

REGULAR MEETING

December 15, 1959

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, December 15, 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, and Peace.

Members absent: Van Meter.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Councilman Miller.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the minutes be approved of the last meeting, December 1, 1959, as submitted to each individual councilman; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 23, 1959 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. After first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer, Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Miller that Ordinance No. 23, 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 Miller moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that Ordinance No. 23, 1959 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 23, 1959 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 24, 1959 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer. After first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer, Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Ordinance No. 24, 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 Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Ordinance No. 24, 1959 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 24, 1959 was unanimously adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented an ordinance pertinent to establishing a Beautification and Health Commission for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Councilman Sikes presented an ordinance pertinent to amending Ordinance No. 11, 1949 for first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented an amendment to Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, 1959. Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the budget as adopted for 1960 be amended as recommended by the Clerk-Treasurer; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Van Meter now present at meeting.

Councilman <sup>Chitwood</sup> Graves presented a Committee report on the petition to close Eighth Street between Bryan and Union Streets and moved that the City Attorney be instructed to oppose the suit in Circuit Court to vacate Eighth Street between Bryan and Union Streets; motion unanimously carried.

Reports from the Water Department and the Sanitation Department for the month of November, 1959 were received and placed on file.

The Mayor read the following letter from John Mahan:

November 16, 1959

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

Dear Tom:

I have served, for the past three years at the pleasure of you and the City Council, as a member of the Bloomington Metropolitan School Board.

It is with much regret that I submit to you and the Council my

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resignation as a School Board member to be effective as of January 1, 1960. I trust that you will accept it.

You may be assured that my only reasons for this resignation are because of business. I have been unable to do justice to my duties as a board member and at the same time properly take care of certain business matters that have arisen in the past four months.

My sojourn on the School Board has been a rewarding experience and I do hope I have contributed something for the betterment of the schools and the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

S/ John Mahan

Councilman Chitwood nominated John S. Neal as a member of the Bloomington Metropolitan School Board effective January 15, 1960. Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Peace that the nomination be closed; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Stikeleather that John S. Neal be elected to the Bloomington Metropolitan School Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of John Mahan; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the Common Council express their appreciation for the fine services rendered to the Community by Mr. Mahan and their deep regret of his inability to serve on the Board; motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Lemon read a report from the Investigating Committee on Bruner Courts. Councilman Graves suggested that the Council meet with Mr. Clark and inspect the conditions as set out in this report after which a decision be made as to the disposition of Bruner Courts.

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Stikeleather that the claims presented for payment December 16, 1959 be allowed as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

*Thos. L. Lemon*  
Thos. L. Lemon, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

*Mary Alice Hunt*  
Clerk-Treasurer