

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 2, 1957

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Wednesday, January 2, 1957, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M. C.S.T.) in regular session, with Mayor Thomas L. Lemon presiding.

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

Members absent: None.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson that the minutes of the two previous meetings be approved; motion carried.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 1, 1957 for second reading and it was given second reading by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Councilman Miller moved, seconded by Councilman Sikes, that Ordinance No. 1, 1957 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote, Ordinance No. 1, 1957 was duly adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented the following resolution for reading:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, members of the Bloomington City Council and many other citizens of the City have for sometime recognized the need for an additional swimming pool within the city, and

WHEREAS, in 1955 a group of public spirited citizens made a thorough study of the subject of providing additional swimming pool facilities in the City of Bloomington, and

WHEREAS, as reported in the press at the time, this group, after extensive study and research, estimated that it would cost a maximum of \$215,000 to provide the desired, and adequate, swimming pool facilities, including the bath house, and

WHEREAS, according to reliable studies building costs have risen by approximately 14% since 1955; and

WHEREAS, one of the duties of the Park Board in cities of the third class is to plan park facilities, including swimming pools, and bath houses, and

WHEREAS, City Councils in cities of the third class are authorized, in their judgment, to levy taxes or borrow money to provide funds for construction of such facilities, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Bloomington City Council believe that intelligent practice of economy and frugality in government need not become a lost art; and

WHEREAS, the question has been raised as to the necessity for a bath house measuring a maximum of sixty-four feet in width by 169 feet in length, and

WHEREAS, other questions have been raised, including some by the architect who prepared the present plans, bearing on the need for all details specified in these plans in order to produce an adequate facility of high quality.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council suggest to the Park Board that it restudy its own plans to see if adequate swimming pool and bath house facilities can be built at a cost in line with the estimates (plus increased building cost adjustment) made by the Voluntary Citizen's Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council express its appreciation to the Park Board for its continuing efforts to provide park facilities to the people of the City and that the Council pledge its support of the swimming pool program if and when plans and bids in line with the estimates of the Citizens Committee are presented.

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Councilman Cook moved, seconded by Councilman Van Meter that Resolution No. 1, 1957 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote, Resolution No. 1, 1957 was duly adopted.

Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Engelman that the petition for a street light on Woodlawn between 7th and 8th be approved; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Cook moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Item No. 1 of the Traffic Commission Recommendations that were referred last meeting to the Traffic Committee of the Council be approved; unanimously carried.


Councilman Cook moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson that Item No. 2, be deferred until a later date until the Traffic Commission has time to study the over-all traffic conditions in the Southeast section of Bloomington; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Cook moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that the Traffic Commission study the possibilities and advisabilities of a three way stop at 5th and Washington; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson that the reports of the Plumbing Inspector, Street Department and Fire Department be received and placed on file in the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Chitwood moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson that the claims presented for payment on January 2, 1957, be approved as submitted; motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned.

  
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Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk-Treasurer