

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 20, 1956

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in City Hall, on Tuesday, March 20, 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. K. C. Tiller.

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

Members absent: None

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

Councilman Cook presented a petition from Mr. Frank Southern to cut curb at 614 North College Avenue to provide a driveway. On motion of Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Van Meter, the petition was referred to the Committee on Public Works with authority to act.

Henry Rumble requested permission to purchase about an acre of park land owned by the City which is located adjacent to his property. On motion of Councilman Chitwood, seconded by Councilman Miller, this petition was referred to City Buildings and Property Committee for investigation and report at the next meeting.

A petition for a street light at the intersection of East Dixie and South Grant Streets was referred to Committee on City Utilities for investigation on motion of Councilman Van Meter, seconded by Councilman Engelman.

Edgar G. Williams requested permission to cut a curb at 1004 East Wylie Street to provide a driveway. The petition was referred to the Public Works Committee for investigation and report on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Van Meter.

Loren Ayres, Chairman of the Traffic Commission presented Committee report of the Traffic Commission concerning proposed safety fence at Bloomington High School. Mr. Ayres reported the Committee of the Traffic Commission recommended the installation of the safety fence on the basis of their investigation. On motion of Councilman Sikes, seconded by Councilman Cook, the Council endorsed the safety fence project with the hope that the Lions Club or other agency would build the fence; and added the suggestion that the sidewalk adjacent to the high school on Walnut Street should be raised where necessary to keep water from standing on the sidewalk.

Mr. Ayres further reported that the Traffic Commission discussed the removal of parking on East Third Street from Washington Street to the alley and recommended that parking be prohibited on the north side of East Third Street from Washington Street to the first driveway east of Washington Street. On motion of Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Sikes, the Council approved the report and directed that the schedule of the Traffic Ordinance be amended accordingly and the recommendation sent to the State Highway Department that the change be made on their regulations.

Mr. Ralph Johnson, secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, presented a report on the study of one-way traffic on College and Walnut Streets. Petitions signed by about 195 persons were presented favoring one-way traffic. After discussion, on motion of Councilman Sikes, seconded by Councilman Engelman, the Council adopted the following Resolution unanimously: Be it Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, upon recommendation of the Traffic Commission to institute one-way traffic on College and Walnut Street from Second Street to Seventeenth Street, and recommend to the State Highway Department that these streets be made one-way from Seventeenth Street to the "Y" intersection.

Councilman Simpson reported for the Committee on City Utilities in connection with the request for a street light at Eighth and Clark Streets. With the approval of the Committee, Councilman Simpson moved the street light be authorized at this location. Councilman

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Engelman seconded motion; motion carried.

City Attorney Baker reported the progress on acquisition of property for additional parking facilities.

The City Clerk-Treasurer presented financial report of the City for February, 1956, and a report of invested funds as of March 20, 1956. On motion of Councilman Van Meter, seconded by Councilman Simpson, the reports were accepted.

Councilman Chitwood reported for the Committee on City Buildings and Property in connection with the request to use City property at Griffey Lake. With the approval of the Committee, he moved that permission to use Griffey Lake property for recreation or for farming purposes be denied and instead the City should consider the advisability of planting evergreens in the area; Councilman Sikes seconded motion; motion carried.

Mayor Lemon called attention to the booklets on the National Building Code which he had obtained for each member of the Council, and suggested that a building code for the City of Bloomington be considered.

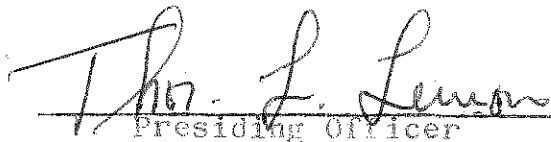
The report of the Recreation Department for the year, 1955, was presented.

Notice was received of a petition by the Leppert Bus Lines, Inc. with the Public Service Commission of Indiana requesting increase in token fare from five tokens for \$.50 to four tokens for \$.50. The Council agreed to not oppose this action.

Mayor Lemon presented the name of Mrs. Mary Alice Dunlap as his appointment for City Clerk-Treasurer effective April 1, 1956, to complete the unexpired term of Mrs. Leavitt. On motion of Councilman Sikes, seconded by Councilman Simpson, the Council approved the appointment.

On motion of Councilman Cook, seconded by Councilman Chitwood, claims presented for payment March 21 and March 31 were approved as listed.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned.



 Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



 Clerk-Treasurer