

REGULAR MEETING

June 7, 1960

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

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

Members absent: Peace and Stikeleather.

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 May 17, 1960 be approved as submitted to each individual councilman; motion unanimously carried.

MariLyn Register presented the Common Council with a copy of the Teen Guide for Senior and Junior High School and thanked Mayor Lemon, the sponsors, and all that had helped on compiling this guide. Mayor Lemon paid tribute to the members of the Teen Guide and their sponsors for the many hours of work that had been put into this project and presented all of the members an Award of Recognition for outstanding service to the City of Bloomington and the community.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the Common Council express its appreciation to everyone who had anything to do with the Teen Guide; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 16, 1960 for second reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Faucett that Ordinance No. 16, 1960 be duly adopted. Doctor Hugh Ramsey, John Zimmerly, and Fred Hitchcock spoke against the proposed ordinance. Wayne Bryant spoke in behalf of several citizens in the northwest section of Bloomington in favor of the proposed ordinance. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 16, 1960 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 17, 1960 for second reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. After second reading, Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Faucett that Ordinance No. 17, 1960 be duly adopted. Attorney Norman Neely representing the beauty shops in favor of the proposed ordinance spoke in their behalf. Those appearing against the proposed ordinance were Dr. Wigand Kenter, Mrs. Bynum Carter, representing the League of Women Voters, Mr. Shirley Young, Mrs. Goble, Don Bemis, Floyd Grigsby, Sam Loescher, and B. W. McAdams. Upon a roll call vote, there were 2 nos and 3 ayes. Since there was not a majority vote of the members-elect of the Council the ordinance was defeated.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 18, 1960 for second reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. After second reading, Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Marxson that Ordinance No. 18, 1960 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 18, 1960 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 19, 1960 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. After first reading, Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Faucett that Ordinance No. 19, 1960 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 Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that Ordinance No. 19, 1960 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 19, 1960 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Graves presented an oral petition from the residents of Harold Avenue between East 10th and East 8th requesting that this street be made one-way. Chief Huntington reported that the Traffic Commission had already studied this situation but had not recommended this change because of the light traffic and that there was not another street to pair with Harold Avenue. Councilman Graves requested that this petition be referred back to the Traffic Commission for further study and report.

A petition for a street light at the corner of 8th St. and Harold Ave. was received. This petition was referred to the Street Lighting Committee.

A petition was received from 35 residents on South Mitchell Street, Southdowns Drive, Ruby Lane, and Circle Drive requesting that immediate action be taken to curb flagrant violation of traffic laws in the neighborhood. This petition was referred to the Traffic Commission for study and report.

Reports for the month of May, 1960, were received and placed on file from the Water Department, Street Department, Sanitation Department, and the Plumbing Inspector.

The following letter was received from the State Highway Department:

May 25, 1960

Honorable Thomas L. Lemon Mayor of Bloomington City Hall Bloomington, Indiana	Re: SR 46 (17th St.) & SR 37 Northbound (Walnut St.) Bloomington, Indiana Traffic Signal Installation Denied
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Dear Mayor Lemon:

Pursuant to your letter of March 17, 1960, and at the request of this office, the Seymour District Office has conducted a traffic engineering investigation at the intersection of Walnut Street and 17th Street to determine the need for a traffic signal. The results of the traffic count showed an average volume at this intersection, 662 vehicles with only 21% of this on the east west approach. After a very comprehensive study, our Traffic Engineer reports as follows:

(1) The attached summary sheet shows the extent to which the minimum warrants for signalization are fulfilled; that none of the warrants are fulfilled and that no two warrants are more than 80 per cent fulfilled.

(2) Walnut Street is a one-way street (northbound) with two traffic lanes and 17th Street is marked for our lanes, (two lanes eastbound and two westbound, on the west side of Walnut Street and two lanes east of Walnut Street).

(3) The only congestion or delay evidenced at this intersection, is during the peak hour when it becomes difficult to enter Walnut Street from the west on 17th Street. This is the condition which caused the request for signalization.

(4) We are installing overhead advance turn lane signs on Walnut Street in an attempt to get northbound left-turning traffic into the left lane. This should improve the traffic operation at the intersection.

In view of this report, the State Highway Department has found it necessary to deny the need for a traffic signal at this location. However, should the City decide that under the statutes they will install their own traffic signal here, we will be very glad to help you plan the same. The Acts of 1957, require that such installations must comply with the State Highway Department standards. These standards call for the use of traffic-actuated, volume density, type equipment. The cost of this equipment would be from \$7000.00 to \$8000.00 to the City. If you should desire to proceed with this installation please advise us in order that we may prepare the plans and specifications for your use.

Very truly yours,
S/ P. T. Vermillion
P. T. Vermillion
Engineer Director
Division of Traffic Engineering

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cc: Mr. Kunz
Mr. Reyman
Mr. Sargent

The following names were presented for Bloomington Redevelopment Trustees:

Councilman Chitwood nominated Robert Wiles for a one year term. Councilman Graves nominated Marion Rogers for a four year term. There being no further nominations the nominations were closed and the two trustees were nominated by unanimous consent of the Common Council. Mayor Lemon appointed Reverend Douglas Rae and Dr. Robert Linnemeier to serve in this same capacity.

Councilman Graves presented a complaint on a noisy juke box on West 17th Street and requested that the City Attorney work with the Ordinance Committee to amend our present Ordinance to take care of nuisances of this kind.

The following resignation was received from Councilman Stikeleather:

May 28, 1960

Thomas Lemon, Mayor
City of Bloomington

Dear Mayor Lemon:

Please accept my resignation as a Bloomington City Councilman, June 1st. It has been a pleasure and an honor to have served.

My residence will no longer be in the city, it is for this reason ~~that~~ I must resign.

Sincerely,

S/ D. E. Stikeleather, D.D.S.
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Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that a special meeting be called June 21, 1960 at 7:00 P.M. D.S.T. for the purpose of electing a new Councilman to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. Stikeleather; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the Clerk-Treasurer be instructed to write Dr. Stikeleather thanking him for serving on the Common Council and his fine cooperation; motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Lemon read the following letter:

April 30, 1960

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

Dear Mayor:

The entire Board of Directors of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce has directed this letter be sent to you commending the action taken by you and your council in rescinding the ordinance passed by the City council in 1931 with reference to the license fee for coin operated machines.

They sincerely agree with you and your group that the ordinance as it was passed in 1931 has been outmoded by the advent of machines that now serve the community in a more advantageous manner.

Yours very truly,
S/ G. K. Carter
G. K. Carter,
Secretary to the Board

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Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Marxson that the claims presented for payment June 8, 1960 be allowed as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Maxine Alice Dunlap
Clerk-Treasurer

Thomas L. Lemon
Presiding Officer