

REGULAR MEETING

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building on Thursday, February 17, 1966, at the hour of seven thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M.) E.S.T. in regular session 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 ----- Hooker  
City Attorney ---- Cotner  
City Engineer ---- Long

Members Absent: None

Meeting opened with invocation by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the minutes of the February 3, 1966 meeting be approved as published and distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Young explained an appropriation ordinance which would be presented for first reading at the March 17th scheduled meeting. He explained the request would be \$17,200.00 additional appropriation for the MVH Fund/ Street Department to pay two current bills that were not included in the 1966 budget and \$2,000.00 transfer in the Police Department from line item "equipment" to line item "clothing allowance for new men".

The following request was received from the Street Department.

To: Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr. and  
Members of the Common Council  
City of Bloomington, Indiana

From: James D. Sargent  
Street Commissioner

Re: Internal Line Item Transfer of Funds  
Motor Vehicle Highway Fund Budget

We hereby request the transfer of \$1,500.00 from line item # 324, "Other Garage and Motor Supplies" to create line item # 34 to be entitled "Field Tools and Maintenance Supplies." The purpose of the new line item will be to relieve line item # 72 of the purchase of small tools, etc.

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that the request from Street Commissioner Sargent requesting transfer of funds be entitled Resolution 66-1 and be approved. Upon a roll call vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Albert Elsen, a member of the audience, stated she had read in the evening paper, Mr. Cotner would have a proposal on the humane shelter which was to be presented to council this evening.

Attorney Cotner stated this was an erroneous statement printed in the paper; he had informed the editor it would either be presented this evening or the first meeting in March, and it would not be read this evening.

Mrs. Elsen wanted to know what happens to animals after they are housed in the new shelter. She expressed concern over the use of animals for experimental purposes.

Attorney Cotner explained the proposed ordinance brings into the management of the shelter the Humane Society. To a certain extent this should reassure you as to the interest of the City in seeing that all dogs are properly dealt with. As to whether or not dogs will be traded for experimental purposes, I cannot answer.

The annual report for the various departments of the City for the year 1965 was given to each member of the council.

Councilman H. Day asked if the Fire Department representative might say something that would add to the general knowledge in regard to the fire which occurred in the apartment building on University Street last week, as to the cause and what we might do to prevent this from happening again.

Mayor Hooker stated the Fire Department and the Engineer Department are still making an investigation at this time and they have not made an official report. The important thing, I feel, at this moment is not this particular building or the fact we did have a major fire in this building, but the important thing is for the council to make a review of our present building and regulation codes in the City of Bloomington, and perhaps with serious consideration we might be able to do something to strengthen the present City laws.

Deputy Fire Chief Lawson stated that Chief Miller and the inspectors have been handling this investigation and in regard to Councilman Day's request, the report will probably be released by Monday or Tuesday of next week. As my official capacity is training officer, I do not feel that I am an authority on the building and regulation codes, but I do feel this would require extensive study.

Councilman Fee stated he had talked with Mr. Don Collier, owner of the apartment building, and Mr. Collier stated he would try to attend the council meeting this evening if at all possible, and since he is not here, I will relay this message to you. Mr. Collier was most complimentary of the Fire Department men, and was most appreciative of their efforts.

Councilman Johnson suggested the assignment for the study of the building and regulation codes be given to Councilman Faris and his committee, and this committee make a recommendation to the council at the earliest possible time.

Councilman Faris accepted the assignment.

Councilman H. Day asked for a report from the Police Department on its current activity.

Lt. Col. Thrasher gave a brief report on the accident prone areas and what is being done to correct this situation. He also stated they have three new men on the force at this time being trained and they are taking applications for five new men to be added to the force this year.

Councilman Fee stated that he has been informed several times that in the 200 block on East 6th Street there are no parking meters on the south side of the street, and since the City owns a parking lot on the corner of 6th Street and Lincoln Street he could see no reason for allowing people to park in this block free.

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Derge, the City Attorney be instructed to prepare a proposed ordinance amending the parking meter codes of the City to put parking meters on the South side in the 200 block of East 6th Street - on the West half of the block put 30 minute meters and on the East half have unlimited time meters subject to the Traffic Committee approval.

Attorney Cotner stated this parking meter ordinance is in two parts and in effect this is already in affect.

Councilman Fee withdrew his motion and Councilman Derge withdrew his second.

Councilman Derge stated he had received several calls in regard to the status of proposed sidewalks from Arden Place to Moores Pike.

Mayor Hooker stated there is a meeting scheduled for February 23, 1966 with the School Officials, County Officials and City Officials on this question and there will be a report by the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council.

Councilman Johnson moved, seconded by Councilman H. Day, that Clerk-Treasurer Young and his staff be commended on the preparation of the financial report for the year 1965. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hooker stated he and Councilman H. Day had attended a meeting this week on the War on Poverty - Youth Corp. It was decided to defer discussion of this proposed program until a report could be submitted by a special committee appointed to study and make recommendations to the council on this issue. Mayor Hooker suggested that Councilman H. Day chair this committee.

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Moulden, that the application for city license for the three cab firms in Bloomington, I.U. Cab Company, Yellow Cab Company and the Campus Cab Company be approved, subject to the incompleted safety inspection, my approval of documents needed with these applications and completion of these applications. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion between members of the audience and the council as to what might be done to guarantee the service of the cab companies.

Mrs. Iris Smith, co-owner of the I.U. Cab Company asked if it would be feasible for each cab driver to be required to have a city license and a form be filed with the Police Department.

Mayor Hooker stated they had received a summons on a petition to vacate and asked City Attorney Cotner to explain.

Attorney Cotner stated the petition by the Bloomington Development Corporation is asking for vacation of land which on June 14, 1965 was platted in Sycamore Knolls Addition. He further stated a certain section of this land, Sycamore Knolls, Section 3, has not been developed and that no lots have been sold at this time and they have petitioned the court to vacate platting of this land which would remain unplatted land. Platted land makes it taxable as residential plots, and if left unplatted it would be taxable only as land. Attorney Cotner stated the development of this land will not be started for approximately one year.

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Paris, the City Attorney be instructed not to oppose the vacation petition as submitted by the Bloomington Development Corporation in regard to Sycamore Knolls, Section 3. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman C. Day, that claims presented for payment on February 18, 1966 be allowed. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

*John H. Hooker*  
PRESIDING OFFICER  
*Indy*

ATTEST:

*Harold A. Young*  
CLERK-TREASURER

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