

June 3, 1958

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, June 3, 1958, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M. I.S.T.) in regular session with Mayor Thos. L. Lemon presiding.

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

Members absent: Griffith.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Heinrich B. Eiler of the United Presbyterian Church.

Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the minutes of the last regular meeting of May 20th be approved as submitted to each councilman; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes introduced Ordinance No. 11, 1958 pertinent to annexation of Longwood Addition for first reading.

Councilman Sikes introduced Ordinance No. 12, 1958 pertinent to conditional sales contract between the City of Bloomington and the South Bloomington Water Line Company, Inc. for first reading. After first reading by the Clerk-Treasurer, Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson that Ordinance No. 12, 1958 be advanced to second reading by title only. Upon a roll call vote the motion was unanimously carried. After second reading by the Clerk-Treasurer, Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Miller that Ordinance No. 12, 1958 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 12, 1958 was unanimously adopted.

Joseph Storms, President and member of the Northwest Improvement Association presented the following improvements that are needed in the Northwest section of the City of Bloomington and asked for help from the City to bring these improvements about:

- STREET LIGHTS - we have some on 12th St. which are inadequate
- STREET MARKERS - many of the streets or most of them do not have their names shown.
- 3 DEFINITE GUARD RAILS - Monroe and 13th  
Hancock Dr. & 15th-this particular one has a 5 to 10 foot drop.
- Overhanging tree limbs obstructing traffic and clear vision. In many instances some drag the top of conv. cars.
- Water drainage ditches - Some of them have water standing in them most of the time. There just isn't any means provided for proper drainage.
- Roads are narrow and are of either loose gravel, dirt or cinders. In some cases two cars meeting could not safely pass. Only one or two black top roads.
- Fire Hydrant - Can hardly be seen as it is hidden in weeds and tall grass. Also if a fire broke out in this area we would only have one hydrant to draw from.
- Traffic Signs - Very little or no signs indicating thru, stop or caution intersections.
- City Limit Marker - Improperly placed at the corner of Monroe and Hancock Drive. Should be on the corner of 17th and Monroe.
- Corner and intersection at 14th and Monroe. View partially obstructed by Water Tank. Also Monroe and 14th is a blind spot from both directions. Two weeks ago we had a child hit by a car plus there have been a number of wrecks and too many near misses.
- Weeds, grass and debris waist high in most of the area. Sidewalk on W. 11th St., north side cannot be used as it is covered with rocks, dirt, weeds and poison ivy, etc. Also the sidewalk on So. side of 11th between Madison and Rogers.
- Trash Hauler Offenders--Sign at 11th and Adams very insignificantly placed. We need more of them in better view. Perhaps the police when patrolling could check for these offenders and see that the law is enforced. It is our understanding that these trucks should be tarped or covered. Also the road leading to the City Dump could stand considerable repair. If the City is going to use it then it should be made usable.

Water

Building Code

Health and Sanitation Dept. enforce laws on business establishments

Fire Dept. Try to get building presenting potential fire hazards to be torn down or repaired.

Sewate (Storm) on Blair Street should be covered. During a recent flood one of our children almost lost his life here.

One side parking - especially on West 11th Street. Recommend So. side from College to Adams Street.

Also Summit Street from 11th to 12th. Suggest East side. Weidemans Junk Yard. -- This place was passed on by the City Council against protest. Fire-Smoke, Conjestion.

REPRESENTATIVE HERE FROM LEPPERT BUS LINE ON NO PARKING AND JUNK YARD.

CITY DOG CATCHER

SIDE WALKS - Most all our children are forced to walk in streets, ditches or what-have-you in all kinds of weather.

Tax Study on Property ..... In too, too many cases it is felt that they are too high.

Park and Recreation area.

The Mayor complimented Mr. Storms and the Northwest Improvement Association on the fine work that had been accomplished in that part of the City in the past two years. Each point that was presented by Mr. Storms was discussed by the Mayor and Mr. Storms was assured that the Mayor and Members of the Council would help in this improvement program as far as the City was financially able to do.

A petition was read by the Clerk-Treasurer for two street lights in Green Acres at the East intersection of East-Gate Lane and the By-Pass 37 and on the South end of East-Gate Lane east side of the By-Pass. This petition was referred to the Street Light Committee for investigation and report back to the Council.

Councilman Simpson reported that the Street Light Committee had investigated the petition of Mr. Spike Dixon for a street light at Seventh and Hillisdale and asked for more time for further investigation and with the people of that area and the Public Service Company, Inc.

Councilman Miller moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson that the question of an ordinance for panhandling be referred for future study and brought up at a later date; motion unanimously carried.

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

Councilman Graves nominated John Mahan to the Bloomington Metropolitan School Board for a term of three years. Councilman Miller moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that Mr. Mahan be appointed by the Council to the Bloomington Metropolitan School Board for three years by acclamation; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Whitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the claims presented for payment on June 4, 1958 be approved as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
Clerk-Treasurer