

In the Council Chamber, Municipal Building, on March 21, 1968, at 7:30 p.m., E.S.T., Council President Charles J. Faris presiding.

REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Council President Faris.

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy City Clerk:

ROLL CALL

Members present: Councilmen Robert L. Clegg, Jr., James C. Clendening, Harry G. Day, Charles J. Faris, Robert E. Gray, Ralph L. Johnson, William A. Madden and Jack A. Morrison.

Members absent: Councilman Richard W. Fee, who is vacationing in Michigan.

Councilman Johnson introduced the Reverend Nelson Bunnage, a member of the staff of the Inter-Board Council of Methodist Churches, who gave the invocation.

INVOCATION

Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr.; Raymond E. Long, City Engineer; James R. Cotner, City Attorney; Howard A. Young, City Controller; Marian H. Tardy, City Clerk; James R. East, Police Chief and Marvard Clark, Assistant City Engineer.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Nineteen including James Root, reporter for the Daily Herald Telephone; Barry Henderson, reporter for the Bloomington Tribune and Weldon Baird, reporter for the Indiana Daily Student.

NUMBER OF CITIZENS
IN ATTENDANCE

On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Gray, the minutes of the meeting of March 7, 1968 were approved as distributed.

MINUTES OF FORMER MEETING

None.

REMONSTRANCES AND OBJECTIONS

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Ordinance No. 68-18 be introduced and read by the Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL
ORDINANCES

The Deputy City Clerk read proposed ordinance No. 68-18.

Ordinance No. 68-18 - Zoning Ordinance - 2 lots on Cottage Grove Avenue at the S.E. corner of its intersection with Dunn St

Council President Faris said he had written a letter to the Bloomington Planning Commission telling them of the Council's action in rejecting proposed ordinance No. 68-16 and had received a letter from the Planning Commission stating it had considered the re-zoning again and was returning the proposed ordinance to the Council for further consideration.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

Ordinance No. 68-16 - Zoning ordinance - North of the Huddle Restaurant between the By-pass and Green Acres Addition

At the request of the Council President, the Deputy City Clerk read both letters.

Council President Faris asked City Attorney Cotner to explain the necessary procedure. Mr. Cotner explained that it was necessary for the Council to consider the proposed ordinance again and either confirm or reject their previous decision. He said it would require a three-fourths vote in order to pass the proposed ordinance.

Councilman Johnson moved that the Council reaffirm its decision to reject the proposed ordinance as it was made at the March 7th meeting. Councilman Gray seconded the motion.

Mr. Curtis Curry asked the Council to reconsider the proposed ordinance along with his covenant containing protective measures proposed to benefit the residents of Hillside and Green Acres Additions and pass the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Dan James said the residents concerned could not properly judge the covenant unless they had an opportunity to examine it.

Council President asked Attorney Cotner to summarize the covenant, and when this was done, declared the meeting in recess at 8:15 p.m. so the attorney representing the residents could examine the covenant.

Council President Faris declared the meeting back in session at 8:25 p.m.

William Andrews, attorney for the residents immediately adjacent to the property in question, stated that the covenant was not conclusive enough to change the objections of his clients.

Council President Faris asked for a roll call vote on the proposed ordinance.

By a vote of 8 ayes and no nays, the March 7th action of the Council was confirmed and proposed Ordinance No. 68-16 was rejected.

Council President Faris asked City Attorney Cotner if any progress had been made toward getting the Humane Association resolution ready to present to Council. Mr. Cotner said he had had no answer to his letter to Mr. Reem.

Councilman Johnson moved that proposed Resolution No. 68-10 be read by the Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clegg and carried.

The Deputy City Clerk read proposed Resolution No. 68-10.

Councilman Johnson moved that proposed Resolution No. 68-10 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clegg and carried.

Councilman Johnson moved that proposed Resolution No. 68-11 be read by the Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clendening and carried.

The Deputy City Clerk read proposed Resolution No. 68-11.

Councilman Johnson moved that proposed Resolution No. 68-11 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clendening and carried.

City Attorney Cotner presented a letter from Attorney James Register concerning a request for annexation from Alpha Epsilon Pi sorority, 1412 North Jordan Avenue. Council President Faris asked Assistant City Engineer Marvard Clark to comment on the request.

Mr. Clark said his investigation showed it would not be feasible to grant this petition because there is an undedicated road and some Indiana University property between this property and the closest city property.

None.

None.

None.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING
Ordinance No. 68-16 (continued)

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 68-3
Ratification of Humane
Association Contract

Resolution No. 68-10
Transfer of funds - Motor
Vehicle Highway Fund

Resolution No. 68-11
Temporary Loans - Water Bond
and Interest Fund, Sewage Works
Sinking Fund and Sanitation
Operating Fund

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Alpha Epsilon Pi Sorority
Annexation

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS
AND COMMISSIONS

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL
COMMITTEES

REPORTS FROM STANDING
COMMITTEES

None.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS
AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Councilman Madden said he would like to see all rezoning stopped until a City Planner is hired. He suggested that a resolution be prepared to request that Mayor Hooker and the Plan Commission freeze all rezoning activities until such time as a city planner is appointed and instructed to proceed with the creation of a master plan. He asked also that Mayor Hooker report publicly the progress being made in attracting a competent planner to Bloomington.

MESSAGES FROM COUNCILMEN

Councilman Clegg said this is the first council in the history of the City of Bloomington that has done anything about planning. He said he has faith in his colleagues and knows they will continue to follow the principles of good planning either under or without pressure. Since Council will still have to make the final decision in rezoning, Mr. Clegg said he, as an individual, would hate to see rezoning or anything requiring Council action stopped completely for an undetermined period of time.

Councilman Day said he was glad Councilman Madden had expressed his feelings but he could not accept Mr. Madden's remedy. Dr. Day said he felt the Administration should be given ample time to make a good choice for the position of City Planner.

Council President Faris said the Council had put forth much time and effort in the two-mile fringe area and he felt good planning had been done even without a city planner. Councilman Johnson concurred.

Councilman Day announced that the Reverend James L. Ray had been appointed as the sixth member of the Bloomington Fair Housing Commission. Reverend Ray is the minister at St. Marks Methodist Church.

Councilman Day said he felt more City department heads should attend more of the Council meetings. He suggested that reports be given occasionally by the department heads. Councilman Madden supported Dr. Day's opinion.

Council President Faris pointed out that there had been ten department heads present at the last Council meeting.

Mayor Hooker asked the Council to go on record as being in favor of school reorganization for the Greater Bloomington and Monroe County area and for the four-laning of Highway 37 from Bloomington to Indianapolis. He suggested they pass resolutions during the month of April if possible.

MESSAGES FROM MAYOR

Councilman Day said nothing had been as ridiculous as the time situation and asked what was going to be done about it. He said it was possible that the government would change its position on the subject.

Mayor Hooker said he believed Bloomington would respond by keeping in step with Indianapolis.

None.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Johnson moved that claims presented for payment on March 20 and March 22, 1968 be allowed. Councilman Gray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS

Council President Faris moved for adjournment
at the hour of 9:05 p.m., E.S.T.

ADJOURNMENT



Charles J. Faris, Council President

ATTEST:

Marian H. Tardy, City Clerk