

In the Council Chambers of the Showers City Hall on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 7:30 pm with Council President Dave Rollo presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

Roll Call: Wisler, Diekhoff, Ruff, Sandberg, Rollo, Sturbaum, Volan, Sabbagh, Mayer

ROLL CALL

Council President Rollo gave the Agenda Summation

AGENDA SUMMATION

The minutes of June 6, 2007 were approved by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Steve Volan welcomed students back, and urged them to contact the council if they wanted to see how city government worked. He also wished his father a Happy 78th birthday.

REPORTS:
COUNCILMEMBERS

Chris Sturbaum said he went to Chicago and saw a most impressive public art exhibit entitled "Cool Globes," an innovative outdoor art project of 124 extraordinary globes designed to create awareness and inspire practical solutions to global warming.

Tim Mayer welcomed everyone back and also welcomed newcomers to the city.

Dave Rollo reported that the Indiana Regulatory Commission held a hearing on a proposed expansion of a power plant in Edwardsport, Indiana and thanked the community for coming out and waiting to speak. He noted that *The Guardian* from Britain had just published a report entitled "Loss of Arctic Ice Leaves Experts Stunned," noting that an area almost twice as big as the UK had disappeared in the last week alone. He noted that the article indicated that that we need to cut our carbon emissions and need more federal leadership on this issue.

There was no report at this meeting.

MAYOR and CITY OFFICES

There were no reports at this meeting.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Bloomington citizen Kevin Ryan presented material on local threats resulting from global limitations. He raised questions about the cause of the events on September 11, 2001 and invited the public to attend a panel discussion on the subject at the Buskirk Chumley Theatre on Monday, September 10, 2007. He also showed slides previewing his presentation.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ruff asked Ryan why many folks did not know that a third building fell on 9/11. Ryan noted that the third building was not even discussed in the 9/11 Commission Report.

Bloomington citizen Gabe Rivera said that you could choose between saving the world or being happy, but the two don't often coincide. He noted that he had produced "Why Did It Happen?" on CATS in 2003 that also questioned activities on 9/11. He added that we participate in local threats every day by creating the war on drugs.

There were no appointments to boards or commissions at this meeting.

BOARD AND COMMISSION
APPOINTMENTS

There was no legislation for final action at this meeting, the first after the August recess.

LEGISLATION FOR SECOND
READING

It was moved and seconded that the following legislation be introduced and read by title and synopsis only. Clerk Moore read the legislation by title and synopsis.

LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

Appropriation Ordinance 07-04 An Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates (2008 Civil City Budget for the City of Bloomington)

Appropriation Ordinance 07-04

Appropriation Ordinance 07-05 An Ordinance Adopting a Budget for the Operation, Maintenance, Debt Service, and Capital Improvements for the Water and Wastewater Utility Departments of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, for the Year 2008

Appropriation Ordinance 07-05

Ordinance 07-17 An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of Officers of the Police and Fire Departments for the City of Bloomington, Indiana, for the Year 2008

Ordinance 07-17

Ordinance 07-18 An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of Appointed Officers, Non-Union and A.F.S.C.M.E. Employees for All the Departments of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, for the Year 2008

Ordinance 07-18

Ordinance 07-19 To Fix the Salaries of All Elected City Officials for the City of Bloomington for the Year 2008

Ordinance 07-19

Ordinance 07-20 An Ordinance Reviewing and Modifying the Budget of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation for the Year 2008

Ordinance 07-20

Ordinance 07-21 To Amend Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Entitled "Administration and Personnel" (Inserting Chapter 2.23.080 Establishing the Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs)

Ordinance 07-21

Ordinance 07-22 To Designate an Economic Development Target Area – Re: 300 E. Third Street (The Plaza at Third and Lincoln, LLC, Petitioner)

Ordinance 07-22

Ordinance 07-23 To Vacate a Public Parcel – Re: The Portion of the West 9th Street Right-of-Way Running from North Rogers Street to the B-Line Trail (CFC, Inc., Petitioner)

Ordinance 07-23

David Grubb said he saluted the U.S. President. He thanked his son who he said he saved his property for him. He said that the two women county commissioners had turned into dictators and were unqualified for their jobs. He said he would like to develop his property on the west side of town.

PUBLIC INPUT

Isabel Piedmont thanked those involved in the recent 4th Street Festival that took place during the previous weekend. She said it was a good event and appreciated the work that went into it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Dave Rollo, PRESIDENT
Bloomington Common Council

Regina Moore, CLERK
City of Bloomington