

## REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 1956

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in City Hall, on Tuesday, February 21, 1956, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M.) in regular session, with Mayor Lemon presiding. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Roy Blackwood.

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

Members absent: None

On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Cook, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

At the request of Mayor Lemon, on motion of Councilman Sikes, seconded, the Order of Business was changed to permit discussion of the traffic problem at this time.

Loren D. Ayres, Chairman of the Bloomington Traffic Commission, reported the recommendation of the Traffic Commission for one-way traffic on Walnut and College. Mr. C. D. Miller, Engineer of Planning and Traffic for the State Highway Department, addressed the Council in connection with the Traffic Commission's recommendation that oneway traffic be enforced on Walnut Street and College Avenue. He explained this proposal has had careful consideration by the City and the State Highway Department has been requested at different times over a period of years to institute this change in traffic flow. He recommended the City go ahead with the change for a trial period of six months. He further stated that experience in other communities with one-way streets showed that merchants on those streets perhaps suffered a loss of volume in the first month, in the second month the business picks up and in the third month, it/usually back to normal. He pointed out that many cities in the state are now using one-way traffic through town, and the stop lights on Walnut and College for some time have been set for the one-way schedule.

A number of businessmen with locations in the area from 12th Street to the "Y" intersection of College and Walnut were present and protested the starting of one-way traffic because it would affect their businesses. Two petitions from residents and business owners in the area were presented and these also were opposed to the one-way traffic. After considerable discussion from interested persons present, on motion of Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Van Meter, the Council voted unanimously to oppose one-way traffic on College and Walnut Streets until further study is made.

Horace R. Karsell, judge of City Court, presented his report for the year, 1955. On motion of Councilman Sikes, seconded by Councilman Cook, the Council accepted the report and commended Judge Karsell for the splendid report.

The Council then returned to the regular Order of Business.

Councilman Engelman requested that the Ordinance raising the fees for the cemetery be presented. After first reading, Councilman Cook moved the rule of the Council be waived so that the Ordinance might be presented on second reading at this meeting; Councilman Engelman seconded motion; on a roll-call vote, the motion carried unanimously. After second reading, on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Van Meter, carried unanimously on a roll-call vote, Ordinance No. 3, 1956, being an Amendment to an Ordinance concerning the maintenance of Rose Hill Cemetery and establishing charges to be made for interment and also establishing the prices of spaces and lots to be sold within said cemetery was declared duly adopted.

Councilman Miller requested the presentation of the Ordinance transferring funds for the development of Bryan Park on first reading. After presentation, Councilman Miller moved the Ordinance be passed to second reading by waiving the time limitation; Councilman Chitwood seconded motion; on a roll-call vote the motion passed

unanimously. After second reading, on motion of Councilman Van Meter, seconded by Councilman Cook, passed unanimously on a roll-call vote, Ordinance No. 4, 1956, being an Ordinance transferring funds heretofore appropriated for the development of Bryan Park was declared duly adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented for first reading an Ordinance authorizing sale of property not exceeding the sum of \$100. Councilman Sikes moved the Ordinance be passed to second reading tonight, waiving the time limitation, and be read by title only; Councilman Chitwood seconded motion; motion carried unanimously on a roll-call vote. After second reading, on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Chitwood, and passed unanimously on a roll-call vote, Ordinance No. 5, 1956, being an Ordinance authorizing the sale of personal property in amounts not exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) was declared duly adopted.

Councilman Sikes presented for first reading an Ordinance concerning receipts from parking violations. Councilman Miller moved that the Ordinance be moved to seconded reading by title only waiving the rule which would prevent its being passed at this meeting. Councilman Chitwood seconded motion; motion passed unanimously on a roll-call vote. After second reading, by title only, on motion of Councilman Chitwood, seconded by Councilman Simpson, passed unanimously on a roll-call vote, Ordinance No. 6, 1956, being an Amendment to an Ordinance relating to and regulating traffic in certain congested areas in the City of Bloomington, State of Indiana, defining and regulating the parking of vehicles in certain areas of the City of Bloomington; providing for the designation of separate parking spaces, for the use of such parking spaces, and for the use of mechanical parking time indicators in conjunction therewith, and providing for penalties for violation thereof, was declared duly adopted.

Graham Motor Sales Company requested permission to cut curbs and cross tree plot and sidewalk to permit entrance to their property at the southwest corner of Third and Walnut Streets. On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Van Meter, permission was granted, with the work to be done under the supervision of the State Highway Engineer and the City Engineer, and providing permission is received from the State Highway Department.

Oscar R. McCaleb protested to the Council the prohibiting of parking on Grimes Lane because it would adversely affect the patronage of restaurant on his property at 108 West Grimes Lane. The Council postponed discussion until they were considering the Traffic Commission report on this item.

Property owners on East Hillside Drive petitioned for sidewalk, curb, and gutter on the south side of East Hillside Drive from Henderson to Grant Street. On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Chitwood, the petition was referred to Committee on Streets and Alleys for report at the next meeting.

A letter from the Chamber of Commerce was presented recommending the City purchase the Baptist Church property and the Kerr property, at the corner of Fourth and Washington for additional off street parking, their price of \$90,000 and \$27,500, respectively. After discussion, on motion of Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Chitwood, the Council went on record as approving the purchase of the First Baptist Church property and the Kerr property for off street parking and authorizing the Board of Works to proceed with arrangements for financing in the amounts of \$90,000 and \$27,500.

Mr. E. Mayer Maloney requested the Council to consider the problem which merchants who have been using part of the Kerr property as an unloading zone will have if this is made into a parking lot and suggested an area be reserved for this purpose. On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Simpson, the suggestion was referred to the Board of Works for recommendation to the Council at the next meeting.

Bower & Sons Plumbing & Heating requested permission to cut sidewalk and curb on North Dunn Street just west of the McCalla School, in order to complete their contract in the new addition to the school building. On motion of Councilman Engelman, seconded by Councilman Miller, the request was referred to the Committee on Streets and

Alleys for investigation with power to act.

Alvin King, University Apartments W-306, petitioned for some enforcement against indiscriminate blowing of horns in the City. Chief of Police Huntington advised there is an Ordinance which covers this situation; namely, Ordinance No. 12, 1946. On motion of Councilman Sikes, seconded by Councilman Simpson, the petition was referred to the Police Department for appropriate action.

A letter from Mrs. Paul Maefield commending Mayor Lemon on the matter in which the double parking problem has been handled was read to the Council.

An application from the IU Cab Company, Inc. for 1956 license was referred to the City Attorney for investigation on motion of Councilman Van Meter.

Loren D. Ayres submitted complete report of the last meeting of the Traffic Commission and their recommendations. After discussion, on motion of Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council requested copies of the report so that they might study it, thereby ready for discussion at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Simpson reported for the Committee on Public Works in connection with the petition for vacation of the north and south alley from Atwater to Hunter between Highland and Ballantine. With the approval of the Committee, he moved that the City Attorney be instructed to not oppose the suit in Monroe Circuit Court to close this alley providing Easements for utilities are retained. Councilman Van Meter seconded motion; motion carried.

Eugene H. Bender, President of the Park Board, stated he would be glad to answer any questions from the Council concerning the 1955 report of the Park Board which was presented at the last meeting. He advised the Council further he understood the Junior Chamber of Commerce organization is arranging to spend about \$500 in Bryan Park on a Kiddy Park area and the Rotary Club is planning to spend about \$2600 on a hard surface playground area in Bryan Park for all purpose games. He pointed out the Park Board would like to have assistance of the City Engineer on these projects. On motion of Councilman Miller, the Council expressed their appreciation of the contributions of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club and granted the request for the services of the City Engineer in the construction of these projects. Mr. Bender also submitted the report of the Cascades Golf Course for the year, 1955.

On motion of Councilman Simpson, seconded by Councilman Engelman, action on the request for a street light at the intersection of East Fourth and Hillsdale Drive was deferred until next Council meeting.

Mayor Lemon reported he has received notice from the State Highway Department that installation of a traffic control light at Eleventh and College has been approved. Mayor Lemon also directed the Council's attention to information of garbage disposal units as presented in the City of Detroit.

Mayor Lemon also reported the State Highway Department has been requested to change the timing on traffic control signals at Second and Rogers, Grimes and Walnut, and Third and Jordan to improve traffic movement during peak periods.

On motion of Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Chitwood, claims presented for payment on February 22 and 29 were approved by the Council.

After discussion, on motion of Councilman Chitwood, seconded by Councilman Van Meter, the request from the Indiana Bell Telephone Company was granted, thereby approving the installation of lights in telephone booths on City property and authorizing charge to the City for electric current used by these lights.

On motion of Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Van Meter, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Esther J. Lewitt  
Clerk-Treasurer

Thomas J. Lemon  
Presiding Officer

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