

REGULAR MEETING

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building on Thursday, January 6, 1966, with Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr. presiding.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Hooker.

A roll call of the Councilmen was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Members Present: Councilmen - C. Day, H. Day, Derge, Faris,
Fee, Johnson, Moulden

Also Present: Mayor - John H. Hooker, Jr.
City Attorney - James R. Cotner
City Engineer - Raymond E. Long

Members Absent: None

Meeting opened with invocation by Councilman Johnson.

Mayor Hooker apologized for not having an agenda for this evening's meeting as Mrs. Stapleton was enjoying a few days vacation on the beach at Ft. Myers, Florida.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that the minutes of the regular meeting, December 16, 1965 and the special meeting of December 20, 1965 and the special meeting of December 29, 1965, be approved as published and distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman C. Day, that proposed Ordinance 65-35 be advanced to second reading and read by title only. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-35 by title only.

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Faris, that proposed Ordinance 65-35 be adopted. Upon a roll call vote the motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman Fee, that proposed Ordinance 65-36 be advanced to second reading and read by title only. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-36 by title only.

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Faris, that proposed Ordinance 65-36 be adopted. Upon a roll call vote the motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman C. Day, that proposed Ordinance 66-1 be presented for first reading and read by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 66-1.

Attorney Cotner explained the locations involved in the voluntary annexation ordinance.

1. Allen Funeral Home located on East Third Street.
2. Unitarian Church located on the By-Pass and North Fee Lane.
3. Drs. Park located on Moores Pike owned by Drs. Creek, Bomba, McClary & Houshmand.
4. Howard Chevrolet located on South Highway #37.
- 5 & 6 Sherwood Oaks

Attorney Cotner stated this involves approximately 184 acres to be annexed to the City of Bloomington.

Mayor Hooker recommended to the Common Council that a proposed Humane Commission be established for the purpose of creating a more modern organization and operation of the Humane Department of the City of Bloomington. In addition, that the City entertain a proposal to lease city owned property to the Monroe Humane Society for the construction of a modern humane shelter.

After discussion of the Mayor's request -----

Councilman H. Day moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare a proposed ordinance establishing a Humane Commission of the City of Bloomington. The commission would have a membership of seven (7), two (2) appointed by the City of Bloomington, two (2) which would be appointed by the Monroe County Commissioners and three (3) appointed by the Monroe Humane Society. This commission would administer and operate all functions and facilities of the Humane Department.

The motion further instructed the City Attorney to prepare a proposed lease agreement between the City of Bloomington and the Monroe Humane Society. The proposed tract of ground would be located North of the National Guard Armory and East of the City Incinerator on South Highway #37. The Monroe Humane Society would construct the humane shelter which would be operated and maintained by the Humane Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Faris stated that he has a request to vacate a portion of an alley between 16th and 17th Street on the North and South and between Grant and Dunn Street on the East and West. This is under the recommendation of the Fire Department, Police Department and City Engineering Department.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Fee, that the City Attorney be instructed not to oppose the vacation of this portion of the alley between Lots 29-30-31 and 32. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman C. Day stated that he has several requests for street lighting which his committee is investigating and should have a recommendation to make to the Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Council.

Mayor Hooker introduced the 1966 program for the City of Bloomington. These goals and objectives are as follows:

1. The Annexation Program - the objective of having a satisfactory conclusion of the 1962 annexation ordinance and the enactment of the Common Council 1965 ordinance incorporating the recommendations of the Citizen's Annexation Committee.
2. A Special Census - a special census would be requested of the newly acquired territory that would be incorporated under the 1962-65 Annexation Ordinances. The estimated cost of this special census would be approximately \$3,500 which as a result would bring in an additional \$50,000 of motor vehicle funds to the City of Bloomington.
3. Second Class City status.
4. Water Expansion Program 1965-1967 - the construction and 75% completion of our water expansion program. We have a tentative date established by the Public Service Commission concerning our ordinance asking new rate schedule and ordinance pertaining to the sale of bonds for February 14th.
5. Reclassification of the City of Bloomington for Fire Insurance - the request would be made of the Indiana Rating Bureau to conduct a survey and analysis of the City of Bloomington with the objective being to reclassify Bloomington from a 7th to 5th class fire insurance status. This reclassification could bring a possible 10% reduction in the annual fire insurance premiums paid by property owners.
6. A Sanitary Sewer Improvement and Expansion Program 1966-1967.
7. Storm Sewer Improvement and Expansion Program.
8. Streets and Thoroughfare Master Plan.
9. Fluoridation Policy.
10. Park and Recreation Master Plan.
11. Establishing a Humane Commission.

12. Air Pollution Control Commission.
13. Establishment of an electrical ordinance and inspection division.
14. A Waste Control Ordinance.
15. Central City Improvement Program.
16. Review and evaluation of all our present ordinances with special attention given licenses, fees and permits.

Councilman H. Day stated that it might also be wise to give serious attention to the enforcement of health and safety areas of our community.

Councilman Johnson asked what is the status of the west by-pass.

Mayor Hooker stated that the field engineers are making their surveys and have been for a number of weeks.

Mayor Hooker proposed that the City Council consider drafting a resolution asking the Indiana General Assembly to consider legislation which would enable the urban areas of our state to have a more efficient and economic local government.

The Mayor recommended two areas be given serious consideration. The first being enabling legislation for metropolitan government which would replace present city government, county government, town and township governments. The second area would be the financing of local government substituting local property taxes as the basis of local government financing and replaced by an increased sales or income tax.

Councilman Harry Day stated that perhaps a study group could give serious consideration and thought to this matter and draw up some fairly concrete plans that would be presented to other cities and they in turn perhaps would have some ideas which could be combined with ours and perhaps through combined efforts by the various cities have persons interested in obtaining seats in the general assembly to give this their very serious consideration.

Councilman Moulden asked about the 140 hours required for the removal of flowers from graves to the city dump on the Rosehill report.

Mayor Hooker stated this was the yearly report submitted by Rosehill and this was the total number of hours required for this operation for the entire year of 1965.

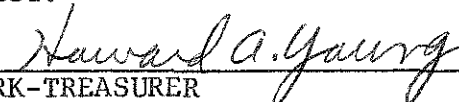
Councilman C. Day moved, seconded by Councilman Moulden, that claims presented for payment on January 6, 1966 be allowed. Motion carried unanimously.

No further business to come before the Common Council, Councilman Fee moved meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at the hour of eight fifty o'clock (8:50 P.M.) E.S.T.


PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:


CLERK-TREASURER