

May 2, 1961

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, at the hour of six-thirty o'clock (6:30 P.M. C.S.T.) on Tuesday, May 2, 1961, in regular session with Mayor Thos. L. Lemon presiding.

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

Members absent: None.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Councilman Graves.

Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Faucett that the minutes of the last regular meeting of April 18, 1961 be approved as submitted to each individual councilman; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 13, 1961 for second reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. After second reading by the Clerk-Treasurer, Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Ordinance No. 13, 1961 be duly adopted. After public hearing, upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 13, 1961 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 14, 1961 for second reading by the Clerk-Treasurer, and moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that it be read by title only. Upon a roll call vote the motion was unanimously carried. Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that Ordinance No. 14, 1961 be duly adopted. After public hearing and upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 14, 1961 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 15, 1961 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. After first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer, Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Ordinance No. 15, 1961 be advanced to second reading by title only. Upon a roll call vote the motion was unanimously carried. After second reading by title only, Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that Ordinance No. 15, 1961 be duly adopted. After public hearing and upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 15, 1961 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinances Nos. 16, 1961 and 17, 1961 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Councilman Sikes presented the following Resolution No. 3, 1961 which was read by the Clerk-Treasurer:

RESOLUTION NO. 3, 1961

RESOLUTION APPROVING A COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, AND  
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON,  
INDIANA

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Section 1: That the Cooperation Agreement between the City of Bloomington, Indiana and the Housing Authority of the City of Bloomington, Indiana be approved.

Section 2: That the Mayor be authorized to execute the Cooperation Agreement for and on behalf of the City.

Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Councilman Shertzer that Resolution No. 3, 1961 be duly adopted. After discussion the motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes presented the following Resolution No. 4, 1961 which was read by the Clerk-Treasurer:

RESOLUTION NO. 4, 1961

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY LOAN  
FOR LOW-RENT PUBLIC HOUSING

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WHEREAS, it is the policy of this locality to eliminate substandard and other inadequate housing, to prevent the spread of slums and blight, and to realize as soon as feasible the goal of a decent home in a suitable living environment for all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the United States Housing Acts of 1937, as amended, the Public Housing Administration is authorized to provide financial assistance to local public housing agencies for undertaking and carrying out preliminary planning of low-rent housing projects that will assist in meeting this goal; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that there shall be local determination of need for low-rent housing to meet needs not being adequately met by private enterprise and that the Public Housing Administration shall not make any contract with a public housing agency for preliminary loans for surveys and planning in respect to any low-rent housing projects unless the governing body of the locality involved has by resolution approved the application of the public housing agency for such preliminary loan; and

WHEREAS, The Housing Authority of the City of Bloomington, Indiana (herein called the "Local Authority") is a public housing agency and is applying to the Public Housing Administration for a preliminary loan to cover the costs of surveys and planning in connection with the development of low-rent housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, as follows:

1. There exists in the City of Bloomington, Indiana, a need for such low-rent housing at rents within the means of low-income families;
2. The application of the Local Authority to the Public Housing Administration for a preliminary loan in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for surveys and planning in connection with low-rent housing projects of not to exceed approximately 200 dwelling units is hereby approved.

After much discussion, Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that Resolution No. 4, 1961 be duly adopted; motion unanimously carried.

Several citizens again appeared to re-state their opposition to urban renewal.

Councilman Peace read the following letter:

To the Mayor and Common Council May 2, 1961  
Regarding Recent Council action on 6th & 7th Sts.

The thorough study of these two streets during recent surveys has brought forth the following observations and comment.

1. Sixth St. which has been completed and is now in one-way operation from College Ave. to Indiana, works very well. Traffic flows much smoother and with less congestion. Additional parking has been gained.
2. Many persons; Traffic Commission members and others believe that both Sixth and Seventh Sts. should be extended to make them one-way from Indiana to Adams Sts.
3. They believe that these extensions should be made at once so that a 90-day trial 'operational' survey can be made along with the recent changes.
4. I have undertaken the task of gathering the facts available from the most informed sources and have;
  - a. Made a first hand study of the area with Capt. Fox.
  - b. Requested and received a report from Mr. Henry Hammond, Traffic Commission Chairman of District #1, the area in which the greater portion of Sixth and Seventh Streets are located. District #1 approves a 90-day trial. (copy on hand)
  - c. Received verbal approval from Wayne Hall, Chairman of Dist. #3, in which the 100 blk. of East Seventh is located.
  - d. Requested and received a detailed report of a survey by Capt. Fox. (copy to Mayor)
  - e. Requested and received a report (verbal) from Dr. Bernard Loft, Chairman of the Bloomington Traffic Commission. His opinion was that such a plan for a 90-day trial is desirable and feasible and that if put into operation would give that group an opportunity to carry out an intensive study under actual working conditions.

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In view of the opinions and facts contained in these observations, I sincerely believe that a 90 day trial will show a great improvement toward the safety and convenience of the public. Therefore I offer the following proposal in the form of a resolution for consideration and action by the Council.

Resolved that for a trial period of ninety-days from the time of installation, that these streets be directionalized in the following manner:

Sixth Street be made one-way east from Adams St. to College Ave.  
 Seventh St. be made one-way west from Washington St. to Adams St.

That during said requested trial period these streets receive complete study by the Traffic Commission and by the Public Safety Committee of the Common Council.

That at the end of such trial period ~~an~~ a complete report from the Traffic Commission and the Public Safety Committee, together with recommendations be submitted to the Common Council for final action.

Respectfully,  
 S/ Norbert S. Peace  
 Norbert S. Peace.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Hickman that the recommendations as presented in the above letter be referred to the Traffic Commission for study and report back to the Common Council; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Graves reported that the study on off-street parking on South Grant Street in front of the Stork Shop had not been completed and that this report would be presented at the next Council meeting.

Reports for the month of April, 1961 were received and placed on file from the Water Department, Fire Department, Sanitarian Officer, Plumbing Inspector, Milk Sanitarian, Humane Officer, and Street Department.

Mayor Lemon congratulated Councilman Hickman on his recent victory in South Bend at the Toastmasters Contest and the Clerk-Treasurer ~~on~~ being re-elected as President of the Clerk and Clerk-Treasurers League of Indiana for the third time.

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Faucett that the claims presented for payment May 3, 1961 be allowed as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Thos L. Lemon  
 Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Mary Alice Dunlap  
 Clerk-Treasurer

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