

## REGULAR MEETING

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall on Thursday, May 7, 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 and Derge

Also Present: Mayor - John H. Hooker, Jr.  
City Engineer - Raymond Long  
City Attorney - James Cotner

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

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Fee, that minutes of the April 16, 1964 Meeting be approved as distributed and read individually. Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Dave Rogers presented a petition to the Common Council concerning the Law Enforcement Building.

Senator Rogers stated that this petition had been filed in duplicate, was carried as an invitation to individual citizens to sign and bore approximately 500 signatures, (actual count - 372 signatures).

Senator Rogers further stated that he realized this had been alive and before the Council for approximately six weeks since it was announced that the use of the building could be changed from that which it was originally constructed and intended.

Senator Rogers stated that these citizens do not mean by submitting their signatures that it would be a political issue since both Democrats and Republicans join in this remonstrance. Secondly, these people do not question the power of the City Administration or Common Council changing the use of the building because of any federal or local law. Third, I do not believe that this represents any particular sympathy with the police officers with any priority they have in the building.

Senator Rogers stated that they believed this building was built with the thought in mind of what is best for Bloomington now and in the future and that in the long run will prove most economical. These citizens feel that this building was carefully designed for a model law enforcement building and I too, think it was. I feel that these citizens feel as I do, that all of the facilities are not of absolute necessity for a police department today, but that this building was built as an economic construction thinking of a period of thirty five or forty years.

Mayor Hooker thanked Senator Rogers for presenting his petition.

City Attorney Cotner stated that he wondered how many of the signers of this petition have actually been in the new Law Enforcement Building and also that 2300 square feet of space was too much room for only one department of City Government, especially since all of the Departments of the City Government were now located in 8000 square feet. He also stated that if more citizens would take the time and trouble to examine and visit the new facilities that he believes more people would see that this move is the most practical thing to do.

Councilman Harry Day said that after careful analysis and detailed study of the space available he was in favor of the change.

Dr. Hugh Ramsey, a former member of the Common Council, stated he thought this was a very fine idea to move the City Government Offices. He further stated that the present City Hall seemed to be a good location for the Police Department since it is situated so close to the jail.

Grace Martin, 105 South Union, stated she lived in the area just opposite the place where the University is building the new dorm. She stated there had been much mud and dirt collecting in the gutters along their property. She further stated she thought it was the policy of the Street Department to clean out the gutters. Miss Martin said she called Street Commissioner, James Sargent, and Mr. Sargent told her that the University ordered all complaints referred to Mr. Tim Rose. I then called Mr. Rose and he told me that we were to have the complete cooperation from the City. I want either the Council to put pressure on the University to clean this up or at least have the City clean the streets for us.

Mayor Hooker stated that this has been from the very first day of this Administration one of the very worst problems we have had. He further stated that this was not a new problem, that all administrations before us have had this problem.

Mrs. F. C. Schmidt, another citizen from Union Street, stated they did not have quite the problem Miss Martin has, but our gutters were full, and I call Mr. Sargent and he sent a man out. The gentleman was very nice and explained that they worked the same hours as the construction company worked and if they cleaned the streets they would have to work overtime. She asked the Mayor if this could be done, and he answered "yes."

Councilman Harry Day stated that he was both a part of the University family and also a part of this Administration, and I think we should commend Miss Martin for presenting this very irritating problem to the Council. If this Administration has been negligent in taking care of this problem, I think we should face up to it and take action on the situation and get the mess cleaned up.

Another citizen from the vicinity of Union Street stated that she had worked very hard to cultivate a very beautiful piece of property and she was having trouble with the trucks parking in front of her property. She stated she had taken it on herself to put up a sign but the construction works and trucks have continued to abuse her property, she stated they even went so far as to remove the sign she had posted.

Dr. Strain, another citizen in the audience, stated that these ladies have expressed the aggravation of the neighbors in this vicinity, and I see no reason why the City would not or could not send men and trucks out to clean the streets.

Councilman Derge stated that he shared this problem with these people and I also sympathize with the City and the University on this. I would like to suggest that the City co-ordinate with the University as much as possible on this problem. Perhaps, Mr. Rose could meet with the Councilmen on the Public Safety and Traffic Planning Committee made up of Mr. Charles Faris, Mr. Clyde Day and Mr. Richard Fee, and try to settle this problem. Councilman Derge asked if Mr. Sargent might continue his efforts on this problem and co-ordinate with Mr. Rose and make it as convenient as possible for the people on Union Street.

Mayor Hooker asked Police Chief, James R. East, to give a summary of the action the Police Department has taken on this problem.

Chief East stated that they had gone to the St. Charles Church to see if they could make arrangements for the construction works to park on their parking lot; however, they had small children attending classes and could not co-operate with us. Then we went to the Baptist Church to ask permission to park on their lot and they agreed it would be alright. Later, the next day, I heard that the Police Department was going to be responsible for the workers going on strike because they had to park on the Church lot and walk to work. Rather than have the workers strike the construction company allowed them to park on the street closer to work.

Mayor Hooker asked Street Commissioner, James Sargent, to give a report on the action they had taken.

Street Commissioner Sargent stated that we have endeavored to recognize these complaints, but we have been instructed by Mr. Brennemer and Mr. Rose to turn all of these complaints over to the University, which is what we have done.

Mayor Hooker stated that he did not know how this problem was dealt with prior to January 1st, although the problem was there and the project was started last summer and again, I want to make a point that I feel and I am totally defending the Police Department and Street Department, they have done everything within their power and if there is anyone to blame it is me. I personally can appreciate this more so than mayors in the past, because I have been faced with the same type problem. The Mayor further stated that something should be done in that area and will be done in that area. The Mayor stated that if the Common Council wanted to take drastic action on this problem tonight, we could stop this project completely.

Councilman Harry Day asked if something could be done to stop this trespassing.

Mayor Hooker assured Miss Martin and the other citizens that their gutters and street would be cleaned up tomorrow. We will first ask the construction company, and if they do not do it we will go to the University, which has a very large street department, and if they will not do it we will do the job ourselves and then place a claim against the construction company.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Derge, that proposed Ordinance 64-9 be advanced to first reading and the Clerk-Treasurer be instructed to read Ordinance 64-9. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 64-9.

Mr. James Dixon, representing Mr. William Salmon, appeared before the Common Council concerning Lake Lemon property. Mr. Dixon stated that the Council has to declare by a two-thirds vote that the land is not of beneficial use to the City and this land could be sold, and then the Council appoint three appraisers to appraise the land.

Councilman Fee asked if this land was of use to the City.

Mayor Hooker stated that at this time the Council should have Councilman Moulden and his Committee study this situation. The Mayor stated that he felt the Common Council should be personally acquainted with every inch of City property if we are going to dispose of property. I would rather have my personal opinion heard at a later date.

This request was turned over to Councilman Moulden and his Committee for investigation and they are to give a report at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Common Council to be held on May 21, 1964.

Reports were received on the activities for the month of April from the following City Departments.

Health Department  
 Fire Department  
 Water Department  
 Engineering Department  
 Rosehill Cemetery  
 Street Department  
 Sanitation Department  
 Griffey Creek Filtration Plant  
 Police Department  
 Water Plants Division  
 Sewage Treatment Plant

Mayor Hooker reported that the City has tentatively awarded the contract for \$414,958.00 for the construction of the Sare Road Interceptor and Lift Station. We have all except two partials remaining before we have a complete easement for the entire length of the line.

Mayor Hooker stated that the City has brought suit against the B. G. Hoadley Quarries, as you might have noticed in this evening newspaper. So that we will not have this difficulty in the future, we hope before construction begins on the line, that we will have 100 per cent consent.

Councilman Faris asked about the 12 garbage complaints on the report submitted by the Health Department.

Dr. R. E. Cook, stated that this was not basically complaints in the way the garbage was being picked up, but rather the way the garbage was wrapped, also the wind had blown some cans into the street and they had been run over which was not the fault of the collector, and also there was a call concerning the trash collection which had been missed, and Mr. Baugh sent his men out to collect the garbage that evening.

Mayor Hooker asked Dr. Cook to give a brief report on the school he had attended last week.

Mr. Cook said they had received schooling covering bacteriology, chemistry and sanitation/treatment of it. He stated that he goes back the 18th of May for another week of schooling, this will cover the food program of the school and then in June he will go back for an examination for a registered sanitarian.

Councilman Derge asked about the mileage of the Humane Officer.

Dr. Cook stated that the Humane Officer's mileage included pick-up of stray animals and taking them home plus picking up dead animals and patrolling the City.

Councilman Faris asked Dr. Cook if he had the statistics on the complaints of garbage collection in February compared to the month of April.

Dr. Cook stated they were similar.

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that claims submitted for payment May 8, 1964, be allowed.

Councilman Harry Day asked about the check to B. G. Hoadley Quarries in the amount of \$200.00 under the Construction Account.

City Attorney Cotner stated that we had written to Hoadley asking for an easement and they wrote back saying they had paid Ellettsville \$200.00 for hook-on, we told them they were not in the Ellettsville area and they would be getting water from us. Then they said they would not sign an easement until they got the \$200.00 for the easement. As of this morning, we finished with them and now we have

filed suit against the Company.

Mayor Hooker stated that we have stopped payment on this check.

Motion for the payment of claims was unanimous.

Councilman Moulden moved meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at the hour of nine-thirty o'clock (9:30 P.M.).

  
John H. Hooker, Jr.  
Presiding Officer

  
Howard A. Young  
Clerk-Treasurer