

REGULAR MEETING

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building on Thursday, April 7, 1966, at the hour of seven thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M.) E.S.T. 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, Faris, Fee,
Johnson, Moulden

Also Present: Mayor ----- Hooker
City Attorney ---- Cotner

Members Absent: Councilman ----- Derge
City Engineer ---- Long

Mayor Hooker explained Councilman Derge is on a study assignment and Engineer Long is enjoying a few days vacation with his family during the Easter time.

Meeting opened with invocation by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the minutes of the March 17, 1966 meeting be approved as published and distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman C. Day, proposed Ordinance 66-9 be advanced to second reading and read by title only. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 66-9 by title only.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman C. Day, that proposed Ordinance 66-9 be adopted. Upon a roll call vote the motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Fee asked that proposed Ordinance 66-10 not be called for second reading this evening, but ask it be placed on the agenda of April 21st.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman Faris, proposed Ordinance 66-11 be presented for first reading and read by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 66-11.

Attorney Cotner explained this land abutts the north line of Miller Courts Addition, East of Walnut Street located on 19th Street and Highway 37 North.

Councilman Johnson moved, seconded by Councilman Fee, proposed Ordinance 66-12 be presented for first reading and be read by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 66-12.

Mayor Hooker explained this is part of the mechanical changes that are being undertaken by the Common Council in the conversion from a 3rd class City to a 2nd class City. He further stated this would be presented for second reading at the next scheduled meeting of the Council on April 21st and asked any citizen interested make his ideas be known.

Councilman Johnson introduced the following proposed councilmanic districts.

DISTRICT	TOWNSHIP	PRECINCTS
1	Bloomington	2 & 3
2	Bloomington	1 & 4
3	Bloomington	5 & 6
4	Perry	1 & 6
5	Perry	2 & 3
6	Perry	4 & 5

This will make necessary the appointment of two additional council members to serve the remainder of the term. After presentation of the proposal for redistricting, the Council stated they would appreciate any comment from citizens and would also like to have recommendations for Council appointees.

Councilman Fee stated the Council had studied the proposal presented to them by the pensioners of the Bloomington Fire Department. The proposal asked their pay be based on longevity, in addition to the salary of a first-class fireman. He further stated the Council had discussed this at length, and we are willing to recognize the fact that this is a valid proposal. We would however, propose the pensioners asking for this increase sign releases waiving any past monies they might feel due them in return for the City agreeing to honor the request that future retirement benefits be based on the pay of a first-class fireman including longevity. After we receive all signed affidavits, we will appropriate this money, and as soon as it has been approved by the State Board of Tax Commissioners we will begin payment.

Paul Lentz, speaking on behalf of the pensioners and widows, said he was certain all the pensioners would sign releases as requested by Council.

Mayor Hooker asked Attorney Cotner, Councilman Fee, Paul Lentz and his committee and the Fire Pension Board to have a meeting to be held on April 11, 1966 at one thirty o'clock (1:30 P.M.) E.S.T. for the purpose of finalizing this plan.

Howard A. Young presented the following request:

RESOLUTION 66-3

I, Howard A. Young, Clerk-Treasurer, do hereby request permission from the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, to transfer Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) from the Water Bond and Interest Fund to the General Fund of the City of Bloomington,

This loan to be repaid upon receipt of the spring and fall distribution of taxes.

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that Resolution 66-3 be adopted. Upon a roll call vote the motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Johnson stated the Council had formerly planned to have a resolution in regard to the Humane Commission, and he asked Attorney Cotner to comment.

Attorney Cotner stated he did not draw up a humane ordinance because he did not believe the City is able to make a legal abdication of its duties and authority.

He further stated the proposed plan would consist of seven members, 2 appointed by the City, 2 appointed by the County and 3 appointed by the Humane Society. A City does not have the authority to enter into contracts with other agencies and then hand over operating money to it.

Attorney Cotner pointed out two possibilities of resolving this matter.

First, the City appointing all seven members of the commission, the other, the City sign a contract with the Humane Society to operate an animal shelter.

Theodore Appleton, representing the Humane Society stated the County has indicated it will set up arrangements with the Society similiar to that approved by the City.

Councilman H. Day stated he felt it was very important for the City and County to coordinate their programs.

Mayor Hooker appointed Councilmen C. Day, Faris, to meet with Attorney Cotner and representatives from the Humane Society and other persons interested in the program to work out a solution to the problem.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14th at seven thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M.) E.S.T. in the Municipal Building.

Frank A. Barnhart representing Wegmiller-Bender Lumber Co., appeared before the Council with the following petition.

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS: BEFORE THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON)

PETITION TO VACATE UNDEVELOPED STREET

The undersigned, WEGMILLER-BENDER LUMBER CO., INC., petitions the Common Council of the City of Bloomington as follows:

1. Petitioner requests that the Common Council instruct the City Attorney not to oppose the vacation of Jackson Street from its intersection with West Eleventh Street to a point approximately Two Hundred Five (205) feet South of said intersection where it dead ends.

2. Petitioner would show that it is the owner of all lands adjacent to said street.

3. Said street has never been opened as a public street but has always been used by Petitioner and its predecessors in titles as a private roadway and loading area.

4. Said street is a dead end on both sides of West Eleventh Street and because of the development of said area could not be opened as a public street without great expense.

5. Petitioner is improving its property and will continue to need the use of said street area for its improvement.

6. It would be to the benefit of the City of Bloomington to have such street vacated and to have said lands placed on the tax roll.

7. Said vacation would not be detrimental or harmful to any other person or company.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that the City Attorney be instructed not to oppose the Petition of the WEGMILLER-BENDER LUMBER CO., INC., when the same is filed in the Monroe Circuit Court.

WEGMILLER-BENDER LUMBER CO., INC.

By/ S Frank A. Barnhart
Frank A. Barnhart, Attorney

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that the petition be granted and the City Attorney be instructed not to oppose this case in court.

Councilman Faris pointed out that petitions to vacate alleys should be referred to committee for investigation.

Councilman Moulden withdrew his motion and Councilman Johnson withdrew his second.

Councilman Faris and his committee are to make a study and have a recommendation for the Council on April 21st.

Councilman C. Day stated his committee is still studying the City generally on the upgrading and betterment of street lights and we should have a little more time before we make our report so we can make it as complete as possible.

Monthly activity reports for the month of March were received from the following departments - Fire, Humane Shelter, Police, Parks and Recreation, Public Housing Authority, Redevelopment, Rosehill, Street, Water, Sanitation, Engineering.

There was considerable discussion on the monthly reports between Councilmen and Department Heads.

Councilman Johnson asked for a report by the Housing Authority, Mayer Maloney.

Mr. Maloney explained that at four o'clock (4:00 P.M.) E.S.T. this afternoon the Housing Authority accepted 40 units for elderly occupancy. He stated further they have 40 already selected and approved by the commissioners and 20 more applicants from which to select 10 additional tenants. We have 25 applicants from non-elderly families at this time, which are not being affected.

Mr. Maloney stated all elderly occupants will be housed on the first floor. All doors will be wide enough to accommodate wheel chairs, etc. A safety feature which has been installed, are buzzer systems in the event a person becomes ill and needs help.

He further stated that in the block between 11th & 12th Streets, on Monroe and extending to Illinois Street there is a proposed shopping center which will have a grocery store, drug store and laundromat. Each unit has a concrete block wall and there has been plumbing installed in the event a tenant might have either an automatic or wringer type washer.

Mr. Maloney added of the 196 units, 50 for elderly and 146 non-elderly we have installed refrigerators for all units and gas stoves for the 50 elderly for safety purposes.

Councilman Moulden pointed out that for quite some time there have been 2 cuts in the road in the vicinity of South Rogers on the South end of the RCA plant and also on Jackson Street.

Mayor Hooker instructed Street Commissioner Sargent to investigate this.

Mayor Hooker stated the City of Bloomington's petition to the Indiana Public Service Commission has been received and the hearing has been concluded. Judge Stanley is at present examining all testimony and in the next ten days or two weeks will issue an affidavit in regard to the water rates and bond issuance. We hope to have this program underway by May.

Mayor Hooker reported we have had a study and survey of our sewer expansion program, and recommendations have been brought forth and preliminary possibilities which we will bring to the Council within the next thirty days.

Mayor Hooker reported in regard to the ice rink and pool for the Parks and Recreation Department; we are waiting on the final plans and specifications from the architect.

Mayor Hooker reported on the progress of Limestone Center. He informed the Council the architect from the University of Illinois indicated by phone, all drawings have been basically completed and he is making pictures of them and naming them. He further stated the drawings and slides should arrive here the first of next week, and if they do a special public meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13th at seven thirty o'clock (7:30 A.M.) E.S.T. in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Hooker asked Attorney Cotner to prepare proposed ordinances or amendments to present ordinances on the following items. Electrical, storm sewer, sanitary sewer control, air pollution, Greater Bloomington Monroe County Demonstration Progress Committee, subdivision control and re-zoning.

Councilman Fee asked about the \$50.00 item to the Bloomington Hospital under claims paid by the Bloomington Fire Department.

Deputy Fire Chief Lawson stated the Department has a man ill, and in order to find out how ill he is, he was given a complete physical examination. This \$50.00 claim is to pay for this item.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman C. Day, claims presented for payment on April 5th and 8th 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 nine ten o'clock (9:10 P.M.) E.S.T.

John H. Hooker
PRESIDING OFFICER
Mayor

ATTEST:

Howard A. Young
CLERK-TREASURER