

Minutes Regular Meeting
Board of Aldermen--Chapel Hill, N. C.
November 24, 1952

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on November 24, 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 for the regular meeting of November 17, 1952 were approved as read and amended.

Mr. Peacock reported that he had examined the vouchers for the months of September and October, 1952 and had found them to be in order.

Mr. LeGrand reported that he had examined the statutes concerning sewer rentals and had found that the regulations regarding sewer rentals were left to the discretion of the Town Governing Body, and he suggested that the Town Manager make a study and recommendation of this situation to the Board. Without objection, this matter was turned over to the Finance Committee and the Town Manager.

Mr. LeGrand stated that the statute provides that a license fee be charged by the Town for a professional bondsman, but that the Judge of the Recorder's Court or the Clerk of the Court would be responsible for determining the financial responsibility of a bondsman. He further stated that until a man defaults on a bond, you could not refuse to accept his bonds.

The Town Manager recommended parking on the East side only of Church Street between West Franklin Street and West Rosemary Street. After discussing this matter, Mr. Putnam moved that the Town Attorney be asked to draw an ordinance limiting parking on the East side of Church Street only between West Franklin and West Rosemary Streets. His motion was seconded by Mr. Fowler and unanimously passed.

Mr. Lanier led a discussion on sites for a new cemetery.

Mr. Rose stated that he had two lists of insolvents and Mr. Peacock said that he had a list that he would prepare for the Finance Committee. Mr. Fitch said that as soon as the lists were prepared, he would like to get the Finance Committee to act on them.

The matter of widening Rosemary Street was brought up, and without objection, the Board asked Mr. Rose to prepare an estimate of the cost of widening Rosemary Street from Church to Henderson Streets, and to work this up by blocks for the 1953-54 budget.

Mr. Rose stated that the Town would not have to advertise for bids for the Hill Street sewer job since the estimated cost was under \$2500. He said that he had asked Mr. John R. Gove, Engineer, to get two prices on the job.

Mr. Rose reported that the traffic light expert from General Electric had been here and studied the problem, and had sent the survey to the Atlanta office for their recommendation.

The Board unanimously decided to have one meeting during the month of December, and that meeting to be held on December 15, then not have another meeting until January 12, 1953.

The request of Mr. Sparrows' to let property owners use a plastic water pipe was not approved by the Board.

Mr. Fitch asked Mr. Rose to check with Muirhead Construction Company about the bus stops in Chapel Hill, and to require busses to stop only at designated bus stops. Also, the Town Manager and the Town Attorney were asked to study the contract with the Lennox Development Corporation, and have Mr. Muirhead submit a statement of costs of the sewer line to the Town Manager.

Mr. LeGrand asked that Mr. Rose be authorized to purchase the latest book of statutes concerning Municipal Corporations. Mr. Burch moved that this request be granted. His motion was seconded by Mr. Putnam and passed unanimously.

Mr. Cornwell asked if the Town had ever considered selling state license tags. The Board decided to make inquiry in the office in Raleigh about the possibility of selling these tags in Chapel Hill.

The stop sign at the triange on the Pittsboro Road was discussed, and Mr. Rose was asked to write another letter to the State Highway Department concerning this sign.

Mr. Putnam asked the Town Manager to check on the shrubbery and trees obstructing the view at corners. It was also suggested that all corners be marked with yellow paint.

Upon motion of Mr. Putnam, seconded by Mr. Burch, and unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. o'clock.

After hearing the minutes for the regular meeting of November 24, 1952, read as amended on motion made by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Cornwell, the minutes were approved by vote of the Board of Aldermen this the 15th day of December, 1952.

Edmund Fairlie Mayor

Wm. J. Lindsey Town Clerk