

## REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 15, 1954

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in the City Hall on Tuesday, June 15, 1954, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock P.M. (7:30 P.M.), in regular session, with Mayor Kelly presiding.

Members Present: Carpenter, Donham, Griffith, McDaniel, Miller, Porter, and Ramsey

Members Absent: none

The minutes of the last meeting were approved on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Ramsey.

The report of L. M. Rogers, Superintendent of the Sanitation Department, for the month of May, 1954, was accepted on motion of Councilman McDaniel, seconded by Councilman Porter.

Councilman Donham reported for the Committee on Public Works that an investigation had been made of the request for curbs and gutters on North Jackson Street. He advised that the property owners are organizing in an effort to raise the funds necessary to make this improvement in that location.

Councilman Donham reported the Committee on Public Works had also investigated the petition for permission to cut curb to provide parking space for Illinois Central Railroad Employees. With the approval of the Committee, he moved that permission be granted, with the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer; Councilman Ramsey seconded the motion; motion carried.

A petition requesting a street light at the intersection of Fifth and Roosevelt Streets was approved by the Committee on City Utilities, whereupon the Council authorized installation of a street light at this location, on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Griffith.

Councilman Carpenter, as Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the proposal to locate a skating rink in the City, reported that a possible location had been chosen at Cascades Park, and suggested that the City Attorney be directed to prepare a contract for the consideration of the Council at the next meeting, in order to expedite a decision. After discussion, Councilman Griffith moved that Councilman Carpenter, City Attorney McCrea, and Messrs. Sare, who are the ones proposing to install and operate the skating rink, confer on the preparation of a contract, and that the Committee on Park and Recreation look at the site, confer with City Attorney McCrea, and report to the Council at the next meeting; Councilman Donham seconded the motion; motion carried.

Councilman Griffith presented for consideration an amendment to the Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 10, 1953, which was read at the last meeting, and referred to Committee for study. After discussion, Councilman Griffith moved, on request of the Chairman of the City Utilities, that the amending Ordinance be retained in the hands of the Committee on City Utilities for consideration and recommendation at the next meeting; Councilman Miller seconded the motion; Mayor Kelly requested a roll call vote, and the response was as follows: Ayes: Griffith, McDaniel, Miller, and Porter; Noes: Carpenter, Donham, Ramsey; motion carried.

Councilman Miller, as Chairman of the Committee on City Utilities, suggested to the Council that they consider the possibility of extending street lighting to the City limits on East Third Street.

Councilman Griffith reported he had attended the meeting of property owners who are organizing for the purpose of constructing a sewer in a part of Maxwell Manors Addition, and he expressed his opinion that the manner of apportioning the cost of the improvement was not fair, and he thought it unwise for the City to establish such a policy. City Attorney McCrea explained that the property owners are organizing on a voluntary basis, and that the City does not have any reason to decide the manner of the individual assessments, and that the property owners on vote chose this manner of assessment. He also expressed the hope that nothing will be done to discourage these property owners from going ahead with this sewer project. City Engineer Cason advised the Council that he had studied the sewer problem carefully in Maxwell Manors, as well as the rest of the City, and that for the information of the property owners he

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had prepared figures of the cost apportionment three different ways, and the property owners then chose by vote of the majority the plan which they preferred. Mayor Kelly pointed out that since this is a project of the property owners, the Board of Works did not attend their organization meeting, as the City is concerned only to the extent that the work be done according to specifications, etc. Councilman Miller recommended that the Council go along with any improvement of this sort, and Councilman Ramsey stated that he believed the City policy should be that the property owners be allowed to pay for improvements in the way they decide.

A petition for a street light on 15th Street between Madison and Jackson Streets was referred to the Committee on City Utilities for investigation and report, on motion of Councilman Miller seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

Councilman Porter reported for the Traffic Commission, as follows:

"A committee appointed to investigate and report on whether to improve Palmer Street or Dunn Street, from First to Hillside, recommended that Palmer Street be improved. However, action by the City on this recommendation is not being requested at the present time.

The Commission recommends to the Council that Dunn Street be made one-way North from Third Street to Tenth Street, and that Grant Street be made one-way South from Tenth Street to First Street."

On motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, Dunn Street and Grant Street are made one-way streets as recommended by the Traffic Commission, to be effective when funds are available to purchase the necessary signs.

An Ordinance reducing funds heretofore appropriated for the use of the Street Department was presented to the Council for consideration, and on motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Porter, was passed unanimously on a roll call vote to second reading. Upon second reading, by title only with the consent of the Council, Councilman Griffith moved the adoption of the Ordinance, Councilman Ramsey seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, Ordinance No. 9, 1954, was passed and adopted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Donham.

  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
Clerk-Treasurer