

March 15, 1960

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, March 15, 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 March 1, 1960 be approved as submitted; to each individual councilman; motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Lemon welcomed Miss Brengle and Mr. Pettijohn, sponsors of the Metropolitan Youth Council and approximately 35 members of the Council to Council meeting.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 10, 1960 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. The Clerk-Treasurer presented to the Council a petition filed by owners of taxable real estate in the City requesting the Common Council to authorize and issue the bonds of the City in an amount not exceeding \$165,000.00 for the purpose of procuring funds to be applied on the cost of acquisition and improvement of lands to be used as a cemetery by the City of Bloomington, Indiana. After first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer, Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Ordinance No. 10, 1960 be advanced to second reading by title only. Upon a roll call vote the motion was unanimously carried. After second reading by the Clerk-Treasurer by title only, Attorney Horace Karsell and Clinton Boothe spoke against the proposed ordinance. Councilmen Sikes, Graves, and Peace from the Common Council and Mr. Andrews and Mr. Rust from the audience spoke in behalf of the proposed ordinance. After considerable discussion pro and con, Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that Ordinance No. 10, 1960 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 10, 1960 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Peace presented committee report on the vacation of Arbutus Avenue from East First Street to Maxwell Lane. Mayor Lemon reported that this petition had been withdrawn by the petitioner and the report would not be necessary.

Councilman Peace presented the following committee report and moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood its adoption; motion unanimously carried:

Report to Common Council  
City Building and Property Committee.

March 15, 1960.

Regarding petition of John R. Figg Company for vacating certain portions of City owned land, which are now a part of W. Eighth St.

The members of this committee feel that new construction and additions to private enterprises show a feeling of confidence in the future growth and prosperity of the City.

However, as custodians of public property we believe we must guard with care the rights of all the citizens and protect those rights by retaining that which is theirs unless sufficient benefits are obtained for the majority of the people by relinquishing these properties.

Our investigation discloses that the north side of West Eighth Street from College Avenue to Jackson Street, is a continuous straight line. The property line on the south side of West Eighth St. between College and Jackson lies in the same straight line with one exception. There is a building, erected several years ago, on what is now the Figg Property. This building stands just west of the Illinois Central R.R. sidetrack and protrudes 4.5 feet onto city property. (8th St.)

The petitioner proposes to join this building with an addition extending sixty-six feet west and continuing the same frontal lines as the present structure. We feel this would only create a longer bottleneck in a

street already at a minimum width for possible future improvement. West Eighth St. is 49.5 feet wide from Dunn St. west to Jackson St.

We also feel that narrow streets tend to decrease property values to adjoining lands.

It is our belief, after due study that vacating this land is contrary to the best interest of the general public and of the city and therefore this committee recommends that the Common Council instruct the City Attorney to oppose any suit in court to vacate said described land.

Signed:

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

Councilman Peace presented the following committee report on Public Safety:

Report to Common Council  
Committee on Public Safety

March 15, 1960

The following surveys and studies by various District Committees have received favorable action by the Traffic Commission and are hereby presented to the Common Council for consideration and action.

Each of the items outlined has been studied by members of this committee.

- #1. (Dist. 2) Remove parking from the west side of Indiana Ave. from 10th St. to 15th St.
- #2. (Dist. 5) Change time limit on first two parking meters on west side of Walnut St. and south of 3rd St. from 2 hr. to 30 min. to accommodate unloading of freight and convenience of customers of Brummett & Brummett Appliance Store.
- #3. (Dist. 6-7) Install 4-way STOP signs at the intersection of Maxwell and Woodlawn Sts., the streets to be marked with obedience lines.
- #4. (Dist. 5) Remove parking on the west side of So. Rogers St. between W. 2nd and W. 3rd Sts. Extend "No Parking" zone 100 feet north of 2nd St. and 100 feet south of 3rd St. to facilitate turning movement and improve visibility. Both zones on east side of street.
- #5. (Dist. 1-2) Petition Common Council to submit a resolution to State Highway Dept. requesting the signalization at the earliest possible date, of the intersection of 17th. and Walnut Sts.

Submitted and approved by Committee on Public Safety,

Signed;

S/ David Chitwood  
David Chitwood  
S/ Hilbert Graves  
Hilbert Graves  
S/ Enoch Marxson  
Enoch Marxson  
S/ Norbert Peace  
Norbert Peace, Ch.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Marxson that Items No. 1, 2, 3, & 4 be adopted and the traffic schedule of the traffic ordinance be amended accordingly; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that Item No. 5 be duly adopted; motion unanimously carried.

Reports were received from the Sanitation Department for the month of February, 1960 and the Park & Recreation Department for the year 1959 and placed on file.

Messages from Councilmen:

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that the Common Council express itself by congratulating the Bloomington High School Basketball Team for their fine record during the season and in the tournaments and extend to them their very best wishes for a complete victory next Saturday in the State Finals; motion unanimously carried.

Messages from the Mayor:

The Mayor read the following letters:

March 4, 1960

Thomas L. Lemon, Mayor  
City of Bloomington  
Bloomington, Indiana

Hon. Thomas L. Lemon:

Your letter dated February 22, 1960 to Mr. John Peters has come to the attention of this office.

We have sent a copy of your letter to Mr. Paul Kunz, District Engineer, Seymour District for his investigation and recommendation.

Please feel free to call on this office anytime we can be of assistance to you.

Yours very truly,  
S/ R. H. Harrell  
Ass't. Supt. of Maintenance

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cc: Mr. John Peters  
Mr. Paul Vermillion  
Mr. Paul Kunz

March 9, 1960

Mayor Tom Lemon  
City Hall  
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mayor Lemon:

You will note the fine writeup about the Bloomington Fire Department in the enclosed Indiana Fire Service NEWS. We are pleased to offer this publicity to the Bloomington Fire Department.

An award such as Bloomington received is the result of tireless perseverance and continued effort by every fire officer and fireman. Congratulations to you and your fire department for achieving this high honor.

Yours very truly,  
S/ Norbert M. Lehman  
Norbert M. Lehman  
Fire Training Instructor

NML:sf  
Encl.  
cc: Chief Bernard Glover

March 8, 1960

Mayor Thomas L. Lemon  
City of Bloomington  
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mayor Lemon:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 25th regarding the report of the Mayor's Swimming Pool Study Commission.

We are very much interested in seeing the finished report as we have

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high hopes that it will be a significant contribution both to the swimming pool industry and to communities throughout America.

Sincerely,  
S/ Robert M. Hoffman  
Robert M. Hoffman  
Publisher

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He also presented the State Septic Tank Cleaners Law and informed the Council that Bloomington would enforce this law.

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the claims presented for payment March 16, 1960 be allowed as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

*Thomas J. Simon*  
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Presiding Officer  
*Thomas J. Simon*

ATTEST:

*Mary Alice Dunlap*  
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Clerk-Treasurer *mad*