

REGULAR MEETING

October 6, 1959

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, October 6, 1959, 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: Graves, Chitwood, Stikeleather, Sikes, Miller, Peace, and Van Meter.

Members absent: None.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the minutes of the last regular meeting of September 15th and special meeting of September 21, 1959 be approved as submitted to each individual councilman; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 15, 1959 for second reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. The Clerk-Treasurer read a petition signed by 24 petitioners in favor of this ordinance.

Councilman Miller moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that Ordinance No. 15, 1959 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 15, 1959 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 16, 1959 for second reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. After second reading by the Clerk-Treasurer, Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that Ordinance No. 16, 1959 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 16, 1959 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that Ordinance No. 17, 1959 be advanced to second reading by title only. Upon a roll call vote motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Miller that Ordinance No. 17, 1959 be laid on the table until next council meeting for further study and discussion by the Council; motion unanimously carried.

Russell Whitlow petitioned the Council for 30 minute parking in front of his business establishment on the north side of 9th Street and the east side of Grant Street. Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Van Meter that the Traffic Schedule of the Traffic Ordinance be amended to allow 30 minute parking for the first parking space on the east side of Grant north of 9th and the first parking space on the north side of 9th Street; motion unanimously carried.

Petitions were received for the following street lights:

- corner of West 13th Street and Hancock Drive
- corner of West 14th Street and Hancock Drive
- corner of South Jordan and East Southdowns

Councilman Peace reported that the City Utilities Committee had investigated and studied the situations in these petitions and moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the above street lights be installed; motion unanimously carried.

The following letter was received from the Bloomington Metropolitan Teachers Association:

September 30, 1959

Bloomington City Council
Bloomington, Indiana

Gentlemen:

The Bloomington Metropolitan Teachers Association should like your assistance in the work of the Salary Committee for the coming year. As you no doubt remember, a citizens committee last year helped form some suggestions which guided the Bloomington

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Metropolitan Board of School Trustees in the adoption of a salary schedule. This year, we solicit the assistance of various community groups in the study and formulation of some of the policies under which we will work. It is hoped that through mutual discussion and study of the many problems connected with the formulation of an equitable salary plan for the professional people in the metropolitan system, we will achieve a more complete mutual understanding of the situation.

We sincerely hope and urge that the Council will secure a person to help us in the task which lies ahead of us this year. We realize that it will be a difficult job but we believe that the experience will be rewarding to everyone concerned. Please advise me by return mail or by telephone call, of the name of your selection at your very earliest convenience. We hope that our committee will be at work before the end of October. If your selection can be made within the next three weeks, it will be of great value to us.

I should be glad to discuss any details of this arrangement with you personally or by telephone if you wish. I can be reached at Bloomington High School during the day or at my home during the evenings. My home telephone number is ED-64954.

Sincerely,

S/Leon E. Whaley
Leon E. Whaley
Bloomington Metropolitan Teachers Association.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Councilman Graves be appointed to serve on the salary committee of the Bloomington Metropolitan Teachers Association; motion unanimously carried.

Reports for the month of September, 1959 were received from the Sanitation Department, Street Department and the Plumbing Inspector and placed on file.

Message from Councilman:

Councilman Sikes reported that it had been called to his attention of the slow moving traffic going west on Third Street because of the traffic signals at the intersection of Jordan and Third and requested a further survey be made at this point. Chief Huntington informed Mr. Sikes and the Council that a survey had already been made of this situation and engineers were checking into the possibility of adjusting the traffic signal to take care of this.

Councilman Sikes introduced the following Resolution No. 8, 1959:

RESOLUTION NO. 8, 1959

WHEREAS, Section 48-1409 of Burns Indiana Statutes provides "That the Common Council of every city shall have the power to supervise and investigate all departments, officers and employees of the government of such city and to examine into any charge preferred against them or any of them..." and,

WHEREAS, certain insinuations and implications have appeared as paid political advertisements during the last week which infer that this Council might have been derelict in using its investigative powers, and

WHEREAS, the City's complete budget and annual financial report, both give up-to-date publicity, advertised in two local newspapers, monthly statements of allowances, and reports of audits of every single item of income and expenditure when submitted by the State Board of Accounts are presented to the members of the Common Council and are available for examination by any citizen at the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has for approximately half of the last four years had a majority of Republican members and for half the time has had a majority of Democratic members, and

WHEREAS, the members of neither party have observed any act, nor has the Council been presented with evidence of any act of misfeasance

or nonfeasance justifying the presentment of any charge of wrongdoing against any elective or administrative officer of the City, and

WHEREAS, no evidence of wrongdoing has been detected and reported by the State Board of Accounts examiners nor presented to any Grand Jury to our knowledge, and

WHEREAS, the baseless statements in the newspapers above referred to impugn the honor and integrity of members of this Council representing both political parties, and

WHEREAS, this kind of action, if it goes unchallenged, is calculated to undermine our traditional two party system and to create distrust and disrespect for our representative form of government,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Common Council of the City of Bloomington abhors any statement by any person or group which is calculated to create disrespect for government and for men rendering honorable public service,

2. That the Council knows of no act and has been presented with no information concerning any financial transaction which was not in all respects legal and proper.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that Resolution No. 8, 1959 be duly adopted; motion carried.

Message from Mayor:

The Mayor reported that there had been two 90-day emergency no-parking issued by the Police Department on both sides of Woodlawn Street and the east side of Henderson Street adjacent to Bryan Park and that to make this a permanent no-parking the Council should amend the Traffic Schedule of the Traffic Ordinance. Councilman Peace moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the Traffic Schedule of the Traffic Ordinance be amended to ban parking on both sides of Woodlawn Street and the east side of Henderson Street adjacent to Bryan Park; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the claims presented for payment October 7, 1959 be allowed as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Thomas L. Lemon
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Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

***Mary Alice Dunlap*

Clerk-Treasurer

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