

In the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on January 3, 1979, with Councilpresident Richardson presiding over a regular session of the Common Council.

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 3, 1979

Councilmembers present: Allison, Blume, Kinzer, Middleton, Morrison, Olcott, Richardson, Towell and Young. Absent: none.

ROLL CALL

These minutes are a summary - tapes available in Council Office.

Richardson gave the agenda summation. After election of officers and appointments to Boards and Commissions will be introduction of ordinances for first reading; Ordinance 79-2, To Designate 419 N. Washington as Historic; Ordinance 79-3, To Amend Zoning Maps re: 1820 Vernal Pike RS to ML; and Ordinance 79-4, To Amend Zoning Maps re: NE corner of Longview and Pete Ellis Drive RH to BL. The minutes of November 16, 1978 are to be approved.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Richardson reviewed the Council's actions and accomplishments during 1978. He said the overlying theme of the year has been that the Council was more directly involved in the decision-making process and has become more dynamic in the process. He said it takes a while to get a handle on the different issues in the City, and as a Council, he feels this has been their best year yet. He summarized that there were 77 ordinances, 13 appropriation ordinances, and 29 resolutions passed during 22 regular and 3 special sessions of the Council. There were 18 committee meetings. He then ran through a list of major legislation considered by the Council. He then gave a summary of the activities of each Councilmember during the year and ordinances and programs they had sponsored. He said it has been a honor being Councilpresident in 1978, and added that each Councilmember contributed as much of their time as possible to Council business considering their jobs and families.

MESSAGE FROM
COUNCILPRESIDENT
RICHARDSON

Towell moved and Kinzer seconded a motion to nominate Tomilea Allison as President of the Common Council for 1979. Towell explained that he has known Tomi for a long time and has always known her to be a capable administrator, fair, thorough and a very good leader.

ELECTION OF 1979
OFFICERS

Young moved and Middleton seconded a motion to nominate Lloyd Olcott as Councilpresident. Young commented that he thinks Olcott has the ability to lead the Council through 1979.

Tomilea Allison was then elected Councilpresident by a vote of Ayes: 5, Nays: 4 (votes for Olcott - Morrison, Young, Olcott and Middleton).

Towell moved and Blume seconded a motion to nominate Jeff Richardson as President Pro-tem. Towell said that Richardson is interested in serving and has good experience in the area. Towell moved that the vote be by acclamation and Kinzer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Towell moved and Richardson seconded a motion to nominate Pat Kinzer as Parliamentarian. Richardson moved and Middleton seconded a motion that the vote be by acclamation. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Allison thanked the Council and commended Richardson as being a hard working, tenacious Councilpresident in 1978. She said she has been impressed with his fairness to the opposition during the year. She then announced that Richardson has been appointed as the Council's ex-officio member of the USB, and Blume has been reappointed to the Plan Commission. (The Plan Commission appointment of Blume was later voted on at Blume's request and he was appointed by unanimous voice vote).

APPOINTMENTS TO
USB AND PLAN
COMMISSION

Morrison said that he had met recently with Mayor McCloskey and was pleased that the Mayor intends to appoint a resident of Crestmont to the Housing Authority. He then said that hopefully reconstruction of W. Eleventh Street will be completed by May, along with NW drainage improvements near Cascades.

MESSAGES FROM
COUNCILMEMBERS

Towell said that with his new change in position, he will now have more time to spend on City business, since he has now completed law school. Second, he said the Council has been active in 1978, but not as active as some Councils he has been on. He said there is not enough money to properly govern the city. There is a continuing failure in cooperation between the city and county, i.e., building authority, space needs, etc. These and other issues will have to be addressed this year.

Young congratulated Richardson on the fine job he did as Councilpresident and said he hopes Allison will do as well.

Olcott said he thought Richardson did a great job. He then thanked the Council staff for their assistance. He noted that Miller Drive improvements are coming along well in the area of sewers and streets. The Winslow Sports Complex is nearly completed, and this is something the city will really be proud of. He said that the Bryan Park bubble is down for the winter and still is the only winter place for residents to swim until the Bloomington High School South pool is completed. He concluded that he thought 1978 is the best year that he has served on the Council.

Richardson thanked the staff also and said he thinks the Council's attorney is being utilized very well and has performed above the Council's expectations. In response to Towell's remarks, he said that there has been city/county cooperation on an ambulance agreement and animal control. He said he was sorry that there was no building authority, but added that there were several provisions in state statutes in this area that were not good (members have to be at least 35 years old), and they have asked the state to look into improving the statute. He said the Council has worked very well with the Mayor this year, particularly on the budget.

Kinzer said there are many problems to face in 1979, but that she thinks the City can work together to cope with them.

Blume complimented Richardson on his performance as Council-president, and also thanked the Council staff. He said the Council has worked well together, and that he counts all of them as his friends. He said he would like to have someone look into the possibility of changing the voting order, perhaps holding up cards stating "yes" or "no" so that Councilmembers could vote simultaneously.

Middleton asked for a moment of silence for Ray Borland, who died recently, stating that he was an excellent physician and active in community affairs. He said the city has made progress in several areas, but there is a long way to go in others such as in establishing something along the lines of a Group Foster Home. Middleton then announced as a candidate for Councilmember-at-large.

There was no message from the mayor and no petitions and communications.

P&C, MESSAGE FROM
THE MAYOR

Kinzer moved and Towell seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 79-2 by title only.

FIRST READINGS
Ordinance 79-2

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 79-2 by title only and Allison read the legislative synopsis. Dolnick noted that Nora Connors is a member of her staff, not the Council's, and said that she has been ignored by the Council.

Designate 419 N.
Washington as
Historic Structure

Kinzer moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 79-3 by title only.

ORDINANCE 79-3
Amend Zoning re:
1820 Vernal Pike
RS to ML

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 79-3 by title only and Allison read the legislative synopsis.

Kinzer moved and Towell seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 79-4 by title only.

ORDINANCE 79-4
Amend Zoning re:
NW Corner Longview
Pete Ellis RH to BL

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 79-4 by title only and Allison read the legislative synopsis.

Kinzer moved and Middleton seconded a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 1978 as submitted. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

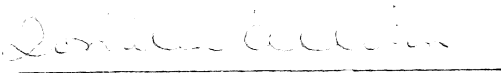
MINUTES FOR
APPROVAL: 11/16/78

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

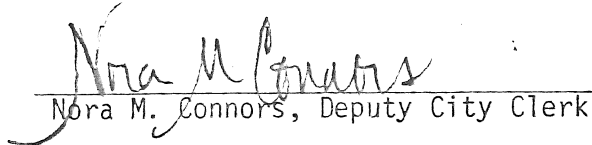
ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Tomilea Allison, President
Bloomington Common Council


Nora M. Connors, Deputy City Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1979.