

REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 1958

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, April 15, 1958, at the hour of seven-thirty 9'clock (7:30 P.M. C.S.T.) in regular session with Mayor Thos. L. Lemon presiding.

Members present: Graves, Chitwood, Griffith, Sikes, Miller, Simpson and Van Meter.

Members absent: None.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Robert Huber, Assistant Minister of the First Christian Church.

Councilman Griffith moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the minutes as submitted to each individual Councilman for April 1, 1958 be approved; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Ordinance pertinent to the repeal of Ordinance No. 4, 1958, be given second reading by title only. Upon a roll call vote, six yes and one no. Said ordinance was read in full for second reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Mayor Lemon reported to the Council that after investigating the petition against annexation the following facts were brought out:

1. Total assessed valuation of all property, \$4,838,891.00.
2. Total amount represented by petitioners of their property, \$2,893,244.00 or 59%.
3. There are 3,036 properties in the annexation area and of the 3,036 properties, 1115 were represented by petitioners. In addition, there were 510 signatures on the petitions which could not be identified as property owners. These 510 could be represented by non-property owners or by contract buyers.

There were not enough petitioners (over 50% of the property owners involved) to enable the opponents of annexation to petition the Court for remonstrance. Likewise, there was not 75% of the assessed valuation represented by the petitioners which would enable the petitioners to remonstrate in Court against annexation. In order for the people in the annexation territory to have more time to study the problems involved and know the truth about annexation he recommended that Ordinance No. 4, 1958 be repealed.

Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Ordinance No. 6, 1958 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote, six yes with Councilman Miller voting no. Motion carried and Ordinance No. 6, 1958 was duly adopted.

Councilman Sikes introduced two ordinances pertinent to voluntary annexation of certain territories adjacent to City boundaries which were given first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

The following letter was received and read by the Clerk-Treasurer:

Bloomington, Ind. April 10, 1958

The City Council
Bloomington
Indiana.

Gentlemen:

When we signed an agreement with the city of Bloomington with regard to the easement for the sewer line, one of the clauses in the contract was, that the land should be restored to the condition in which it was prior to the start of the work. Although this is clearly impossible, in view of the damage done,

the least we can expect is an elimination of all low spots and a good reseeding of the land. Neither has been done satisfactorily.

The road in front of our homes was in good condition before the work started. At our own expense we had it oiled with heavy road oil. The constant use of heavy equipment has completely deteriorated the surface.

We will appreciate it, if the following can be done in the near future:

1. regrading of the land
2. reseeding the land
3. re-oiling of the road after grading by the county.

Sincerely,

S/ W.J. Van Wagtendonk
 W.J. van Wagtendonk
 S/ R.J. van Wagtendonk
 R.J. van Wagtendonk
 S/ Vance A. Young
 Vance A. Young
 S/ Martha Young
 Martha Young

Sare Road
 RR 3
 Bloomington
 Indiana

Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the letter be referred to the Board of Public Works and Safety for further investigation and settlement; motion unanimously carried.

Norbert Peace read the following Bloomington Traffic Commission report:

Report to Bloomington Traffic Commission.

This committee was instructed to survey and study, the area in the vicinity of 8th, and Morton Sts. and surrounding areas in regard to all day parking and traffic congestion.

Members of this committee spent considerable time in an overall survey, bounded by the following streets. West Ninth, N. Walnut, Seventh St. and Morton St. It was found of course that in those areas not having parking meters or time zone parking, that certain persons, (not necessarily factory workers), were monopolizing existing parking places during the entire business day.

Several hazardous traffic situations were noted also. On each of the two east west streets, namely 8th. & 9th., and at their intersections with Morton.

The traffic Commission members will recall that most of these were presented by Mr. Norman Neely at the last meeting, in behalf of merchants in the area. This committee contacted many of these merchants and all were in agreement with the following proposal as outlined in this report and accompanying diagram.

1. Install a One-way traffic movement on 8th & 9th Sts. These streets are both far too narrow for smooth, safe flow of traffic. This is definitely urged to reduce accidents and near accidents. This will not prove a hindrance to any business in the area but should help to attract persons desiring to trade with them. Eighth St. is only 21 feet wide and Ninth is 35½ feet wide.
2. We recommend metered 2hr. time limit parking on the north side of Ninth from College to Morton. No parking from College to Walnut due to heavy trucks leaving and entering the Barnard Garage and the great number of cars leaving and entering the A & P lot at Ninth St.
3. We recommend the removal of the tree plot on the east side of Morton St. from Seventh St. to Ninth St. Two hour time limit meters should be installed from 7th. to 8th. Five space north of Eighth in front of Covingtons be metered two hours limit. From this point

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north to Ninth St. we recommend an innovation in metering parking in this city. There are twenty spaces immediately north of Covingtons and to the rear of the Tarzian plant. We suggest the use of all day meters in these places for persons who desire to park, say from eight to five o'clock. All of this recommended parking be at an angle. For the present, Morton St. will accomodate this.

4. We recommend both sides of Eighth St. from Morton to Walnut, be metered for two hour parking. Along this St. we also recommend the installation of sidewalk and curb from the alley east to Walnut St. and curb from College to this alley. There is a dangerous congestion of cars near a filling station on the corner and pedestrians cannot use this side of street safely.

5. We also recommend the installation of 2hr. meters on College Ave. on the west side, from Eighth St. to Ninth St.

This committee wishes to point out that this entire plan will remove no parking places, but will add to parking facilities due to proper placement and lack of congestion.

We have another situation on Morton St. on the west side along the I.C. railroad which needs considerable study and probable negotiation. This committee, with the commissions approval will gladly look into this situation and report its findings.

Chas. H. Dunn Jr.
Norbert Peace; Chairman
4-2-58

The Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to mail a copy of the Traffic Commission report to the individual Councilmen for their further consideration.

Reports from the Fire, Water, and Street Departments for March were received and placed on file.

Councilman Simpson reported that after a called meeting with the Common Council concerning the emergency ambulance service for the City and County, Mr. Sexton had agreed to provide ambulance service until after Council meeting, April 15, 1958.

After much discussion, Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up a Special Appropriation Ordinance appropriating \$4500.00 for the purpose of defraying the cost of emergency ambulance service for the first six months of 1958 and the actual amount to be determined by the Common Council after July 1, 1958; motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Lemon welcomed Mrs. Forgy and her class from Bloomington High School.

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson that the claims of April 16, 1958 be approved as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.



Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer