

REGULAR MEETING

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building on Thursday, March 4, 1965, 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 John H. Hooker, Jr.

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 Cotner
City Engineer - Raymond Long

Members Absent: None

Meeting opened with invocation by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that the minutes of the February 18th meeting be approved as published, distributed and amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman H. Day moved, seconded by Councilman Faris, that proposed Ordinance 65-2 be read by Clerk-Treasurer by title only and following the reading, move certain amendments be made. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-2 by title only.

Councilman H. Day moved, seconded by Councilman Derge, the following amendments to proposed Ordinance 65-2.

Section 1. The following words in line three - change from "persons residing in City of Bloomington" and insert "citizen members."

Section 4. Omit the complete paragraph beginning with "Meetings shall be called by the Mayor," and add to the sentence before that "and schedule of meetings." In place of paragraph omitted, insert "Special meetings may be called by the Mayor of the City of Bloomington or the Chairman of the Commission by delivering notices of special meeting in writing to members of the Commission not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time of the holding of such meeting. Each calendar year the Commission shall be required to hold at least one public meeting."

Section 5. Under item (c) delete two words "all" and "shall" and substitute "may" for shall.

Councilman H. Day moved, seconded by Councilman Derge, that proposed Ordinance 65-2 as amended be read by Clerk-Treasurer by title only. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-2 as amended by title only.

Councilman H. Day moved, seconded by Councilman Derge, that proposed Ordinance 65-2 be adopted as amended. Upon a roll call vote the motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman H. Day moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that proposed Ordinance 65-4 be advanced to second reading and read by title only. Motion carried by majority vote.

Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-4 by title only.

Councilman H. Day moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that proposed Ordinance 65-4 be adopted.

Councilman Fee made the following statement in opposition to proposed Ordinance 65-4. This statement was pre-prepared and typed and handed out to all the Councilmen.

"As you gentlemen are all aware, licensing in any form is repugnant to my philosophy. I do not include the self regulatory bodies which set standards and qualifications for membership in their professional or craft organizations, such as engineers, lawyers, Certified Public Accountants, the various medical organizations or other organizations of a like nature. If you decide to license any one single trade or occupation, you can decide to license any other trade, craft or business and set very arbitrary standards for this license. When a governmental body licenses any occupation, it also could by some stretch of the imagination (a very small stretch) be held responsible for the licensee's actions. My main objection to licensing is that it is often used to create a monopoly held by those having licenses and used to eliminate or seriously stifle competition. Under these conditions the holders of licenses usually raise prices, do poor work and assume a very antagonistic attitude toward the consumer of their services since they have enough business to satisfy them. In the event of free and unbridled competition, these same licenses become more concerned with performing a service and preserving their good reputation. This ordinance is a vast improvement over the original proposal, however it could still be used to stifle competition through the medium of disapproval by the engineer of all license applications until the Plumbing Board meets at some distant date in the future. I thank you for your accessions to my requests for change, but my attitude toward the subject remains unchanged."

Councilman H. Day asked that the City Engineer make some comment about the experience the city has had from the absence of licensing.

City Engineer Long stated that we have at present time an ordinance that requires certain plumbers to have licenses. This ordinance also allows certain plumbers to operate without a license and the amendment to this ordinance is for the purpose of placing all the plumbers that work in Bloomington on the same basis.

After general discussion the Mayor asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll and vote was as follows -----

H. Day ---- Aye	Johnson ----- Aye
C. Day ---- Aye	Moulden ----- Aye
Faris ----- Aye	Derge ----- Aye
Fee ----- Nay	

Motion carried 6 to 1 in favor of the adoption of proposed Ordinance 65-4.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Fee, that proposed Ordinance 65-5 be presented for first reading and read by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-5.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman Faris, that the City Attorney be instructed not to oppose the vacation of an alley as set forth in the petition of Thomas O. Middleton and Mildred Middleton. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hooker read a letter from Mr. Harlan Hilliker, President of Civic Newcomer, Inc., requesting permission to cut a curb on Walnut Street and Ninth Street to allow entry and exit to his property for off street parking.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that the petition of Harlan Hilliker, be referred to the Traffic Committee of the Common Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly activity reports for the month of February were received from the following City Departments -----

Rosehill Cemetery, Water Department, Humane Shelter, Street Department, Fire Department, Sanitation Department, Engineering Department, Police Department and Department of Redevelopment.

Mayor Hooker stated that the City Street Department, through Street Commissioner Sargent, was to give a report on the activities of the Department this evening, but due to the snow, Mr. Sargent was not in attendance and the report would be given at a later date.

Councilman Derge asked the City Attorney to bring the Council up to date on the Poplar Dormitory situation.

Attorney Cotner explained that a hearing was held in Monroe County Circuit Court on Monday and testimony was given as to the location of the encroachment and made a record of the Court. After hearing evidence from representatives for the Poplars, the Court asked me to testify, present maps and also asked about the other encroachments along the street. After hearing the case the Court then ordered the land vacated 4.7 feet leaving only 78.3 feet.

Mayor Hooker reminded the people of Bloomington that there will be a public hearing on the West By-Pass, Wednesday, March 10, 1965, in the Common Council Chambers in the Municipal Building at the hour of seven o'clock (7:00 P.M.) E.S.T. and he urged that the people not only attend the meeting but also endorse the issue.

Mayor Hooker explained that it was his unpleasant duty to inform the Council that Mr. Horace Karsell, newly appointed Urban Renewal Trustee, would be unable to accept the position because he found that he had a conflict of interest.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Moulden, that Mr. Robert Fee be appointed as Trustee of Urban Renewal to replace Mr. Karsell. Motion carried unanimously.

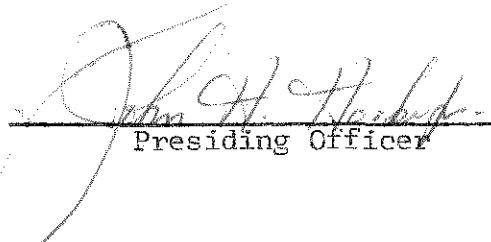
Councilman Derge asked about the disposition of the \$2,000 payment made by the Poplars Dormitory.

Clerk-Treasurer Young stated that he had received the \$2,000 and it has been deposited in the General Fund of the City of Bloomington.

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Moulden, that claims presented for payment on March 5, 1965, be allowed. Motion carried unanimously.


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

Meeting adjourned at the hour of eight thirty-five o'clock (8:35 P.M.) E.S.T.



Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer