

Minutes Regular Meeting
Board of Alderman--Chapel Hill, N. C.
June 9, 1952

The regular meeting of the Board of Alderman was held in the Town Hall on June 9, 1952 at 8 o'clock P.M.

Present were Mayor Lanier, Aldermen Fowler, Fitch, Burch, Davis, Cornwell, and Putnam, Town Manager Rose, and Town Attorney LeGrand.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 26, 1952 were read and approved.

The Health Department report for the month of May, 1952 was read by Mr. Rose.

The Clerk of Court and Police Report for the month of May, 1952 was read by Mr. Rose and a copy was presented to each member present.

The Town Attorney stated that he had no report to present at this time, but that he was in the process of preparing an ordinance to change the name of Webber Street to Roosevelt Avenue.

Mr. Rose reported that the traffic light has been moved from the Roberson Street corner on West Franklin Street to the corner of Graham Street and West Franklin Street, and that the stop signs have been moved from Graham Street to Roberson Street.

Mr. Rose reported that he had had a request from Mr. Dykstra wanting to know the criteria set up for determining when a rooster's crowing becomes a nuisance. Mr. Rose stated that he had answered Mr. Dykstra's letter, stating that a rooster would become a public nuisance only when he had had complaints from more than one family.

Mr. Rose stated that he had had a request to open McDade Street into Mitchell Lane, and that the property owner says that he will give the right of way to the Town. Mr. Rose stated that the Town would have to fill in and place a bridge or culvert across the creek. After discussing this matter, Mr. Cornwell moved that this matter be referred to the Street Committee for their study and recommendation. This motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously approved.

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Mr. Rose stated that he had had a request for parking on one side of Pritchard Street. Mr. Putnam moved that this matter be referred to the Street Committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burch and passed unanimously with the exception of Mr. Davis who voted "No."

Mr. Rose recommended that the three men who have been on the police force the longest, Mr. C. E. King, Mr. C. L. Merritt, and Mr. C. E. Durham be classified as Sergeants. He stated that this would not make any difference in their pay, but was merely a recognition of their years of service. Mr. Rose recommended this classification after consultation with Chief Sloan, and suggests that it stand until further action. Mr. Putnam moved the adoption of this recommendation and Mr. Burch seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Lanier led a discussion on the Clerk of the Court accepting money for non-support cases previously handled by the Welfare Department. After a thorough discussion of this matter, Mr. Cornwell made the following motion. It was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously. "It has been called to our attention that the Clerk of the Chapel Hill Recorder's Court has been asked to handle money for non-support cases previously handled by the Welfare Department. The Clerk is new, has plenty of work to do, and there are other things that the Board would like for him to do; therefore, the Board would like to ask the Judge to reconsider this matter with the recommendation that the Welfare Department continue to handle these cases."

Mr. Rose reported that he had written to Mr. C. E. Teague, Business Manager of the University of North Carolina, in connection with the University's share in the purchase of a new fire truck at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

Mr. Fitch, Chairman of the Finance Committee, recommended that the Town adopt the same Franchise License Schedule for 1952-53 as adopted for 1951-52. Mr. Fitch put this recommendation into a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Cornwell and unanimously passed.

Mr. Putnam moved that the fee for loan brokers be changed from \$100 to \$50 for 1952-53. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burch, but was not carried when put to a vote. Mr. Lanier stated that he was not enthusiastic about such an agency coming into Chapel Hill and that he was not in favor of reducing the amount of the Privilege License.

Mr. Cornwell reported that he had talked with Mr. Hanft about the Town taking over the maintenance of Bowling Creek Road and that Mr. Hanft stated that the property owners on this road are willing to give the Town a right of way of 30 feet, and would consult with the Town Attorney to make out the papers for this right of way. In view of this, Mr. Cornwell moved that the Town take over Bowling Creek Road when the 30 foot right of way has been conveyed to the Town for a distance of 391 feet from the Tenney Circle Road. This motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose stated that he had had a request to widen Hillsboro Street between East Franklin Street and East Rosemary Street, now maintained by the State Highway. Mr. Rose stated that it would be a good thing to do. Mr. Burch moved that this matter be referred to the Street Committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose reported that he had been out with a committee from the School Board, composed of Mr. Grey Culbreth and Mr. Carl Smith, looking over the sidewalk situation in front of the Grammar School and High School. He stated that they wanted the Town forces to remove the dirt in front of the school property in order that the sidewalks might be lowered to the approximate level of the curb. A low wall and terrace would then be placed between the sidewalk and the school ~~xxx~~ yard. Mr. Rose stated that every tree with the exception of two or three in front of the high school would have to come down, but that he thought it would be a very great improvement. Mr. Burch made the motion that the Town is willing to cooperate with the School Board in straightening out the sidewalk in front of the schools, and that Mr. Rose be authorized to represent the Town in this matter. This motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimously passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Putnam, seconded by Mr. Burch, and unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

After hearing the minutes of the Board of Alderman for June 9, 1952, read as amended on motion made by Alderman Putnam and seconded by Alderman Burch, the minutes were approved by vote of the Board of Alderman this the 23rd day of June, 1952.

Mayor

Helen J. Bidney Town Clerk