

Tuesday, November 20, 1956

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in City Hall, on Tuesday, November 20, 1956, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M. C.S.T.) in regular session, with Mayor Lemon presiding. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Richard Hamilton of the St. Marks Methodist Church.

Members present: Sikes, Cook, Simpson, Miller, and Engelman.

Members absent: Chitwood and Van Meter.

The minutes of the former meeting were read by the Clerk-Treasurer. After the reading of the minutes, Councilman Cook moved; seconded by Councilman Engelman, that the minutes be approved as read, motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Miller moved; seconded by Councilman Sikes, that the proposed annexation of the Northwest section be brought before the Council at this time. A report from the Plan Commission on the annexation of the Northwest section was then read, as follows:

REPORT

A REPORT TO THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, ON A PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF A PORTION OF FOREST HOMES ADDITION AND CERTAIN UNPLATTED LANDS ADJACENT TO IT, IN NORTHWEST BLOOMINGTON, BY THE CITY PLAN COMMISSION.

Location and Description. The tract proposed for annexation consists of approximately 70 acres of land on the northwestern edge of Bloomington as indicated by the accompanying map.

Topographically the land slopes from a ridge approximately in the center of the area to the north and to the south. The eastern-most portion of the land is generally wooded while the western portion is open grazing land, except where it has been developed. Only about six to eight acres are in active cultivation although there are numerous small gardens. Some of the open land is pasture. In numerous places the terrain is broken by extensive sinkholes, so that structural development in such places seems unlikely.

Structures and Population. Currently there are 88 residential structures, 17 trailers, three business structures and a sawmill located in the area. Approximately sixty per cent of the structures were built prior to 1950, and 40 per cent since, thus indicating a rather active growth in the area in the last six years.

Although no actual census of the area is available, applying normal population ratios it is probable that between 300-400 persons reside in the territory.

In the time available it was impossible to obtain the assessed valuation of the property. The anticipated 1957 tax rate of the land now situated in Bloomington Township is \$5.05 per hundred of assessed valuation. The Bloomington City rate would add \$2.07.

Streets and Roads. Within the area there is approximately 4000 feet of partially stoned streets and 800 feet of streets not stoned or inaccessible. The stone streets are narrow and have not been put to grade. In most instances the roadways are too narrow for safe passing and some of the roads appear to be impassable in wet weather. In general, the rights of way conform to minimum standards of the Bloomington Thoroughfare Plan. There are 3300 feet of 40 foot rights of way; 450 feet with 50 foot rights of way, and 1050 feet with 60 foot rights of way.

Compliance with the Zoning, Thoroughfare, and Subdivision Control Ordinance. As noted above the streets, in general, conform to the requirements of the thoroughfare plan and the subdivision control ordinances. The lot sizes in the platted portion of the area - Forest Homes Addition - all conform with the minimum requirements of the subdivision control ordinance. The only non-compliance is the existence of more than one dwelling on some lots. This occurs in eleven instances.

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Costs and Availability of Services in Event of Annexation.

- Sewers. Because of the terrain there is no possibility of the extension of sewers to the area in the immediate future.
- Water. At the present time there are some private water lines in the area. All are of small diameter and none is sufficient to provide an adequate supply of water for the area. It seems probable however that the city would be in a position to extend water service to built-up portions within 12-18 months.
- Fire Protection. Although the water supply is inadequate immediate fire protection from the city would be made available upon annexation.
- Police. Upon annexation full police protection would be available to the area.
- Garbage and Trash Pickup. This service would be immediately available. It should be noted, however, that the cost of this service to the city is approximately \$50 per block per year so that the city would incur a cost of approximately \$1,200 per year.
- Street Signs. Within 12-18 months street signs could be provided for the area at a cost to the city of from 16 to 20 dollars per sign which would involve a total expenditure of approximately \$250.
- Street Lights. Within 12-18 months street lights could be erected in the area subject to the usual procedures before the city council. The cost per light per year to the city is \$21 plus the cost of installation when it exceeds five times the yearly cost. The city would be obligated to pay approximately \$50 for each installation.
- Streets. Upon annexation the area would be eligible for the same street construction as any other part of the city, i.e., the city would do a reasonable amount of grading and would provide all labor and the owners of adjacent property would provide the materials.

After listening to the pros and cons on the annexation of the Northwest-Forest Homes Addition by Attorneys Richard Wilder and Edwin Applegate and interested citizens, Councilman Cook moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance for presentation at the next meeting on annexation of the Northwest area to the City, seconded by Simpson; and unanimously carried.

Ordinance No. 30, 1956, was introduced by Councilman Sikes and read by the Clerk-Treasurer, on motion by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Simpson that Ordinance No. 30, 1956 be advanced to second reading, upon a roll call vote, the motion was adopted. The ordinance was given second reading and Councilman Miller moved, seconded by Councilman Cook that Ordinance No. 30, 1956 be duly adopted. Upon roll call vote the motion was unanimously carried.

Len Bunger, Jr. presented a petition to the Council to vacate the alleys West on College, between Lots 42, and 43 and South on 4th between Lots 44 and 45 and 43 and 46, owned by Cecil E. Harlos and others. Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Miller that the City Attorney be instructed not to oppose a suit in the Monroe Circuit Court to vacate the alleys, motion unanimously carried.

The City Clerk-Treasurer read the recommendations made by the Traffic Commission as follows:

14 November 1956

From: Traffic Commission.
To: City Council.

At the November meeting of the Bloomington Traffic Commission, the following recommendations were made:

1. Allow fees paid for Private parking in 1956 to cover the cost of the spaces through 1957. It was the feeling of members that more citizens would use spaces this way.
2. Install parking meters in legal parking spaces on the west side of Indiana Avenue, from 4th to 3rd Street.
3. Remove parking from the south side of West 11th Street between Adams and Fairview Streets.
4. Allow 15 minute parking only, on the one parking space directly in front of Fowler Fuel Company, on north side of West Kirkwood.
5. Remove 1st parking space east of Madison on south side of Grimes Lane.

Hal Rayborn appeared against recommendation no. 2 by the Traffic Commission in that it would be better if it were made thirty minute parking limit only.

Councilman Cook moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson that the recommendations of the Traffic Commission as of November 14th be referred to the Traffic Committee of the Common Council; motion unanimously carried.

Councilman Sikes presented Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1956 for first reading, Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson that the Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1956 be advanced to second reading, roll call vote was taken, and motion unanimously carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1956 was given the second reading, Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson that Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1956 be adopted. Roll call vote taken, motion carried. Appropriation Ordinance No. 4, 1956 was duly adopted upon the approval of the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

The following letter was received:

November 13, 1956

Mrs. Mary Alice Dunlap
 City Clerk-Treasurer
 Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Dunlap:

On behalf of Dr. Richard E. Buckingham and Dorthea Thomas Buckingham, husband and wife, I wish to apply for permission to cut the curb in order to widen the present existing driveway between the houses located at 703 and 705 South Fess Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana, both of which houses are owned by Dr. and Mrs. Buckingham.

Please refer this matter to the proper committee for investigation and report at a later meeting.

Very truly yours,

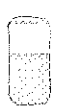
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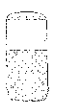
Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Engelman that the letter be given to the Street and Alley Committee.

Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Miller that O. M. Schuler, 300 S. Fairview, George McClain, 417 E. University and Richard Letsinger, 420 S. Walnut be given permission to cut the curbs as had been previously requested and that the work be done under the supervision of the City Engineer; unanimously carried.

Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Miller that the petitions for street lights at West First and the Monon Railroad and 1500 block of South Henderson be approved by the Council; motion unanimously carried.



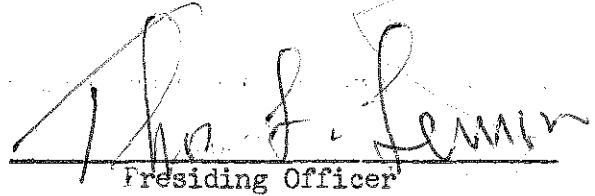
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Councilman Simpson presented a petition from Mr. E. B. Duane requesting permission to cut the curb at the Chevrolet Used Car Lot on South College Avenue. He has already obtained permission from the State Highway. Councilman Simpson moved, seconded by Councilman Cook that Mr. Duane's petition for cutting the curb be granted and done under the supervision of the State Highway Engineer and City Engineer; motion unaniously carried.

Councilman Sikes moved, seconded by Councilman Simpson that the claims presented for payment November 21, 1956, be approved as presented; motion unaniously carried.

Meeting adjourned.



Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Clerk-Treasurer