

## REGULAR MEETING

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, on Thursday, September 16, 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 Hooker.

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

Members Present: Councilmen - C. 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: Councilman - H. Day

Mayor Hooker stated that Councilman Harry Day was on an assignment in Washington, D.C. serving on the review board for colleges and universities at the National Science Foundation.

Meeting opened with invocation by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that minutes of the September 2, 1965 meeting be approved as published and distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman Faris, that proposed Ordinance 65-23 be presented for first reading and read by Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-23.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman Faris, that proposed Ordinance 65-24 be presented for first reading and read by Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-24.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that proposed Ordinance 65-25 be presented for first reading and read by Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-25.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Fee, that proposed Ordinance 65-26 be presented for first reading and read by Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-26.

Councilman C. Day moved, seconded by Councilman Faris, that proposed Ordinance 65-27 be presented for first reading and read by Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-27.

Councilman Fee asked Councilman Faris why the Traffic Commission had determined the speed limit in the South High Street area and not in the other school areas. He felt this was discriminatory as all school areas should have been taken into consideration.

Councilman Faris stated that this was a recommendation of the City-County joint Traffic Commission in their investigation of the South High Street - College Mall area, but he would have the Bloomington Traffic Commission make a further study of this for the other school areas.

Mayor Hooker asked the President of the Redevelopment Commissioners to make a brief status report on the progress of Project 1 of Urban Renewal.

Dr. Linnemeier referred the request to Mr. Martin Knudson, Director of Redevelopment.

Mr. Knudson gave the following report.

The Mayor and Common Council have asked for a public report on the progress of Bloomington - Urban Renewal Program currently underway in the Dyer School area. Completion percentages, based on the latest information, are as follows:

Land acquisition -----	95%	(14 of 283 remain)
Demolition of structures -----	83%	(35 of 210 remain)
Relocation of families-----	80%	(36 of 190 remain)
Installation of improvements -----	50%	( $\frac{1}{2}$ of dollar amount)
Disposition of land -----	20%	(60 of 75 acres remain)

The target date for the completion of the project depends on many things. First, the dispatch with which we purchase the remaining 14 parcels of realty is dependent not only on how quickly the Redevelopment Department administers its land acquisition program, but also how quickly the Indiana Supreme Court disposes of the suit before it dealing with the Bloomington program. Secondly, the speed with which we relocate the remaining families who currently live in the area where construction is scheduled depends not only on our Department, but also on the continued progress of the Bloomington Housing Authority in constructing the public housing units and accepting and processing applications from residents of the project area. Third, it depends upon the speed in which the Federal parent agency process the voluminous materials to us. Fourth, although having substantial control over the administrative machinery by which the redeveloped land will be resold, we cannot predict or control the demand to buy that land by prospective developers. After all these things have taken place and if the final Federal approval of the Showers area credits is forthcoming, then, the remaining site improvement construction work - streets, sewers, storm drain, etc., will commence next Spring.

Then, if there is no unusual amount of inclement weather and if the construction work is not beset by some unforeseen labor difficulty, then we should be completed with that work by late Fall.

Then, if the prospective developers of the newly-prepared ground responds as we hope they will, we may, with good fortune, sell the land (or most of it) within 6 to 8 months.

Our projections have now carried us into the summer of 1967. Under ideal circumstances, I would think, then, that this would be the best we could hope for, and even then, the project might not be officially "closed out" until the Federal auditors finish up several months later.

Mr. Knudson was asked to try to clean up the area, etc.

Mayor Hooker thanked Mr. Knudson and Mr. Linnemeier for their very fine report.

Councilman Faris stated that his committee had made a study of a request made by Mr. Herman Allen and Mr. Richard Allen for the vacation of the north-south alley south of 11th Street between Walnut Street and College Avenue, and he read the following letter.

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

We respectfully request you to refuse the application filed with you to close the alley between Walnut Street and College Avenue, running North and South between 10th Street and 11th Street.

- (1) We feel that it will seriously interfere with the garbage and trash pick-up system as the service now serves both Walnut Street and College Avenue.
- (2) We feel that it would create a traffic hazard on both Walnut Street and College Avenue, inasmuch as they are both State Highways with heavy traffic.
- (3) We feel that closing said alley may be detrimental to public utilities and possibly create additional fire hazard.
- (4) We feel that putting the garbage and trash out on Walnut Street and College Avenue for pick-up would definitely be very unsightly to visitors coming in to our City. We have tried to make our lawns and tree plots attractive and it would certainly be a set-back to our attempted efforts to beautify the City.
- (5) The closing of said alley would also result in a hardship to owners of properties who rent apartments and professional offices, who now provide off-street parking by access through the alley.
- (6) We feel by closing the alley between 10th Street and 11th Street running north and south, would make it very difficult for the Smith Bookbindery to load and unload books and freight brought in by large freight trucks. Due to the fact the street being narrow on 10th Street, it would be difficult for large trucks to unload in front of the building, it would also make it difficult for people who go through the alley to get around the building to park.

S/ Frank Southern  
 S/ Wanda P. Southern  
 S/ Russell A. Parks  
 S/ Louise H. Parks  
 S/ Ethel M. Knapp  
 S/ C. A. Loveland  
 S/ Lorene Loveland  
 S/ Bernard F. Cinkoske  
 S/ D. Lyle Dieterle  
 S/ Helen Hicks Baker  
 S/ Mary Hicks  
 S/ Frank Swarthout  
 S/ Frances Swarthout  
 S/ Iva M. Bates  
 S/ Hugh Morrison  
 S/ Nova Vonderschmitt  
 S/ A. D. Hoff, Jr., M.D.  
 S/ Chester R. Smith  
 S/ Thomas W. Fulkerson

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that the City Attorney be instructed to oppose the petition to vacate said alley in the Monroe County Circuit Court.

Discussion was had between C. Kent Carter & Mr. Richard Allen & Mr. Frank Southern.

Assistant Engineer, Marvard A. Clark, stated that utilities present in the alley include telephone cables, power lines and a very important gas line in the north end of south alley.

After the discussion, the motion to oppose the vacation of said alley was carried unanimously.

Councilman Fee showed film on lagoons in Columbia, Missouri.

Discussion followed the film between the Councilmen and the following citizens, Mark Stone, Dr. Robert Linnemeier, Cleo Hawkins, Tom Barton, Harold Shields and Frank McClosky.

Mayor Hooker stated that the City has never officially proposed sewage lagoons. We have received a report from our consulting engineers, Black & Veatch, and a study of our sanitation system in a greater Bloomington

area points out a few things to us. A recommendation they do make to us is that we use a raw sewage lagoon as a stop gap basis rather than going into a full treatment plant. He further stated that our present system is not overloaded. However, we do have a very fast growing population and it is only a matter of time before it is overloaded. Also, we have a serious problem in the north segment of our community, in that we have to lift our sewage over 11th Street. The proposed lagoons would cost approximately 1/6 or less of an active slush plant. We have not made a determination. In our water program, we received a study and the recommendations were given a lot of thought and analysis, but we did not follow them 100%. After about 100 days of study we arrived at a better water system for Bloomington. We have tabled prior action on our sewage report. We have submitted it and we have declared it to the public. We have not made a decision to accept the recommendations of Black & Veatch 100%. However, we do appreciate the thought that the individuals have given this matter and we feel we are going to have a better informed community on this issue. We hope to have a report in approximately 60 days in regard to the recommendations for the sanitation system in Bloomington.

City Attorney Cotner stated that the Board of Works did this afternoon pass a resolution to condemn the Turner property located on the Southeast corner of Third & Dunn Street, to be used as a cut off over to Atwater Avenue. He further stated that we have negotiated with Mr. Turner and we are unable to agree upon a value for the property, therefore, we have taken the first steps in condemnation. The hearing for the remonstrances on this condemnation action will be held on October 7, 1965.

City Attorney Cotner stated that the Board of Works passed a resolution on September 7, 1965 for a public hearing to be held on September 23, 1965 at the hour of seven thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M.) E.S.T. for the purpose of granting a franchise for CATV service to the Monroe All-Channel Cablevisions, Inc. He further stated that the entire contract was set out in this evening's daily newspaper. Also, this will be a regular meeting of the Board of Works and Safety since they are the contracting body of the City Government, but we felt the Council should be here at the same time, so that is why the meeting is scheduled for seven thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M.).

City Engineer Long gave a brief report on the condemnation action taken by the City of Bloomington this week. We have investigated several properties which are in a rundown dilapidated condition, and have initiated condemnation proceedings against these properties, and will have them cleaned up. This is the first steps we have taken in removing unsightly, unhealthy conditions in the City. We will continue this program the same as other cities in order to get rid of this condition in our community.

Mayor Hooker stated that the Fire Department is starting to take stronger measures for flagrant violations for the protection of life within the City of Bloomington.

Councilman Moulden asked what progress have been made in the fixing up of sidewalks in the down town area?

Mayor Hooker stated that we have met with the members of the Downtown Merchant's Association and the Merchant's Association have formed a committee and as soon as they have had a meeting or two, they will write asking for a meeting with me and the other city officials.

Mayor Hooker reported to the Council that the Monroe County Tax Adjustment Board did act this morning on the City's budgets and the total City budget was cut \$5,000. The item for the "snorkel" was cut from \$15,000 to \$10,000. The Monroe County Tax Adjustment Board did feel that the budgets were 99.44% justified.

Mayor Hooker stated that we have respectfully requested the Public Service Commission to vacate our hearing date set for the first of August on the 1965-1967 Water Expansion Program and reschedule it for the middle of October.

Mayor Hooker stated that the City has finally agreed to the terms of the State of Indiana for the sale of raw water from the Monroe Reservoir. The meeting with the new Board states that the term of the contract be 36 years. This is not our decision, but this is the decision of the Board.

Mayor Hooker also stated that we have a colored picture of the Monroe Treatment Plant as drawn by an architect hanging in our corridor next to the Engineering Department.

Mayor Hooker stated that the South Henderson Street project was nearing completion. We will allow the grading to settle this winter, then we will go in and finish the project by the last of next spring or the early summer.

Mayor Hooker requested Councilman C. Day and his committee to work with the City Attorney in developing an ordinance to allow electric motors on Griffey Lake to be presented to the Council on October 7, 1965.

Mayor Hooker also asked Councilman Faris, to work with the City Attorney and Chief East, in developing a proposed ordinance concerning the parking of motor bikes in special areas of Bloomington to be presented on October 7th for Council's consideration.

Mayor Hooker also asked Councilman Derge and his committee to review the possibility of an electric code to the City of Bloomington and give a report at the scheduled meeting of the Council on October 7th.

Mayor Hooker made an official welcome to the newest industry to come into our community, the Otis Elevator Company.

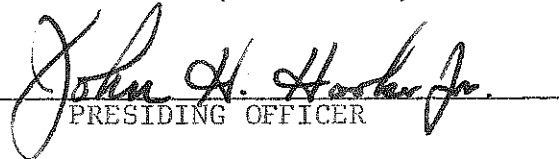
Mayor Hooker extended best wishes to our new football coach, Mr. Pont and also to the varsity team in their game Saturday with Kansas State and for the remainder of this season.

Mayor Hooker stated there would be a special meeting of the Common Council on Thursday, September 23, 1965 at the hour of seven thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M.) E.S.T. for the purpose of a special hearing on CATV.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman C. Day, that claims presented for payment on September 17, 1965, 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 ten ten o'clock (10:10 P.M.) E.S.T.

  
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

  
CLERK-TREASURER