote of the Board of Aldermen this the 10th day of January, 1955.


Mayor


Town Clerk

January 10, 1955