

REGULAR MEETING

December 2, 1958

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, December 2, 1958, 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, Griffith, Sikes, Miller, Van Meter, and Simpson.

Members absent: None.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Reverend D. J. Bowden of the Indiana School of Religion.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson that the minutes of the last regular meeting of November 18, 1958 be approved as submitted to each Councilman; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that Ordinance No. 27, 1958 be advanced to second reading by title only. Upon a roll call vote the motion unanimously carried. After second reading by title only by the Clerk-Treasurer, Councilman Miller moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Ordinance No. 27, 1958 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 27, 1958 was unanimously adopted.

After second reading of Ordinance No. 28, 1958 by the Clerk-Treasurer, Councilman Graves moved, seconded by Councilman Van Meter that Ordinance No. 28, 1958 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 28, 1958 was unanimously adopted.

Reports from the Street Department, Fire Department and Plumbing Inspector for the month of November, 1958 were received and placed on file.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the Common Council approve the agreement as presented by the Church Lane Water Line Company, Inc. as of November 17, 1958; motion unanimously carried.

The following letter was read by the Clerk-Treasurer:

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Bloomington, Indiana
December 1, 1958

Mayor Thos. L. Lemon and
Members of the Bloomington Common Council
City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Gentlemen:

Inasmuch as I was elected to the office of County Commissioner of Monroe County in the last general election on November 4, I hereby regretfully tender my resignation as a member of the Bloomington Common Council to be effective January 1, 1959.

I have enjoyed my association with the City Administration and the Common Council and am sorry that I can no longer officially be a member of the Common Council.

I want to thank the members of the Common Council, the Department Heads and the Mayor for their helpfulness and cooperation during the period that I have served on the Bloomington Common Council.

Very sincerely,

James Simpson

P.S. As a County Commissioner, I will continue to work with the City Administration for the benefit of the entire community.

Councilman Griffith moved, seconded by Councilman Sikes that the Common Council regretfully accept the resignation of Councilman Simpson effective January 1, 1959; motion unanimously carried.

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Councilman Graves presented the following recommendations from the Traffic Commission and moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson that these recommendations be referred to the Traffic Committee of the Common Council for study and report; motion unanimously carried.

1. Parking on the west side of Washington Street in 1/2 block north of Seventh (5 parking spaces) be established as a 15-minute time zone.
2. Parking on East 13th Street from Walnut Grove to Fee Lane be designated no-parking for a 90-day trial period.

Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Miller that the matter of parking between Third and Fourth Streets on the west side of Indiana Avenue be referred to the Traffic Committee of the Common Council for study and report; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Griffith requested information from the Mayor concerning the situation of ice and snow on the City streets. The Mayor reported that the Street Department had worked from 3:00 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Friday and 6:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday and had scattered hundreds of tons of cinders and chemicals at dangerous intersections on the streets of Bloomington. He also brought to the attention of the Council that it would be very uneconomical and too expensive to the taxpayers for the City to purchase heavy special snow and ice removal equipment for the purpose of removing snow only which would be sitting around gathering dust the rest of the year, and that the Street Department is operated entirely without property tax money and he felt like the citizens of Bloomington would not wish to be taxed to purchase snow equipment and hire extra crews. He commended the Street Department for a job well done.

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Graves that the claims presented for payment December 3, 1958 be approved as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Thos. J. Lemon
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Mary Alice Dunlap
Clerk-Treasurer