

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, held on June 16, 1977, 7:30 p.m., with Councilpresident Middleton presiding over a regular session of the Common Council.

REGULAR SESSION  
COMMON COUNCIL  
June 16, 1977

Present: Young, Richardson, Olcott, Middleton, Blume(arrived late). Absent: Morrison, Towell, Kinzer, Allison.

ROLL CALL

Present: Betsy Williams, Director, Animal Shelter; Pat Gross, City Controller; Bill Wilson, Director, Parks and Recreation Department; Steve Richardson, City Attorney.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Councilmember Richardson spoke of a recent visit to Colorado. He pointed out that in Fort Collins, Colorado, similar problems were encountered as those presently being experienced in Bloomington in relation to efforts to restore the Old Monroe County Library. Legislation relating to City/County cooperation was obtained in Fort Collins, as well as contracts involving animal control, ambulance service, and computer sharing, areas of interest to the City of Bloomington. He mentioned his visit to the Boulder Justice Center. He felt encouraged to see another city moving forward in areas in which Bloomington is struggling. He hoped that by the end of the present Council's term, progress comparable to that seen during his visit to Colorado could be seen here in Bloomington.

MESSAGES FROM COUNCIL-  
MEMBERS

In relation to the People's Park question, he spoke of fruitful talks with Bill Wilson, Director of Parks and Recreation. He noted that there would be a public meeting held soon to allow public participation in determining the ultimate use of the park. He expressed his satisfaction that merchants had been removed from the park, in keeping with his position that they conflicted with the park's function.

Councilmember Young expressed his dismay at the rate of increase in rent made by the Housing Authority.

Councilmember Olcott noted that progress is being made in changing the Fourth and Washington lot from a two-hour lot to a four-hour lot in response to requests from nearby merchants.

He commented that as a results of the efforts of Bill Wilson, Director of Parks and Recreation, and others a grant of around one million dollars is about to be secured for the development of Winslow Park.

Councilpresident Middleton called attention to the agreement which has been reached between the City and the Employees' Union, calling it an excellent plan. He was especially pleased with the settlement of agreements on a long-term basis. He commended all those who worked on the plan for the successful compromising through which all disagreements were settled. He felt that the City and its employees would benefit from the plan.

Councilmember Richardson shared Councilmember Young's concern over the rent hike by the Housing Authority.

City Attorney Steve Richardson came forward and commented on the rent hike, noting that this was the first increase in ten to twelve years, and that payment of utilities had created quite a problem. HUD's assistance is less predictable in the area of utilities, and thus an increase in tenant rent was necessary. In general discussion, questions were answered regarding likelihood of further increases and adjustments of rates according to tenant income.

Pat Gross, City Controller, came forward to answer questions from the Council relating to the Controller's Office Annual Report. She mentioned that the Office has been audited, and that the audit should be available to the Council for study within a few months. She felt that the audit would, on the whole, give a favorable account of most City Departments and their handling of funds. In response to a question from Councilpresident Middleton regarding progress in conversion to computerized billing and bookkeeping, Ms. Gross said that the Water Department's trouble had been predicted, and that the Controller's Office did not face such trouble. She mentioned that the Mayor has designated a committee of computer experts to advise the City as to whether or not the City is ready to go on computer, what type of computer would be best suited, etc. A questionnaire soliciting information from City Departments would be studied by this committee to arrive at their recommendation. She answered a question from Councilmember Blume by noting that it was unlikely that the audit of her office would be available to the Council before budget time.

Councilmember Olcott commended Ms. Gross and her department for its efficiency. He then moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion that the Controller's Office Annual Report be accepted as submitted. Motion passed by a unanimous VOICE VOTE.

Councilmember Olcott spoke in relation to material distributed to the Council about the random voting procedure. Such a procedure would rotate the Councilmember whose vote would be taken first during a Roll Call Vote. In general discussion which followed, the possibility of an instantaneous voting system was raised, but the cost of such a system was cited as prohibitive.

Councilpresident Middleton commented on the July schedule for budget hearings, noting that the number was great since room needs had to be made known. Further, he noted that only two items of business were on the agenda for the July 7 meeting, neither of which could not wait for July 21 hearing.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Young seconded a motion to cancel the July 7 Council meeting. In the general discussion which followed, it was agreed that the legislation to be considered on that date were not of pressing importance. The motion was passed by a unanimous VOICE VOTE.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to introduce and read Appropriation Ordinance 77-11 by title only.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE  
77-11 To Appropriate  
Funds from General Fund  
to Animal Control  
(\$8,650)

City Clerk Dolnick read Appropriation Ordinance 77-11 by title only.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 77-11.

Councilmember Olcott read the synopsis.

Appropriation Ordinance 77-11 was adopted by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 5, Nays: 0.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to introduce and read Appropriation Ordinance 77-12 by title only.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE  
77-12 To Appropriate  
Funds from Parks and  
Recreation Fund (\$4,500)  
re: Winslow Park Settlement

Clerk Dolnick read Appropriation Ordinance 77-12 by title only.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 77-12.

Councilmember Olcott read the synopsis of Appropriation Ordinance 77-12.

In discussion which followed, it was stated that the funds to be provided by the County have been approved by the County Council, but have not been received yet. It was noted that complications arose from the new Revenue Sharing Law with its requirements of public hearing and advertisements. As to whether the money could be taken from some other source, it was confidently stated that the money would come from the proposed source as soon as these few minor holdups are straightened out.

Councilmember Olcott commended City Attorney Steve Richardson for handling problematic deeds which were involved so well. Discrepancies in deeds resulted in some difficulties, all of which were resolved. Corrections were necessary on many of the deeds involved, even that of the original owner. The cooperation of the Winslow family in donating money and real property was gratefully acknowledged. A safer access to the park results from the acquisition of the disputed property. Also, eventual connection with Miller Drive will result. Various reasons for the discrepancy of 130' bordering the property were cited. Sight distance contributed to the choice of access entrances.

Bill Wilson, Director of Parks and Recreation, thanked the Council for their approval of a previous appropriation which made it possible for his department to apply for the grant which is in all probability soon to be approved.

City Attorney Richardson explained that the appropriation was needed so that the money would be in land purchase, thus meeting the requirements of the BOR application that the City own the land before previously acquired funds may be used to upgrade the property.

After a call for the question, Councilmember Howard prefaced his vote with a comment that greater care should be exercised in land purchase and more competent legal advise secured so that the problems encountered here would not arise again. Councilmember Blume spoke before voting that his compliments go to the negotiators of the purchase.

Appropriation Ordinance 77-12 was adopted by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 5, Nays: 0.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to introduce and read Appropriation Ordinance 77-13 by title only.

Clerk Dolnick read Appropriation Ordinance 77-13 by title only.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 77-13.

Councilmember Olcott read the legislative synopsis for Appropriation Ordinance 77-13.

Councilmember Blume asked how much the work load of the Clerk's Office would increase.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE  
77-13 To appropriate  
Funds from the GF to  
Clerk's Office  
(\$3,827.20) re:  
Additional Deputy City  
Clerk for remainder of  
1977

Clerk Dolnick responded that the increase would be 100 percent, since the County Prosecutor would begin filing approximately 500 more cases with the Clerk's Office than before, when no cases from the County were processed. Types of cases filed would include misdemeanors, traffic violations, and theft by check cases. It was noted that at present the Clerk's staff consists of the Clerk and two deputy City Clerks, one of these being in the Council Office.

Councilpresident Middleton pointed out that the elected office of City Clerk is not subordinate to the Mayor's office for staff funding. Funding requests by the Clerk go directly to the Council.

Regarding the possibility of utilizing a CETA worker, the Clerk stated that she would prefer a funded position because of the greater control resulting over the position.

In discussion, it was noted that the increase in cases filed in City Court will result from the appointment of an additional Deputy Prosecutor by the County specifically for the purpose of filing such cases. There will be a one-month period of insufficient working space until the Clerk's Office is relocated in larger offices.

Appropriation Ordinance 77-13 was adopted by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 5, Nays: 0.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-47 by title only.

ORDINANCE 77-47  
Budget Transfers re:  
Controller's Office,  
EQCC, Sanitation

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-47 by title only.

Councilmember Richardson read the legislative synopsis.

Pat Gross, City Controller, requested that her transfer be increased by \$200 due to additional reprogramming on the Controller's Office bookkeeping machine.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to amend the item under Controller's Office to read "\$843.50" instead of "\$643.50". Amendment accepted by a unanimous VOICE VOTE.

Councilmember Blume commented that efforts should be made in the future to anticipate expenses.

City Controller Gross concurred, and explained that the excess expenditure arose from a change in her office's relationship with the company which manufactures and services their bookkeeping machine. Such excesses have been anticipated in their budget for next year. Regarding truck breakdowns, sufficient funds simply were not budgeted to cover unexpected repair costs.

Councilmember Blume reprimanded the Environmental Commission for their decision to use certain funds inappropriately.

Ordinance 77-47 was adopted as amended by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 5, Nays: 0.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-48 by title only.

FIRST READINGS  
Ordinance 77-48  
To Amend Title 15 of the  
Municipal Code, re:  
"Intracity Bus Stops" &  
"Parking Meters"

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-48 by title only.

Councilpresident Middleton read the legislative synopsis for Ordinance 77-48.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to introduce and read Ordinance 77-49 by title only.

ORDINANCE 77-49  
To Amend Zoning Maps (ZO-23-77) re: 4518 & 4520 E. 3rd St. BL to BA or BL/PUD for restaurant

Clerk Dolnick read Ordinance 77-49 by title only.

Councilpresident Middleton read the legislative synopsis for Ordinance 77-49.

Councilmember Olcott moved and Councilmember Blume seconded a motion to accept the minutes for the Special and Regular Session of June 2, 1977 as submitted.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL  
June 2, 1977-Special and Regular Sessions


Councilpresident Middleton noted the need for a correction on page two of the minutes for the Regular Session, that "Consisting of" should be changed to "consisting of appointments by". His motion that such a correction be made was seconded by Councilmember Blume. The minutes were thus approved as amended by a unanimous VOICE VOTE.


Councilmember Richardson stated that he had obtained material during his visit to Colorado relevant to the question of renovation of the Old Monroe County Library which would be available in the Council Office. Also of interest was the Historic Homes program of Fort Collins, Colorado.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

  
Thomas O Middleton, President  
Bloomington Common Council

  
Nora M. Connors, Dep. City Clerk

Approved upon this <sup>16</sup>~~21~~ day of <sup>June</sup>~~July~~ 1977.

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