

## REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 1955

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in the City Hall on Tuesday, April 19, 1955, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock P.M. (7:30 P.M.), in regular session, with Mayor Kelly presiding.

Members Present: Carpenter, Donham, Griffith, Miller, Ramsey Porter, and Van Meter

Members Absent: None

The minutes of the last meeting were approved on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman VanMeter.

The action of the Board of Public Works and Safety in adopting a Resolution in connection with the employment of William J. Strain, as architect for the new fire station to be constructed on South Rogers Street near Fifth Street was confirmed by the Council on motion of Councilman Griffith, seconded by Councilman Miller, and passed unanimously on a roll-call vote.

Len E. Bungler, Jr., as attorney for Salmon Motors, Inc., presented to the Council a proposal regarding the closing and relocation of streets on their property in the vicinity of North Indiana and North Dunn Streets. After discussion, on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Donham, the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Works to investigate and report to the Council at the next meeting.

Otto F. Rogers, Jr. presented a petition for permission to cut curb and sidewalk to improve the exit of a parking lot at 210 North Washington Street. Councilman Donham reported that the Committee on Public Works had investigated this request and with the approval of the Committee, he moved that permission be granted to cut the curb, under the supervision of the City Engineer. Councilman Porter seconded motion; motion carried.

Wayne E. Eades petitioned the Council for permission to cut the curb so that his driveway at 1121 North Madison Street could be widened. Councilman Donham reported for the Committee on Public Works which has already investigated this petition, and moved that permission be granted with the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer. Councilman Griffith seconded motion; motion carried.

Albert C. Black, 1119 North Madison Street, asked permission to cut the curb in order to widen his driveway at this location. Councilman Donham reported the Committee on Public Works had investigated this request, and he moved that permission be granted to cut the curb on condition that Mr. Black at the same time repair the sidewalk at this location, all this work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer. Councilman Miller seconded motion; motion carried.

Councilman Porter presented recommendations adopted by The Traffic Commission for consideration by the Council, as follows:

- "1. A stop light be installed mid-way between 1st and 2nd Sts. (The type of light to be left to the engineers).
2. The possibility of installing walk lights at College Ave., and 2nd St.; also at Walnut and 2nd Sts.
3. Walk-way markers at the above locations and that they be of permanent construction.
4. For the long range program, study be given to one-way traffic North on Walnut St., and South bound on College Ave."

After discussion, on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Griffith, the Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to write the State Highway Department requesting the services of a state traffic engineer to survey the situation and make proper recommendations as soon as possible.

The Indiana University Student Committee had requested that a stop sign be placed at the intersection of Jordan Avenue, at the southeast quarter circle of the fraternity quadrangle, where a service drive intersects from the east between the Alpha Chi and Delta Chi fraternity houses. On motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman VanMeter, the Street Commissioner was directed to put up a stop sign at this location when the sign is available.

Councilman Donham, as chairman for the Committee on Public Works, referred to a request made by the Board of School Trustees concerning the alley on the east side of Hunter School. Councilman Donham, with the approval of the Committee, moved that the City Attorney be instructed to not oppose the action of the School Board in Monroe Circuit Court to close the north and south alley on the east side of Hunter School running from Second to First Street. The motion was seconded, and on a roll-call vote, passed unanimously.

Councilman Van Meter reported for the Committee on Finance, Claims, and Franchises, in connection with the proposed construction of a club house at the Cascades Park Golf Course and a shelter house at Bryan Park, as follows:

#### "Report of Finance Committee

Mr. Mayor:

Your Committee on Finance to which was referred the proposals to construct a club house at the Cascades Park golf course, to construct a shelter house in the general recreational area of Bryan Park, and to finance the said proposed construction by a general obligation bond issue, had had the same under consideration and submits the following findings, conclusions and recommendations:

#### I. FINDINGS:

1. The number of citizens who play golf regularly at Cascades Park number about 720 different individuals. However, this number could, no doubt, be considerably increased if adequate club facilities are developed.
2. The cost of building an adequate and suitable club house for the Cascades Park golf course, including a parking lot, would be about \$80,000, and this, we feel, could be self-sustaining with the increase of regular members and casual players, as well as revenue from tournaments and the leasing of club house facilities for social purposes.
3. The shelter house as proposed in the master plan of Bryan Park would cost approximately \$40,000. However, the nucleus of such a building, including its basic facilities, could be constructed at a cost of \$20,000, and the building could be added to as funds become available. This shelter house would be a means of encouragement of contributions of individuals and organizations for the purpose of developing planned recreational areas in the section of the park near the site of the proposed shelter house.
4. The bonding power of the City of Bloomington, at its present assessed valuation is approximately \$525,000, of which \$154,000 is outstanding in general obligation bonds, leaving a net bonding power of \$371,000. If a \$40,000 bond issue is floated for the purpose of construction a fire station the net bonding power would be reduced to \$331,000. If a bond issue of \$100,000 be then floated this net would be reduced to \$231,000, which would be adequate, especially in the light of the steady increase of Bloomington's taxable valuation, for any contingency that might arise.

#### II. Conclusions:

1. The number of Bloomington citizens who play golf, although the club house would no doubt increase that number to a considerable degree, is a minority group, therefore for a balancing of recreational facilities among our citizens there should be a general program of expansion of capital

construction in parks and playgrounds. Specifically, there should be a shelter house constructed at once in Bryan Park for those using the children's, adults' and older persons' recreational facilities on the Henderson street side of the park.

2. The city's net bonding power is sufficient to make available an issue of \$100,000 for recreational facilities at this time, and a bond issue for the construction of a new fire station, and still leave an adequate net bonding power for emergency purposes.
3. It is estimated that the levy required to retire the proposed bond issue would be less than 2 cents, based on the present total valuation of the City of Bloomington, and will be progressively less as the city's taxable valuation goes up. This will mean a tax burden for this purpose on Bloomington's average home, assessed at \$3,000, provided there is no mortgage exemption-- , the amount of 60 cents per annum, the price of one moving picture theatre admission.
4. The above contemplated levy would pay about 1 1/7 the average salary paid to policemen of the City of Bloomington. It is our conclusion that the expansion of the city's recreational facilities over the period of years will, in the improvement of delinquency problems, effect a saving of the services of several policemen.
5. During the next 25 years the population of Bloomington should increase to over 55,000 and the city's taxable valuation to over \$60,000,000. It is very important that steps be taken at this time to begin the expansion of the city's recreational facilities to advance in step with that expansion of Bloomington as a modern city.

### III. Recommendations:

1. This committee recommends that the construction of a club house and parking lot at the Cascades Park golf course at a maximum cost of \$80,000 and the basic section of a shelter house at Bryan Park at a cost of \$20,000 be approved by the Common Council.
2. That the above projects be financed by an issue of general obligation bonds amounting to \$100,000, to be paid off over a period of 25 years.
3. That before bids are let on either of the above projects, the plans and specifications of the same shall be placed before the Common Council for its approval.
4. That the aforesaid bond issue be paid off by an annual sinking fund levy.
5. That from the profits of the golf course there shall be set aside each year an amount equal to the annual payment on \$80,000 of the bonds, and that the above segregated funds from the profits of the golf course be placed in a separate fund for the construction of capital facilities at parks and playgrounds of the City.

Respectfully submitted:

FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:  
S/F. J. Van Meter, Chairman  
S/Herschel H. Griffith, Member  
S/George Donham, Member"

After discussion by the Council and others present, on motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Griffith, passed unanimously on a roll-call vote, action on the park construction was postponed until the second meeting in June.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1955, was presented for consideration and passed to second reading by the unanimous roll-call vote on motion of Councilman Griffith, seconded by Councilman Porter.

After second reading, Councilman Griffith moved the Ordinance be adopted; Councilman Carpenter seconded motion and on a roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously and Appropriation Ordinance No. 2, 1955, was declared duly adopted.

The meeting adjourned on motion duly made and seconded.

  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
Clerk-Treasurer