

AGENDA  
COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
DECEMBER 2, 1981, 7:30 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. AGENDA SUMMATION
- III. MESSAGES FROM COUNCILMEMBERS
- IV. MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR
- V. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: P.A.L.S. update (Carlos Ortigoza)
- VI. LEGISLATION FOR DISCUSSION & VOTE/SECOND READINGS
  1. Resolution 81-30 To Approve an Intergovernmental Contract for the Sale of Unneeded Equipment by the City of Bloomington, Indiana to the Town of Yorktown, Indiana  
Committee Report: none - committee meeting cancelled
  2. Appropriation Ordinance 81-11 To Specially Appropriate from the Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Expenditures Not Otherwise Appropriated of the City of Bloomington
  3. Ordinance 81-101 To Amend Various Sections of Title 7 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Animals"
- VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING
  1. Ordinance 81-102 To Amend Various Sections of Title 20 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Zoning"
  2. Ordinance 81-104 To Amend Zoning Maps  
re: NW corner of Sare and E. Rogers Road as a PUD (Bloomington Development Corporation)
  3. Ordinance 81-105 Budget Transfers  
re: Parks and Recreation and Police Departments
- VIII. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: November 18, 1981
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

In the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on December 2, 1981, with Council president Towell presiding over a regular session of the Common Council.

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Councilmembers present: Allison, Towell, Olcott, Morrison, Murphy, Porter, Hogan, Dilcher.  
Councilmembers absent: Service.

ROLL CALL

Towell read the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Allison noted that City Clerk Nora Connors will be resigning effective January 1, 1982, and welcomed Pat Williams as the new Clerk. Second, she announced that Operation City Beautiful will have their tree planting ceremony on Saturday. Finally, she said county officials are continuing to ignore half of their constituency (city residents) when they ask that the City of Bloomington pay landfill user fees. She called it double taxation, adding that the City was hit with a bill this year when there were no funds budgeted for landfill fees. She said she would suggest that the Parks Board institute higher user fees for non-city residents since the County has reneged on their contract with the City concerning payments for the parks system.

MESSAGES FROM  
COUNCILMEMBERS

Porter congratulated the Street Department and Department of Public Works on the success of the leaf pickup program, stating that they finished ahead of schedule.

Murphy said he was sorry that the industrial park site for the Work Release Center did not work out, adding that the time has come for the elected officials to make a decision about it.

Towell agreed, stating that it was not very helpful for potential sites to keep coming up for consideration before the state had even looked at them. He said he could support nearly any site the state would approve within the budgeted amount.

Morrison said the Council and the Mayor should decide where the Work Release Center should be located, and he noted that he is confident an appropriate site can be found.

Hogan said he had thought the location problem had been solved when the Council agreed that the industrial park would be a good site, but obviously it can't be located where people don't want it. The state is interested in locating the Center in Monroe County, not necessarily within the city limits, and they are excited at the thought of having a new building.

There were no messages from the Mayor.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Carlos Ortigoza of the Peoples Animal Lovers Society (PALS) addressed the Council. He said they are continuing to assist in the spaying and neutering of animals, although the cost of the operation has gone up dramatically over the years. The recent donation from the estate of Helen Rogers was very helpful, and they are still continuing without government subsidy. They have helped pay for 2,165 spaying and neuterings since PALS was begun.

PETITIONS & COMM.  
PALS UPDATE

Nancy Murray said the city sidewalks and curbs are in bad shape, and as a handicapped person, they create a hazard for her. Ideally, handicapped curbs would be installed everywhere, but short of that, sidewalks should be kept up. Allison responded that sidewalks are the property owners' responsibility, and she should report broken sidewalks to the Legal Department. She added that \$50,000 has been budgeted this year for sidewalk and curb repair.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Resolution 81-30 by title only.

RESOLUTION 81-30  
To Approve a Contract for Sale of Equipment by the City to Yorktown, IN

Clerk Connors read Resolution 81-30 by title only.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 81-30.

Dilcher read the legislative synopsis and gave the committee report, stating that there was no committee meeting held and there are no recommendations.

Resolution 81-30 was then adopted by a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Appropriation Ordinance 81-11 by title only.

APPROPRIATION  
ORDINANCE 81-11  
From Federal  
Revenue Sharing  
Funds

Clerk Connors read Appropriation Ordinance 81-11 by title only.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 81-11.

Dilcher read the legislative synopsis.

Allison said that although the leafing program was a success, the Street Department's budget will have to be increased to hire additional personnel if it means crews will have to be pulled off paving and patching crews each year to do leafing.

Appropriation Ordinance 81-11 was then adopted by a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 81-101 by title only.

ORDINANCE 81-101  
To Amend Title 7  
of the BMC, enti-  
tled "Animals:

Clerk Connors read Ordinance 81-101 by title only.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 81-101.

Dilcher read the legislative synopsis.

Allison asked Shelter Director Jim Lange the reasoning behind increasing license fees.

Lange responded that all of the proposed revisions were discussed in detail by the Animal Control Commission, Board of Public Works, Legal Department, and the Council Attorney. The basic idea was that unneutered and unspayed pets created more problems for the city; they run at large more and contribute to over population. It may discourage some people to pay \$10 for a license, but when an animal is picked up people have 15 days to buy a license.

Allison said the goal should be to license as many animals as possible, and she said an aggressive education program is needed to let people know about the advantages of licensing, such as making it easier to locate the owner of a lost animal. Additional programs are needed to make it easier to get a license as well.

Lange answered that vets and pet stores now have license applications. He noted that they will sell about 1,300 licenses this year, which is up from 400 when he first started at the city.

Allison moved and Murphy seconded a motion to lower the fee for unneutered and unspayed animals from \$10 to \$5. She said people won't get a license if they are too expensive.

Carlos Ortigoza said that people who have their animals spayed or neutered should be rewarded with a low license fee, perhaps of 50¢. The license doesn't cost the city much anyway and these people should be encouraged to license their animals. He has no problems with any other parts of the ordinance.

Porter said the cost of licensing animals is really insignificant compared to the cost of keeping an animal.

Olcott said since most people don't license their pets until they are picked up, it does not seem unfair to include some of the cost incurred by the city in picking up the animal and taking it to the shelter. Lange agreed that there are other costs in licensing besides the tag itself; administrative costs such as mailing letters to the owners of licensed animals to remind them when they need to renew the license, the computerization of animal shelter records, etc.

Allison said the relatively few animals licensed (Lange guessed about 10%) just shows that the city needs a position at the shelter to take care of educational programs. People don't realize that the shelter can return a lost animal if it is licensed. Lange said that some of the money left by Helen Rogers will be used for education.

Allison and Olcott said they are pleased with the animal control program, noting that there are now far fewer dogs running loose.

Jeff Krodel of the Animal Shelter said \$6.00 would be appropriate for unspayed pets and \$1.00 for spayed animals. He said a \$10.00 license fee may cost the city more in the long run since some people may give up their pets to the shelter rather than pay a higher fee. He added that people get refunds on the fees once their animal is spayed or neutered.

Morrison asked about state tags and Lange said animals are required to be licensed separately by the state with a fee of \$5.00; however, he has seen few animals with a state tag.

Allison moved and Murphy seconded a motion to amend their amendment in Section VI (1) to seven dollars, and in (2) to one dollar. Motion carried by a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 81-101 as amended. Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read the following ordinances by title only for first reading. Clerk Connors read each by title only and Dilcher read the synopses.

FIRST READINGS  
Ordinance 81-102  
Ordinance 81-104  
Ordinance 81-105

Ordinance 81-102 To Amend Title 20 of the BMC, "Zoning"  
Ordinance 81-104 To Amend Zoning, NW corner of Sare and E. Rogers Road as a PUD  
Ordinance 81-105 Budget Transfers for Police and P&R Depts.

Olcott moved and Dilcher seconded a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 1981 as submitted. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

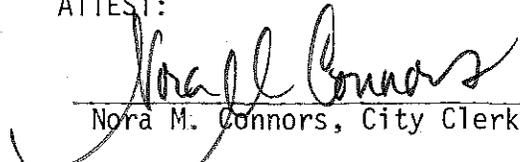
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:  
November 18, 1981

MINUTES APPROVED this 10th day of December, 1981.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

  
Alfred I. Towell, President

  
Nora M. Connors, City Clerk