

MINUTES

Board of Aldermen

Town of Chapel Hill, N.C.

1956
The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on December 12, at 8:15 P. M., o'clock in the Town Hall with the following present: Mayor Cornwell; Aldermen Wager, Davis, Strowd, Robinson, Putnam, and Alexander; Town Manager Rose. Absent: Town Attorney LeGrand.

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held November 14 were approved as read, and adopted on a motion made by Aldermen Putnam, seconded by Alderman Davis. The motion was passed.

PETITION FROM RESIDENTS OF DAVIE CIRCLE. Town Manager Rose read a petition signed by about fifteen residents who requested the following:

1. Allow parking on only one side of the street of the circle, preferably the outside.
2. Make Davie Circle, Hill and Jones Streets a 25 MPH speed zone, since this is the minimum speed limit allowed by the State.
3. Place a "YIELD" sign on Jones Street where it intersects Davie Circle.
4. Consider the advisability of making the circle a one-way street.
5. Erect several signs "CAUTION CHILDREN PLAYING" at the entrance of Davie Circle and in several well selected places on the Circle on Hill and Jones Streets.

Alderman Putnam moved that this petition be referred to the Street Committee, seconded by Alderman Strowd. The motion was unanimously passed.

AUDITORS REPORT. In the absence of Mr. E. E. Peacock, Town Manager Rose read his report in which he stated that the October and November vouchers have been examined and found to be properly supported and in order.

REPORTS OF: Health Department, Police & Recorder's Court, and the Fire Department were examined.

ANNEXATION REPORT. Town Manager Rose presented to the Board and other interested persons, a report containing pertinent facts and comparative figures showing how the annexation of Rogerson Drive, Oakwood Drive, ~~Greenwood~~, Greenwood, Glen Lennox Country Club area, and Ridgefield could effect the Town of Chapel Hill. Alderman Strowd suggested that a careful study of these facts be made, and the matter be brought up at the next board meeting.

ESTES HILLS SUB-DIVISION. Mr. Jerry Hudson and Mr. Clyde Hornaday appeared before the Board of Aldermen with regard to rezoning the 108 acre tract to be known as Estes Hills and to be developed into 155 residential lots, ranging from approximately 15,000 square feet in area to lots in excess of 20,000 square feet. The proposal called for rezoning from RA-20 to RA-10 a small triangular area north of the point where the development's main connector street intersects with Hidden Hills Drive, and rezoning from agricultural to RA-10 a rectangular area north of Hidden Hills extending west to Mount Bolus extension.

The Planning Board approved the subdivision subject to the following conditions: The pavement width on the Main Street be increased from 35 feet to 40 feet, and other residential streets be increased from 27 feet to 32 feet. That the final plat as submitted to the Board of Aldermen (a) Contain the names of streets, the full title "Section 161, Estes Hills," and customary data required by the Town's Sub-division Ordinance; (b) Exclude the area marked "reserved" to the rear of lots in Block No. 1.; (c) The plat have the approval of the Town Manager as to engineering specifications. Mr. Hudson and Mr. Hornaday ask that the Planning Board's recommendation as to the subdivision, be set aside, and requested that their original plan as presented to the Planning Board and their original map, be approved by the Board of Aldermen. Five members of the Board voted "aye", Alderman Wager voted "nay". The motion was passed. As to rezoning, a public hearing was fixed for December 23, 1955.

CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT, INC. FRANCHISE. Alderman Alexander moved the adoption of the franchise on its second reading, seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion was unanimously passed.

WIDENING HENDERSON STREET. Town Manager Rose supplied estimated costs with regard to widening Henderson Street from Franklin to Rosemary Street, a width of about three feet on the east side, also the possibility that perhaps the street could be widened on the west side about 10 feet. Alderman Alexander moved that Town Manager Rose be authorized to make a survey and present necessary facts to the Post Office Department, seconded by Alderman Putnam. All voted "aye", none voted "nay".

REQUEST FOR STREET LIGHT IN THE GLEN was disallowed.

ALLEY BY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Alderman Putnam moved that the Town abandon the 10 foot alley on the west side of the Presbyterian Church lot for a distance of 90 feet abutting the property recently purchased by the Church, seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion was unanimously passed.

FOUNTAIN ON FRANKLIN STREET. Town Manager Rose informed the board that the fountain will be moved to the Arboretum in the near future.

COENEN-CREECH PROPERTIES WITH REFERENCE TO WIDENING THE ALLEY, back of business places on E. Franklin Street was discussed at length.

The proposal from the property owners involves the Town purchasing 6 feet from Walter Creech and 6 feet from Susie Coenen; that the sale will be subject to the following stipulations as set forth in a letter from Mrs. Coenen: "(a) The alley would be paved, curbed and guttered, providing adequate surface and storm sewer drainage at no cost to us. (b) Adequate entrances with proper protection and grading will be provided to furnish ingress and egress into our properties as approved and located by us at no cost to us. (c) All poles, guy-wires and utility lines will be installed and maintained within this widened alley and utilities installed in the alley-way area not unduly interfere with shade trees on adjoining property. Of course these utilities should properly be underground in a business area such as this. (d) 1. For a strip six feet in width, across the south portion of the Creech properties the price is \$1,500.00. It is to be noted that this is an offer of two additional feet at no additional cost as members of the Board of Aldermen suggested that the Town would guarantee the above conditions (a) and (b) would be satisfied. 2. For a strip six feet in width across the southern portion of the Coenen property the price is \$960.00. This is only an additional \$60.00 over the price quoted for a four foot strip and is made in view of the above conditions (a), (b) and (c). (e) This offer is a firm offer which will expire at midnight January 31, 1956 unless previously accepted in writing." Alderman Putnam moved that the matter be turned over to the Finance Committee for their recommendation, seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion was passed.

A letter from Mrs. F. E. Coenen and Mr. Walter Creech was read by Town Manager Rose. They advised the Town that in view of widening the alley to the back of business properties on E. Franklin Street, assurance be given to them of an "eventual change in the sewer system that now exists there as it crosses their property, and there is no legal right of way or easement of record, permitting same". This matter was referred to Town Manager Rose for further study.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alderman Putnam reported that Mrs. Fannie Brockwell has requested that parking on Henderson Street from E. Rosemary to North Street be moved from the West side of the street to the East side.

That repair work is being done at the Colored Recreation Center and that Fire Chief Boone has recommended that all rubbish be removed from the attic which is definitely a fire hazard; that the opening should be filled up with a removable cover; that the stairway should be removed or replaced with a disappearing stairway; that a fire screen should be supplied for the fireplace.

Alderman Robinson mentioned the proposed drain in rear of Fowler's Food Store. He requested information as to why the street light at Graham & Rosemary Streets had not been placed, and as to the status of curb and gutter petitions for Whitaker Street and Mitchell Lane.

Town Manager Rose said the University Service Plants has not as yet installed the street light and that signed petitions for Whitaker

Street and Mitchell Lane have not been yet received.

Alderman Wager said as chairman of the special committee appointed to meet with Fire Chief Boone, regarding the Fire Code, that they will try to meet soon and report at next Board Meeting.

The Mayor and the Town Manager were instructed to sign the agreement with the Service Insurance & Realty Company for sewer service in Estes Hills.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Robinson, and unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 P.M., o'clock.

Clim K. Cornwell Mayor

Mary Rosejay Town Clerk

December 12, 1955