

## REGULAR MEETING

March 5, 1957

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in City Hall, on Tuesday, March 5, 1957, 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: Chitwood, Simpson, Sikes, Miller, Van Meter, Engelman, and Cook.

Members absent: None.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Lt. Paul Clark of the Salvation Army.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Engelman that the minutes of the prior meeting be approved as mailed to the Council members; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Engelman that Ordinance No. 2, 1957 be advanced to second reading by title only; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Chitwood that Ordinance No. 2, 1957 be duly adopted. Upon a roll call vote Ordinance No. 2, 1957 was duly adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented Ordinance No. 3, 1957 titled Ordinance to Control Recreation and Sanitation at Lake Lemon for first reading. The Clerk-Treasurer gave Ordinance No. 3, 1957 first reading.

A Mr. Otto Johnson injected a question as to the employment of Mr. E. L. Richardson as Lake Patrolman. Mayor Lemon advised Mr. Johnson that he was out of order and that he should take his problem to the prosecutor. Mayor Lemon advised Mr. Johnson that in this country a man is presumed to be innocent of wrong doing until proved guilty and that Mr. Richardson had been accused but not found guilty.

Mr. James Ferguson petitioned the Common Council to instruct the City Attorney not to oppose the vacating of alleys between the ATO and Acacia Houses on East Third between Fess and Woodlawn.

Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Cook, that the City Attorney be instructed to withhold any action on the above petition until the Common Council has had an opportunity to look into the matter further and that if and when any vacating of city owned property be approved by any court action that the petitioners record the action in the county records and that the petitioners further place a transcript of the records in the City Clerk-Treasurer's office and the City Engineer's office; motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Stephenson representing Cecil Harlos Company petitioned for permission to relocate the sidewalks on West side of South College between 3rd and 4th Streets and on the north side of 3rd Street between College Avenue and railroad and move the concrete steps coming down from the railroad tracks on West 3rd Street in order for them to move a gas line. These steps would be replaced after gas line has been relocated. Also temporary steps would be available while change is being made.

Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Engelman that the petitioner be permitted to relocate side walks and steps and the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer and State Highway; six ayes and one no; motion carried. (Councilman Chitwood desenting)

Councilman Cook moved, seconded by Councilman Engelman that the City Attorney be instructed to investigate the legal procedures for street improvements and that a full report be made at the next Council meeting; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Van Meter that the Church of Christ petition for cutting of curbs in the 900 block of West Second Street be approved and the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer and the State Highway Commission; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman ~~MIN~~ Chitwood that the Public Service Company of Indiana, Inc. be instructed to install four street lights between Washington and Indiana Avenue on East Sixth Street as petitioned for by residents on East Sixth Street, (cost to be \$84.00 to the City); motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Cook moved, seconded by Councilman Miller that the Traffic Commission Recommendations Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 5 of February 12, 1957, be approved and that the Traffic Schedule of the Traffic Ordinance / be amended accordingly; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Cook that the monthly reports for February, 1957, for the Water Department, Street Department, Plumbing Inspector, and Fire Department be approved and placed on file; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Cook asked the Mayor why the Board of Works changed the name of Beanblossom Lake to Lake Lemon, the Mayor replied that since the lake is a part of the City Water Department the jurisdiction of the lake is under the Board of Works and that the name of Lake Lemon was reinstated to its original name after having been changed by the previous administration.

Mayor Lemon read from the Contract of the University Sign Company in answer to Mr. Engelman's question as to the welcoming sign on park property on State Road 37 North. According to contract this sign was erected in accordance with the above said contract at no cost to the City and was in no way in conflict as to usage of the area as welcome signs are peculiar to park property. Mayor Lemon also pointed out that the benefits accruing to the City were profitable both from financial and utility purposes.

Mr. Engelman asked that Mr. Paul Stutsman, Resident Engineer, give a report on the progress of the sewers now being installed in the City of Bloomington. Mr. Stutsman estimated that the sewer mains were 85% completed and the sewer laterals were 75% complete, and as soon as all of the lines were laid the streets would be repaired and a general cleanup made.

Meeting adjourned.

  
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Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk-Treasurer

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