

In the Council Chamber, Municipal Building,
on August 15, 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 Day
- " Charles J. Faris
- " Robert E. Gray
- " William A. Madden
- " Jack Morrison

Members Absent:

- Councilmen Richard W. Fee
- " Ralph L. Johnson

Council President Faris informed the audience
and his colleagues that Councilman Fee is
presently serving a two-week tour of duty
with the Navy.

Also, that Councilman Johnson is on a
much deserved two-week vacation.

Council President Faris introduced
Reverend James Root who gave the
invocation.

INVOCATION

- Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr.
- Raymond E. Long, City Engineer
- Howard A. Young, City Controller
- Marian H. Tardy, City Clerk
- James R. East, Police Chief
- Edward Miller, Fire Chief
- Marvard Clark, Assistant City Engineer
- Dr. R. E. Cook, City Chemist
- James Cotner, City Attorney

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Forty-two including James Root, reporter
for the Daily Herald Telephone and Greg
Hacker, reporter for the Bloomington
Courier Tribune.

NUMBER OF CITIZENS IN
ATTENDANCE

Due to the absence of Mrs. Marian Pruett,
secretary for the Council, minutes of the
August 1st meeting were not presented.

MINUTES OF FORMER MEETING

None

REMONSTRANCES AND OBJECTIONS

None

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Ordinance
68-39 be introduced and read by the Clerk.
Councilman Day seconded the motion.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDI-
ANCES

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 68-39.

Ordinance No. 68-39 - Off
Street Structure Requirements

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Ordinance
No. 68-40 be introduced and read by the Clerk.
Councilman Gray seconded the motion.

Ordinance No. 68-40 - R4
Mobile Home Park Zone

The Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 68-40.

Council President Faris requested the Clerk
to read Board of Works Resolution No. 68-15.

RESOLUTIONS

A resolution adopted by the Board of Public
Works, City of Bloomington, Indiana, to
approve compensation to be paid to Snyder,
Bunger, Cotner, Harrell & Robertson for

services rendered in connection with the revenue bonds sold for the Water Pollution Control Improvement Program, 1967-1969. The amount is fixed as one half per cent (1/2%) of one per cent (1%) of the Bond issue which is \$5,840,000 or \$29,200.

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, has heretofore deemed that compensation in the amount of \$29,200 would be paid to Snyder, Bungler, Cotner, Harrell & Robertson for the services nongovernmental in connection with the Water Pollution Control Improvement Program, 1967-1969.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Works of the City of Bloomington agrees to pay Snyder, Bungler, Cotner, Harrell & Robertson the sum of \$29,200 for services connected with the Water Pollution Control Improvement Program, 1967-69, and that such payment be made from the proceeds of the sale of bonds of such project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the services to be rendered by Snyder, Bungler, Cotner, Harrell & Robertson in return for such fees include the following:

- A. The drafting of all documents including ordinances, contracts, agreements pertaining to the issuance of Sewer Works Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$5,840,000.
- B. The drafting of deeds, easements as required for lands and rights-of-way acquisition.
- C. Consulting with the Board of Public Works in the taking of easements and property required for such project.
- D. Representing the City in arbitration suits with contracts as required.
- E. Representation of the City in civil litigation resulting from work done in such projects.
- F. Defending suits filed by property owners as a result of a condemnation of property by the Board of Public Works.
- G. All other miscellaneous duties required in the completion of the Water Pollution Control Improvement Program, 1967-1969.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

/signed/
R. E. Long, President

/signed/
H. A. Young, City Controller

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Councilman Clegg asked the Clerk to read proposed Resolution No. 68-29. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 68-29 -
Payment of Fee to Snyder,
Bunger, Cotner, Harrell &
Robertson

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, approve the resolution of the Board of Public Works entered into the 15th day of August, 1968, calling for the payment of legal fees to be paid to Snyder, Bungler, Cotner, Harrell &

Robertson for legal services furnished to the City in connection with the Water Pollution Control Improvement Program, 1967-1969.

/signed/
Charles J. Faris, President

Attest:

/signed/
Marian Tardy, City Clerk

THE RESOLUTION of the Board of Public Works, dated August 15, 1968, for the payment of compensation to Snyder, Bunger, Cotner, Harrell & Robertson for legal services furnished to the City in connection with the Water Pollution Control Improvement Program, 1967-1969.

/signed/
John H. Hooker, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

/signed/
Marian Tardy, City Clerk

Councilman Clegg moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 68-29. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Resolution No. 68-30 be read by the Clerk. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 68-30
Temporary Loan

The Clerk read proposed Resolution No. 68-30:

CITY COUNCIL August 15, 1968
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Request is hereby made for the approval of the City Council to make the following temporary loan:

FROM

Water Bond & Interest Fund . . . \$200,000

TO

General Fund -
City of Bloomington \$200,000

Above to be repaid upon receipt of December settlement of taxes.

/signed/
Howard A. Young, Controller

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Resolution No. 68-30 be adopted. Councilman Clendening seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Resolution No. 68-31 be read by the Clerk. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 68-31

The Clerk read Resolution No 68-31:

CITY COUNCIL August 15, 1968

Request is hereby made for the approval of the City Council to make the following transfer in the Board of Public Works budget:

FROM

Item 261 - Street Lighting . . . \$4,000

TO

Item 25 - Repairs \$4,000

This amount is needed for repairs on the Municipal Buildings.

/signed/
Howard A. Young, Controller

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Resolution No. 68-31 be adopted. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion and it carried.

None

None

None

None

Mayor Hooker requested the Council to hear any complaints or discussion the audience might wish to contribute with reference to the fire protection service contracts, and monetary differences which have been advocated by some township trustees.

William Kendall, president of Marlin Hills, brought to the Council a petition with 378 names of persons desiring to continue to have the City of Bloomington supply their fire protection. Mr. Kendall, further stated that he felt these people were willing to pay a reasonable fee for this service.

Mr. Kendall said his group and other outlying subdivisions had expressed their dissatisfaction with the voluntary fire department idea which has been proposed by the trustees of Bloomington and Perry townships.

Councilman Clegg ask Mr. Kendall what he considered a reasonable or fair amount (fee charged by City for service) would be?

Mr. Kendall reviewed different proposals that have been suggested, but did not annotate a specific fee. He said he felt that time was needed for townships to make constructive analysis and plans and he hoped that the City would continue to service the townships in an efficient manner.

Councilman Day compared the Marlin Hills area to Hoosier Acres (who requested voluntary annexation) - Would you say your needs are the same?

Mr. Kendall stated that Marlin Hills will

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MESSAGES FROM COUNCILMEN

MESSAGES FROM MAYOR

will eventually become part of the City; however, at the present, time is needed to study proposed rate and plans. The primary issue being the increased cost of fire protection to the townships.

Mayor Hooker commended the Council for its action and views on the fire issue. He expressed his belief that each member participating in said discussion (last Council meeting) acted with dignity and complete concern for the metropolitan area of the City and personally felt that many unjust statements in the form of charges were made.

Bloomington is a fast growing community and has expressed a need for additional services. Once again we are faced with a deadline set-forth by the State Board of Accounts. Our number one problem at this time is: Services vs. taxes. People complain about each.

Bloomington is presently faced with its highest tax rate in history -- \$4.00 and we find that our services are inadequate in many areas. Our Fire Department is deficient. It does not comply with the minimum standards prescribed by National Fire Protection. Our Police Department is under staffed. Our ratio of officers to citizens.

We do not levy taxes for streets, sewers (nothing has been done for two generations in this area). We need more inspectors, Humane Society, Human Relations and Fair Housing Commission.

For the first time we are proposing a levy to support Redevelopment. We are not asking for frills of government or something to try to build empires. Our budgets for the several departments are very modest.

The State of Indiana has not kept pace with progressive government and institutions. Our once model state now lags behind in construction of highways, its parks and recreation facilities are inadequate when compared to other states. It seems that all too often the State has listened to Indianapolis "the do nothing City."

Reapportionment was instigated by the Federal Government. It seems that Indiana has taken a back seat in advancement. Water Pollution, Highways - Metropolitan government is not permitted in Indiana. It is felt that the people of this City and Monroe County should demand more efficient governmental service because:

1. The State of Indiana has not provided the necessary legislation.
2. High accelerated civil government tax rate.
3. The unjust burden upon property owners primarily home owners.
4. The double taxation imposed upon City residents.

5. Due to the demonstrated ability of the City governments to provide sufficient, modern governmental services.

On Monday, August 26th, this Council must decide on the City's most fantastic tax rate - taxed for services we do not benefit from - both political parties have provided the County with services.

I now request the Council's consideration of the following recommended increased in fees, charges and fines for services levied by our various City departments.

1. Sanitation Sewer Charge - A one hundred percent (100%) increase to customers outside City of Bloomington's corporation line.
2. Parks and Recreation Department - A one hundred percent (100%) surcharge on all seasonal and annual tickets and passes issued to residents outside of the City of Bloomington's corporation line.
3. Engineering Department - I recommend that we combine the present building, electrical, plumbing, excavating, sidewalk, etc. into a new permit entitled "Improvements." This fee should be based upon a schedule that is fifty percent (50%) greater than the present schedule of fees and charges.

A one hundred percent (100%) surcharge be applied to all Improvements outside the City of Bloomington's corporation line.

4. Planning Department

- a. Zoning and rezoning - A service fee be charged for all rezoning cases in the amount of \$125.00 per acre or any part of an acre with a one hundred percent (100%) surcharge or \$250.00 per acre for all petitions outside the City of Bloomington's corporation line.
- b. Subdivisions - The present approved fee be increased to \$25.00 per subdivision plus an additional \$5.00 per lot. Outside the City of Bloomington's corporation line a one hundred percent (100%) surcharge or \$50.00 per subdivision and \$10.00 per lot.

5. Rosehill Cemetery - The present price of lots be increased from \$125.00 to \$150.00. A one hundred percent (100%) surcharge for all purchasers of lots living outside the City of Bloomington's corporation line.

The opening and closing fee be increased from \$50.00 to \$80.00. For non-residents a fee of \$125.00 for opening and closing service.

6. City Controller

- a. Parking Lot Permits - all parking

lot permits be increased fifty percent (50%) with a one hundred percent (100%) surcharge for non-residents of the City of Bloomington.

- b. Private Parking Permits - The initial application fee be increased from \$10.00 to \$25.00. Renewal fee from \$5.00 to \$26.00 per year.
 - c. Taxi Cabs - Fee be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per cab per year.
7. Police Department - Fines for first ticket be increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00, second ticket from \$3.00 to \$4.00, third and all additional tickets from \$5.00 to \$10.00 each.
8. Sanitation Hook-on - The present fee of \$300.00 be increased to \$500.00 for residential hook-on and a fee of \$1,000.00 for commercial or industrial hook-on.

Mayor Hooker recommended to the Council that the City offer its services to the people of Monroe County by entering into a contract with the County Commissioners which would have to be ratified by the Monroe County Council. The services to be rendered would be: police protection, fire protection, parks and recreation and planning.

It was pointed out that our state legislature has not passed legislation which would permit areas such as ours to cope with its urbanization problems. The contract arrangement might eliminate a lot of problems such as fire protection service.

Mayor Hooker further suggested that the City provide a metropolitan type of service for the total community. The County government would levy money for these services which would be administered by the City. In my opinion this would provide a more modern municipal type service to all the people of Bloomington and Monroe County and would be supported by a single equitable tax rate.

In many areas the City is being double taxed. Under the present contractual set-up the residents of the City of Bloomington pay the major portion of the cost but receive no service. Namely, they are paying under the county contract and again for this same service through City tax rates.

The City requested a ten percent (10%) increase in Fire Protection rates over the present contract. All township budgets have been published. This published figure cannot be raised -- Mayor Hooker suggested extending the Fire Protection Contract at the published rate. However, we will not be able to provide complete service. Complete service will be ascertained to residential. Commercial or industry may pay the difference between County and City rate thus enabling us to provide the needed service.

Mayor Hooker ask the people to support the City of Bloomington in expanding metropolitan

services. By next June, if this plan has been carefully evaluated, we will have a more feasible program and the people in the fringe area will be able to cooperate with the City.

Councilman Day reviewed the problem stating that it has grown yearly and needs action. This would be more toward a more unified community with each part bearing its fair share of the tax burden, thus making a more progressive and a more desirable community. I endorse compatibility. We are asking that our neighbors outside the City become paying guests with each being a part of the cost.

Council President Faris proposed that the City prepare the necessary Ordinances to instigate changes in fees. Councilman Clegg moved that the motion be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clendening. Motion carried.


Mayor Hooker stated that the ordinances will be prepared and ready by August 26, which is the last day for final approval of budgets, as these rates will affect the budget.

Councilman Clendening moved that the claims presented for payment on August 16 and 19, 1968 be allowed. Councilman Morrison seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS

Council President Faris moved for adjournment at the hour of 9:00 p.m., E.S.T.

ADJOURNMENT



Charles J. Faris, Council President

ATTEST:

Marian H. Tardy, City Clerk