

REGULAR MEETING

July 18, 1961

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, July 18, 1961 at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M. C.D.T.) in regular session with Mayor Thos. L. Lemon presiding.

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

Members absent: Sikes

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Councilman Graves.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Faucett that the minutes of the last regular meeting of July 3, 1961 be approved as submitted to each individual councilman; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Hickman presented Ordinance No. 20, 1961 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. After first reading, Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Councilman Shertzer that Ordinance No. 20, 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 by the Clerk-Treasurer, Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that Ordinance No. 20, 1961 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 20, 1961 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Hickman presented Ordinance No. 21, 1961 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

The Mayor introduced George Edema and Mr. Vanderbelt of the National Disposal Service, Inc. to the Council and had them show slides of land reclamation sites for garbage and trash collections which are in operation by their company in 20 municipalities.

Councilman Peace presented the following City Building & Property Committee report:

Report of City Building & Property Committee July 18, 1961

Re; Vacating certain City lands.

1. Petition presented by Attorney Norman Neely on behalf of Clyde and Inez Fiscus and others to vacate an alley between lots 2 and 3 in Huhter Addition.

Committee finds said alley has never been improved and that petitioner owns property on each side of said alley. Also that an improved alley adjoins this property and all others in this block at the rear or west edge, affording access to all lands mentioned.

Committee asks Council to instruct City Attorney not to oppose suit for vacating said alley.

2. Petition presented by Attorney Ronald Hughes on behalf of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to vacate a strip of land 16 feet and 2 inches, along Washington Street just south of Seventh Street.

Committee finds that the vacation of this strip of land will serve to bring into line all properties along the west side of Washington Street.

Committee requests Council to instruct the City Attorney not to oppose suit for vacation of this strip of land.

3. Petition by Attorney Len Bunger on behalf of Trustees of Indiana University to close Cottage Grove from Forest to Fee Lane. To close the alley running east and west between Walnut Grove and Fee Lane and close Faculty between 10th Street and the I.C. railroad.

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Since Indiana University owns all adjoining property to these streets and the acquisition of these streets and alleys is necessary for construction of certain buildings this Committee asks Council to instruct the City Attorney not to oppose suit for vacation.

Signed:

James R. Faucett

David Chitwood

Norbert S. Peace, Ch.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Hickman that the Council instruct the City Attorney not to oppose suits in Monroe Circuit Court as petitioned and that the City Attorney be instructed to see that all easements, etc. are protected; motion unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer read a petition for better street lighting at the intersections of Woodlawn and Southdowns and Woodlawn and Davis Streets as petitioned by Mrs. H. M. Tabereaux, Jr. Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the petition as read be approved and that the light be increased at the intersections up to 6,000 lumen; motion unanimously carried.

Urban renewal was discussed by Council and those attending the meeting until 10:20. The Mayor then recessed the meeting for five minutes. Mayor Lemon called the meeting to order at 10:30 P.M.

Councilman Peace presented the following Traffic Commission and Public Safety Committee report:

TO: The Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana. The Bloomington Traffic Commission at the July 11, 1961 meeting approved the below listed recommendations and are herewith submitted to the Mayor and the Common Council for consideration and action.

1. Recommends that no-parking signs erected on an emergency basis on the east side of Woodlawn and Walnut Grove north from 13th Street to 17th Street be continued permanently.
2. Recommends that at the west Allen and south Rogers intersection to extend yellow an additional 22' on the south curb of Allen, west of Rogers. Apply a White line on the pavement approximately 8' from the south curb running back 25' from south Rogers so that cars coming from West Allen eastbound will not block motorists wanting to turn into Allen from Rogers.
3. Recommends the installation of two-hour parking meters at five cents per hour on the east side of Gentry Avenue from Fourth Street to Fifth Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Bernard I. Loft, Chairman
Bloomington Traffic Commission

Councilman Peace then moved that the Traffic Schedule of the Traffic Ordinance be amended accordingly; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Faucett moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the petition for a street light in the area of 724, 725, and 726 West Dixie be approved; motion unanimously carried.

The Health and Sanitation Committee of the Common Council asked for more time in studying the smoke hazard of the Charles B. Townsend Lumber Company.

Reports were received from the Street Department, Water Department, Rosehill Cemetery, Sanitarian Office, Humane Officer, Milk Sanitarian, and Police Department for the month of June, 1961 and placed on file

The Mayor called the Council*s attention to the listing of Indiana cities that he had placed on their desk before the meeting and stated that only Richmond and New Albany had lower per capita costs of operating.

Councilman Hickman introduced the following Resolution No. 7, 1961:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING ACTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington that there is a need for additional off-street parking for the downtown area of the City of Bloomington, and the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works and Safety on the 18th day of July, 1961, approving negotiations for the acquisition of certain additional lands be accepted and approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Public Works and Safety is now directed and authorized to prepare plats, a description of lands proposed to be acquired and used, and plans and drawings for the proposed project, together with a general estimate of the cost of acquisition, construction and installations of the project.

Said Board of Public Works and Safety is further directed, when such plats, descriptions, plans and drawings have been prepared to adopt a resolution approving the same, declaring that upon investigation, it has been found necessary for the proper protection of the public safety and welfare, and that it will be a public utility to l the City of Bloomington, and its citizens to construct and maintain additional off-street automobile parking facilities as described therein;

And Said Board of Public Works and Safety is further authorized and directed to acquire such lands as the plans have provided, to-wit: In Lots Number 185 and 186 to the City of Bloomington, Indiana, located at the southwest corner of the intersection of East Sixth Street and Lincoln Streets in this city, at a price not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) for said lands; and in Lots 83 and 84 at the northwest corner of the Monon Railroad and Fourth Streets , at a price not to exceed Fifty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$57,500.00) for said lands;

The Board of Public Works and Safety is further directed in said resolution to set out the probable costs and the proposed method of financing said project.

Said Board of Public Works and Safety is further directed that said resolution, plats, descriptions, plans and drawings, and general estimate of the costs shall be open to inspection by all persons interested in or affected by the acquisition of the property proposed to be acquired, or the construction or the operation of said project. Notice of the adoption of said resolution and the purpose thereof, and of the fact that such plats, descriptions, plans or ~~XXX~~ drawings, and general estimate of costs have been prepared and can be inspected, shall be published once each week for two weeks in two newspapers published in Monroe County, Indiana, which notice shall name a date not less that ten days after the date of the last publication on which said Board will hear all persons interested in or affected by such proceedings, and consider any remonstrances or objections filed, and will finally determine the public utility and benefit to the city and its citizens.

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The Board of Public Works and Safety is directed to take all steps and proceedings and to make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary for incidental to the performance of its duties and execution of its powers under Chapter 190 of the Acts of the Indiana General Assembly for the year 1955.

DATED this 18th day of July, 1961.

Thos. L. Lemon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Alice Dunlap, Clerk-Treasurer

Councilman Hickman moved, seconded by Chitwood that Resolution No. 7, 1961 be duly adopted; motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Lemon congratulated Police Chief Huntington on being elected President of the Chief of Police Association of the State of Indiana.

Councilman moved, seconded by Councilman Fannett that the claims be approved as presented; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Thos. L. Lemon
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Mary Alice Dunlap
Clerk-Treasurer