

In the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, Thursday, November 29, 1973, at 7:30 p.m., E.S.T., with Council President Charlotte T. Zietlow presiding.

SPECIAL SESSION
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON,
INDIANA

Present: James Ackerman, Richard Behen, Hubert Davis, Jack Morrison, Al Towell, Charlotte Zietlow.

ROLL CALL

Absent: Sherwin Mizell and Wayne Fix were out of town; Brian De St. Croix was out due to illness.

Martha Sims, Controller; Grace Johnson, City Clerk; Bill Wilson, Director of Parks and Recreation; James Register, Corporate Counsel; Tim Hodenfield, Aide to the Board of Public Works; Gary Kent, Acting Utilities Director; Utilities Service Board Members - Pat Gross, Richard Fee, Bill Cook, Jim Wray.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

About 20 people including members of the press.

OTHERS PRESENT

Council President Zietlow announced that this special session of the Common Council had been called specifically to deal with Ordinance 73-75 which is the utilities salary ordinance and appropriations ordinance 73-13, the 1974 utilities budget.

MEETING CALL

Councilman Ackerman moved that the agenda be expanded to include Appropriations Ordinance No. 73-12, and Resolutions 73-69 and 73-70. Councilman Towell seconded the motion.

AGENDA EXPANSION

Councilman Towell: I would like to know why these are so urgent.

Martha Sims: Well, appropriations Ordinance 73-12 was not acted on at the last meeting because there was nobody here to speak to it. This has to be approved yet by the state and time is getting shorter and shorter and unless they can get it through and approved by the state they won't be able to spend it this year. We do owe the money; this is for the Karts farm project. We got the money from the county but they can't use it until it is appropriated. Resolution No. 73-69...

Tim Hodenfield: The only thing really critical is the equipment transfer for the garbage truck - we would like to order that as soon as possible. The other items could wait until the next council meeting next week. This was approved by the Board of Works at the last meeting.

Mrs. Sims: Then, of course, resolution 73-70 is an investment of funds.

Councilman Behen: Would it be in order if we reversed the agenda and got these other items resolved before we got into the utilities items?

Councilman Towell: I think most people probably came for the utilities; why should they have to wait?

The motion to expand the agenda was carried by a ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 5, Nays 0, Abstentions 1. (Abstention: Morrison arrived as vote was being taken and therefore passed.)

Councilman Behen moved that Ordinance 73-75 be removed from the table. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Ordinance 73-75

Councilpresident Zietlow explained that this ordinance had been read at second reading before being tabled at the council meeting of november 15, 1973, and that the ordinance is utilities salaries for 1974.

Mr. Fee: I would like to respectfully request the council to considerchanging one line item of this salary ordinance - that is the business manager which is shown on the first page is listed at \$14,000.00; the utilities board would respectfully request that this salary be changed to the amount of \$15,600.00.

In response to a question from Councilpresident Zietlow, Mr. Fee said that the salary for the utilities director should be \$22,155.00.

Councilman Towell: On this change for the business manager, suppose, I understand that there is a desire to raise the salary considering that Mr. Kent's work is well thought of - suppose someone else were brought into that position if it were vacated for one reason or another, what would you pay him? or her?

Mr. Fee: That is a very goodquestion. I would say we would hire - we, the board or the director, would try to hire someone for what we feel is an equitable wage. I'll say in the case of say the utilities director or the engineer or any position - we will hire them for what we feel is an equitable wage - we are asking for these amounts as ceilings and, in all probability if Mr. Kent left and a replacement came along he would be hired at a figure less than that amount.

Councilman Towell: In part you are making a general argument saying that if you had to hire someone else you would do it at a wage that is equitable. What is really the market for this kind of position?

Mr. Fee: This is a difficult question to answer in that you can hire a college graduate straight out of college to do certain things for say nine, ten, eleven thousand dollars - you can hire other people with experience, if you can find them with the experience you want for more money. I cannot answer your question exactly because we have not had to face the situation and when we do, we will probably, if we do, do the best we can. I hate to be so indefinite but I don't think there is any exact answer until you - if you brought someone through the door, I would say you were worth so many dollars, someone else might be worth another amount.

Councilman Towell: Well, we have to make that judgement about every line on this ordinance.

Mr. Fee: On the executive level this is probably true and there are inequities in the lower level of this department that steps are being taken to correct and we are going to proceed as fast as we can to correct inequities, especially in the lower levels.

Anne Rippy, League of Women Voters, addressed the Council: I am not sure that the council has the power to raise an item in this budget. In Burns Statutes you are given the power to review the budget and leave it as it is or lower an item.

Councilman Towell: The recommendation of the board is that we raise it. So, we are considering whether to lower it from their recommendation.

Councilpresident Zietlow: In analogy from other budgets, it would be on the recommendation of the mayor or the utilities service board that we could raise it.

Mrs. Rippy: I will just read you what it says: Each year at a time to be fixed by the municipal council the board shall submit a budget of its financial needs for the ensuing year to be set out in such detail as the municipal council may direct, the council having the power to lower any item or items in such budget but not to raise any such item or items.

Councilpresident Zietlow: So it leaves it ambiguous as to whether or not the recommendation of the board could be taken.

Mrs. Rippy: Yes, I guess maybe it does.

Mr. Fee: Mrs. Rippy is quite correct, however, this is the salary ordinance.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Has the utilities service board made this a unanimous recommendation - or a majority recommendation?

Mr. Fee: Yes.

Councilman Ackerman: What is the final recommendation of the utilities board regarding the engineering department positions?

Mr. Fee: To be honest with you, we have none.

Councilman Ackerman: So we can interpret that that those positions are still in this ordinance.

Mr. Fee: Yes, unless you delete them. And I might say that if you choose to leave the positions in it is my opinion that the board would want to coordinate with the council any further engineering positions filled within the department. In fact I am sure of this.

Councilpresident Zietlow: This then is the salary ordinance which sets the maximum salaries which could be made available.

Councilman Towell: On this position superintendent of operations, how many of those do you have?

Mr. Fee: One. Currently that is filled by Mr. Robert Workman.

Councilman Towell: What are his duties?

Mr. Fee: He is subordinate to the director and I think the easiest way to describe that is that the plants - the maintenance and operation of everything in the department - everything physical within the department, so to speak - this is as the position was set up, there are some minor changes.

Councilman Towell: Who is in charge of personnel?

Mr. Fee: we do not at this point have a personnel director and it is my understanding that the city of bloomington has advertised for a personnel director and we expect that we will make use of the services of the personnel director.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Then the hiring and firing would be in the utilities department - as well as elsewhere - would be done by a central personnel department.

Mr. Kent: the hiring and firing within the department will be at the discretion of the director, based on merit and other considerations. The use of the city personnel director as a referral agency and to abide by all the provisions of law, such as equal opportunity and things along this line will be used. I don't think we want that duplication. But the hiring and firing will be at the discretion of the utilities director and the various supervisors in that department.

In response to a question from Councilman Behen concerning instituting a civil service system, Mr. Kent said: Yes, one of the things I think we want to be sure we are doing is using merit and no other method of hiring people. We want them to be qualified people - qualified for the positions they are applying for and I think you are right - we would follow those policies. Right now we are coordinating what the role will be of the city personnel director and utilities.

Councilman Morrison: Dick Fee, how did you arrive at the figures for labor of \$3.21 per hour max and custodian \$3.22 max?

Mr. Kent: Basically what we did on this, number one, last year's salary ordinance was very general and vague so what we did, we asked each person that we would call supervisor to do an analysis of the people in that area of the operation and within the terms of the union agreement come up with a salary schedule and also a description - or a title for that job that would be within those constraints. Right now I can't answer the question as to the one cent difference other than to say it is probably a rounding difference but basically in most of these hourly jobs we are interested in the five or five and a half percent increase so that would be why, I think, we would have the difference.

Councilpresident Zietlow: Most of the hourly wages are the result of negotiations with the union aren't they?

Mr. Kent: That is right.

Councilman Towell: I am going to defer my judgement to the board and hope that they will set policies at least about the hiring of these positions and that indeed was the point of the kinds of questions I was asking at the last meeting. I think that is clear to everyone by now.

Councilpresident Zietlow: And I think it was clear in the reading of the statute by Mrs. Rippy and I think in subsequent discussions with the board it has been... that the question of getting descriptions of what the different jobs and responsibilities will be is the responsibility of the Board.

Councilman Towell: I would defer my judgement to the board providing they are taking the responsibility for filling these positions and setting policies on how they would be filled.

Mr. Fee: I agree with you; Mr. Kent in the short time he has been here has already come up with a written personnel procedure or policy, so to speak, an administrative manual or whatever you want to call it. I saw the draft of it a couple of days ago. He has made a lot of progress in the time that he has been there in terms of things, shall we say, that should have been done a good many years ago. And Mrs. Rippy pointed out at our last meeting ~~that we had not done this~~ - she is quite correct - I am sure Mr. Kent and the staff of the department are proceeding toward these job descriptions and correcting the many deficiencies that we do have. We are going to proceed as fast as we can to correct them. And I agree with you that good job descriptions are the most necessary part of a good personnel program and operation. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Mr. Kent: I am being given too much credit for that - several members of our staff came up with those policies based on informal policies in the past and good personnel policies in general. Mary Jane Head who is on our staff worked on this quite a bit and should be given quite a bit of credit on it. One of the things on this - at the last council meeting there was a handout of something that we feel should be added to the footnote that appears on the salary ordinance. I would ask that that be added to the footnote so that we will not have any inequities created by the procedures for the treatment plant operators.

Councilman Behen moved that Ordinance No. 73-75 be amended by raising the salary of the business manager, as requested by the Utilities Service Board from \$14,000 to \$15,600. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion.

amending business manager salary

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 6, NAYS 0.

Councilman Towell moved that Ordinance No. 73-75 be amended by adding to the footnote concerning treatment plant operators the following sentence: "However, the Utilities Service Board may upon recommendation of the Director of Utilities, extend this probationary period in order to prevent inequities to present personnel as a result of this ordinance, provided said personnel are engaged in meaningful efforts to comply with the provisions of this ordinance." Councilman Behen seconded the motion.

amending footnote

Mr. Kent: The reason for this is that in the licensing requirement as specified by the state there are certain experience requirements and not only that there has to be certain classes provided and without that leeway we might get into a situation where we would have to cut people's pay not through any fault of their own and they could not be making the effort that we are asking them to make. This is the main reason. I think really we examined this and primarily we know there are a potential of two or three people that would be involved in that and it would be inequitable we think unless we can extend that probationary period.

The MOTION WAS CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 6, NAYS 0.

Councilman Towell moved that Ordinance 73-75 be adopted as amended. Councilman Behen seconded the motion.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 6, NAYS 0.

adoption of ordinance

Councilman Behen moved that Appropriations Ordinance 73-13 be removed from the table. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Appropriations Ordinance 73-13

Councilman Morrison moved that Appropriations Ordinance No. 73-13 be advanced to second reading and read by the clerk by title only. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Appropriations Ordinance No. 73-13 by title only

Councilman Morrison moved that Appropriations Ordinance 73-13 be adopted. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion.

Council president Zietlow: Do you have increased figures for the administrative salaries to accommodate the increase in salary for the business manager?

Mr. Kent: The amount shown in the appropriations ordinance are sufficient to cover the changes that were requested.

Mr. Kent: As a matter of classification I think we might talk about the operations and maintenance budgets of both utilities - the water utility and the sewer utility - the amounts shown there reflect the increases through inflation and any other known costs that would be involved because of increased operations costs, such as we do have increased costs for taxes. So generally the operations and maintenance amounts shown are based on the amounts for this year with the known increases that will be required next year; what we feel would be a reasonable inflation rate. Under the debt service, of course this is based upon our obligations under the terms of the bond issues. The portion of the budgets that would probably require the most discussion would be for the capital improvements and I think we would like to answer specific questions there if we can.

Councilman Morrison: How much do you intend to increase the pumping capacity at lake Monroe? how many million gallons per day?

Mr. Kent: This year - we currently have under contract increased pumping capacity at lake Monroe - I believe we will increase the pumping capacity from twelve to eighteen million gallons per day. There is also increased pumping capacity at the central booster station to accommodate this increased volume from Monroe and both of these contracts have been let. The expenditure will be made next year.

Councilman Morrison: This increased pumping central booster would you please explain that for me?

Mr. Kent: The Central booster is the unit on Henderson street just south of the service control center and basically what it does is boost the pressure of the water that is brought up from Monroe - when the water reaches the city from Monroe there is not sufficient pressure for it to enter the system without further pumping. so, basically if you increase the volume that is coming from Monroe you also have to increase the pumping in the central booster.

Councilman Morrison: What do we intend to do - let Griffy stand or phase it out or what?

Mr. Kent: We currently have under contract a long range plan for water - that plan is being prepared by the firm of Black and Veatch - after that is completed the board will consider it and I am sure all interested citizen groups and the Council also - right now I can't answer as to what our intentions are. I think we will have to look at the needs of the city and alternatives and costs involved. No decision has been made on that - there has been some public discussion as to whether or not Griffy will be phased out and I don't think any decision has been made yet.

Councilman Morrison - well I notice in your budget you have nothing that would be for improving or updating Griffy.

Mr. Kent; In the water utility budget the north improvement - \$570,000 - those are Griffy improvements. Those are interim improvements at the station - basically having to do with the filters and I would really have to have someone from our engineering department to explain really more as to what those are. The board has not made a decision as to whether or not they want to make this financial commitment. And, of course, if Griffy were to be phased out we would not make any more of a financial commitment than we would have to to keep the city in water.

Mr. Fee: When Black and Veatch gives us the report we will have to decide. We are asking for this in the budget so that if this is their recommendation we can do what is necessary to just run it for four years, frankly, until we can get Monroe beefed up. We've got choices - we haven't arrived at a decision point. We are waiting for a report from Black and Veatch.

Mr. Kent: The money would be coming from the depreciation account - from cash on hand. The money is there. Whether or not it will be done - the decision will have to be made but we do want to budget for it for next year. Included in that are some filter renovations and some improvements on the impounding damn. And also there are some improvements out at Lake Lemon itself.

Councilman Morrison: It seems silly to me in a city where you only have two water stations, not to keep them both up - nothing else is in reserve in case you should have an emergency.

Mr. Kent: Of course that is the role it is playing right now - it is being used daily but also we do have emergencies and we do have to use griffy to supply far more water than we would like to.

Mrs. Rippy addressed the Council: I believe you have a copy of the questions we submitted at the last meeting and I just wondered if we could have those answered.

Council president Zietlow went through the list of questions:

What are the anticipated receipts for 1974 from sewage utilities and from water?

Mr. Kent: I don't have the exact figure with me; recalling from memory, our anticipated receipts in sewer utility, including interest income approximately two million four hundred and nine five thousand dollars; in water I believe the figure was two million, two ten.

If the water utility operates at a profit, can part of that surplus be transferred legally to pay off the sewage debt?

Mr. Kent: No. It cannot, by the very terms of the bond issues the funds cannot be used other than for that utility.

David Rogers: Certainly not. I suppose that from time to time the Council and the Board can look at the allocation of administrative and overhead costs to the two utilities, to see if one is overburdened but direct transfers cannot be made.

Have the engineering firms of Black and Veatch and RSH been paid for any engineering work during 1973?

Mr. Kent: Yes they have - Black and Veatch has been paid for both the financial study and operations statements - they have also been paid for the engineering work they have done and are doing on the improvements - the increased pumping capacity at Lake Monroe station and also the central booster. RSH has been paid partially on the infiltration study which is the initial stage of the construction program in the sewer utility. ~~I could not state - because there are several different things involved with Black and Veatch - exactly how much fees that we have paid them. RSH, - we have made a partial payment on the infiltration study - the estimate on the infiltration study was 250,000 - we have made a partial payment of approximately one hundred thousand dollars and from all indications this will come in considerably less than what we had budgeted - we hope that it will.~~

Are the figures for 1974, which are nine hundred and forty seven thousand and seven thousand dollars to Black and Veatch and four hundred and fifty thousand to RSH in addition to payments made during 1973.

Kent: Yes, these are in addition to payments made in 1973 and the two amounts - the nine hundred and forty seven thousand seven hundred dollars represents ninety percent of the costs of the engineering on the regional sewer plant; the four hundred and fifty thousand dollars to RSH represents ninety percent of the cost of the engineering on the central trunk and outfall sewer.

Mr. Najam has written that fifty percent of the salary for a new personnel director and a secretary are to be paid from utilities funds for 1974, will the new personnel director be hiring employees

for the utilities departments?

Council President Zietlow: We discussed this earlier in the meeting, the answer was that they would be a screening - clearing house for the employees.

Councilman Towell: It is important to say that is true of all city departments, that the personnel office will not be hiring.

Mr. Kent: There will be a series of tests - any testing program that we do have will be jointly designed by the utilities department and people from the personnel office, based on what the requirements are in the utilities department - for some tests, such as equipment operation, we would have to administer the tests. As I understand it if we are not satisfied with the first group of people sent to us we can tell the personnel office we were not satisfied and ask them to send us some more people. I would expect that all people going to the personnel office would end up being referred to us and people that would walk in off the street would be referred back through the personnel office to make sure that all legalities were taken care of.

Council President Zietlow: I think we have also covered the next question about the utilities service board adopting policies.

Why does forty percent of the salary paid to the Aide of the Council come from utilities funds?

Council President Zietlow: The Council spends some time on utilities as you can see. probably at least forty percent of the time. The Aide has also been involved in research for us. I would gather that it would amount to about forty percent of the time. However, there is a question about the council aide right now, in its entirety - whether or not it will be appropriated by the state board of tax commissioners. We seriously hope that we can get an aide because we really need people to pull this information together for us - like maybe someone to have all the answers here on paper tonight. Maybe I should ask the utilities service board secretary how much time she spends dealing with the council aide -

Ms. Prose: Daily.

Council President Zietlow: I would gather that in the long run the council aide's time would balance out to almost 40 per cent spent on utilities, though it would be hard to measure precisely.

Why is twenty thousand one hundred and fifteen dollars from the utilities fund paid to three city attorneys and their secretary?

Mr. Kent: I'll try to answer that. We are continually in contact with Larry Owens, we have contact with Mr. Register and we ~~are continually in contact with Mr. Rogers. The legal issues~~ involved in utilities - water rights and easements and so on are very intricate and we are getting our money's worth.

David Rogers: The city attorney's office has the traditional relationship of utilities to all of city government including coordination in regard to annexation policies and in regard to litigation to assure the compliance, building permits and so on that has traditionally been a part of their office. The development program and the day to day advice to the new entity of the utilities service board is something that - the development program has traditionally been financed outside the regular budget and it has proved fruitful to have day to day advice to get information out to citizens and to get the new semi-independent on the road.

Mrs. Rippey: The figure we are talking about I believe does not include Mr. Rogers fees.

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Councilpresident Zietlow: As I understand it Mr. Rogers deals specifically with utilities and not with the relationship of utilities to the rest of the city government.

Why are the plumbing inspector and four utilities inspectors in the city engineering department rather than in the utilities department?

Mr. Fee: Like topsy it grew up that way. I can't defend it it just is the way it is.

Mr. Kent: I am not sure, there may be some legal building codes, etc.

Councilpresident Zietlow: I think it has been a matter of coordination as much as anything.

David Rogers: Whether it is wisely done or not the inspectors are utilized for more than just plumbing, just water - the inspectors also work in the enforcement of building codes.

Mr. Cook: I will just mention briefly that we inherited this type of situation and I have basically come to the conclusion and I think that I would pass this on to other people, that when you have quality control, oftentimes you are better off having quality control of who you are controlling in the hands of another supervisor, another department head. Sometimes things can happen especially when we are beginning to do quality control, if you will, in our own sewer department, we have requested that the city also be inspected in all the work that they do by the inspectors so I think that you can appreciate it is best sometimes to have people in other places, with other supervision than under the person whom they have to control. This again is a personal opinion. I was first aghast at the prospect of one group of people being at one place and another group at another place but I have come to the conclusion that it is not that bad of an idea in this situation.

Councilman Towell: I may have had something to do with this. I remember that at one budget hearing I questioned having an outside plumbing inspector, and inside plumbing inspector and a building inspector, electrical inspector, fire inspector and so on all going to the same house - couldn't all these inspectors be trained to do most of the other types of inspections so we could have one and possibly two stops at a house. And shouldn't there be some kind of coordinated central inspection in the City and somebody jumped up and said, oh that is exactly what we are planning. Well, I don't know whether they were or not - I hadn't heard of it but just the same I thought it indicated some kind of approval of the idea, but I am not sure but what we haven't gone too far in that direction - I don't know. I think it needs to be re-evaluated. I've heard rumblings of re-organization once again in our inspection program so I hope that further consideration is given to this.
~~And now on Wednesdays they do housing inspections.~~

Why should \$3930.00 for the aide to the board of works and the secretary to the board of works be paid from utilities funds?

Mr. Kent: We are and have been in transition and there is still some items of business outstanding - I think the board of works still has some peripheral duties with utilities.

Mr. Hodenfield: Well, we are the predecessor of the utilities service board and as the predecessor still have some matters that come before the board. The eastern heights hassle was an example. And also the board of works is the complaint department of the city and we don't try to differentiate between whether its a water or a utilities problem. If the problem comes to us we deal with it. In effect the aide to the board of works acts as an ombudsman for the city and we don't like to have to tell callers we have to transfer them to another department. We like to take the problems off the callers and then take care of it, rather than sending them hither and yon.

Mrs. Rippy: Could we expect this figure to go down in the future?

Councilpresident Zietlow: I haven't any idea because the utilities service board is an advisory group and not a staff per se. And the board of public works aide is a staff person who is always here and I would think that would be a different situation - He can answer the phone and kind of direct the questions, the same as - we found the same true with the council aide. Much as I don't mind spending twenty hours a day on council business it is nice to have somebody down here that we can refer people to to deal with things on a regular basis. I think it is important to the people of Bloomington too to have somebody that they can depend on being in one place at one time. I imagine that that would continue to be the case actually. That is just my opinion.

The last question - Why the amount paid for the janitor is so high?

Councilpresident Zietlow: I frankly don't understand that question.

Mr. Fee: I won't try and defend the actual dollars spent.

Councilpresident Zietlow: What does that mean so high?

Mrs. Rippy: In the budget there are twelve thousand dollars a year budgeted for janitor in the city paid with utilities funds.

Mr. Fee: The commercial office occupies some very prime office space within the municipal building and the rent paid is very minimal and I think this was started as a balancing act - we could either raise the amount of rent we the utilities board pays to the corporate city or the civil city and the civil city could turn around and pay the janitors what we pay it in rent. Again, I think that this is something that just like topsy just grew.

Mrs. Rippy: It just seems that that figure is high if you are talking about the rent here in this building for that section of the water office.

Both Councilmembers Zietlow and Morrison commented that \$12,000 per year for rent for that space would be cheap.

Councilman Morrison: That is why they chose to pay thejanitors.

Councilman Towell: I would like someoneon the board or Gary Kent to explain this item "engineering specials" - what do you understand this to mean? I would like to do this for the public record; I think I already understand it.

Gary Kent: This is referring to an amount in the budget for the waste water utility - engineering for special projects. Basically what that is is a commitment for engineering for next year for areas of the city that currently are not served by sewers. There are probably several areas that are involved, the most noted of which is Miller Drive. This is a commitment to spend fifty thousand dollars for engineering on this type of project.

Councilman Towell: In other words with this major project that we are undertaking there is some concern that everyone within the corporate city limits have an opportunity to share in this new capacity which we hope to have and benefit from the project which the city of Bloomington is largely supporting, over the next few years.

Mr. Kent: That is the intent.

Councilpresident Zietlow: I think it is very important to get that into the record.

Councilman Ackerman: Gary if you had discovered after looking into it that adequate engineering has already been done in that Miller Drive area is it possible to divert this over to actual costs?

Mr. Kent: Yes, that would be possible; there are also other areas of the city that are not currently being served. We would anticipate that the construction funds - or any construction would be in 75 hopefully. Next year we would not have the funds available for construction. Basically we are talking about bond proceeds and we are going to have to find the amount of the money in the bond proceeds.

Councilpresident Zietlow: However, we still have some \$66,000 appropriated.

Mr. Kent: I have asked Larry Owens to look into that. I believe that is in the Board of works budget and Larry, next week hopefully, will have some answers. I am not familiar with all that is involved but Larry has indicated that he will get that next week.

Councilman Morrison: You have \$240,000 earmarked for winston thomas improvements - what are we going to spend that money for?

Mr. Kent: really there is \$340,000 - there is \$100,000 out of current cash. Hopefully we won't have to spend that amount of money but we are talking about necessary improvements just to keep the plant operating.

Councilman Morrison: I thought we were supposed to phase that out in about three or four years.

Mr. Kent: Sure, we will but what we are talking about now at the current time we have parts of the plant - in the sludge removal basins where chains, shafts, and gears are completely worn out and we will only spend what is necessary to keep that plant operating - without that expenditure it would be - we just would not operate.

Councilman Morrison: Well, just approximately - how many millions of gallons are we diverting to the north plant with this pump?

Mr. Kent: I would say around two million gallons and that is primarily in the daytime. I would have to go to our charts to really give you an accurate figure. There is a potential for more.

~~Councilman Morrison said he would rather see the money spent~~ in another lift station to permit greater utilization of the north treatment plant than to put money into the winston thomas plant you know will be phased out in four years. Mr. Kent said that there would be costs of operations in another lift station and noted that it may be that the present lift station south of the municipal building could be phased out itself, and that it really was an interim answer.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE no. 73-13 WAS APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 6, NAYS 0.

Councilpresident Zietlow: This is the first utilities budget for the City of Bloomington and I think it is a tentative one and we hope that it will be satisfactory.

Mr. Fee: I would like to point out that we have placed items on file in the library, in the common council office, the utilities service board office and the environmental commission office - it is our financial data, studies which have been done and all of the records which any citizen seeking information might want to look at. We have no desire to hide anything which is why this is out - we want to make sure everything we have is public and we would hope that those who have further questions would feel free to ask them.

Council president Zietlow: There will be a public hearing, rather than on the fourth and fifth of december, on the twelfth of December - that will be the regular meeting of the environmental commission - this will be however, sponsored also by the common council, the utilities service board, engineers for Black and Veatch and RSH have been asked to attend, as well as representatives of the regional sewer district. And the records of that hearing will be submitted to the EPA as part of the whole package of things to be submitted. It doesn't seem to matter whether it is technically an environmental hearing. The records will be considered to be part of the records which environmental protection agency should consider when they are reviewing our application for grants and in preparation for this we have on file - in the reference room of the monroe county public library, the office of the environmental commission, the office of the common council, the office of the utilities service board at the service center, all the information that the utilities service board could gather relevant to the grant application: financial data, engineering timetable and copies of contracts, the Black and Veatch long range plan for wastewater collection and the Black and Veatch 1972 report on the operation of the sewerage works for Bloomington, Indiana, and the Black and Veatch 1973 report on utilities rates for wastewater and the minutes of the October 25 environmental assessment hearing and a number of other documents, including preliminary plans and drawings. These materials will be in these offices during the hours that these offices are open and people are urged to come down and read them before the December 12 hearing and as I understand it the utilities service board will be ready to answer questions at any time.

Councilman Behen moved that Appropriations Ordinance No. 73-12 be removed from the table and introduced and read at second reading by the clerk by title only. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

APPROPRIATIONS
ORDINANCE 73-12

The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk,
read Appropriations Ordinance No. 73-12.

Councilman Morrison moved that Appropriations Ordinance No. 73-12 be adopted. Councilman Behen seconded the motion.

Bill Wilson addressed the Council:

Maybe it would help possibly if I review this. And, again, I apologize for missing the last meeting, which I am not in the habit of doing, however I did have a speaking engagement for a club of something like three months on the calendar. I think if I give a little history of this it may be better understood and that this was created by the extreme problem that we had of the merge, the un-merge of the combination of the city and county because this is in essence a county project. However, when the merge went through the state board of accounts to appropriate their money in a transferable category because the law states that the largest corporation of the two that merged must be the dispersing officer. After that we de-merged which meant that their money was still in the classification and it still had to be transferred and gone ahead and operated by the city. At the same time - almost a year ago this month - the contract for the construction of Karst Farm park was started and bills were coming in and they were being paid. However the money had been transferred to us at that time in which as a reimbursable fifty-fifty federal grant and by this time while we were paying bills and they could not be kept on two separate books and at that we had to keep paying the bills, and although we had paid out all the amount without reappropriating because the county was appropriating - that means that as the reimburseable checks come in we must reappropriate them so we can pay the contractors involved. In the present time we are holding a contract I think

for around eighteen thousand dollars - is the next one to be paid. The contract is ninety nine percent done and the contractor is about sixty days behind in getting his checks. Mainly because - not the fault of not coming in from the transfer prior to this time but we had to get the money from the county to transfer over before we could really ask for an appropriation of the federal funds of the fifty percent check as it is coming back in. Presently, although the appropriation is for a little over \$45,000 we have already made three deposits or two deposits - and the third one is due any day - in the amount of twelvethousand six hundred dollars and as soon as this one is paid, the refundable check on that cash as it is paid will be redeposited back and put back into the general fund, that would take the place of this appropriation. In the end when the books are balanced there will not be any money paid out by the city or by the park but it would be this amount that is come back and will reinstate the money that was taken out by the reappropriation. At first we thought the federal funds would not have to be reappropriated. HOWEVER, because it was a contract that was budgeted in the beginning it has to be reappropriated. NORMALLY federal funds do not have to be reappropriated.

appropriations ordinance NO. 73-12
WAS ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 6, NAYS 0.

Councilman Behen moved that Resolution No. 73-69 be introduced and read by the clerk. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote. Resolution No. 73-69 budget transfers

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Resolution No. 73-69 in its entirety.

Councilman Morrison moved that Resolution No. 73-69 be adopted. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion.

Tim Hodenfield: The only reason I brought the transfer tonight instead of next Thursday is to expedite the purchase of the truck - the delay is getting longer and longer and we would like to have this in time for the summer garbage pick up, when we move on to two pickups again. This would be strictly a back up truck. We would like to explore the possibilities of a special garbage pick up where you would call in if you have some special items.

RESOLUTION NO. 73-69 WAS ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 6, NAYS 0.

Councilman Behen moved that Resolution No. 73-70 be introduced and read by the clerk. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote. Resolution 73-70 investment of funds

Grace E. Johnson, City Clerk, read Resolution NO. 73-70 in its entirety.

Councilman Morrison moved that Resolution No. 73-70 be adopted. Councilman Ackerman seconded the motion. RESOLUTION NO. 73-70 WAS ADOPTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF AYES 6, NAYS 0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

ATTEST:
Amy G. Mann
Amy g. Mann, Secretary

Charlotte T. Zietlow
Charlotte T. Zietlow, Councilpresident

RESOLUTION No. 73- 69

BUDGET TRANSFERS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, that the City Controller of said City may adjust the appropriations of the following budgets, to-wit:

GENERAL FUND

ANIMAL SHELTER:

From 7	PROPERTIES		
	72 Equipment	\$ 375.00	
To 1	SERVICES PERSONAL		
	11 Salaries & Wages		\$ 375.00

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

From 2	SERVICES CONTRACTUAL		
	25 Other Contractual Services	\$ 600.00	
To 5	CURRENT CHARGES		
	55 Subscription & Dues		\$ 600.00

SPECIAL FUNDS

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING- BOARD OF WORKS

From 4	MATERIALS		
	42 Other Materials	\$23,073.00	
To 7	PROPERTIES		
	72 Equipment		\$23,073.00

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND:

From 7	PROPERTIES		
	72 Equipment	\$5,000.00	
To 2	SERVICES CONTRACTUAL		
	26 Services		\$ 4,000.00
4	MATERIALS		
41	Building Materials		\$ 1,000.00

Approved November 29, 1973.

Charlotte T. Zietlow
Charlotte T. Zietlow, President
Common Council

Approved 11/30/73 1973

Francis X. McCloskey
Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor

RESOLUTION No. 73-70

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, that the Controller of said City is hereby empowered to make the following investments into Government Securities or Certificates of Deposit yielding the highest rate of interest obtainable, consistent with safety, to-wit:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>
Water Bond & Interest Fund	\$600,000	60 Days
Water Depreciation Fund	550,000	60 Days
Sewage Sinking Fund	35,000	60 Days

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: November 29

Charlotte T. Zietlow
Charlotte T. Zietlow, President
Common Council

Approved: 10/30/73

Francis K. McCloskey
Francis K. McCloskey, Mayor