

In the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, the Common Council held a Special Session on Monday, August 29, at 7:30 p.m, with Councilpresident Middleton presiding.

SPECIAL SESSION  
August 29, 1977

Roll Call - Present: Councilmembers Middleton, Kinzer, Allison, Blume, Morrison, Olcott, Richardson, Towell, Young. There were approximately 40 others present.

ROLL CALL

Agenda Summation: Appropriation Ordinance 77-17, 1978 City of Bloomington budget, for second reading.

AGENDA SUMMATION

Councilmember Olcott inquired as to why it took so long to put down striping on College and Walnut. Jim Wray explained that the Department was low on funds, and their machinery was not suited to the type of striping done. He noted that it takes some time from the point where the Appropriation Ordinance is passed to the time the City actually has the funds in hand.

MESSAGES FROM  
COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Frank McCloskey thanked the Council for the hard work done on the 1978 budget. He gave special credit to Councilpresident Middleton for running the hearings in such an efficient manner. He said that he has taken nearly all of the Council's budget recommendations and incorporated them into his final recommendations.

MESSAGES FROM MAYOR

Councilmember Allison moved and Councilmember Towell seconded a motion to introduce and read Appropriation Ordinance 77-17 by title only. Councilpresident Middleton read the legislative synopsis.

APPROPRIATION  
ORDINANCE 77-17  
1978 City of  
Bloomington budget

There was then general discussion regarding the most appropriate way to go through the budget, by line item or department. Councilmember Blume expressed a desire to vote by department, and made a motion to that effect. Councilmember Morrison seconded the motion. The motion failed by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 3, Nays: 6. Ayes: Blume, Young and Morrison.

Councilmember Kinzer moved and Councilmember Olcott seconded a motion to adopt Appropriation Ordinance 77-17 as submitted.

Discussion then ensued on the police and firemen salary question. Councilmember Kinzer remarked that out of a \$7,000,000 budget, the \$20,000 required to give police and firemen their 15 cent per hour raise is a small amount in comparison to the total budget. She proposed that if the money is available in 1978, that the salaries be raised for police and firemen.

Councilmember Morrison said he had seen better budgets in the past, noting that this budget has many "loopholes" but is not flexible enough to come up with an additional \$20,000 for Police and Firemen. He continued that the final decision is up to the Mayor, but that he is in sympathy with police and firemen's request for additional money. He said he has not decided whether to vote for or against this budget.

Councilmember Blume remarked that discussion of the Police and Fire Salary Ordinance is out of order, since it is the budget and not the Salary Ordinance, being voted on at this meeting. Councilpresident Middleton agreed.

Councilmember Towell noted that he will introduce a resolution at the next Council meeting on whether or not the Council wishes to continue discussion of the matter. He said the Council clearly has the power to amend the Salary Ordinance, but there is some question regarding whether they have the authority to appropriate funds for police and fire. He suggested the Council consider the matter on Thursday.

Councilmember Richardson said he was in favor of passing the budget, noting that the Council had very good budget sessions and the Mayor was very cooperative. He then explained that he was concerned about the equal opportunity officer position, and said he hoped the problems would be worked out. Secondly,

he stated his concerns about the housing inspection program, and reiterated his strong support of this program. He said he would like to see the housing inspectors paid more so that they would not resign so often. In conclusion, he said for next year's budget, he would like to see the Mayor give a clearer explanation of the logic behind the varying salary increases given to department heads.

Councilmember Allison then spoke to the police and firemen salary question.

Appropriation Ordinance 77-17 was then adopted by a ROLL CALL VOTE of Ayes: 9, Nays: 0.

Councilmembers' remarks during vote: Councilmember Young noted that the Council had the opportunity to raise police and firemen salaries when their salary ordinance was considered, but failed to do so. Councilmember Olcott extended his thanks and gave credit to Debbie Mantell for the job she did on preparing the budget. He noted that he understood the Mayor's justification for all raises given. Councilpresident Middleton reiterated Councilmember Olcott's thanks to Debbie Mantell, and said the Council will be willing to work together next year to bring about any necessary changes to the police and firemen's salaries.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved at this meeting of September 15, 1977.

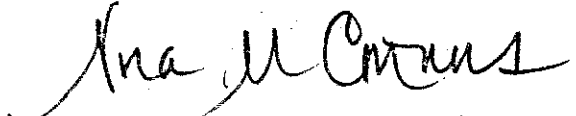
ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:



Thomas O Middleton, President  
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:



Nora M. Connors, Deputy City Clerk