

AGENDA
COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION AND PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET
AUGUST 17, 1983, 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
- VI. LEGISLATION FOR DISCUSSION-VOTE SECOND READING
 - 1. Resolution 83-31 Inducement Resolution for Economic Development Revenue Bonds for Wetterau, Incorporated.
Committee Recommendation: Do Pass 7-0
 - 2. Resolution 83-32 To Designate the Property Located at the SW Corner of Seventh and Madison Streets as as Economic Revitalization Area.
Committee Recommendation: Do Pass 6-0-1
- VII. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 1984 CIVIL CITY BUDGET
- VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING
 - 1. Ordinance 83-48 To Amend Chapter 6.08 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Cemeteries and Burials"
- IX. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AUGUST 3, 1983
- X. ADJOURNMENT

In a meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building with Council President Dilcher presiding over a Regular Session of the Common Council and a Public Hearing on the 1984 Civil City Budget on Wednesday, August 17, 1983.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 17, 1983

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

ROLL CALL

Council President Dilcher gave the agenda summation.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Gross noted the passing of Bill Woods. Bloomington has lost one of its finest citizens and will be truly missed.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

Murphy said that the state Attorney General has finally offered an opinion regarding rate trending --that PSI's request was illegal. Citizens should continue to be concerned about trending and the fact that the AG has offered this opinion should not lead people to believe the fight is over.

Service said that the 20% salary increase for councilmembers is inappropriate this year. A freeze is not a solution, for if no small increase is given the council salary will never improve.

Dilcher congratulated Bill Bartess for his award as the Southern Indiana Operator of the Year. The Utilities Department is indeed honored by Mr. Bartness' award.

Mayor Allison extended the sympathy of the City of Bloomington to the entire Jewish community at this time of need. A recent fire destroyed many valuable religious articles. An extensive investigation is going on at this time.

MESSAGES FROM THE
MAYOR

Service moved and Gross seconded that the entire council move to support the Mayor's statement of sympathy and unity for the Bloomington Jewish community. There was an unanimous voice vote in support of the motion.

Mayor Allison presented an encomium for Jan Wagner. Wagner, director of the Human Resources department, will be leaving the City.

ENCOMIUM FOR JAN
WAGNER

There were no petitions or communications.

PETITIONS AND
COMMUNICATIONS
INTRODUCTION OF
RESOLUTION FOR
SECOND READING.
RES. 83-31
INDUCEMENT RES. FOR
ECON. DEV. REV. BONDS
FOR WETTERAU, INC.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Resolution 83-31 by title only. Clerk Williams read the resolution by title only.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 83-31. Porter read the committee report.

Olcott said that it was an outstanding show of support that Wetterau decided to expand in the Bloomington area.

Steve Ferguson, attorney for Wetterau, said that there would be a 1.6 million dollar payroll per year.

Murphy asked about the use of local labor in the construction phase of the operation. Wetterau will determine the general contractor and Monroe County labor will be used.

The resolution received a roll call vote of Ayes:9, Nays:0.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Resolution 83-32 by title only. Clerk Williams read the resolution by title only.

RES. 83-32
ERA FOR 7th AND
MADISON (CFC, INC.)

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 83-32. Porter read the committee report.

The resolution received a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstentions: 1 (Gross is employed by a subsidiary of CFC, Inc.).

Mayor Allison presented a statement regarding the Civil City budget for 1984 and the proceedings of the Public Service Commission. A copy of her statement is attached to these minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
1984 CIVIL CITY
BUDGET

Tom Zeller, a concerned citizen, said the citizenry should not be misled by AG Pearson's remarks. The PSC, a most arrogant board, already knew what the law was when they accepted the proposed rate increase by PSI and that Larry Wallace, the present head of the commission, may become the head of a federal regulatory agency.

Gordon Hershey supported Mayor Allison's stand against trended rates.

Lee Pettay, representing Gladys VanHook, an employee in the Legal Department, asked why VanHook's salary had been cut by \$ 1 per hour . She is presently paid \$ 6.84 per hour and next year that will be reduced.

Harriet Lipkin said that she would be glad to discuss it with Mr. Pettay. Lipkin said that when Mrs. VanHook retired and would be working part-time, she will not be classified as the office manager. The restructuring of the office led to VanHook's reclassification as as Secretary III.

Micah Rosenberry asked about the Lake Griffy project. Many citizens are concerned about the future use of the area. Who will conduct the studies, when will they take place and why a consulting firm from somewhere else. Of the two agencies submitting proposals for the area, the plans appear to be something for a very highly developed looking plan.

Dilcher said that no decision has been made as to who does the study and that citizens will definitely have input and involvement in the project. Dilcher said that she could not guarantee that the wishes of every person in the community would be granted, but they will be listened to.

Rosenberry was concerned that the proposals seemed so commercial. Frank Ragan said that it was not a local firm but that the group has the necessary expertise. What is needed is an estimate of the cost involved so that a grant may be written. Ragan said that was the only reason that particular consultant was being used at this time.

Murphy said that people are concerned about environmental abuse and protecting the area for future use.

Tom Sheaffer also supported the Mayor's position regarding the PSI rate increase.

Bill Timberlake expressed the same concerns about trending as the others but suggested that the problem was even more complex than stated. He said that the completion of the plant is not the only concern. No way of handling the waste materials has been discussed or even addressed.

Mike Andrews returned to the Lake Griffy issue. Over the years many studies are done only to discover that they end up on a shelf somewhere with nothing ever accomplished. The real problem is one of good faith and citizen participation. Andrews asked why it was necessary to go outside when earlier advice was bad, sophmoric and expensive. Regarding the PSI proposed rate increase, he thought it might be possible for the city to withhold trended increase payments; that a definite allocation should be made to fund this opposition; that the PSC will gladly 'compromise' with PSI and the most dramatic thing the City could do would be to withhold all payment. Every year there is an increase in utilities cost despite a decrease in consumption.

The following ordinance was introduced and read for first reading by title only by Clerk Williams.

Ordinance 83-48 To Amend Chapter 6.08 of the Bloomington Municipal Code, Entitled "Cemeteries and Burials"

The minutes of August 3, 1983 were approved by a voice vote.

Dilcher moved that the Ordinance 83-48 just introduced for first reading be voted upon at the next Council meeting (August 24, 1983), thereby eliminating the council committee meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

INTRODUCTION OF
ORD. FOR FIRST
READING.
ORD. 83-48 TO
AMEND 6.08 OF THE
BMC ENTITLED
CEMETERIES AND
BURIALS

ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams
Patricia Williams
City Clerk

APPROVE:

Katherine Dilcher
Katherine Dilcher, President
Bloomington Common Council

WHEN I PRESENTED YOU WITH THE 1984 CIVIL CITY BUDGET EARLY IN JULY, PUBLIC SERVICE INDIANA HAD NOT YET MADE PUBLIC ITS SIX-YEAR RATE TRENDING PROPOSAL. WE WERE ADVISED BY PSI IN MAY TO BUDGET FOR AN INCREASE OF 5% TO COVER ITS FUEL ADJUSTMENT COSTS IN 1984. WE DID PREPARE FOR THAT INCREASE, AN INCREASE WE CAN STILL EXPECT TO PAY, WITH OR WITHOUT RATE TRENDING. SHOULD THE FIRST PROPOSED ANNUAL RATE-TRENDING INCREASE OF 8% TAKE EFFECT IN 1984, THE TOTAL INCREASE WILL BE 13% NEXT YEAR. RATE TRENDING ALONE WOULD COST THE CITY TAXPAYERS AN ADDITIONAL \$1,134,333 OVER THE NEXT SIX-YEAR PERIOD. THAT FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PSI RATE INCREASES DURING THAT PERIOD SHOULD UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR SUCH AS INFLATION, CHANGES IN NATIONAL REGULATORY COMMISSION REGULATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS, ETC.

IF INDIANA MUNICIPALITIES ARE FORCED TO CONTINUE TO SURVIVE WITHOUT FISCAL HOME RULE, THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH WE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET RISING ELECTRIC UTILITY COSTS IS TO CUT SERVICES TO OUR CITIZENS. THE IMPACT ON BLOOMINGTON'S TAXPAYERS IS A DOUBLE ONE. NOT ONLY WILL WE BE PAYING HIGHER COSTS FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE IN OUR OWN HOMES, WE WILL BE SUBSIDIZING INCREASED COSTS TO THE CITY. WE CANNOT AS A CITY, NOR AS TAXPAYERS AND CONSUMERS, CONTINUE TO MAKE SUCH SACRIFICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF PSI.

I HAVE PARTICIPATED AS MAYOR AND AS COUNCILMEMBER TO DEVELOP A STRONG AND AGGRESSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE THE POSITIVE RESULTS OF THOSE EFFORTS. HOW CAN WE HOPE TO CONTINUE TO ATTRACT NEW INDUSTRIES AND TO ENCOURAGE EXPANSION IF AN EVER-INCREASING PORTION OF OUR LOCAL RESOURCES MUST BE PAID FOR ESSENTIAL UTILITIES? HOW CAN WE HOPE TO GROW AND PROSPER IF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE CANNOT SUPPORT GROWTH AND IF WE AS A CITY CANNOT PROVIDE BASIC SERVICES? HOW WILL WE MAINTAIN A COMPETITIVE EDGE IN ATTRACTING NEW INDUSTRIES WHEN THEY LEARN THAT ELECTRICAL COSTS MAY GO UP 59% IN THE NEXT SIX YEARS?

I AM MONITORING CLOSELY THE PROCEEDINGS ON THE PSI PROPOSAL. I WILL BE ATTENDING A MAYOR'S ROUNDTABLE IN JASPER TOMORROW, AT WHICH MEETING I WILL PROPOSE THAT THE MAYORS OF THE DISTRICT UNITE TO SEEK CONCRETE WAYS TO OPPOSE RATE-TRENDING, BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, IN THE LEGISLATURE, AND IN THE COURTS IF NECESSARY.

AT MY SUGGESTION, THE MAYORS OF WEST LAFAYETTE AND COLUMBUS WILL ALSO ATTEND MAYOR'S
ROUNDTABLES IN THE PSI DISTRICT TOMORROW FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. DISCUSSION WILL
CONTINUE AT THE ANNUAL INDIANA CITIES AND TOWNS CONVENTION IN SEPTEMBER. I WILL
CONTINUE TO ACTIVELY OPPOSE RATE-TRENDING. IT COULD RESULT IN ECONOMIC CHAOS FOR
ALL OF US.