

July 7, 1959

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, July 7, 1959, 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: Graves, Chitwood, Griffith, Miller, and Peace.

Members absent: Sikes and Van Meter.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Reverend Eiler of the United Presbyterian Church.

Councilman Griffith moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the minutes of the last regular meeting of June 16, 1959 be approved as presented to each individual councilman; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Griffith presented Ordinance No. 11, 1959 for second reading. After second reading by the Clerk-Treasurer, Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Griffith that Ordinance No. 11, 1959 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 11, 1959 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Griffith presented Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1959 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Mrs. Hazel Trueblood presented a petition to the Council, which was read by the Clerk-Treasurer as follows:

June 7, 1959

We the undersigned property holders of West Fourth Street, City of Bloomington, Monroe County do hereby petition for:

1. Consideration for a just and proper speed limit because of the presence of small and school age children.
2. Additional street lights on West Fourth Street. Present lighting is not adequate either for illumination or safety of residents and passersby.

S/ Pearl Stevens	S/ Mr. & Mrs. Leland Weimer
S/ Max J. Gilpatrick	S/ Mrs. Hazel Atwood
S/ Barbara J. Gilpatrick	S/ Freedley Robertson
S/ Amy L. Greene	S/ Mr. & Mrs. Chandos Houston
S/ Carl B. Johnson	S/ Harley Southern
S/ Hilda Johnson	S/ Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Livingston
S/ Mr. & Mrs. Donald Reynolds	S/ Elizabeth M. Greene
S/ Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Atwood	S/ Raymond J. Myers

Councilman Griffith moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Item No. 1 reading "Consideration for a just and proper speed limit because of the presence of small and school age children" be referred to the Traffic Commission for consideration and survey; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Griffith moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Item No. 2 reading "Additional street lights on West Fourth Street" be referred to the City Utilities Committee of the Common Council for further investigation and report back to the next meeting; motion unanimously carried.

A petition from Vivian Arthur, 539 South ~~Burgess~~ Washington Street, to cut the curb for the purpose of ingress and egress was read by the Mayor. Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Miller that the petition of Vivian Arthur, at 539 South Washington Street be referred to the Public Works Committee of the Common Council for investigation and report back at the next Council meeting; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Miller that the petition of Lloyd Grubb, 711 West Dodds to cut the curb for a driveway at the east side of the house be approved and the work be done under the supervision of the City Engineer; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Miller that the petition for street lights at Davis and Dunn Street and Davis and Henderson Streets be approved as petitioned; motion unanimously carried.

The Council discussed the traffic situation at Walker and Fairview Streets and Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the recommendation of the Traffic Committee of the Common Council be approved by making Fairview Street preferential and installing Yield-Right-of-Way signs on Allen Street for a 90 day emergency trial period and at the same time the matter be referred to the Traffic Commission for investigation and survey and report back before the 90 days end; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Miller presented an oral petition in behalf of Harold Fleener who has a grocery store on Morton Street between 7th and 8th Streets. He requested a 30 minute time zone in these spaces and Councilman Miller moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the time zone study be made on the east side of Morton Street between 7th and 8th Streets by the Traffic Commission and that a report be made back to the Common Council; motion unanimously carried.

Reports from the Water Department for May and June, the Plumbing Inspector, Fire Department, Street Department for June, 1959 were received and placed on file.

Messages from Councilmen:

Councilman Graves requested information as to installation of new street signs where no sign now exists. The Mayor informed him that the Street Department installed street signs within the limitations of the Street budget.

Messages from the Mayor:

The following letter was received and placed on file from Governor Harold W. Handley:

June 26, 1959

Miss Mary Alice Dunlap
City Clerk-Treasurer
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Miss Dunlap:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 19th transmitting the certified copy of the Committee Report as adopted by the Common Council on June 16th.

Very truly yours,

S/ Harold W. Handley
Harold W. Handley
Governor of Indiana

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The following letter from Birch Bayh, Speaker of the House, was received and placed on file:

June 24, 1959

Mary Alice Dunlap
City Clerk-Treasurer
City of Bloomington

Dear Mary:

Thank you very kindly for forwarding a copy of your committee report in reference to granting cities more authority to control the location of taverns within cities.

As you may or may not know, I am a strong proponent of expanding Home Rule for our cities. This has become quite a political phrase with far too much talk and too little action. Let us keep your proposal

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in mind; and if we are fortunate enough to return to the next session of the Legislature, I hope we can have a lengthy conversation in reference to it and consequently be of some assistance in this problem.

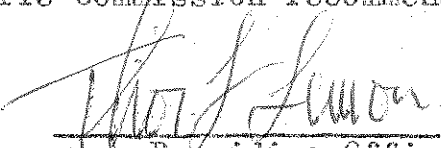
Sincerely,

S/ Birch

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the claims be allowed as presented for payment July 8, 1959; motion unanimously carried.

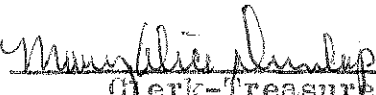
Officer Thomas Simes of the Bloomington Police Department presented and explained the traffic situation at the intersection of Lincoln and First Streets. He recommended that the City install 4-way stop signs on First Street at Lincoln and change the stop sign at Lincoln and First to a 4-way stop sign. Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that the report as given by Officer Thomas Simes of the Bloomington Police Department be approved and that the traffic schedule of the Traffic Ordinance be amended accordingly; motion unanimously carried. This conforms with a previous Traffic Commission recommendation;

Meeting adjourned.



Presiding Officer

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer