

July 21, 1959

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, July 21, 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, Griffith, Sikes, Miller, Peace, and Van Meter.

Members absent: Chitwood.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Reverend Richard Hamilton of the St. Marks Methodist Church.

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

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Griffith that Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1959 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 Griffith moved, seconded by Councilman Sikes that Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1959 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1959 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 12, 1959 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 13, 1959 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Councilman Van Meter, moved, seconded by Councilman Miller that action on Ordinance No. 13, 1959 be deferred until later in the meeting; motion unanimously carried.

Attorney George E. Huntington, Sr. petitioned the Council for permission to move a house belonging to Mr. & Mrs. Roy Groves. Councilman Van Meter moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that the following Resolution No. 3 be adopted; motion unanimously carried:

RESOLUTION NO. 3

BE IT RESOLVED that Roy Groves and Gretchen Groves be permitted to move a house over the streets of the City of Bloomington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Roy Groves and Gretchen Groves promise to indemnify damages which may be incurred in the moving of the house, and will pay to the City of Bloomington any damages which may be done to any property of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, including any damages to the street, curbs or sidewalks of said City and that the said Roy Groves and Gretchen Groves file in the Clerk's office a Surety Bond guaranteeing performance in the manner above in the sum of \$1000.00 with said Roy Groves and Gretchen Groves as Principal thereon and with some Surety Company approved by the City of Bloomington as Surety thereon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the moving of the house above referred to shall be accomplished within four (4) days from the time such moving is commenced until the moving is finished and that the moving of said house will not be later than August 31, 1959.

Councilman Griffith moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that such actions as moving of buildings in the future be considered as an administrative function and be investigated and approved by the Engineer's office as set out on Page 23-13 of the Bloomington Municipal Code of 1957; motion unanimously carried.

Reverend Hamilton requested information concerning 3 way stop signs on East 8th and Clark Streets. After discussion by the Council and the Chief of Police, Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Griffith that Rev. Hamilton's petition be referred to the Traffic Commission for further study and with the possibility of installing yield signs or removal of present signs; motion unanimously carried.

Hazel Trueblood thanked the Police Department for ridding the area on West Fourth Street of birds roosting in the trees.

Dan Bynum And Harlan Hilliker representing the Aviation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce spoke in behalf of improving the City Airport and felt that consideration should be given to joint City and County support of the Airport. He stated that the County Council would be desirous of meeting representatives of the Common Council to discuss the possibility of setting up such a function. Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the Mayor appoint a committee to meet with the Committee of the County Council to consider a joint operation between the City and County; motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Lemon appointed a committee of Councilman Van Meter, Chairman, Councilman Miller and Councilman Sikes.

James Register representing the Aviation Board discussed with the Council the subject of issuing revenue bonds in the amount of \$35,000.00 to build a new hangar at the Airport. Councilman Griffith moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that Mr. Register's request be referred to the Aviation Committee of the Common Council for study and report back to the Next council meeting with their recommendation; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that Ordinance No. 13, 1959 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 Griffith moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that Ordinance No. 13, 1959 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 13, 1959 was unanimously adopted.

Norbert Peace gave the following report for the Utilities Committee on street lighting on West Fourth Street:

The Utilities Committee of the Common Council does not have a final report regarding a petition for additional street lighting on W. Fourth St.

The strike at the Public Service Co. has left them without a lighting engineer. The engineer, Mr. North, is on duty at an out of town plant and is not available for consultation. It is impossible to get many things accomplished with new street lights at the present time.

However this committee will meet and study the Fourth St. project before the next council meeting, Aug. 4th and hope to be able to submit a recommendation at that time.

He also presented from the Traffic Commission^{tee} the following report:

The request from citizens for a just and proper speed limit on W. 4th St. was referred to the Traffic Commission and a report from their committee should be received after their next regular meeting. (Aug. 11)

Report from Traffic Commission Committee regarding parking on N. Morton St.

In response to a request for time limit parking in front~~the~~ of the Harold Fleener Grocery, the following facts must be kept in mind. Some months ago, an ordinance was passed by the Common Council to widen N. Morton St.; remove the tree plots and install metered parking. This project will solve this situation when completed. However a clause authorizing this work to be done when funds were available has delayed the work.

In view of this and after careful consideration of the factors involved the following recommendations are given:

Under an emergency measure and without changing any details of the original ordinance, that one-half hour time limit parking signs be installed in front~~the~~ of the Harold Fleener Grocery at 304 N. Morton and in front of the Fiscus Furniture Store at 308 N. Morton. These stores are located on the east side of the street and extend from a filling station at Seventh St., north to the first alley. IT is understood that these zones are of a temporary nature and that they will be policed by the above named owners.

Councilman Van Meter moved, seconded by Councilman Miller that the Traffic Committee's recommendation be referred to the Street Commissioner to erect temporary signs as authorized by the emergency power given

to the Chief of Police; motion unanimously carried.

It is recommended that two, one-hour parking spaces be installed in front of Kisters Fur Shop at 431 E. Tenth St. These spaces to be policed by owner.

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Van Meter that the Traffic Schedule of the Traffic Ordinance be amended to install two one-hour parking spaces in front of Kister's Fur Shop at 431 East Tenth Street; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Graves reported that the Public Works Committee had investigated the petition to cut the curb for Mrs. Vivian Arthur at 539 South Washington Street and moved, seconded by Councilman Griffith that Mrs. Arthur be given permission and work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Graves reported that the Public Works Committee had investigated the petition of Mrs. Stella Nelson, 333 South Rogers Street, to cut the curb for ingress and egress and moved, seconded by Councilman Griffith that Mrs. Nelson be given permission to cut the curb and the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer; motion unanimously carried.

The following letter from John Snider was read by the Clerk-Treasurer:

21 July 1959
WTTS
535 South Walnut

TO: The Honorable Mayor of Bloomington, Thomas L. Lemon and Members of the Common Council:

Originally I intended to make this statement in person, but unfortunately other business this evening prevented me doing so. So many times, complainants come before this body, and their remarks are duly reported by myself and other news services. If it isn't a complaint it is a request and very seldom is it not of this nature.

Out of state visitors to this city were present last weekend, and stayed at our home, here in Bloomington. We toured this city, pointing out it's virtues, it's advantages, it's new developments, and the progress made over the years from "the good old days". These visitors were shown the campus of Indiana University, our new residential areas, our older ones too, which don't really look bad at all, you know, our water supply and recreational area at Lake Lemon, the shopping areas, new store fronts, our police units, fire units and so forth. They received the blue plate tour.

Their remark after seeing all this was I think typical of those people who have heard that we are an All American City. They said, in part, "No wonder you are an all American City!"

This points up a fact that possibly proves an old, old saying which goes "a prophet is without honor in his own country" which in Bloomington's case means that perhaps not all our residents realize that Bloomington is an All American City, not by title alone, but by it's being here in the first place. I was proud to show our city to these visitors, and you should all be proud to have a hand in governing this fine city. For my family and many, many others, here, for once is a thank you, for a thankless job, pretty well done.

S/ John R. Snider
John R. Snider

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that Mr. Snider's letter be entered into the permanent record of the Council minutes; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Griffith moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the claims be allowed as presented for payment July 22, 1959; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:
Mary Alice Snider
Clerk/Treasurer

Presiding Officer

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