

REGULAR MEETING

September 15, 1959

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, September 15, 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, Sikes, Miller, Peace, and Van Meter.

Members absent: None.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Councilman Graves.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the minutes of the special meeting August 31, 1959 and the regular meeting September 1, 1959 be approved as submitted to each individual councilman; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance Nos. 15 and 16, 1959 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Councilman Sikes presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 7, 1959

WHEREAS, Mr. Herschel Griffith has rendered service in official capacities in local, state and national government, and

WHEREAS, he has been a leader in civic and community affairs and has performed services which in themselves are an enduring monument to him, and

WHEREAS, he was as a community and state leader, and as a member of the Common Council, especially interested in the problems of the aged and aging, and

WHEREAS, in his service on the City Council he worked diligently and unselfishly to promote the welfare of the Citizens of Bloomington,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, express its deep sorrow and distinct feeling of loss in the death of Councilman Griffith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Common Council and that a copy thereof be presented to the family of Councilman Griffith.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that Resolution No. 7, 1959 be adopted by a standing vote. The motion was unanimously carried by all members standing and Resolution No. 7, 1959 was unanimously adopted.

The Clerk-Treasurer read a petition of 128 signatures petitioning the Council to remove the stop signs at 8th and Clark and to put yield right-of-way signs on Clark Street. After much discussion by those favoring the petition and those against the petition, Councilman Peace moved, that the Traffic Schedule of the Traffic Ordinance be amended and the stop signs be removed from the corner of 8th and Clark. Motion died from lack of a second. Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Sikes that the Traffic Schedule of the Traffic Ordinance be amended to remove the stop signs on 8th Street and install yield right-of-way signs on Clark Street; motion carried with 5 voting yes and Councilman Graves dissenting.

The following petitions were received for street lights at the corner of 16th and Jackson and the 300 block of South Euclid Avenue and were read by the Clerk-Treasurer:

The Hon. Thomas Lemon  
City Hall  
Bloomington, Ind.

Sept. 8, 1959

Dear Mr. Lemon,

HAAGS

The following persons who reside in the 300 block of So. Euclid Ave., feel that a street light is badly needed in the area between W. Howe St. and W. Third St. There is a light at Howe St. and one at Third St. but the two block section ~~in~~ between is very dark and unsafe. Sincerely,

- S/ Freeda M. Terrell
- S/ Raymond E. Terrell
- Norma J. Baugh /S/
- S/ Orval R. Baugh
- S/ Mr. & Mrs. James Lawson
- S/ Paul Jackson
- S/ Roy Gray
- S/ Gertrude Gray
- Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Robison /S/

Bloomington, Ind.  
Sept. 4, 1959

Dear Mr. Lemon

I am writing you in regards to a light on the corner of 16th St. and No. Jackson. I am old and do need a light so bad. I am a widow and live along, 77 years old and can't see good and it is so dark out here I can't hardly get out after night. If you can get a light out here it would help so much and I would be so glad. I just can't help but be afraid sometimes. If you can do anything I would sure be so glad. Thank you so much.

S/ Mrs. Mary Sullivan  
1106 No. Jackson St.  
(corner of 16th and Jackson)

Mr. Peace reported that the Public Utilities Committee had investigated both of these street light petitions and moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the petitions be granted; motion unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer read a petition requesting that the Superior Cleaners refrain from using a coal boiler in their business which is damaging other property in the vicinity and creating a nuisance. This petition was turned over to the Mayor to contact the Health Department to investigate this situation and contact Superior Cleaners for correction.

The following report from the Traffic Commission was received:

Bloomington Traffic Commission

TO: THE MAYOR AND THE COMMON COUNCIL OF BLOOMINGTON

At the September 8, 1959 meeting of the Bloomington Traffic Commission, the below listed recommendation was adopted and is herewith submitted to the Mayor and the Common Council for consideration and action.

THE RECOMMENDATION: Establish 2-hr parking at 5th and Madison for a distance of 1/2 block on the south side of 5th west of Madison and 1/2 block on the west side of Madison south of 5th Street.

Limited parking in this area will accomodate patrons of the Labor Temple.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Bernard I. Loft, Chairman  
Bloomington Traffic Commission

Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Miller that the Traffic Schedule of the Traffic Ordinance be amended as recommended in the Traffic Commission report; motion unanimously carried.

Reports from the Street Department, Sanitation Department, Fire Department, and Water Department were received and placed on file.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the Common Council hold a special meeting at 11:30 A.M., September 21, 1959 for the purpose of filling the vacancy created by the death of former Councilman Griffith and to enact any further business that needs to come up; motion unanimously carried.

