

REGULAR MEETING

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall on Thursday, March 5, 1964, 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.

Members Present: Councilmen - Fee, Johnson, Moulden, C. Day, H. Day, Faris, Derge

Also Present: Mayor - John H. Hooker, Jr.
Engineer - Raymond Long
Attorney - James Cotner
Clerk-Treasurer - Howard Young

Members Absent: None

The meeting opened with a roll call of the Councilmen by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Mayor Hooker called for second reading of Ordinance 64-3 by the Clerk-Treasurer. The Clerk-Treasurer read Ordinance 64-3.

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that Ordinance 64-3 be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hooker called for second reading of Ordinance 64-4 by the Clerk-Treasurer. The Clerk-Treasurer read Ordinance 64-4.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman Clyde Day, that Ordinance 64-4 be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hooker called for second reading of Ordinance 64-5 by the Clerk-Treasurer. The Clerk-Treasurer read Ordinance 64-5.

Mr. Frank A. Barnhart, Attorney for Petitioner, explained to the Council he was willing to answer any question they had in regard to the rezoning Ordinance 64-5. All parties concerned with the rezoning had been notified and four of them had appeared before the City Plan Commission, the four people voted - three in favor of rezoning and one against rezoning.

Mayor Hooker asked Mr. Barnhart what type of structure would be put up. Mr. Barnhart replied that Mrs. Shaffer intended to construct a two story eight unit apartment dwelling similiar to units on Ninth Street west of Indiana Avenue.

Councilman Johnson moved, seconded by Councilman Derge, that Ordinance 64-5 be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Derge, that Ordinance 64-6 be presented for first reading. Mayor Hooker instructed Clerk-Treasurer to read Ordinance 64-6. The Clerk-Treasurer read Ordinance 64-6.

Mayor Hooker asked Councilman Faris to explain to the Council and the audience the necessity of the Ordinance 64-6. Councilman Faris explained that these traffic amendments were approved by the Traffic Commission during December and passed by the previous administration at their December 17, 1963, meeting. To be put into law it has to be put into the form of an ordinance which is what we are doing.

A reporter asked Councilman Faris if these amendments were already in effect. Councilman Faris answered "that is correct".

Attorney Cotner asked when the ninety day period was up. Mayor Hooker answered "89 days from today (March 5, 1964)".

Second reading of Ordinance 64-6 will be presented at the regular meeting of the Common Council on March 19, 1964.

Councilman Moulden presented Petition from Marvin Howard and Mabeth Howard, for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. The Clerk-Treasurer read the PETITION TO ANNEX which was presented to the Common Council on February 20, 1964.

Mr. Edwin Applegate, Attorney for Petitioners, offered to answer any questions that anyone might have concerning this petition.

Councilman Fee moved that the petition be turned over to the City Attorney for proper preparation.

Mayor Hooker assigned Councilman Derge and his Committee to work with the City Attorney in preparation of this petition to be presented for first reading at next scheduled Council Meeting on March 19, 1964, for an Ordinance.

Attorney Cotner asked Mr. Applegate if this was adjacent to any City property. Mr. Applegate answered "it is City property from Kutches on down to the Howard land. Kutches is across State Highway #37."

Reports for the activities for the month of February 1964, were received from the following City Departments.

Health Department
Street Department
Sanitation Department
Rosehill
Engineering Department
Water Department
Fire Department
Police Department
Redevelopment.

Councilman Harry Day brought to the attention of the Council, an item "PROBE CONFLICT OF INTEREST" as it appeared in the Star Courier. Councilman Day asked the Council be enlightened on this matter.

City Attorney Cotner, explained that Conflict of Interest is illegal business which could produce a jail sentence.

Mayor Hooker explained that he had met with the radio and press reporters in his office this morning (March 5, 1964) explaining this reported charge made by a certain local newspaper (it is better not to name a name because a certain party becomes involved and leaving the name blank all people are involved).

I am sure most of you are aware of what we are talking about. Mr. F. Wilson Thrasher, Utilities Administrator, was formerly actively engaged in Thrasher Hardware. Upon taking City employment, I charged very heavy and very strongly that the City Utilities under no condition at anytime should buy from Thrasher Hardware until Mr. Thrasher had sold his partnership in the business.

Mr. Thrasher came to my office and reported that Mr. Winston Thomas, Assistant Superintendent of Service in the Sanitation Department, needed a certain type of wire. I asked Mr. Thrasher why he did not go out and buy the wire. Mr. Thrasher answered, I must ask you first. Mr. Thomas reported back that Thrasher Hardware was the only hardware store in Bloomington that carries this type wire, so I instructed him to go to Thrashers and buy the wire. The wire cost \$12.61 and while Mr. Thomas was in the store he also bought four rolls of staging (string) at 25¢ a ball for a total of \$1.00, making the total purchase from Thrashers \$13.61. The law of Indiana, makes it an illegal purchase. Upon talking it over with the City Attorney and upon his advice and the approval of the Board of Works we made the purchase. After only 65 days in office some people want to make something out of nothing.

Councilman Harry Day asked if Mr. Thrasher would go to jail. The Mayor answered if he does, I will go with him and the Clerk-Treasurer spoke up and said he would go too.

A reporter asked City Attorney Cotner to explain this Conflicting Interest.

Attorney Cotner stated it is illegal for any City Official to sell to the City. If you would examine records of previous administrations you would find they were not above reproach in this respect.

A citizen in the audience stated that he was under the impression that Mr. Thrasher was no longer affiliated with Thrasher Hardware.

Mayor Hooker stated that Mr. Thrasher was not actively engaged in the business but he was legally connected with the business until his partnership is sold.

Mr. John Snider, Radio Announcer, asked would the sewer be clogged if he had not bought the wire.

Mayor Hooker stated he was sure there was a need or he would not have permitted the wire to be purchased.

Mayor Hooker thanked Councilman Harry Day for bringing this to the attention of the Council and the people.

Councilman Harry Day answered, I feel better now, thank you.

Mayor Hooker spoke to the audience about the interruption of service at the Griffey Filtration Plant due to power failure.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Derge the following amendments be made to the minutes of February 20, 1964.

First page of minutes, change the Traffic Commission Report to read as follows:

The following traffic problems have been placed under 90 day emergency traffic regulations for study by Traffic Commission (one thru eleven). In addition the Commission has removed all signs on East Third Street pertaining to pedestrian traffic pending further study. The Commission plans a similiar study of the same serious problem existing on East Tenth Street.

Paragraph six, last page, change to read as follows:

Councilman Harry Day stated that he felt we should take the lowest bid, since in any case we must have faith in the contractor. But on the basis of all the promises made by each of the bidders (in this examination of bidders) the firm receiving the contract had better give good service.

Paragraph five, page four: **Strike** the word any and use the.

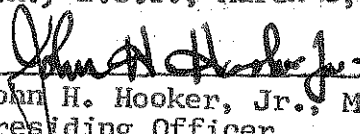
Paragraph thirteen, next to the last page, strike the word bought and insert the word both.

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Derge, that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Harry Day asked the Clerk-Treasurer about the \$199.99 item in the claims for the Water Department. "Do you not round the figures off?" The Clerk-Treasurer answered "No sir, I take advantage of every penny."

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Derge that claims presented for payment March 6, 1964 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Faris moved meeting be adjourned. The Common Council adjourned at eight thirty (8:30 P.M.) E.S.T., March 5, 1964.


John H. Hooker, Jr., Mayor
Presiding Officer


Howard A. Young - Clerk-Treasurer