

MINUTES

Board of Aldermen

Town of Chapel Hill, N.C.

February 15, 1955

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session February 15, 1955, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., in the Town Hall with the following present: Mayor Cornwell; Aldermen Burch, Robinson, Wager, Putnam and Wade; and Town Manager Rose.

MINUTES for the January 24, 1955, regular meeting were read, corrected and adopted on a motion made by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

Mr. Johnson who lives on the airport Road outside the Town, came before the Board requesting permission to connect to the sanitary sewer line owned by the Town of Chapel Hill. He owns a trailer which is parked outside the Town limits. The Board granted permission and advised Mr. Johnson that there would be a \$25.00 connection fee and a minimum \$30.00 a year for each trailer.

SUNDAY PARKING near the Lutheran Church was discussed with Mr. John Gove and other church members who presented the problem to the Board of Aldermen. It was agreed that a trial be given as to parking on the East side of Pickard Lane between the hours of 9:30 and 12:30 on Sundays. The responsibility of keeping the sidewalk and drive-ways open, to be assumed by the Church Board. Alderman Wade made this in the form of a motion, seconded by Alderman Putnam and was unanimously carried.

Mr. Burton Jones came before the Board to discuss further the problem of storm drainage from area around Ransom and Vance Street discharging water on the property between McCauley and University Drive. At January 10th meeting an agreement was reached that the Town of Chapel Hill install an open ditch across the Pritchard property to Sycamore Street. No further action was taken.

Town Manager Rose read a letter from Mr. W. E. Thompson with reference to Sunday morning traffic across E. Rosemary Street where children go from the Presbyterian Church to the Hut. He suggested that no parking be allowed on the South side of Rosemary Street across the rear of the Church property. Town Manager Rose was requested to try painting a cross-walk and requesting that the children cross at the walk only.

A letter from Mr. John Manning was read by Town Manager Rose con-

cerning the proper time for billing property owners in the Oakwood - Rogerson Drive area who have connected into the sanitary sewer maintained by the Town. Town Manager Rose stated that in his opinion the billing is just and right for all concerned and that it is in accordance with our fiscal year. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee and Town Manager Rose for further study with Phillip Green, representing the Oakwood-Rogerson Drive Association.

REPLACING TREES. On the matter of replacing trees damaged or destroyed by the recent hurricane as well as some others, Town Manager Rose informed the Board of Aldermen that; Mr. F. J. LeClair does not have many of the varieties that we want; that through Mr. Armstrong a truck load of about 50 trees averaging about \$2.00 to \$4.00 each can be purchased through a New Jersey nursery; that the Town could buy what Mr. LeClair does have of the kinds needed. The Board of Aldermen through a motion made by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Wager, authorized Town Manager Rose to arrange for the trees needed with Mr. LeClair and Mr. Armstrong.

The Board of Aldermen fixed the date for the public hearing as March 7, 1955, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., relative to the Proposed Zoning Ordinance for Chapel Hill and surrounding area. Alderman Putnam made the motion, seconded by Alderman Wade.

MONTHLY REPORT'S from the Health Department, Recorder's Court, and Police Department were examined by the Board members.

BOLIN HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION. The Planning Board recommended approval of subdivision plat on condition that

1. Along the street designated as Sparrow Street, the number of lots on each side be reduced by one and the street right-of-way of Sparrow Street be shown as 50 ft.
2. The access street from Airport Road to Sparrow Street be shown as 50 ft., to be accomplished either by dedication on the plat of the full width within the subdivision boundaries, or by accompanying this plat by an instrument of dedication from adjoining property owners such that under either alternative the full width of this access street would be 50 ft throughout its' length.

ENABLING ACT. In the matter of whether or not the police officer in charge, while fulfilling his duties, should be authorized to issue warrants for arrests for cases to be heard in the Recorder's Court, when such warrants would be served by an other officer than himself, was discussed. The Board were in agreement that this should be decided when Town Attorney LeGrand was present.

PRITCHARD SANITARY SEWER. Town Manager Rose supplied estimated figures for the costs as about \$3.00 per foot, or \$1874.00 the work being done by Mr. Roy Homewood.

STREET LIGHTS AT PATTERSON PLACE. Town Manager Rose informed the Board that the lights had been moved from the lower end of the street to towards the middle. Now the people living in that area either want the lights moved back again or more installed. The Board agreed that they will look this situation over on their next itinerary.

TOWN HALL ROOF AND CUPOLA. Town Manager Rose informed the Board of Aldermen that just lately he had Mr. Kemmon inspect the roof and cupola of said building; that he reported there is considerable rotted wood and need of repair in order to save the plaster. Alderman Burch recommended that a committee together with Town Manager Rose be instructed to get an estimate of repair costs.

For the vacancy in the Board of Adjustment, several names were mentioned as possible nominees. No action was taken as the Board agreed to wait until the Zoning Ordinance has been acted upon.

Alderman Wager reported for the Finance Committee the facts and figures from the meeting between the officials of the Town of Carrboro, the Finance Committee and Town Manager Rose relative to Carrboro's participating in the costs of the following:

A monthly charge of \$25.00 for using the Chapel Hill Police radio service for police calls after office hours; that a Carrboro prisoner while lodged in the Chapel Hill Jail would be the entire responsibility of the Chapel Hill police; that any malicious destruction to property during that time, to be assumed by the Town of Carrboro; that Turnkey charges of \$1.00 for each prisoner be made and to be collected by the Clerk of Chapel Hill Recorder's Court, this to be retroactive to July 1, 1954.

Alderman Wager made a motion that the Board approve this agreement, seconded by Alderman Putnam. There was unanimous consent.

OLD BUSINESS: The following matters were considered and studied as the result of an inspection trip made by the Committee of the Whole on Friday, February 11th, with the following recommendations: that grading be done at the Negro Community Center; that the property owners be asked to give consent to cutting the hedge at the corner of Merritt Mill Road and W. Franklin Street; that at this time the Town cannot do much about the pedestrian traffic situation that exists there; that if the property owners on both the Carrboro side and the Chapel Hill side would file a petition granting a right of way for a sidewalk, perhaps something constructive could be worked out later; that the request made by Hill House for handling their driveway parking problem, be disallowed; that a meeting between the Hospital Traffic Committee and Town be considered to work out something definite with regard to park-

ing on Pittsboro Road at Hospital entrances; that an ordinance be drawn with regard to parking on South Road at Library. Motion was made by Alderman Burch, seconded by Alderman Putnam; that there be parking on Hillview Drive on the East side only, and that an ordinance be drawn to take care of this. Alderman Putnam made this a motion, seconded by Alderman Wager; that a plan for development of the property of the Kyser Estate at the end of E. Rosemary Street be submitted by Mr. Clyde Hornaday before any action be taken on the extension of that street; that the old sewer line effecting Cheek property on Cottage Lane, be maintained by the Town, was agreed.

Regarding the changing of parking on E. Rosemary Street, Town Attorney LeGrand was requested to present an ordinance covering the matter. Motion by Alderman Wager, seconded by Alderman Putnam.

In reference to improving the parking lot by the American Legion Hut, the Town Manager was authorized to discuss the matter with the Legion officials.

Upon motion by Alderman Burch, seconded by Alderman Robinson, and unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 P. M.

Oliver K. Connell Mayor

Mary Lovejoy Town Clerk

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