

In the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building held on September 7, 1978, at 7:30 p.m. with Council president Richardson presiding over a regular session of the Common Council. THESE MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY - TAPES AVAILABLE IN OFFICE.

COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 7, 1978

Councilmembers present: Middleton, Morrison, Olcott, Allison, Richardson, Young and Kinzer. Towell entered during discussion of Ordinance 78-63. Absent: Blume.

ROLL CALL

Richardson gave the agenda summation. After appointments to Boards and Commissions, Second Readings: Ordinance 78-23, To Amend BMC re: No Parking Zone on W. Sixth Street; Ordinance 78-59, To Amend BMC, Entitled "Thoroughfare Plan", Ordinance 78-63, To Amend 1978 Salary Ordinance re: Utilities Department Systems and Procedures Analyst; and Ordinance 78-61, 1979 Utilities Department Salary Ordinance. For first reading: Ordinance 78-70, Budget Transfer; Ordinance 78-67, re: No Parking Zone on Hinkle Road; Ordinance 78-69, To Authorize Issuance of Economic Development Bonds for Bloomington Athletic Club Project; and Ordinance 78-68, To Change the Name of Crestwood Lane to Wynnwood Lane. Also, the minutes of July 31 and August 17, 1978.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Allison reminded the Council that the City's Fall Cleanup Campaign will be from September 11 through September 22.

MESSAGES FROM  
COUNCILMEMBERS

Olcott said the Economic Development Committee had met recently to talk about the Economic Development Coordinator position. It appears that the position is working out well, with one new industry already planning to locate in Bloomington. Second, he said P.S.I. may have overlighted Old SR 37 North. Third, he said with the addition of five police officers and cars through the new grant, perhaps the department can consider reinstating the funeral escort service if there are enough officers. He said there have been several near accidents without the police escort service.

Morrison spoke about a story he had heard about Cincinnati, Ohio. He said that in 1975 the City had a deficit of \$10,000,000, but then a new City manager was hired and he dismissed one quarter of all the employees. The same level of services have been maintained, and as of 1979 they have a \$4,500,000 surplus. He said perhaps the Mayor should talk to these people.

Richardson spoke to a couple of issues involving City/County cooperation. The County Council has agreed to appropriate \$10,000 for startup costs of the Group Foster Home. The City will be working with them on this. Also, there is now cooperation between the YMCA, the Boy's Club and the Parks and Recreation Department for a Youth Soccer Program. Finally, he commended the Department of Public Works for the new street markings which he said makes a big difference in averting accidents.

There was no Message from the Mayor and no Petitions and Communications.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE &  
PET. & COMMUNICATIONS

Morrison added that the west side of the area south of the tracks is nearly completed and the north side is now starting for a study of the storm drainage system.

Middleton noted that the City is proceeding with gathering information concerning property around Lake Lemon. He has been meeting with businessmen on the lake and will meet with the Parks and Recreation Board on the 27th. With the aid of the Council Attorney, they have been able to determine who owns land around the lake and the possibilities for development of some areas.

Middleton moved and Olcott seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Andrea Wellman to the Housing Quality Appeals Board.

APPOINTMENTS TO  
HQAB, ANIMAL  
CONTROL COMMISSION  
& WOMEN'S COMM.

Richardson asked why she is interested in serving and if she has the time to devote to this program, and she said she is a home owner and has lived in many different types of housing. She assured Richardson that she has the time to serve.

Andrea Wellman was then appointed to the HQAB by a unanimous voice vote.

Allison moved and Middleton seconded a motion to appoint Diane Landers to the Animal Control Commission.

Ms. Landers explained that she is involved with the education aspects of the Monroe County Humane Association (of which she is a member). She has been setting up an education center at the Animal Shelter. She said she does have the time to serve on the Commission.

Diane Landers was then appointed to the ACC by a unanimous voice vote.

Allison moved and Kinzer seconded a motion to appoint Rita Lichtenberg to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Ms. Lichtenberg said she has a long-standing interest in women's rights, and said she has been affiliated with International Women's Year. She also said she has the time to serve.

Rita Lichtenberg was then appointed to the Commission on the Status of Women by a unanimous voice vote.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 78-23 by title only.

ORDINANCE 78-23  
Amend BMC re:  
No Parking Zone  
on South Side of  
W. Sixth Street  
next to the square

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 78-23 by title only.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 78-23. Richardson read the legislative synopsis and gave the committee report, noting a Do Pass recommendation by a vote of Ayes: 3, Nays: 0.

After a short discussion, Ordinance 78-23 was adopted by a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 78-59 by title only.

ORDINANCE 78-59  
To Adopt a  
Thoroughfare Plan

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 78-59 by title only.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 78-59. Richardson read the legislative synopsis. There was no committee reports for the remaining ordinances for consideration.

Tim Mueller, Planning Director, explained that the Plan would designate right-of-way for road widths. The Plan shows the network of roads and classifies them in different categories according to width. There is no timetable for acquisition of land or for construction of the new proposed roads; this will be implemented at the development stage. The Plan provides the legal basis to impose requirements at the site plan review stage. The last plan was passed in 1953, and this Plan should be periodically updated as new roads are developed.

Olcott asked what the normal local street width requirement would be and Mueller answered 60 feet for subdivisions and 40 feet for cul de sacs. The Plan sets up a minimum requirement of 50 feet. Since the road widths would be set up initially before the development stage, it should not present a problem for developers except for development on already existing arterial streets.

Young said it is good to see the City plan for wider streets. Kinzer agreed and said the Plan Department has done the City a real service by devising this plan.

Middleton moved and Kinzer seconded a motion to approve the written amendments submitted by the Plan Department. Motion carried by vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Olcott moved and Kinzer seconded a motion to approve Ordinance 78-59 as amended. Motion carried by a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 78-63 by title only.

ORDINANCE 78-63  
Amend Utilities  
Salary Ordinance  
re: Procedure  
Analyst

Dolnick read Ordinance 78-63 by title only.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 78-63. Richardson read the legislative synopsis. Towell entered at this point after getting out of another meeting in the building.

Stu McClure, Utilities Director, said that the department needs someone to coordinate different systems in the department, particularly with the addition of the computer program. He said he would hope to hire someone with five years of accounting experience, hopefully in a business position with systems experience. In answer to a question from Kinzer concerning whether the salary is high enough, McClure answered he thought it would be, but if it is not they will come back to ask for an increase.

Olcott asked if there was anyone currently in the department that could do the work, and McClure said no.

Ordinance 78-63 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 78-61 by title only.

ORDINANCE 78-61  
1979 Utilities  
Department Salary  
Ordinance

Dolnick read Ordinance 78-61 by title only.

Olcott moved and Kinzer seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 78-61. Richardson read the legislative synopsis.

McClure said that the total number of employees in Utilities is less than last year, with 132 employees last year and 108 this year. However, they now think that the Transmission and Distribution employees may have been cut back too far. The total manpower budget has been reduced by 7.4%.

Richardson asked about those employees receiving larger than the average \$520 raise, and McClure answered that these employees have received the normal raise for several years and in order to stay competitive with outside industry, he feels larger raises are in order. He explained that some of the positions have had extra duties added on, while others have been performing admirably and deserve a raise.

Towell said that on the advice of the Personnel Director, the Council eliminated the merit portion of the Yarger study, so that now there is no incentive for those that stay in a position for a long time or do a good job. He told the Council that they were not as considerate when Civil City positions were discussed that merited a higher salary increase.

Middleton asked about Section II which gives the pay ranges, and noted that some of the raises go beyond the pay limit.

Paul Fulton, Assistant Personnel Director, said Section II reflects the same amount as last year but with the \$520 added onto the base pay. He said the Council should be examining Section I, which gives the actual pay rates.

Richardson and Kinzer said the Yarger Plan needs to be studied and possibly revised to update the classifications. They then requested that the Personnel Department look into a possible reclassification system. Middleton agreed and seconded the motion.

Towell said that there are fundamental questions that need to be addressed with a revision, and doubted that the Personnel Department should be the ones to do it.

Motion to formally request a review of the system was then adopted by a roll call vote of Ayes: 7, Nays: Towell.

Ordinance 78-61 was then adopted by a roll call vote of Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Olcott moved and Middleton seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 78-70 by title only.

FIRST READINGS  
ORDINANCE 78-70  
Budget Transfers

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 78-70 by title only and Richardson read the legislative synopsis.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 78-67 by title only.

ORDINANCE 78-67  
Amend BMC re:  
"No Parking Zone"  
on Hinkle Road

Dolnick read Ordinance 78-67 by title only and Richardson read the legislative synopsis.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 78-69 by title only.

ORDINANCE 78-69  
Authorize Issuance  
of EDC Bonds to  
Blgtn. Ath. Club

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 78-69 by title only and Richardson read the legislative synopsis.

Olcott moved and Morrison seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 78-68 by title only.

ORDINANCE 78-68  
Change Name of  
Crestwood Lane to  
Wynnwood Lane

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 78-68 by title only and Richardson read the legislative synopsis.


Olcott moved and Middleton seconded a motion to approve the minutes of July 31 and August 17, 1978 as submitted. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

MINUTES FOR  
APPROVAL 7/31 &  
8/17/78

MINUTES APPROVED this 4 DAY OF OCTOBER, 1978.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

  
John F. Richardson, President  
Bloomington Common Council

  
Nora M. Connors, Deputy City Clerk