

REGULAR MEETING

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall on Thursday, June 18, 1964, at the hour of seven thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M.) E.S.T. in regular session with Councilman Ralph Johnson presiding.

Meeting called to order by Councilman Johnson.

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

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

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

Councilman Derge moved, seconded by Councilman Faris, that in the absence of Mayor Hooker, Councilman Johnson preside until such time as Mayor Hooker arrived. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Derge, that minutes of the June 4, 1964 Meeting be approved as distributed and read individually. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Fee asked the Clerk-Treasurer read Resolution 64-9.

Clerk-Treasurer read Resolution 64-9.

RESOLUTION NO. 64-9

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN A MAJOR CLASSIFICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION.

Under Major Classification 5 - CURRENT CHARGES, line item 54 CLOTHING ALLOWANCES, to line item 52 - RENTS the sum of Ten dollars (\$10.00). This is to cover the cost of a lease with Illinois Central Railroad for playground area on West Ninth Street.

Under Major Classification 6 - CURRENT OBLIGATIONS, from line item 62 - SOCIAL SECURITY-CITY'S SHARE, to line item 64 - INDIANA GROSS TAX and PROPERTY TAX, the sum of Forty-two dollars (\$42.00). This is to cover the property tax which we are obligated to pay according to lease agreement with Illinois Central Railroad for playground area on West Ninth Street.

Under Major Classification 6 - CURRENT OBLIGATIONS, from line item 62 - SOCIAL SECURITY-CITY'S SHARE, to line item 64 - INDIANA GROSS INCOME TAX and PROPERTY TAX, the sum of Eighty-six dollars and twenty one cents (\$86.21). This is to cover Gross Income Tax payment due the State of Indiana because of insufficient appropriation in 1964 budget.

*John H. Hooker, Jr.*  
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Presiding Officer

*Howard A. Young*  
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Clerk-Treasurer

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Moulden that Resolution 64-9 be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Harry Day moved, seconded by Councilman Faris, that the following editorial of the Daily Herald-Telephone dated June 12, 1964, <sup>As Also</sup> expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Council to the Bloomington Police Department <sup>for its extraordinary capable performance</sup> during the wildcat strike at the local R.C.A. plant be made a part of the minutes.

E D I T O R A L

BLOOMINGTON OWES A DEBT

This city owes a great debt to the members of the city police department who responded so unselfishly to demands presented by the RCA wildcat strike this past week. In these United States there has been bred contempt for the "police state." Yet, because of our faithful adherence to certain concepts, certain elementary laws of human behavior—and our need for this adherence, we have found it necessary to put trust in law enforcement officers. That trust was not forsaken in this past week.

Although as many as 5,000 men and women milled through a small portion of the streets of Bloomington, agitated by some few wildcat, leaders, agitated by their own officials who sought to end the strike there were no violent incidents.

No blood flowed in the streets of Bloomington.

In a very real way, much credit must be given to Police Chief James East, personally, and his uniformed and plain clothes officers and detectives. They worked their regular shifts of eight hours, and then worked for eight more hours on their own time. They did without their days off. Almost every one of them spent at least as much time as any one of the strikers spend on the sometimes hot, sometimes chilly, but always hard S. Rogers Street.

James East complimented the RCA workers on their behavior during the seven day strike. He said the workers were decent, pleasant people, determined but no head strong. He said that even the small minority of agitators in any crowd, proved to be not successfully malicious. His only deprecating words were for certain outsiders who would have stirred up passions with their tactics. They were, fortunately not successful.

In large part, they were not successful because the police kept a taut but intelligent control of every situation. There were moments during the seven days when it appeared as though mob action may have run amuck. But a gentle firmness served as persuasion.

There was a time in the BHS gymnasium when union leaders lost control of their own meeting, retreated to their own petty squabbles while workers argued violently on the floor. Again, a gentle firmness saved the day as police cleared the hall.

There were moments when more than gentle firmness was needed, when the iron grip of law and order was forced to manacle the iconoclastic hands of anarchy. Yet only one man was arrested during the entire time.

There were lone moments of boredom—the streets empty, hot, or dark and cold. But law and order did not go home. The familiar blue shirt stood out as both a warning and a reminder to lawlessness. Total force never was needed, but it would have been ready. Squads of civil defense police stood by on call. Firemen could have brought high pressure hoses. Bloomington could have been a dateline for violence in the news media of this country.

But it was not. We owe this to the cool heads at RCA, of IBEW, among the wildcat strikers themselves. But we owe a debt to the men in blue who stood the picket lines, but who will not receive a raise when the contract is ratified. There have been times when this newspaper has believed this police department to be lax. There has been praise for this police department for its many acts of heroism. This police department will probably be both criticized and commended in the future.

But now, the Herald-Telephone, and the people of Bloomington are thankful for the Bloomington City Police and their service to this — their community.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Derge, that the letter from the residents in the 1300 and 1400 block of South Henderson Street requesting a street light be turned over to Councilman Clyde Day and his committee for further study. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Harry Day moved, seconded by Councilman Derge, that claims

presented for payment on June 19, 1964 be allowed as submitted.

Roll call vote taken:

Fee ---- Aye  
 Johnson Aye  
 Moulden Aye  
 C. Day - Aye  
 H. Day - Aye  
 Farris -- Aye  
 Derge -- Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Johnson asked City Attorney Cotner to explain the status of the proposed rezoning ordinance concerning the thirty five acres in question.

Attorney Cotner explained that the Plan Commission of the City had enacted a resolution approving the proposed rezoning of thirty five acres just South of the Illinois Central Railroad and extending from Green Acres Addition to Park Ridge Addition. The next step would be the passing of an ordinance by the Council. The Council now has before it a proposed ordinance, this is standard procedure. It has not yet been enacted and it is not yet law, it is something being considered by the Council.

Attorney Karsell speaking for the Lusk Corporation stated he felt the peoples' objections were premature concerning the construction of this apartment building, because there had been no plans submitted and these people did not know the type of structure to be constructed in this area. He further stated that the Lusk Corporation did not care about the eighty foot street along the south edge of the thirty five acres, they did not care whether this hooked onto Park Ridge or not. Attorney Karsell invited any of the people to go to Indianapolis and see the type of structures the Lusk Corporation intends to put up.

Attorney Leroy Baker representing Bloomington Development Corporation stated that the Corporation had had a meeting concerning the road-way through lots 132 and 133 and as a result of this meeting they had sent a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Carton and also Mr. Karsell stating they would oppose the use of these lots as streets. Attorney Baker presented a copy of the letter sent the above mentioned persons to the Council.

Mr. Smith, 3425 Longview Drive, stated that the residents of Park Ridge were here tonight for two reasons.

1. To protest the rezoning of the 35 acres to R-3 because we do not feel that adequate planning has gone into this proposed rezoning to insure harmonious development within the community.
2. Secondly, we are here because we feel that this is only one example of a general problem that exists throughout the community.

Mr. Metcalf representing the Park Ridge residents showed slides of what he considered a result of uncontrolled building of apartments.

City Attorney Cotner stated that the slides shown <sup>Referred to structures completed</sup> ~~before~~ prior to 1950 before the building ordinance was in effect and also structures outside the city <sup>over</sup> ~~of~~ which we have no control ~~over~~.

Mr. Smith presented a petition to the Council containing 419 signatures (including husbands and wives) of the Park Ridge Addition as well as residents from other parts of the City.

Mayor Hooker commended Mr. Smith and his group for the way they had presented their problem to the Council.

Mayor Hooker apologized for being late to Council Meeting but he explained it was due to the serious water situation which we are now concerned with.

Dean Berkley, 2927 Bankers Drive, presented a letter from the residents of the Blue Ridge Addition (including 15 signatures from husbands and wives) in support of the petitions of the Park Ridge residents.

Councilman Moulden read the following report from the Plan Commission.

The City Plan Commission transmit to the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, at its next regular meeting the attached ordinance rezoning the 35 acre area just South of the Illinois Central Railroad and extending from Green Acres Addition to Park Ridge Addition in the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, from its present R-1 ONE FAMILY ZONE classification to a R-3 MULTIPLE DWELLING ZONE with the recommendation that said ordinance do pass.

Councilman Fee moved, seconded by Councilman Faris, that the report from the Bloomington Plan Commission concerning the rezoning of 35 acres on the east side of Bloomington for a proposed 400 apartment unit site from an R-1 to an R-3 classification be studied by a committee shared by Councilman Moulden and Councilman Johnson and a report be made to the Council at their next regularly scheduled meeting on July 2, 1964. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hooker stated this would give the Council approximately two weeks in which time to make a thorough study and investigation of this rezoning area. The Mayor asked the group to reappear at the Council Meeting on July 2, 1964 at which time a report would be made from the two Committees.

Councilman Johnson asked Mr. Smith about the use of this land other than for an apartment building.

Mr. Smith referred back to his two previous statements in the beginning of the evening and asked that no more questions be asked them tonight because this would be leaving themselves open on this problem. Mr. Smith further stated that they knew this was not the time to consider the street problem, but this was their major problem, and they as citizens of this community became interested in this problem because it was a street problem.

Councilman Fee stated that he was glad these people were here this evening and were not solely concerned with the street problem. Councilman Fee further stated that there was currently in the air a proposal that the County Commissioners would abandon or relinquish their control over a two mile area around the City of Bloomington. Councilman Fee further stated that if we have a larger area of undeveloped land we can do a better job. He urged the people to talk to the County Commissioners and urge them to consider this proposal.

Mr. George Condra, another Park Ridge resident, thanked the Council for the reception which they received this evening. Mr. Condra further stated they had not received any reason why this area should be rezoned when they appeared before the Plan Commission.

Mr. Jack Hody, Eastgate Lane, asked the exact procedure this would go through.

Mayor Hooker explained that between now and July 2, 1964, next scheduled meeting of the Council, that the Council as a committee would make private investigations, and they will not hold any meetings unless they decide it is necessary, and then they will call a public meeting, otherwise they will make their report on July 2, 1964.

Councilman Faris further stated that if this came before the Council as an ordinance it would be read for the first time and then there would be two weeks period before it would be read again, unless the rules and regulations were suspended and the Council acted upon the ordinance at that time.

Councilman Derge in remarks to the people present, suggested that they might well put forth some time and energy in regard to the County proposed Master Plan by attending County Commissioner meetings and voicing their opinions.

Councilman Moulden commented in regard to the comment of Mr. George Condra, as to the Plan Commission not giving them a reason for the rezoning of this area. Councilman Moulden stated that he was sure the Commission did not understand their questions, but they were trying to do the right thing for the City. He went further to say that we were not against these people at all, but we are only trying to do the right thing for the entire City.

Mr. Peter DeLoan asked why we had to supply water and sewers to apartments ~~that~~ are in the county rather than in the City of Bloomington *before the owners* without first ~~applying~~ <sup>apply</sup> for annexation to the City.

City Attorney Cotner explained that we are required by the Public Service Commission to supply water to persons outside the City. He further stated that we are allowed to operate a water monopoly, that is we can sell water, but we have control only over the City portion of this.

Mayor Hooker again stated that the Council as a total Council had not had time to study this problem, but they would within the next two weeks at which time we would make our report. Again, he thanked the citizens for attending the Council Meeting.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman Fee the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at the hour of nine five o'clock (9:05 P.M.) E.S.T.

*John H. Hooker*  
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Presiding Officer

*Louard A. Young*  
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Clerk-Treasurer