

In the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building at 7:30 P.M., E.S.T., Tuesday, December 28, 1971, with Council President Ralph Johnson presiding.

SPECIAL MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON,
INDIANA

Council President Ralph Johnson

CALL TO ORDER

Members present:

ROLL CALL

Robert Clegg, Jr., Clyde T. Day, Harry G. Day, Charles J. Paris, Richard W. Fee, Robert E. Gray, Jack Morrison and Ralph Johnson.

Members absent:

James Clendening, due to illness in the family.

Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr.; Raymond E. Long, City Engineer; Howard A. Young, City Comptroller; Bill Wilson, Director, Parks and Recreation; Danny Fulton, Director, Redevelopment Department; Marvard Clark, Assistant City Engineer; James East, Chief of Police; James Sargent, Street Commissioner; Wilbert Miller, Housing Authority; Alberta Deckard, Controller Water Office; James Cotner, City Attorney; Ed Miller, Fire Chief; and Marian Tardy, City Clerk

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Approximately 30 including members of the press.

CITIZENS PRESENT

Councilman Ralph Johnson

INVOCATION

Councilman Harry Day moved that the minutes of Special Council Meeting of December 14, 1971, minutes of Council Meeting of December 14, 1971, following the public hearing of the Commissioners of the Department of Redevelopment, and the Regular Meeting of the Common Council on Thursday, December 16, 1971, be approved after corrections. Seconded by Councilman Farris. The following corrections were made: In the minutes of the special meeting of the Common Council on Tuesday, December 14, 1971, near the end of last paragraph on last page the word "liberation" is corrected to read "deliberation". In the minutes of Council Meeting of December 14, 1971, following the public hearing of the Commissioners of the Department of Redevelopment, the following corrections were made: First paragraph, Cleff is changed to Clegg; Charles and Paris are capitalized. Paragraph 9: in the first line the word "was" is added before the word "given". Paragraph 11: first line, the words "he had" are inserted after "stated". last line, the word "how" is corrected to "show" and the words "called for in the Resolution" are added at the end of the line. Paragraph 11: first line, the word "he" is inserted after the word "and", the word "hope" is corrected to "hoped", then the words "the city would" are added after "hoped".

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Paragraph 12: The word "Mr." is changed to "The"; the letter "s" is added to the word "question".
Paragraph 14: The word "Everett" is inserted after the first word, "Mr."

In the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Common Council of December 16, 1971, the following corrections are made: Page 3, paragraph 4, the word "since" is corrected to "sense". Page 5, paragraph 4, line 14, the word "no" is corrected to "any".

The minutes were approved unanimously.

None

Councilman Clegg moved that Proposed Ordinance No. 71-60 be advanced to second reading and read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Faris seconded the motion.

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 71-60 by title only.

Councilman Clegg moved that Proposed Ordinance No. 71-60 be adopted. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: seven ayes, nays 0.

Councilman Clegg moved that Proposed Ordinance No. 71-61 be advanced to second reading and read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 71-61 by title only.

Councilman Clegg moved that Proposed Ordinance No. 71-61 be adopted. Councilman Faris seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: ayes 7, nays 0.

Councilman Faris moved the Proposed Ordinance No. 71-62 be advanced to second reading and read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 71-62 by title only.

Councilman Faris moved that Proposed Ordinance No. 71-62 be adopted. Councilman Clegg seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Ayes 7, Nays 0.

REMONSTRANCES & OBJECTIONS

ORDINANCES-SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 71-60 -Annexation of one acre at the Northwest corner of State Highway #46 By-Pass and North Dunn Street Road.

Ordinance No. 71-61 - Annexation of 1.57 acres in Grandview Hills Addition.

Ordinance No. 71-62
Ordinance to amend Title 15 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" by amending section 15.64.410 entitled "No Parking Zones", Section 15.64.370 entitled "Restricted Parking Zones", and Section 15.76.010 entitled "Stop Intersections", and Section 15.64.290 entitled "Loading Zones".

Mr. Roe T. Sarber of North Jefferson Street stated that he needs more parking for his family, due to the fact that there are "no parking" signs in front of his property. There was discussion and Chief of Police James East stated it was his opinion that he could park legally behind the signs on his private property.

Councilman Faris moved that Parking Ordinance No. 71-62 be amended as follows: In Section 1, under "e" the following words be added, "within six feet of paved surface." Councilman Clegg seconded the motion.

Councilman Faris moved that proposed amendment to Parking Ordinance No. 71-62 be adopted. Councilman Clegg seconded the motion. Amendment was adopted unanimously.

Councilman Fee moved that Ordinance No. 71-63 be read by the Clerk by title only. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

Ordinance No. 71-63.
An Ordinance to Amend
Ordinance No. 70-36
Concerning Municipal
Salaries and Wages

Councilman Fee moved to amend Ordinance No. 71-63 by substituting No. 70-36 in the title instead of No. 71-41. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Councilman Fee moved that Ordinance No. 71-63 be adopted as amended. Councilman Faris seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Ayes 7, nays 0.

Councilman Faris moved that the rules be waived as pertaining to additional matters on the agenda. Seconded by Harry Day.

Roll Call vote: Ayes 8, nays 0.

Councilman Fee called attention to the rules on special meetings; he stated that only matters published as being on the agenda may be discussed. He stated that no action should be taken on the addition matters because they had not been in the hands of the clerk sufficient time.

Councilman Johnson announced there would be a Special Council Meeting at 12 noon, Thursday, December 30, 1971, and a special Council Meeting at 5:00 P. M., Friday, December 31, 1971, to discuss the remaining matters on the agenda.

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

PETITIONS AND
COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL
BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

None

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

None

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS
AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

None

MESSAGES FROM COUNCILMEN

None

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

See attached pages

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR

The Clerk notified each of the Councilmen present that there would be special meetings of the Common Council on Thursday, December 30, 1971 at 12:00 noon, and Friday, December 31, 1971, at 5 P.M. to consider the following matters:

Proposed Ordinance 71-64
Proposed Ordinance 71-65
Proposed Ordinance 71-66

Proposed Resolution 71-37
Proposed Resolution 71-38
Proposed Resolution 71-39
Proposed Resolution 71-40

Also the matter of the ratification of a licensing of city lands controlled by the City Board of Works to the City of Bloomington Park and Recreation Department.

Councilmen Clendening was notified of the Council meetings by telephone.

The meeting was adjourned .

ADJOURNMENT

Ralph L. Johnson, President

Attest:

Mr. President and members of the Council; members of the citizenry and people of Bloomington:

I would like to spend a few minutes extending some closing remarks concerning the past eight years of this city's life. These are thoughts and observations and random comments; as of eight years ago, officially, or more than two decades ago, I was at that time and continue to be exceedingly proud of Bloomington. It's been very difficult to think of the past eight years and to find words to express the many activities and moments we have all been through, but I would suggest to you that possibly three words could describe Bloomington from January, 1964 to December, 1971; the three words being "progress", "prosperity" and "peace".

Indeed there has been unparalleled progress in the city's life during the past eight years. We have also experienced one of the highest periods of prosperity in the city's history; its economic health is exceptional, outstanding, for the greater Bloomington community. And I would suggest to you that it may seem strange to talk about peace in municipal government and the community of Bloomington, but I think it's something we can all be exceedingly proud of, because we are a peaceful community, we are a safe community. Indeed, the community is much cleaner, is much healthier than it was eight years ago.

I think there's a greater sense of community pride that exists in our community now than eight years ago. We have found that in the economic sector all major businesses and enterprises have enlarged and expanded and are doing well, and especially in light of the fact that this is not typical of most communities in Indiana, or indeed the nation, in light of the recent downturn which has been going on for several years in our nation's economy.

We know that we have had a very productive, highly responsible eight years in our community and this we are indeed proud of. We know that in the past eight years we have become a regional center in commercial and retailing activities; this we are proud of.

We have seen outstanding growth in our university and the Bloomington campus of Indiana University; we are exceedingly proud of that. We know that there has been indeed the recognition that Bloomington has become a regional medical center, not only for the outstanding facilities that we have at our Bloomington Hospital, but more especially, with the medical personnel that have come in to become a part of our community.

In the area of cooperation we know that more has been done, with more varieties of groups and organizations and governmental bodies than ever before, and we have seen outstanding achievements in this area.

We know that our community in the past eight years has become a recognized tourist center for Indiana and indeed parts of surrounding and neighboring states.

The times during the past eight years have been probably the most dramatic and probably the most demanding in over one hundred and fifty years history of the City of Bloomington. We are indeed very much a part of the life and times of our state and our nation, and are thoroughly concerned with the

anxieties, the hopes and dreams that are felt by many parts of our population, as expressed nationally by the blacks, the students, the poor, who have involvements here in Bloomington. But we were, I think, exceptional, in the way our black moments, our student moments, our poor moments did not explode or erupt or be detrimental to the life of our community as they did in hundreds of communities throughout the nation.

We know that the times have changed, the population and character of it, with the influx of people, mainly with the expansion of Indiana University and the expansion of our national industries; and just the fact that people want to come to Bloomington because it is a great and marvelous place in which to live, has made our community more cosmopolitan than probably any community of its size in the entire nation on a percentage basis. It has been a community where we have seen a great deal of change in management personnel and leadership personnel. For example, in the last eight years, there have been four presidents of Indiana University.

There have been numerous changes in the managers of our major industries. Indeed, there have even been great changes in the news media. We have had the opportunity to be exposed to scores of journalists. So Bloomington is indeed a changing community; on an accelerated bases; it's a community that has afforded all of us a rare opportunity. Because of the many activities that were undertaken in the last eight years, I feel that we have had the sensitivity, the awareness, the deep personal commitment and the high dedication on the part of the administration, together with the common council, that has been a unique combination of men and women who have provided the leadership that has made Bloomington proud of the fact of its constructive and dynamic progress and its high prosperity, and that we are indeed a peaceful, safe community.

I would like again -- it has been done by the Council in the past -- to recite for the record the names of people who have been key components of what I consider a very unique management team in municipal government. The people who have, indeed, the old fashioned simple virtues that a public office is indeed a public trust, and that we are here to serve and not to take, and not only in our day to day life and commitment to the greater Bloomington community. Our City Attorney, Jim Cotner; our City Engineer Ray Long; Chief Jim East of the Police Department; Ed Miller of the Fire Department; we have John Eads, of our Cemetery; we have Wilbert Miller of our Public Housing Authority; we have Howard Young, Comptroller; Danny Fulton as our Administrator of Parks and Recreation. Their assistants and over 450 of their employees have made indeed a monumental contribution. I think it is worth especially the point of recognizing one individual, though all those previously named are to me special and exceptional people; but I think one person has in a sense been exposed directly to more people in our community, both in and out of the corporation, than possibly some of the others, and that is our Administrator of Transportation, Jay Sargent, a rare and unique individual. But again, all of these people have been a part of the management team, and of course the principal leadership comes from the elected official. I would suggest to the people of Bloomington that they have never had in the past a collection of individuals with such multiple and diversified talents and backgrounds, as we have had in our common council for the past eight years. We could go on and talk hours about each one, but I would suggest to the people of Bloomington that individually, there is something very unique and precious in these people, and I feel that if there is a common denominator, and indeed there is, it is the fact that since they have all been male, and probably unknown to

their wives and the public at large, they have indeed had a mistress for the past eight years, the mistress being the City of Bloomington. Because it is rare that you can find the majority of a council that is ready to prepare for you not only the knowledge about the physical parts of their community, but the knowledge of its institutions, its heritage and its people, that you have found in your council for the past eight years. One member who started with us, who has not been with us for the past four years, has been recognized this month for his exceptional abilities and talents, and this is former councilman, David Derge. If you remember, he has served with distinction on this council, as Vice President of Indiana, and recently has been given the distinct honor of being the new President of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois. Ermal Byers, another member of the council who served, was not with us this past term; and one who was very special to most of us, a very fine and as good a man who has ever walked the streets of Bloomington or served his neighbor or his community, and that is former Councilman Guy Moulden. These people and the present members of the council have had the philosophy of service and have shown this in so many ways to the employees of the City of Bloomington, the administration and department heads, because it is not always the thing to have good form and structure; but the most important ingredient in my consideration of life is the philosophy and spirit that a person has towards life and towards public service. This council, I think, has passed more landmark pieces of legislation than in any other comparable period in the history of Bloomington that were the outstanding and monumental pieces of municipal law, and I think that it will be far more recognized in the future than it is at the present time.

Of course you can go on with comments, remarks and thoughts and as I mentioned at the beginning, I think in all fairness I can say that there have been disappointments, and I'm not going to go into a lot of them, but I think just to highlight for the community the disappointments that I feel for the community. I think the greatest personal disappointment has been the fact that we were not able to accomplish the development of the Kirkwood Green or the pedestrian mall. Secondly, I feel disappointment that we have not been able to achieve the basic concepts of our years and brought them into the physical reality of our Limestone Center. It was disappointing not to have had another state institution established in our community, and I think if it had been accomplished would have been a major catalyst and a major force in our community, especially when you consider such things as being the tourist capital of the State of Indiana, as well as the sports capital, etc., is that we have to house and feed people, and many may remember the efforts that were made by this Common Council and this administration to have Ivy Tech acquire and place into operation a training school for people in the motel and restaurant business. I think also it's a disappointment and a great loss to our community that we were not able to sell the idea of having the State Government of Indiana establish its law enforcement academy here in Bloomington in conjunction with Indiana University and the City of Bloomington, and more especially, a sense that we thought it ought to be broader than just a law enforcement academy but a public safety academy for all the areas of public responsibility and public safety of government, county, municipal and state wide that we have in Indiana. I have even suggested to people that an appropriate name for the academy, and I think it would have been proper, to call it the Ed Whitcomb Public Safety Academy.

I would suggest that another great disappointment was the fact that Tam Tara East did not come into reality, when so much work was done by so many here in Bloomington to try to make this great private enterprise resort convention center a fact of life on the shores of Lake Monroe.

Possibly the last two very serious disappointments are the fact that we have been unable to establish a City-County Building Authority, so that we could develop, and I think the first goal would be, a public safety complex for the City of Bloomington and the County of Monroe. Also the fact that we were not able to achieve the enterprise of a Council of Governments locally. And again, this Council in these two areas of the public safety complex and a Council of Governments, this council repeatedly initiated efforts to make it a reality and they took the first step, they went the second mile, but that still wasn't enough, so I hope that one day they both will be reality for the people of Bloomington and Monroe County.

Likewise, the lack of establishment of a Data Processing Center through a Data Processing Authority was another disappointment. Also the development of a Pioneer Park on Griffey Reservoir lawn; and especially to preserve and maintain in a better fashion for all the people in our community the last remaining covered bridge. Likewise, we weren't able to develop Seminary Square Park, this historic and very precious piece of property that has always been publicly owned within our community. I would say the very high disappointment of not being able to have achieved, because it was wanted by others, initially more than it was wanted by us, is the church high rise project for the elderly. And I know it's a great disappointment to the four churches that have spent so much time, energy and money, that this project is not a reality today. Last of these items that I consider disappointments, is the fact that we were not able to develop a show place entrance into our community and having a very extensive and formal treatment of the Showers-Miller park. But these are things, and I'm sure that each individual on the council and each person in the administration would have their disappointments, too, in the past eight years, but these are mine.

I would suggest that in the future what needs to be done and the greatest areas of concern for the people of Bloomington are firstly in the field of environmental protection and conservation. Indeed, we have done a great deal in trying to carry a great awareness to more people and more groups than I think any other body of elected officials in the history of Bloomington. But there has to be indeed a higher and better land use of the very previous grounds and soils and vegetations that we have within our community and without. And I think certainly in the field of environment that there has to be a total recycling program developed, not just being concerned about garbage or trash or coke bottles, but being concerned with the total aspects of recycling; disposal of junk cars, recycling in a more productive fashion we have been able to achieve today are the wastes from our water plants or the sanitation plants or the industrial wastes that we have, or the institutional wastes, as well as some wastes that are highly or potentially dangerous to our citizenry, radiological wastes which are carried within our community. All this needs to be done totally, and I think it's going to take a great deal of imagination, and it's going to take a lot of advance thinking, and the old stereotyped concepts and approaches to it will not suffice.

I think also there's a great deal to be done in the field of human relations; that there needs to be developed a thorough understanding among each other, we, the people of Bloomington. We have indeed come a long way, not only by having machinery, by having not only tried to set the best example that we could and have made pioneer efforts in the field of really becoming an equal opportunity employer, which the City of Bloomington has done; in the field of race relations, in the field of civil rights, and the field of even womens' rights, but more still needs to be done. And again, there are things in these two areas of environmental protection and human relations that we in Bloomington have the responsibility not only to ourselves but to the state and nation and entire world because of the unique characteristics and features of our community. Since we do have the very rare opportunity and privilege of exposing people from all the 49 states, as well as over a hundred nations of the world, and by the things that we do and the things that we say, and the examples that we set, the people. The majority of our population is a transit or mobile part which comes here to study, to learn or to partake in one of the academic areas, so their moments here, though they may be short, many times are long lasting and can have very serious detrimental effects, I think, to the world, or very positive effects, and this has been true already in parts of Africa and Asia, that Indiana University and the people of Bloomington have indeed made a contribution in many areas.

We'll not list for the record, but will give to the secretary the items in thoroughfare development. Major work has been done, but more must be done in the future; the same way in public safety. Our water; we cannot at any time assume that it is always going to be plentiful or it's going to have sufficient pressure, or it's going to be of the quantity that is necessary to serve this community. So we must continue to be aware of the fact that it takes continuous management and that the plants and the treatment facilities must be expanded within the next five years. The same way with pollution control and sanitation; our south works especially needs to be relocated to the extreme south of our county and our greater community, and this should be done in the next five years. And again, there are many smaller items that I won't go into at this moment. But I think that one of the major things and thrusts that must be made by all people of this community, and it's going to take a concerted and a high consensus on the part of the people of Bloomington and Monroe County, is to show the need and to show their willingness to make a sacrifice and to give their backing to the creation of area wide and metropolitan government, and we have all been an arbiter of this, though we still know that it does take the legislation by our state government. We know too, and we are dedicated to the principle that it should be, after we have the permissive legislation, and then only, enacted by referendum by the people of Bloomington and Monroe County.

I think also that one of the more serious areas that faces most municipalities and governmental enterprises of our nation and state, though we are not as critical as most southern areas, is in the field of financing local government. With the high demands that the citizenry are placing on governmental bodies, for wanting more open space, preservation of our precious areas, for more fire protection and police protection, for better streets and thoroughfares, and on the other hand we know it is difficult to find the financial resources to make this possible, and unfortunately Indiana still requires that its local units, especially the Civil Service, must rely on local property tax, and though it has been declared by every public official for years as being almost

universally acceptable as a very unjust, inequitable tax, in this day and age. We feel that there should be a more modern and progressive base for support of municipal government and hopefully metropolitan government in the State of Indiana in the future. We also feel very sorry that the area of double taxation must be eliminated. Where the older people, the people who have traditionally provided the leadership and the facilities, have been the urban people of Indiana, have been your cities, and yet they have had to carry this.

There is no more distinguished honor than being elected Mayor, and especially it's been a privilege to have been elected twice; so I wish to indeed thank the people of Bloomington for this very rare and personal honor which I accepted as their highest responsibility, and I am especially thankful that I was Mayor, these gentlemen were councilmen and all the department heads were department heads during the past eight years and that we've had some of the very challenging and very high moments, whether it's been some of our unfortunate major fires, students in the street disturbed over our Viet Nam situation, or whether it's been blacks that have thought they have not been treated properly; that we were here, we did have at all times one thing in mind, what was best for the people of Bloomington, and with the courage that we were able to bring forth, with all the experience in these things, we acted in our best judgment. And none of the council and none of the department heads or city officials were ever afraid to face, no matter how unpleasant or especially how unpopular it may be, to face an issue or sidestep an issue. We were there whether we were asked to be or not, for we felt that when anything involved the people of Bloomington, we had the direct responsibility to be there and to let everybody know exactly how we feel and how we stand. We have been directly involved in the life and times of Bloomington and Monroe County. I am probably the person who has gained the most, because I have been involved in all of it, but the greatest thing is to have the opportunity of working with the tremendous personnel that we have in the City of Bloomington's administration, to become as close, and in many ways closer, probably, than most brothers, to the majority of the council.

It's unfair, I think, probably to any one group; if we have committed wrongs, and surely we have, unknowingly, but probably the elected people and the majority of the council and more especially myself, have not spent the time with our families, so if we ask forgiveness, it is because of them. As I've said at the beginning, I'm proud of Bloomington.

There's an Irish blessing that many of you have heard and we've used before, and we'd like to read this to the people of Bloomington, and it goes like this: "May the road always rise before you, may the wind be always at your back, may the rain fall softly upon your fields, and may the sun shine warmly upon your ~~face~~ fields and until we meet again, may the good Lord hold you gently in the palm of His hands." Goodnight.