

November 19 1928

There was a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill at 7:30 p. m., Mayor Council presiding, and the following Aldermen present, to-wit:- Messrs. G. M. Braune, P. L. Burch, M. E. Hogan, C. L. Eubanks, and B. S. Thompson. Mr. Sawyer, the Town Attorney, was also present.

The question of purchasing fire hose was brought up for discussion. Fire Chief Foister and a representative from the Eureka Fire Hose Manufacturing Company, were present. Mr. Foister stated that about one thousand feet of fire hose is needed. He explained to the Board of Aldermen that at the present time, wet hose had to be reloaded after each fire, and that this materially shortens the life of the hose. Aside from the economy involved, there is danger of a section of hose blowing out when put under pressure.

The Manager stated that he with the Committee on Public Safety, Mr. P. L. Burch, had gone thoroughly into the fire hose situation and recommended that the Town purchase one thousand feet of fire hose. The Manager stated that he had seen Mr. C. T. Woollen, Business Manager of the University, in regard to getting the University to pay for one-half of this extra fire hose. Mr. Woollen stated that he felt the University should participate in the purchase of this hose, and that he would take the matter up with the Budget Commission in Raleigh.

Mr. Timmerman, the Eureka Fire Hose salesman, was very insistent that the purchase be made at once, and offered to give the town one year to pay for the hose, and charge no interest.

There was much discussion on the matter. Alderman Hogan stated that he thought the town should have the financial statement now being prepared by the Auditor, Mr. Rogerson, before any new expenditure was incurred. Alderman Braune was of the same opinion. It was decided that no fire hose should be purchased until the Auditor finished the financial statement.

Mr. Timmerman, salesman for the Eureka Hose Manufacturing Co., withdrew his proposition regarding the absorbing of the interest for one year, stating that his offer was made subject to the placement of the order that night.

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