

REGULAR MEETING

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall on Tuesday, July 16, 1963, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock (7:30 O'Clock P. M.) in regular session with Mayor Mary Alice Dunlap presiding.

Members Present: Chitwood, Pearson, Faucett, Peace, Sikes, Hickman and Shertzer.

Members Absent: None

The meeting was opened by a prayer by Major Robinson of the Salvation Army.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Faucett, that minutes of last regular meeting of July 2, 1963, be approved; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood, that Ordinance Number 23, 1963, be advanced to second reading and read by title only by the Clerk-Treasurer. Upon a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer read, by title only, Ordinance Number 23, 1963.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood, that Ordinance Number 23, 1963 be amended as read by the Clerk-Treasurer.

The Clerk-Treasurer read the proposed amendments to Ordinance Number 23, 1963. Upon a roll call vote, the amendments to Ordinance Number 23, 1963 were unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood, that Ordinance Number 23, 1963, pertaining to setting of salaries for city officers and employees for the year 1964, be adopted as amended. Upon a roll call vote, the motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance Number 24, Number 25, and Number 26 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

The Clerk-Treasurer read Ordinance Number 24, 1963.

Mr. Elmer Kixmiller of the Public Service Co. of Indiana answered questions pertaining to Ordinance 24, 1963, which ordinance would ratify a contract entered into by the Board of Public Works for electricity for sewer and water pumping stations.

The Clerk-Treasurer read Ordinance Number 25, 1963 and Number 26, 1963.

City Attorney Baker stated that Ordinance Number 26, 1963 was for the purpose of purchasing the Dunn Real Estate property by the City Water Department.

The following letter was read to the Council by the Clerk-Treasurer.

July 11, 1963

Bloomington City Council
City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Gentlemen:

During the past year the Bloomington Metropolitan School District has conducted a thorough study of its transportation program for children attending school throughout our District. At the completion of this study the Board of School Trustees, in conformance with the legal requirements of the State of Indiana, adopted a transportation policy requiring all elementary children to walk who live less than a mile from school, and all secondary children to walk who live less than a mile and a half from a junior or senior high school. As a follow-up to the study, a safety committee was appointed, composed of the following individuals; Beryl Stillions, James Faucett, Mrs. Stanley Ballinger, Roger Curry, Clifford Myers, Bruce Temple, and Dr. Arthur Oestreich, to make a complete survey of the hazardous walking conditions throughout the school district. This survey was completed during the month of June with the cooperation of the

Indiana State Police, the County Sheriff's Office, and the Bloomington City Police. At a regular meeting of this Safety Committee held July 1, 1963, it was recommended that these conditions be brought to the attention of the responsible government agency with the request that as soon as possible appropriate action be taken to correct the conditions which create hazardous walking conditions for school children. The Committee is recommending that the following improvements be made which we believe to be the responsibility of the City Council:

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL - Eighth Street west from Adams Street to Valhalla.

1. Widen and improve shoulders.
2. Install two 30 MPH signs, one on each side of the Street.

Adams Street north from 7th Street to 11th Street.

1. Widen and improve shoulders.

Adams Street south from 7th Street to 9th Street.

1. Widen and improve shoulders.

11th Street west from Adams Street to Woodyard Road

1. Widen and improve shoulders.

Intersection Adams Street and 7th Street

1. Install two regulation STOP signs, one on north side of 7th St. east of Adams Street and one on south side of 7th St. west of Adams Street.

McCalla School - Dunn Street from 14th Street to 19th Street

1. Widen and improve street to maximum width between 16th and 17th.
2. Establish NO PARKING on west side of street from 13th to 17th.
3. Paint crosswalks across the street on both sides of 17th St.
4. Install two signs "SCHOOL CROSSWALK AHEAD" on the east side of the street and on the west side, approximately 50 yards before the crosswalk.

Rogers School - High Street north to Third Street

1. Remove excess signs.

Second Street east to Rose Avenue

1. Widen and improve street and shoulders to Rose Ave.

Woodcrest north from Second Street to Third Street.

1. Widen and improve street and shoulders to Rose Ave.

Hillside Drive west to Walnut Street

1. Widen and improve shoulders from Henderson St. to Walnut St.
2. Widen street and construct pull-off lane at Walnut St.
3. Paint crosswalk across road east of Henderson St.
4. Install one sign SCHOOL CROSS WALK AHEAD on south side of the road approximately 50 yards before crosswalk east of Park Street.

Intersection Hillside Drive and Walnut Street

1. Widen Hillside Drive to maximum width and construct pull-off lane on north side of road east of Walnut St.

University School - Tenth Street West to Union Street

1. Construct sidewalk along north side of the road inside fence line on University property from By-Pass to entrance to Hill Top Farm, continue from this point along north shoulder of the road. Space underneath railroad viaduct can be excavated to accommodate sidewalk, a slight ramp will be needed to take care of a large drain tile on the south side of the viaduct.

Continue sidewalk to Drive-In Restaurant.

University School - By Pass #46 southeast to State Road #46

1. Construct sidewalk against security Fence on west side of the road from 8th Street to 10th Street, will necessitate a minimum amount of grading at the rail-road crossing.

We respectfully request your immediate attention to this matter. We recognize that there is a matter of getting appropriations to finance these needed improvements and this committee stands ready and willing to assist you in justifying the immediate need for action with respect to these recommendations.

So that no child's life will be jeopardized the Metropolitan School Board has provided that children will still be transported for the next school year only in those areas which have been identified as extremely hazardous. This, of course, means that we must move with speed and determination in order to protect the lives of children residing in our school district. It should be pointed out that the correction of these deficiencies will ultimately save the taxpayers thousand of dollars in reduced transportation costs even though the initial cost may be somewhat high. Continuing to supply busses is not the answer to the problem either from the standpoint of economy or safety. We further respectfully request an opportunity to explain this entire problem at your next regular meeting on July 16.

Thank you for your immediate consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

S/Clifford Myers
Clifford Myers

FOR THE SAFETY COMMITTEE FROM
THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
SCHOOL NEEDS

Mr. Clifford Myers explained the above out-lined program to the Council.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Hickman, that these requests be referred to the Public Safety Committee of the Council for study; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Peace presented the following report of the Public Safety Committee.

Report to Council July 16, 1963
From Public Safety Committee
Regarding action of Traffic Commission.

At the July 9, 1963 meeting of the Bloomington Traffic Commission the following traffic regulations were presented and adopted.

1. District 5.
Eliminate parking on the south side of Prospect Street from Madison St. to Jackson St.
2. District 6.
Intersection of Palmer and Davis.
Erect YIELD signs on Davis granting preference to Palmer.
3. District 6.
Intersection University and Woodlawn.
Erect YIELD signs on University granting preference to Woodlawn.
4. District 6.
Eliminate parking on north side of East Second St. from Dunn to Henderson.

The Public Safety Committee after survey and study recommends to the Common Council that the above mentioned recommendations of the Traffic Commission be adopted and the Traffic Ordinance be ammended to include these changes.

Signed,

S/David Chitwood
David ChitwoodS/Henry Pearson
Henry PearsonS/Carl Shertzer
Carl ShertzerS/Norbert Peace
Norbert Peace, Ch.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood, that the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee be adopted; Motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Pearson presented the following report of the City Utilities Committee.

REPORT OF CITY UTILITY COMMITTEE

On street lights petitioned for, located in Fritz Terrace Addition.

The Committee recommends that ten (10) lights be installed as located on the attached plat.

This will involve a contribution of \$1,021.00, in addition to the standard street light charge.

Respectfully Submitted,

S/Henry E. Pearson
Henry E. Pearson
Chairman, Utility Committee

HEP/nmt

S/Leo E. Hickman
S/James R. Faucett
S/Carl H. Shertzer

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Hickman, that the Clerk-Treasurer be instructed to order the 10 lights in Fritz Terrace, as recommended in the above report, from the Public Service Company.

Reports from the City Fire Department and the City Sanitation Department were received for the month of June, 1963, and placed on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Peace, that claims presented for payment July 17, 1963, be allowed; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Mary Alice Shertzer
Presiding Officer

Attst:

T.D. Ellis