

Minutes Regular Meeting
Board of Aldermen--Chapel Hill, N. C.
October 27, 1952

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on October 27, 1952 at 8 o'clock p.m.

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

The minutes for the regular meeting of October 13, 1952 and the special meeting of October 20, 1952 were read and approved.

Mr. Lee Powell, W. C. Calton, and Earl Redmon of the North Carolina Equipment Company came before the Board to answer any questions the Board might have in connection with their bid on a fire truck and a garbage truck.

Mr. W. E. LeBlond and Mr. Barnes of the Oren-Roanoke Corporation were present at the meeting.

Mr. Burch, Chairman of the Safety Committee, recommended that Mr. Rose obtain an expert, or experts, to study the traffic problems in Chapel Hill, and make a proposal to the Board.

Mr. Lanier read a letter from Mrs. C. L. Byrd requesting a street light to be installed on North Columbia Street between the curb market and 208 North Columbia Street. Without objection, this matter was referred to the Town Manager and the Safety Committee.

Mr. Lanier read a letter requesting a no parking area on East Rosemary Street from the corner of Henderson Street to the Village Apartment alley so that parents can load and unload their children going to the Presbyterian Church Nursery School. Without objection, this matter was referred to the Town Manager and the Safety Committee.

Mr. Erle E. Peacock presented the annual audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952.

The Fire Department report from September 22 through October 26, 1952 was read by the Clerk.

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Mr. LeGrand stated that he had prepared a Complaint in the E. R. Grove matter setting forth the Zoning Ordinance and the manner in which she had violated this Ordinance. He stated that if this suit is filed, it would probably be December before it could be heard in Superior Court.

Mr. LeGrand also reported that he had investigated the property sold by G. W. Ray to the School Board and that one or the other was liable for 1952 taxes on this property. He stated that, if on January 1st, property was owned by an individual and sold to a non-tax paying unit, the property was still a lien and would have to be paid in full.

Mr. LeGrand read the statute on accepting or rejecting bids and stated that all things being equal, a municipality would be forced to accept the lowest bid.

Mr. Putnam moved that \$12.00 sewer rental erroneously charged James P. Gill for 1951 taxes be refunded. His motion was seconded by Mr. Cornwell and unanimously passed.

Mr. B. L. Ward came before the Board to ask about the petition for curb and gutter on Hill and Jones Streets, and also about installing a sewer line to accommodate houses on these streets. Mr. Lanier reported that he was not in a position to give him an answer to either of these requests at this time, but that he would do so in the near future.

A letter from Mr. Charles C. Phillips, Chairman of the Recreation Commission, and Dr. O. D. Garvin, District Health Officer, was read by Mr. Cornwell. These letters stated that the condition of the Negro Recreation Center was such that if repairs were not made, it would have to be closed. The Center requested the Town to help finance this repair work to the building. Mr. Putnam moved that this matter be referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee for their study and asked that they try to work out a "pay as you go" plan for the nursery school. This motion was seconded by Mr. Burch and passed unanimously.

Mr. Burch, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, made an informal report to the Board about possible sites for a new Cemetery for the Town of Chapel Hill.

Mr. Putnam reported that a great deal of congestion was formed in the streets around 5 p.m. each afternoon and suggested that policemen be placed at several points to aid the flow of traffic.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Putnam and unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m. o'clock.

After hearing the minutes for the regular meeting of October 27, 1952, read as amended on motion made by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Fitch, the minutes were approved by vote of the Board of Aldermen this the 17th day of November, 1952.


Mayor


Town Clerk