

January 11, 1915

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of Falls Church was held this date at the Council Room. Mayor Harmon presiding and the following were present: Messrs. Gould, Westbrook, Munson, Harmon, and Harmon. Absent: Mr. Dumas.

The minutes of meeting Dec. 14th were read and approved.

A representation of the colored citizens being present the Mayor requested them to make known their desires.

Whereupon J. B. Fines stated that they were present to protest against the segregation ordinance passed at the last meeting.

Rev. Geo. Powell, Rev. Geo. Colby, E. B. Henderson, and G. Simmons addressed the Council on the subject.

A number of papers were also read opposing to the Ordinance.

The Mayor stated that the paper could be filed with the clerk and would be given due consideration. This was done and the delegation withdrew.

On motion the action of the Council at the last meeting on adoption of the segregation act of the Legislature was reconsidered.

The question thereupon being that of adoption of said act applying its provisions to the town of Falls Church the following was offered in lieu of the pending resolution as adopted last meeting now reconsidered.

Ordinance No. 1 created by the Town Council of the town of Falls Church Va. that an act of the Legislature of 1912 Chap. 137 entitled an act to provide for designation by cities and towns of segregation districts for residence of white and colored persons. For the adoption of this act by such cities and towns and for penalties for violation of its terms. The act is hereby adopted by the town of Falls Church Va. and the Council on Segregation Va. and is hereby amended and instructed to prepare a map showing the boundaries of the segregation districts and showing the number of white persons and colored persons residing within

said segregation districts as of January 11, 1915.

On the motion to adopt this ordinance the meeting in the affirmative are Councilmen J. B. Gould, S. H. Dyer, W. H. Westbrook and R. Munson. Lites 4.

Those voting in the negative are Councilmen R. L. Harmon.

Whereupon the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted.

On motion and by unanimous vote passed of the Ordinance of the town was amended by adding to said section the following: "Alleys or lands may be accepted not less than ten feet in width if put in condition satisfactory to the town Council."

On motion voted to recognize the vote by which the Council at the last meeting accepted the proposition of Mr. M. E. Lohmich to donate to the town certain territory and alleys.

Mr. Lohmich thereupon proposed the following: "I hereby dedicate for public alley purposes and donate to the town of Falls Church Va. a strip of land forty (40) feet wide running from Fairfax about in a southerly direction between the lands of Evans and Brice designated as "Douglas Avenue" in a subdivision called "Southgate Subdivision" made by Harry Crocker, Esq., March 1901, copy of which is hereto attached. thence to the South, East corner of Evans at an angle in said Douglas Avenue, thence a strip of land 30 feet wide running in a westerly direction along the South line of Evans to the intersection of Liberty Ave. thence 30 feet wide in a southerly direction along Liberty Ave to the corporation line."

I respectfully request the acceptance of same by your Honorable Town Council.

Respectfully

M. E. Lohmich

After some discussion the Council by unanimous vote accepted the above declaration.

On motion it was voted to reconsider the action of the Council at the last meeting designating the segregation districts.