

In the Council Chambers, Municipal Building on September 1, 1966, at 7:30 p.m., E.S.T., Councilman Charles J. Faris presiding.

REGULAR MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Council President Charles J. Faris.

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy City Clerk Miriam Pruett.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Councilmen Ermal Byers, Robert L. Clegg, Clyde Day, Harry Day, David Derge, Charles J. Faris, Richard Fee, Ralph Johnson and Guy Moulden.

Members absent: None.

Councilman Ralph Johnson introduced the Reverend Douglas W. Davis, Pastor of the Fourth Street Church of Christ, who gave the invocation.

INVOCATION

Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr.; James Cotner, City Attorney; James D. Sargent, Street Commissioner; F. Wilson Thrasher, Director of City Utilities; Ed Miller, Fire Chief; James Lawson, Assistant Fire Chief and Gene Morgan, Coordinator for the Special Water Project.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Thirty-five including James Root, reporter for the Daily Herald Telephone; James Deckard of WTTTS-Radio and Mike Kelsey, reporter for the Bloomington Tribune.

NUMBER OF CITIZENS
IN ATTENDANCE

Councilman Harry Day called attention to the omission of his remarks concerning the creation and function of a parks and recreation foundation in Bloomington and asked that these remarks be put in the minutes of the Statutory Meeting of August 29, 1966.

MINUTES OF FORMER MEETING

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Moulden, that the minutes of that meeting be approved as corrected and the minutes of the regular meeting held August 18, 1966 be approved as typed and distributed. Motion carried.

Several persons appeared to remonstrate against the proposed north sewage lagoon to be located in the vicinity of Bottom Road and Showers Road.

REMONSTRANCES AND OBJECTIONS

Anti-lagoon League

Fred Davis, former Monroe County Sheriff, apparently representing persons living in this general area, spoke at length regarding objections to this particular project. His main points were: (a) no one in this area was aware of this project until two weeks before this meeting (b) an objectionable smell would be created (c) property values would be lowered (d) why not build a modern sewage treatment plant there?

Mayor Hooker countered with: (a) there has been adequate and more news media coverage for over a year (b) lagoons do not smell if properly constructed and maintained, any sewage treatment facility will smell if poorly operated (c) State Board of Health and Stream Pollution Control Board standards are very high. A sewage treatment facility able to meet these standards would provide badly needed sewage disposal and, thereby, open this rich, potential area for future development. This, in itself, will hold property values at a desirable level (d) a modern sewage treatment plant will be built there in the future but, at the present time, the additional \$2 million dollars it would cost would effect the tax levy too greatly.

Mr. W. D. Fritz, an engineer, stated that if it has to be he would just as soon have a lagoon as a treatment plant if it is properly engineered and maintained. He added that he is concerned about any facility being located at this spot because he is afraid it will change the course of Bean Blossom Creek and cause damage.

Mr. John S. Waggaman of the Indiana University Department of Government, said he believes both Federal and State assistance is available for this situation. Mayor Hooker replied that this possibility has been given some consideration.

Mr. Davis closed his remarks by stating that the people in the lagoon area plan to employ an attorney to plead their case in court if necessary.

Council President Faris declared a ten minute recess in the meeting.

None

Councilman Clegg moved that proposed Ordinance No. 66-39 be introduced and read by the Clerk. Councilman Fee seconded the motion and it carried.

The Deputy City Clerk read proposed Ordinance No. 66-39

Attention was called to the fact that Kirkwood, West between Walnut and College and Sixth Street, East between College and Walnut had never been in ordinance.

This will be corrected to include Sixth Street for the second reading of this proposed ordinance.

Councilman Fee read proposed Resolution No. 66-14.

Attorney Kent Carter explained that this site had been chosen because it is level enough to accomodate a ground tank.

Councilman Fee moved that proposed Resolution No. 66-14 be adopted. Councilman Moulden seconded the motion and it carried. Roll call vote: 9 ayes; nays - none.

Councilman Fee read proposed Resolution No. 66-12.

Councilman Fee moved that proposed Resolution No. 66-12 be adopted. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion and it carried. Roll call vote: 9 ayes; nays - none.

Councilman Fee read proposed Resolution No. 66-13.

Councilman Fee moved that proposed Resolution No. 66-13 be adopted. Councilman Byers seconded the motion and it carried. Roll call vote: 9 ayes; nays - none.

None

None

Councilman Clyde Day reported that his committee, Municipal Utilities and Properties, had had under consideration a petition to vacate the alley between 609 and 613 South Swain Avenue. He said the recommendation of his committee was that the west half, or 126 feet by 12 feet, of this alley be vacated.

Councilman Clyde Day moved that the Council not oppose this vacation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fee and carried.

Councilman Ralph Johnson, Chairman of the study committee on proposed Ordinance No. 66-32 stated that his committee had met and would meet again with the Chairman of the Retail Merchants Association. A similar Indianapolis ordinance is in the hands of the committee which will meet again next week.

REMONSTRANCES AND OBJECTIONS

Anti-lagoon League
(continued)

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES

Amend Municipal Code
"Motor Vehicles and Traffic"
"No Parking Zones"
"Stop Intersections"
"One-Way Streets and Alleys"

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 66-14
(Lease of City land -
B & B Water Program, Inc.)

Resolution No. 66-12
(Transfer of funds
within Budget Classifi-
cation Item 4)

Resolution No. 66-13
(Transfer of funds from
Water Operation and
Maintenance to Parks
and Recreation)

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

REPORTS FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Vacation of alley

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Ordinance No. 66-32
(Objects & Signs -
Sidewalks and Right of Way)

Councilman Clegg, Chairman of the study committee on proposed Ordinance No. 66-33, said his committee had met and was studying the proposed ordinance. He stated that they hoped to bring the proposed ordinance in for second reading at the second meeting in September.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL
COMMITTEES

(continued)

Ordinance No. 66-33
(Electrical Code)

Councilman Harry Day, Chairman of the study committee on proposed Ordinance No. 66-34, said his committee had met and reviewed the proposed ordinance. He said that, including Indiana University, they had found no major objections to the proposed ordinance. Dr. Day said the proposed ordinance had been referred to City Engineer Raymond E. Long and they hoped to have a further report soon.

Ordinance No. 66-34
(Water Pollution Control)

Councilman David Derge, Chairman of the study committee on proposed Ordinance No. 66-38 stated he had no report to give at this time.

Ordinance No. 66-38
(Air Pollution Control)

Council President Faris spoke about replacing sidewalks around the square and one block each way. Councilman Johnson said he thought the program would be enthusiastically received by the Merchants Association.

REPORTS FROM CITY
OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT
HEADS

(Sidewalks around Square)

Councilman Derge asked if this would be superfluous in view of the long range planning for the downtown area. Councilman Faris said it would not, it would fit right in with the program.

Council President Faris turned the matter over to the Municipal Development and Growth Committee. Councilman Johnson, Chairman of this Committee, said the merchants would be invited to the next Council meeting.

Councilman Fee asked to go on record with the remarks he was about to make.

(Parks and Recreation)

He said he did not believe any comments made by the Director of Parks and Recreation should have been made to the newspapers. Mr. Femal attended the Statutory meeting at which the budget was discussed and could have voiced his objections there.

Councilman Fee called attention to the record of the department. In 1964, the personal services budget was \$70,041.00; in 1967, the figure will be \$155,000.00. In 1964, Other Expenditures showed a figure of \$44,000.00; in 1967, the figure will be \$110,000.00. He said this budget far and away exceeds the increase in any other department. Since the current director came to Bloomington, we have had two facilities added: a clubhouse which was badly needed and Bryan Park and its development. Neither of these was initiated by the director. Since that time, the City has acquired property for Winslow Park; built new tennis courts at Bryan Park; improved the area at Building Trades Park; approved plans for making a year-round pool at Bryan Park; plans for an ice rink and an additional swimming pool.

Councilman Fee said the Council has always tried to be cognizant of the taxpayer and, in this respect, he considered Mr. Femal's remarks completely unnecessary and uncalled for.

He continued that little or no maintenance has been done on the Parks and Recreation facilities; particularly on the Cascades Water Course or the drainage ditch in Bryan Park.

Councilman Fee asked Mayor Hooker to cause a complete inspection of the facilities of the Parks and Recreation Department and further, cause any needed maintenance to be done and charged to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Hooker concurred with Councilman Fee's remarks and promised demonstrative action in connection with the Parks and Recreation Department.

MESSAGES FROM MAYOR

Mayor Hooker reported that all present programs are progressing.

He stated that the Dunn, Atwater, Henderson Intersection will be opened no later than September 9, 1966.

He said that efforts to extend Henderson Street beyond Winslow Road have been blocked. It was thought that the land would be available and the owner would like to have this improvement but, at present, he will not sell.

Councilman Harry Day asked if condemnation proceedings could be instituted. Mr. Hooker replied that they could not unless the County wished to condemn the tract.

Mayor Hooker introduced Mr. Gene Morgan, Coordinator for the Special Water Project and Mr. Douglas Hatton, President of the Board of Public Safety.

Councilman Moulden moved that claims presented for payment on September 2, 1966 be allowed. The motion was seconded by Councilman David Derge and carried unanimously.

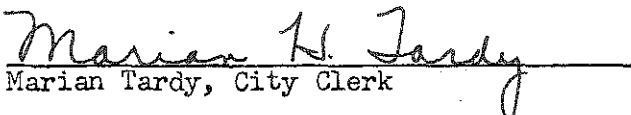
EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS

Council President Faris moved for adjournment at the hour of 10:30 p.m., E.S.T.

ADJOURNMENT


 Charles J. Faris, Council President

ATTEST:


 Marian Tardy, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 66-12

I hereby request a transfer under Budget Classification Item 4-Materials, as follows:

From line item #41 -- Building Materials to line item #42 - Street, Alley & Sewer Materials the amount of \$22,000.00

The reason for this is the paving of the 3rd Street, Dunn Street, Henderson Street complex has depleted line item #42 and I find that all of line #41 will not be used this year.

/s/ _____
James Sargent
Street Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 66-13

I hereby request permission of the City Council to approve the transfer of \$60,000.00 from the Water Operations and Maint. Fund to the Department of Parks and Recreation Fund. This transfer of funds is necessary to meet the expenses for the balance of 1966. Transfer to be repaid upon receipt of fall distribution of taxes in December.

/s/ _____
Howard A. Young
City Controller

RESOLUTION NO. 66-14

The Board of Public Works recommends to the Common Council of the City of Bloomington the ratification and approval of a lease to be entered into by the City of Bloomington, as lessor, with B & B Water Program, Inc., as lessee, for two-tenths of an acre of land located in the Southwest quarter of Section Three, Township Nine North, Range One East, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a ground storage tank at a rent of One Dollar per year for a term of forty-one years beginning October 1, 1966 and ending October 1, 2008.

/s/ _____
Raymond E. Long, President
Board of Works