

In the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on March 6, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. with Councilpresident Allison presiding over a regular session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 6, 1980

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

ROLL CALL

Councilpresident Allison gave the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Olcott wished the I.U. Basketball Team good luck in the upcoming NCAA Championships.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

Service thanked those in the community who have expressed their support of the Tree Ordinance she is sponsoring. She said that the provisions for regulation of private property will be dropped due to strenuous opposition, but that other parts of the ordinance will be pursued to incorporate them into the City's regulation of right-of-way and site plan reviews. Without private property regulation it will be difficult to regulate landlords who cut down trees on their properties because they are a bother.

Allison said she is pleased to see the snow removal ordinance enforced. She said that this is a very important ordinance which pertains to the safety of pedestrians. Olcott added that the City should clean their own sidewalks as well.

Morrison said that there is a problem in some areas with snow getting plowed back on clean sidewalks. He said the City should consider purchasing snow blowers to avoid this problem.

There were no Petitions and Communications.

PETITIONS & COMM.

There was no message from the Mayor.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR

Allison asked the Council to approve the appointment of several people to Boards and Commissions.

APPOINTMENTS TO
BOARDS & COMMIS-
SIONS

Murphy moved and Hogan seconded a motion to appoint Lela Steward to the Human Rights Commission for a term running until March, 1982. Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 1 (Olcott)

Human Rights Comm.

Olcott moved and Murphy seconded a motion to appoint Fran Moore to the Animal Control Commission for a term running until July, 1981. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Animal Control
Commission

Dilcher moved and Porter seconded a motion to appoint Councilmember Patrick Murphy to the Economic Development Commission for a term running until January, 1981.

Economic Develop-
ment Commission

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Appropriation Ordinance 80-3 by title only.

SECOND READINGS-APP.
ORDINANCE 80-3

Clerk Connors read Appropriation Ordinance 80-3 by title only.

From FRS to Police
Dept. repairs &
Econ. Development
Coordinator

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 80-3.

Pat Gross, City Controller, explained that the ordinance should be amended since the bid came in lower on the Police Station repairs than anticipated. She asked that the amount be lowered to \$11,000.

Olcott spoke to the request for funds for the continuation of the Economic Development Coordinator position. He said that

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Tim Mitchell had done an excellent job, but he would be leaving soon to go to law school. He said the position more than paid for itself in funds from economic development coming into the community.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to amend Appropriation Ordinance 80-3 to lower the amount for Police Station repairs to \$11,000. Motion carried by a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 80-3 as amended. Motion carried by a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 80-24 by title only.

ORDINANCE 80-24
Amend 1980 Salary
Ordinance re: City
Engineer

Clerk Connors read Ordinance 80-24 by title only.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 80-24. Allison read the legislative synopsis.

Paul Fulton, Personnel Director, explained that the City is having a difficult time replacing the City Engineer. This ordinance was given first reading on the assumption that one of the people who was interviewed would take the job, but he withdrew his application at the last minute. They are hoping that the person hired would also be a good administrator for the Engineering Department.

Olcott suggested that the Council not act on any amendments to the Salary Ordinance until someone has been located that would agree to take the job for a specified amount. Otherwise, the Council may have to consider another ordinance to raise the salary or change the title again.

Morrison agreed and said it would be difficult to find someone for under \$26,500.

Murphy asked what figure the position was advertised at, and Fulton answered no figure the first time it was advertised. The second time \$24,000 was listed but applicants were informed that the Council had not yet approved that figure. In answer to another question by Murphy, Fulton said he would prefer to see this ordinance postponed if they can be sure of quick action when they are ready to hire someone.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to postpone Ordinance 80-24 until resubmitted by the Mayor's Office. Motion carried by a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 80-23 by title only.

ORDINANCE 80-23
To Amend BMC re:
Residency Require-
ments for Board
Members

Clerk Connors read Ordinance 80-23 by title only.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 80-23. Allison read the legislative synopsis.

Allison, sponsor of the ordinance, explained that she would like to see residents of the two-mile fringe permitted to serve on City boards and commissions because the two-mile fringe is under the jurisdiction of the Plan Commission and because people in this area often work in the City and have a stake in what happens there. She said that qualified applicants have been turned back because they don't live in the City.

Olcott said that the City should be able to find qualified people within the city limits that pay city taxes. He said the trouble with finding people is that no one wants to serve on some of the City's "crazy" Commissions. He said the only reason someone in the two-mile fringe would want to serve on a city Commission would be to address one specific area. He said Councilmembers should work harder to recruit good people. He asked why the ordinance couldn't be changed to four-mile fringe or county limits.

Service said the ordinance would provide for broader choices by the appointing body in addition to the fact that most of these people work in the city and are aware of local issues.

Porter contended that the City limits are only artificial boundaries that really don't mean much. He said that those in the two-mile fringe could have significant skills and abilities and contribute to the City.

Hogan said there does seem to be a shortage of volunteers but added that he can understand the residency theory.

Morrison said he can relate to Olcott's views but said that people in the two-mile fringe deserve a voice in City affairs.

Murphy added his support to the ordinance stating that these people should have an opportunity to serve.

Hogan said he didn't think non-residents should serve on paid boards, but France Komoroske added that there are very few of those.

Olcott continued that many boards are merely advisory, but added that they do spend a lot of money. For example, the Parks and Recreation Board has a million dollar budget. He reiterated his point that the best applicants are City residents and taxpayers.

Dilcher noted that it seems reasonable to give City residents preference over non-residents if it comes to that.

Ordinance 80-23 was then adopted by a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 1 (Olcott).

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 80-22 by title only.

Clerk Connors read Ordinance 80-22 by title only.

ORDINANCE 80-22
Amend BMC re:
Water Service
Charges

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 80-22. Allison read the legislative synopsis.

Ordinance 80-22 was then adopted by a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 1 (Morrison).

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 80-25 by title only.

FIRST READING
ORDINANCE 80-25
Amend BMC re: Two
hour parking zones

Clerk Connors read Ordinance 80-25 by title only and Allison read the legislative synopsis.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 1980 as submitted. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

MINUTES FOR
APPROVAL: 2/20/80

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Tomilea Allison, President
Bloomington Common Council
nmc



Noya Connors, City Clerk
APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH, 1980.