

## REGULAR MEETING

January 19, 1960

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, January 19, 1960, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M. C.S.T.) in regular session with Mayor Thos. L. Lemon presiding.

Members present: Sikes, Chitwood, Peace, Graves, Faucett, and Marxson.

Members absent: Stikeleather.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Councilman Graves.

Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that the minutes of the last regular meeting of January 5, 1960 be approved as submitted to each individual councilman; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinances No. 4 and No. 5, 1960 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Attorney Horace Karsell representing Mr. Boothe of the Valhalla Cemetery Corporation discussed in detail with the Council the City's construction and maintenance of a proposed new cemetery and the feasibility of Mr. Boothe operating Valhalla Cemetery to fulfill the needs of the community in place of the proposed new cemetery. After discussion between Mr. Karsell, Mr. Boothe and the Council, Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Sikes that the matter be held in abeyance pending a proposal to be submitted by Mr. Boothe through his attorney Mr. Karsell, motion unanimously carried.

Attorney James Register represented Mr. Lavere W. Neal, 1117 North Jackson, owner and operator of cigarette, coffee, candy, cracker, and other food product machines for the purpose of making a complaint against the enforcement of the City Ordinance of license fees for vending machines. It was felt that this license was an unfair tax.

Approximately 75 persons appeared in Council meeting in connection with this vending license.

Dick Howard, owner and operator of the Howard Vending Machine Corporation of Indianapolis also spoke against this license.

Paul Killinger expressed his desire to have the pinball machines regulated by the City and requested that this part of the Ordinance not be repealed.

Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Faucett that this item be referred to the Ordinance Committee of the Council and a report be made as soon as possible; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Peace presented the following report and moved the Council accept the recommendation of the Committee; motion unanimously carried:

Jan. 19, 1960

Committee report to Common Council.

Re: Petition from Att: Len Bunger on behalf of Roger Curry Insurance Company to vacate certain areas of land between the sidewalk and building on Third St. at the corner of Washington.

The Committee agrees that the facts in the matter have been carefully studied and the site inspected.

We find that the petitioner did not comply with the law and started re-modeling this building without a permit. It is our belief the petitioner and the contractor should have known a permit was necessary.

After said re-modeling was well under way the City Engineers Office was informed. The petitioner was told he must obtain a permit to continue.

A surveyor, engaged by the petitioner found that the original foundation of the building was on the property line. This naturally did not leave room for facing stone or brick which petitioner wished to apply to the face of building.

Only then did he seek to have the City vacate a portion of land along the front of the building, wide enough to complete the job. He asked for .5 foot of land. If this were granted the petitioner would still be in violation on two other counts. One: Roof projection is more than six inches and Two: Steps from the entrance which are planned to extend over and on City property to the sidewalk.

In consideration of these facts this Committee presents this report with a recommendation that the City Attorney oppose any suit to vacate this land and also to inform the petitioner he must comply with the law.

City Building & Property Comm.

Signed D. E. Stikeleather  
S/ D. E. Stikeleather  
James R. Faucett  
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Norbert Peace, Ch.  
S/ Norbert Peace

The following letters were received from Councilman Stikeleather:

January 19, 1960

To the City Council:

I would like to report to you on the progress of the Council on the Aging, an organization created by council action to determine needs for our senior citizens, needs which possibly can be filled by future actions of city government.

The Council on the Aging, consisting of 12 persons, has rapidly and most efficiently delegated authority to committee chairmen for study of the basic needs involved. Committees and chairmen are as follows:

- a. Health & Physical Welfare--Mrs. Batchelor
- b. Welfare Committee--Mrs. Barnard
- c. Recreation--William Baldwin
- d/ Spiritual Welfare--Thomas Meglemre
- e. Pre-retirement Education--Dr. Barker

Associate members from the following organizations have been accepted to aid in an advisory capacity:

- a. Federation of Churches
- b. Monroe County Bar Association
- c. Monroe County Medical Association
- d. Bloomington Realty Association

There is also an active liaison with the Monroe County Council on Aging and the Council of Social Agencies.

The city can be proud of these citizens who are giving their time and energy for the benefit of all of us. I would like this message to include my gratitude for their continued effort toward completion of their study.

Respectfully,  
S/ D. E. Stikeleather, D.D.S.  
D. E. Stikeleather, D.D.S.  
Councilman-at-Large

DES/ps

January 19, 1960

To the City Council:

The letter attached was written in answer to questions asked by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyd during a conversation recently.

Councilman Peace reasoned that there might be others who had the same questions and suggested the letter be made available to the public in the hope the subject would be better understood by all interested parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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S/ D. E. Stikeleather, DDS  
D. E. Stikeleather, DDS  
Councilman-at-Large

DES/ps

January 19, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boyd  
61 South Shore Drive  
Unionville, Indiana

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Boyd:

I spoke recently to a member of the State Conservation Department from Indianapolis about the possible silt formation in Lake Lemon. He advised me that the Lake and Stream Division of the department keeps a constant vigil on the Indiana lakes.

The rate of silt formation depends on many things, the most important of which is the condition of the watershed. The falling banks from wave and icing conditions apparently has little to do with actual silt formation in the lake.

The falling banks certainly are a nuisance to landowners who must dredge to improve shallow boating facilities; however, these banks will detract little from the lake as a city water reservoir or as a recreational center. We were advised to continue bank protection with stone spalls or sea walls.

Members of your Lake Chamber of Commerce might undertake a project to prevent erosion of the watershed by seeding pasture land, terracing fields and planting trees, shrubs, etc. It was pointed out that any attempt to seed water vegetation would result ultimately in a ~~bank~~ lake of muck and dead vegetation with plant life gradually taking over much of the lake.

I have been happy to attempt to answer you questions and hope they are of some help.

Sincerely,

D. E. Stikeleather, DDS  
Councilman-at-Large  
Bloomington, Indiana

DES/ps  
cc: Dr. Mark Wolff  
City Council of Bloomington

The Sanitation Department report for the month of December, 1959 was received and placed on file.

Messages from the Mayor:

Mayor Lemon reported that he had been notified that the City of Bloomington had been elected as number one in the United States and Canada for fire safety in the Class 5 cities.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the taxi license for George McNeely d/b/a Yellow Taxi Cab Company be approved as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the claims presented for payment January 20, 1960 be allowed as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

  
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Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk-Treasurer