

In the Council Chambers, Municipal Building on October 2, 1969 at 7:30 p.m., E.D.T. Councilman Charles J. Faris presiding.

Council President Charles J. Faris

Acting Clerk Naomi Stapleton
Members Present: Robert Clegg, Clyde Day, Harry Day, Charles Faris, Richard Fee, Robert Gray, Ralph Johnson and Jack Morrison.

Members Absent: James Clendening

Councilman Faris asked that the record show that Councilman Clendening is still in serious condition at the Bloomington Hospital.

Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr.; City Engineer R. E. Long; City Clerk Marian Tardy; Police Chief James R. East; City Controller Howard Young; Director of Planning Clifford Curry; Assistant City Engineer Marvard Clark; Director of Parks & Recreation Jerry Femal and Director of Redevelopment Danny Fulton.

Eighteen including James R. Root, Reporter for the Daily Herald-Telephone and Fred Hill, Reporter for the Courier Tribune.

Councilman Ralph Johnson

Councilman Johnson moved that the minutes for the September 18th meeting be approved as prepared and distributed. Motion seconded by Councilman Gray. Motion carried unanimously.

None

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Ordinance No. 69-40 be advanced to second reading and read by the Clerk by title only. Motion seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried unanimously.

The Acting Clerk Naomi Stapleton read proposed Ordinance No. 69-40 by title only.

Councilman Fee moved for the adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 69-40. Motion seconded by Councilman Harry Day. Roll call vote: ayes - 9; nays - 0.

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Ordinance No. 69-41 be advanced to second reading and be read by the Clerk by title only. Motion seconded by Councilman Gray. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

NUMBER OF CITIZENS IN
ATTENDANCE

INVOCATION

MINUTES OF FORMER MEETING

REMONSTRANCES & OBJECTIONS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 69-40

Ordinance No. 69-41

The Acting Clerk, Naomi Stapleton,
read proposed Ordinance No. 69-41
by title only.

Councilman Clegg moved for the
adoption of proposed Ordinance No.
69-41. Motion seconded by Council-
man Clyde Day. Roll call vote:
ayes - 9; nays - 0.

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed
Ordinance No. 69-42 be advanced to
second reading and be read by the
Clerk by title only. Motion seconded
by Councilman Clyde Day. Motion car-
ried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 69-42

The Acting Clerk, Naomi Stapleton,
read proposed Ordinance No. 69-42
by title only.

Councilman Clegg stated that at the
time this request for rezoning was
presented to the City Plan Commission,
he felt there could have been some
sort of agreement between the property
owners and the parties petitioning for
the rezoning. He asked if such an
agreement had been reached. Mr. Gerald
Moss, representing Mr. Curt Curry,
stated that Mr. Curry had signed an
agreement with the property owners in
Green Acres. Councilman Faris asked
that the Council be allowed to see
the agreement. The councilmen deliber-
ated over the proffered agreement.

Al Ruesink, President of the Green
Acres Association, spoke in behalf of
the residents and stated that they had
met as a steering committee and desig-
nated three people to handle "their
end of the ballgame". These three
people discussed the issue with Mr.
Curry and drew up a letter indicating
the terms which would be satisfactory
to them. At this point, legal advise
was sought and Tom McDonald was the
attorney selected. Mr. Ruesink stated
that the agreement was very satisfact-
ory to the residents of Green Acres;
they felt it would provide them with
the protection they sought as home-
owners and residents of the area.

Councilman Clegg moved for the adoption
of proposed Ordinance No. 69-42.
Seconded by Councilman Johnson. Roll
call vote: ayes - 9; nays - 0.

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed
Ordinance No. 69-43 be introduced and
be read by the Clerk. Motion seconded
by Councilman Johnson. Carried unani-
mously.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL
ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 69-43

The Acting Clerk, Naomi Stapleton,
read proposed Ordinance No. 69-43.

Councilman Johnson moved that proposed Ordinance No. 69-44 be introduced and be read by the Clerk. Motion seconded by Councilman Morrison. Carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 69-44

The Acting Clerk, Naomi Stapleton, read proposed Ordinance No. 69-44.

Councilman Fee asked the Clerk to read proposed Resolution No. 69-23.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 69-23

The Acting Clerk, Naomi Stapleton, read proposed Resolution No. 69-23 as follows: (H.I.)

Councilman Fee moved for the adoption of proposed Resolution No. 69-23. Motion seconded by Councilman Harry Day and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

None

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

None

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Councilman Harry Day again stated that he thought it would be helpful to the council and the persons who come to the council meetings to hear periodic reports from the department heads. He suggested that there be one such report at each meeting.

MESSAGES FROM COUNCILMEN

In answer to the question of Councilman Harry Day regarding the progress on the discovery of inflammable materials in our sewers, Mayor Hooker reported as follows: As of three o'clock today, we have not discovered the source of this gas, nor has the type been determined.

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR

We have asked the State Board of Health for assistance and a technician to help in analyzing this material. The State Fire Marshall was in on a courtesy call. The Petroleum Institute is helping us and is seeing that the several companies are running tests on their storage tanks. They have found one company - Shell at 10th and Walnut Streets - that has a considerable leakage. They have ordered their tanks to be completely resealed. This is under way now. This may be the source, if it is gas, although it is a remote point from the Shell Station at 10th and Walnut to 8th and Morton. It could be possible, however, because of our limestone structure.

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We have had the cooperation of Indiana Gas Company. They are very much concerned and are very sensitive to this problem. The initial findings do not indicate that the material is natural gas. Although this fact has been pretty well determined, the Gas Company's technicians are working with us and have been for several weeks by their own initiative. I think they should be commended for this.

Thousands of man hours have been spent in an effort to solve this problem. We have had very good assistance from others in the city. We have received complete cooperation in our investigation from every industry except one. The City's Sanitation and Fire Departments have been especially responsive. We would like to ask the general public that any time they smell or see anything floating in a sewer line or storm drainage ditch that looks a little different to notify a city official immediately...the Fire Department or the City Engineer's office.

We must pursue this for the following reasons:

1. Safety to lives - for the city employees, themselves - those who must climb down in these manholes and for all the citizens.
2. Prevention of damage to property - private and public.
3. The effect these materials might have on our treatment process and the damage it might cause to our treatment facilities.

Councilman Harry Day asked if it should prove to be gas from a storage tank, would this mean there has to be a break in the sewer line. Mayor Hooker said it would. He further stated that we know there is a great infiltration in our sewer system - this has been discussed publicly. It would, also, be highly costly to repair.

Councilman Fee inquired if any attempt had been made to check the sewer lines where the explosion was. The Mayor stated that we have checked the flows are are not getting any build-up. The Sanitation Company does not think it caused any appreciable damage. There is no indication that the line has collapsed.

Councilman Clyde Day moved that the claims presented for payment on October 1, 1969, and the payrolls for September 20, 1969 and October 5, 1969 be allowed. Seconded by Councilman Morrison. Motion carried unanimously.

Council President Faris moved for adjournment at 8:43 P.M., E.D.T.

EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS

ADJOURNMENT

Charles J. Faris, Pres.