

REGULAR MEETING

August 7, 1962

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, August 7, 1962, at the hour of seven thirty o'clock (7:30 P. M.) in regular session with Mayor Mary Alice Dunlap presiding.

Members present: Chitwood, Peace, Graves, Faucett and Hickman.

Members absent: Sikes and Shertzer.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Joseph Walker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Hickman that the minutes of the regular Council meeting of July 17th and the special meeting of July 23rd be approved as submitted to each individual Councilman; motion unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented and read (second reading) Ordinance No. 21, 1962. Councilman Graves moved and Councilman Hickman seconded that Ordinance No. 21, 1962, pertaining to amending the Bloomington zoning map, be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote, Ordinance No. 21, 1962 was unanimously carried.

Councilman Peace presented Ordinance No. 24, 1962, pertaining to annexation of approximately 15.5 square miles of property adjacent to present city limits, for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. Preceding Ordinance No. 24, 1962, the Clerk-Treasurer read the following communication from Mayor Mary Alice Dunlap.

The annexation program which we propose under Ordinance No. 24, 1962 is of vital importance to the future of Bloomington. It is a minimum program which squares up the city limits in a practical manner. It seeks to take in only those areas adjacent to the city which are definitely urbanized. The area covered under Ordinance No. 24 has been scaled down sharply from the proposed annexation area of 1958. The new program is intended to meet present needs for physical expansion of the city and with only a limited plan for the future.

We urgently ask the support of the entire community for this important step to insure the orderly and necessary growth of the city. We especially ask the citizens of those areas involved in the proposed annexation to give full and open-minded consideration to all of the facts involved. Too often the facts and the values of annexation become obscured by heated opposition of small groups which refuse to weigh all the benefits that come through being a part of the city. This has happened before in Bloomington and in countless other cities across the country. As a result valuable time is lost in the economic development of these communities. Physical growth must keep pace with the economic and cultural potential of the communities. Those cities which recognize this fact are the cities that are on the move. They are the cities which can look to a bright future in which all of the citizenry will share.

The City of Bloomington is the hub and the heart of Monroe County's economic life. All industry located in this county looks to Bloomington for vital services for themselves and their employes. Indiana University with its vast complex of buildings, students, faculty, and staff must of necessity draw upon the services of the city. Bloomington must grow with the industries it serves and with Indiana University.

Citizens living within the city limits can no longer bear the full burden of fulfilling all the demands for city services without calling upon those residents and taxpayers around the city to assume their fair share of fiscal and moral responsibility.

Those citizens in the proposed annexation area are being asked to begin paying for the direct and indirect benefits which they are already receiving such as fire protection, parks and recreation facilities, safeguards to community health, access to modern police system, as well as numerous "fringe" benefits. In addition with annexation they will receive immediate additional benefits including reduced water rates, garbage and trash collection, full fire and police protection, lower insurance rates. Residents in the annex-

ation areas can also expect to receive street lighting, improved streets, and full cooperation of the city administration in arranging financing of sewer service where desired.

The proposed annexation area is already a part of the Metropolitan School System and enjoys the benefits of the best in modern education. This was made possible only a few years ago when the citizens and taxpayers inside the city recognized their fiscal and moral responsibility to the children of this generation and the generations to come and voted in a referendum to willingly accept the financial burdens necessary to provide better education for all the children in the greater Bloomington area.

Requests for voluntary annexation have been substantial since 1958. Meeting these requests has given the city a jagged perimeter without sound definition. This needs to be corrected. New subdivisions such as Park Ridge and Blue Ridge Estates are enjoying rapid growth because they can offer prospective buyers all city services.

The need for annexation of urbanized areas around the City of Bloomington has long been apparent. The City Administration would be negligent in its duty if it failed to press for the extension of the city limits as proposed in Ordinance No. 24.

While Ordinance No. 24 is under consideration by the City Council, residents in the annexation area are invited to discuss the matter with the Mayor and Council.

The Clerk-Treasurer read Ordinance No. 24, 1962.

Mr. James T. Kent came before the Council requesting that the City not oppose the vacation of an alley between 6th and 7th Street, running one half block West from Lincoln Street. This alley separates four (4) lots owned by the First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Quarles and Rev. Joseph Walker all spoke to the Council requesting this action.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the petition of the First Presbyterian Church, for vacation of this alley, be referred to the City Building and Property Committee for further study and report back to the Council; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Peace presented the following report from the City Building and Property Committee.

Aug. 8, 1962

Report from City Building and Property Committee

Petition to vacate Arbutus Ave from 1st. St. to 2nd. St. (Eng. Dept.)

The Committee believes it to be in the best interest of the general public not to vacate said street.

Petition by Attorney for Thomas and Sally Fulkerson to vacate one-half block of the alley running north from 14th St. and located between College and Walnut Sts.

The committee is opposed to closing this alley and asks the council to advise the City Attorney to take proper action.

Signed, S/James R. Faucett
James R. Faucett

S/David E. Chitwood
David Chitwood

S/Norbert S. Peace
Norbert Peace, Ch.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Faucett that the Council accept this report as submitted and concur with the recommendations of the City Building and Property Committee; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Peace presented the following report from the Public Safety Committee of the Common Council.

August 8, 1962

Report to Council
From Public Safety Committee.

Acting on surveys approved and submitted by the Bloomington Citizens Traffic and Safety Commission your committee has investigated and studied the following;

1. Intersection of Woodcrest and 2nd Sts. Commission requests installation of "Yield" signs on Woodcrest making Second St. the preferential thoroughfare. Approved by Committee.
2. Recommended that parking on Faculty from 3rd. St. to Atwater be moved from the west side to the east side of street. Atwater is one-way east and this action will eliminate a very dangerous sight hazard and will in no way eliminate any parking spaces. Approved by Committee.
3. Recommends that all remaining parking be removed on Indiana Ave. from Kirkwood north to Tenth St. Committee does not approve the recommendation. The committee finds that Indiana Ave. in this area is zoned 20 mph. That visibility is good from all cross streets and that some houses in this area have no off-street parking facilities. That there is no dangerous situation involved if streets are used as marked.
4. Recommends a resolution from the Mayor and the Common Council to the State Highway Commission requesting that no parking be allowed on College and Walnut Sts. from 17th to the north city limits. Committee

Signed S/ Hilbert Graves
Hilbert Graves

S/ David E. Chitwood
David Chitwood

S/Norbert S. Peace
Norbert Peace, Ch.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the Council accept the recommendations of the Committee on item No. 1 of the Public Safety Committee report; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the Council accept the recommendations of the Committee on item No. 2 of the Public Safety Committee report; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Chitwood that the Council accept the recommendations of the Committee on item No. 3 of the Public Safety Committee report; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the Council accept the recommendations of the Committee on item No. 4 of the Public Safety Committee report; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Graves presented the following report from the City Utilities Committee.

The Committee has studied the request for a street light in Fritz Terrace Addition at 3101 Kingsley Drive. It is recommended to the City Council that the street light be installed and that the work be under the supervision of the City Engineer.

A request for a street light at the corner of 17th Street and North Fess Avenue was studied and the Committee recommends that the street light (with a pole) be installed and that prior to the installation the City Engineer study the illumination of the proposed light and should supervise all installation.

A request for street lighting at 15th Street and North Fess Avenue was studied and the committee recommends that this light be installed, also under the supervision of the City Engineer.

The request for a street light at the corner of 1700 West Dixie Street is still under study and recommendations will be made to the Council at the next regular meeting.

Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Hickman that the recommendations of the City Utility Committee be accepted as submitted to the Council; motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Faucett that the claims presented for payment August 8, 1962 be allowed as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Reports for the month of July, 1962 were received and placed on file, in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer, from the Street Department, Humane Officer, Sanitation Officer, Milk Sanitarian, Water Department, Police Department, City Engineer and Rosehill.

Meeting adjourned.


 Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


 Clerk-Treasurer