

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 3, 1955

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in City Hall, on Tuesday, May 3, 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, Porter, Ramsey, and VanMeter

Members absent: none

The minutes of the last meeting were approved on motion of Councilman Donham, seconded by Councilman Porter.

The following communication from the Bloomington Federation of Labor was referred to the Committee on Parks and Recreation, on motion of Councilman Griffith, seconded by Councilman Miller:

BLOOMINGTON FEDERATION OF LABOR

April 27, 1955

Hon. Emmett Kelly, Mayor
City of Bloomington
City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mayor:

Herein is a copy of the Resolution passed by the Bloomington Federation of Labor Wednesday, April 27, 1955.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Bloomington City Council has before it, a proposal to consider and \$80,000 bond issue to build a club house, at the Cascades golf course, and
WHEREAS, The Bloomington park situation is deplorable, so far as facilities for children recreation is concerned, especially on the west side of town, and
WHEREAS, Conditions would have been far worse if it had not been for the efforts of local civic-minded organizations who donated labor, money and equipment for the parks, and
WHEREAS, We are of the opinion that swimming pools, playground equipment and ball fields are far more important, at this time, than a club house for the golf course, and
WHEREAS, If these parks are fully equipped where children could play other than in the streets, they would be much safer, and
WHEREAS, If the park board has money or is in a position to recommend bond issues, we cannot reason that a club house for a golf course should be given priority over childrens' play equipment and swimming pools, thus depending on donations for such, from good-hearted organizations, so therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED: That, the Bloomington Federation of Labor, on this 27th day of April, 1955, go on record as opposed to the City Council approving a bond issue for \$80,000 for a club house until such time as our parks facilities are adequate for our children's recreation, which in turn would aid in curbing juvenile delinquency, and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED: That copies of this Resolution be released to the local press and also presented to Honorable Mayor Kelly and the Distinguished members of the City Council.
UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE BLOOMINGTON FEDERATION OF LABOR ON THIS 27th DAY OF APRIL, 1955.

Trusting that you will give this serious consideration, I am,

Respectfully yours,

L. DERRELL WEAVER, President

The Council received report of action by the Board of Public Works and Safety in obtaining an Easement over approximately 71 acres of land adjacent to the eastern edge of Bean Blossom Reservoir, owned by Floyd Young, et al, at a cost of \$4,000.00. After explanation by City Attorney McCrea, on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by

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confirmed and Councilman VanMeter, the Council unanimously approved on a roll call vote the action of the Board of Public Works and Safety in obtaining this Easement.

The Council accepted Departmental reports for April 1955 as presented by the following:

Horace Robertson, Chief - Fire Department
J. N. Gilmore, Street Commissioner
Roy E. Doub, Plumbing Inspector

James H. McFall, with the approval of the Committee on Public Works, was granted permission to cut the curb at 822 South Hawthorne Drive, to provide driveway to his property, the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer, on motion of Councilman Donham, seconded by Councilman Griffith.

Woodrow Covington, on motion of Councilman Donham, seconded by Councilman Porter, with the approval of the Committee on Public Works, was granted permission to cut curb on the north side of College Avenue & Morton St, between College Avenue & Morton St, to provide access for unloading, at his place of business West 8th Street, to the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer.

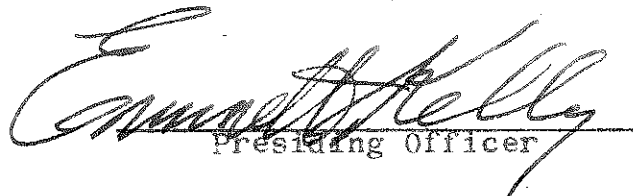
A request from Indiana Bell Telephone Company for permission to cut streets and alleys on the south side of Tenth Street, from Washington Street to Faculty Avenue, had been investigated by the Committee on Public Works. Councilman Donham reported the Committee recommended approval of the request, with the provision that the curbs be replaced by Indiana Bell Telephone Company at the time the work is done to install underground telephone cable. Since the Telephone Company does not consider the replacement of curbs entirely its responsibility, an agreement could not be reached at this time, and it was suggested the State Highway Department should be contacted in connection with this maintenance work. On motion of Councilman Donham, seconded by Councilman Griffith, the request was referred to the Board of Public Works and Safety for final approval, with power to act.

Plan Commission Resolution No. 2, 1955, was received, concerning the rezoning of property occupied by Ellis Grocery near the intersection of Second and Fess. An ordinance changing the zoning ordinance was presented to the Council, and passed to second reading by the unanimous roll call vote of the Council, on motion of Councilman Griffith, seconded by Councilman Porter. After second reading, Councilman Griffith moved the adoption of the Ordinance, Councilman Porter seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously, and Ordinance No. 6, 1955, rezoning Lot No. 20, Alledale Addition and a part of Lot No. 33, Smith Addition, from R2 Two-Family Zone to B1 Limited Business Zone, was declared duly adopted.

Councilman VanMeter reported for the Committee on Finance, Claims, and Franchises, in connection with the petition of Grace L. Guthrie for permission to operate a skating rink at 350 West 11th Street. Because of the condition and location of the building proposed to be used for the rink, the Committee recommended that license not be issued for this operation. On motion of Councilman Griffith, seconded by Councilman Miller, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted by the Council.

Mayor Kelly expressed appreciation for the attendance at the meeting of the class from Bloomington High School.

The meeting adjourned on motion of Councilman Donham, seconded by Councilman VanMeter.


Ernest Kelly
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Esther J. Lewis
Clerk-Treasurer