

REGULAR MEETING

April 17, 1962

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, April 17, 1962, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M.) in regular session with Mayor Thos. L. Lemon presiding.

Members present: Sikes, Chitwood, Peace, Faucett, Hickman, and Shertzer.

Members absent: Graves.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the minutes of the last regular meeting of April 3, 1962 be approved as submitted to each individual councilman; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 11, 1962 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

A voluntary petition for annexation was received from Paul Ramage. Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the petition of Mr. Ramage be referred to the City Attorney for the preparation of a proper ordinance; motion unanimously carried.

The following letter was read by the Clerk-Treasurer:

April 12, 1962

Mayor Tom Lemon
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mayor Lemon:

This letter is to confirm our conversation of April 10th, 1962, concerning a change of schedule for Leppert Bus Lines, Inc., in the city of Bloomington, Indiana.

As of May 1, 1962, our present schedule will be changed as follows: Our regular schedules will remain the same except that our busses will discontinue all service at 8:00 P.M. instead of 10:00 P.M. which is now in effect. Friday will be the only exception, and because of a heavier shopping day by the public which demands later service, we will continue service until 10:00 P.M. on this one day only. Sunday transportation will be discontinued altogether.

As was mentioned, we will advertise this change in the newspaper for a suitable length of time so that what few people are using our night service can make other arrangements.

This is not an impulsive move on our part. For several months we have surveyed our night traffic and the amount of passengers using it does not warrant continued service. Averaging our passenger receipts for these hours shows the revealing fact that we are barely paying our drivers wages. It is costing us in addition fuel used, tire wear and general wear on the busses.

Any discontinuence of our service is not to our liking and very regrettable. Under the circumstances we don't feel the city or the public in general would expect us to keep operating a schedule at a deficit. We appreciate your consideration and help in this matter, and trust that the changes will meet with your approval.

Very truly yours,

LEPPERT BUS LINES, Inc.
S/ J. Robert Fry
J. Robert Fry, Vice President
JRF/mle

Mr. Bayne, Manager of the Bloomington Leppert Bus Lines, Inc. discussed these changes with the Council. Councilman Chitwood suggested that the Leppert Bus Lines try to work out a schedule that would take care of the people desiring to go to church on Sunday morning. Mr. Baynes informed the Council that he would work with Mr. Fry and try to keep the busses running for this purpose. He also informed the Council that publicity would be given to the changes by newspapers and radio.

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Dr. Ramsey congratulated Mayor Lemon on his appointment as Area Deputy Director of the U.S. Postal Department and commended him for the fine services he had rendered to the citizens of Bloomington.

Monthly reports for March, 1962, were received from the Sanitation Department, Engineering Department and Water Department and placed on file.

Monthly reports for February and March, 1962 were received from the Park and Recreation Department and placed on file.

Annual reports for 1961 were received and placed on file from the City Court and the City of Bloomington.

Mayor Lemon presented a report on sampling and composition of municipal refuse conducted by Purdue University and City Chemist Irwin Dickstein. He discussed this report with the members of the Council.

The following letter of resignation was read by the Clerk-Treasurer:

April 17, 1962

The Common Council
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Councilmen:

It is with sadness and regret that I tender my resignation as Mayor of the City of Bloomington effective 7:30 P.M., May 1, 1962.

The most satisfying period of my life has been during the years that I have served the people of this community. I can never replace the affection I have for our municipal employees and for my elective and appointive co-workers. The productive accomplishments of this administration could not have been possible without the dedicated service and cooperation of the Common Council and Clerk-Treasurer.

Likewise the accomplishments of the past few years could not have been realized without the wonderful support and leadership of citizens of this community. It's a great tribute to the people of Bloomington that so many cooperated with this city administration -- not just those who voted for it.

I am confident that the members of the Common Council will make a wise choice in selecting my successor and that the same cooperative spirit will prevail. My resignation is only a change in personnel -- the goal of public service remains.

My sincere best wishes and hopes for a greater degree of progress will always be with you and the people of Bloomington.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

S/ Thos. L. Lemon
Thos. L. Lemon
Mayor

TLL/mst

Councilman Sikes presented the following Resolution No. 2, 1962 of the Common Council:

RESOLUTION NO. 2, 1962
COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
APRIL 17, 1962

WHEREAS, Thomas L. Lemon has announced his intention of resigning as Mayor of Bloomington effective May 1, 1962.

WHEREAS, Mayor Lemon's service to the City of Bloomington over a period of 10½ years during three terms of office has brought the highest of praise from a majority of our citizens.

WHEREAS, Mayor Lemon's list of accomplishments in office defy enumeration, they include: ending graft and corruption in city government and encouraging a new and vital morality in local government; solving of a water problem that had plagued the city for more than 50 years; providing the vision and leadership that has given Bloomington a Police Department second to none; a Fire Department that has won numerous awards for efficiency and effectiveness; a Street Department that has provided the very best of public service; a Sanitation Department that has been expanded and improved for maximum public utility; and parks and recreation facilities that are the envy of other municipalities.

WHEREAS, all these facets of leadership have been demonstrated by Mayor Lemon to the point where Bloomington has gone forward in all areas of community growth and progress and has truly merited All-America City status.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Common Council of the City of Bloomington expresses its deep sense of gratitude to Mayor Lemon for his more than 10 years of devoted leadership of the Council, the City Administration, and the people of Bloomington; and that the Common Council deeply regrets his announced resignation from the office of Mayor, and that we further congratulate him on his appointment to his new position with the Federal Government and wish for him success and happiness.

COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Councilman Sikes presented the following Resolution No. 2, 1962 be duly adopted; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Faucett that the claims presented for payment April 18, 1962 be allowed as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.



Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Clerk/Treasurer

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