

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 6, 1955

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in City Hall, on Tuesday, September 6, 1955, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M.) in regular session, with Mayor Kelly presiding.

Members present: Carpenter, Donham, Miller, Porter, Ramsey, and Van Meter.

Members absent: Griffith

The minutes of the Regular Meeting August 2, the minutes of the Regular Meeting August 16, and the minutes of the Statutory Meeting, August 29, were approved as read.

The Council accepted departmental reports for the month of August, 1955, as submitted by the following:

Horace Robertson, Chief of the Fire Department
 Roy Doub, Plumbing Inspector
 Leonard Rogers, Superintendent of the Sanitation Department
 J. N. Gilmore, Street Commissioner

Cy Gyger requested permission to cut the Curb, Sidewalk and Tree Plot on the East side of Madison Street for approximately 73 Ft. south of Seventh Street. Also to rebuild the Drive-way and Sidewalks for approximately 67 Ft. in front of Garage and Bear Frame and Alignment, which are breaking through, due to heavy truck traffic. Councilman Donham reported for the Committee on Public Works and with the approval of the Committee, he moved that Mr. Gyger's request be granted providing that an extra depth of concrete be used in accordance with specifications of the City Engineer. Councilman Ramsey seconded motion; motion carried.

Lyle J. Fowler, Postmaster, requested permission to cut sidewalk on College Avenue and the curb on Seventh Street to provide better access to the Post Office parking area. Councilman Donham reported for the Committee on Public Works and with the approval of the Committee, moved that the petition of Lyle Fowler, Postmaster, be granted to cut the curb on Seventh Street and tree plot and sidewalk on College Avenue, under the supervision of the City Engineer. Councilman Miller seconded motion; motion carried.

Robert E. Burton presented a request simultaneously to the City and the State Highway Commission that the speed limit be reduced to 30 miles per hour on State Road 46, east of Bloomington (East Third Street) to the east end of the City Corporation Line on the north side of the road. On motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council approved Mr. Burton's request for a 30 mile per hour speed limit in this area and directed that notice of this approval be sent to the State Highway Department.

A petition was received from 112 persons requesting a stop sign at the intersection of Thirteenth and Oris Streets, and street lights at Blair and Twelveth, at Thirteenth and Orris, and at Twelveth and Illinois Streets. On motion of Councilman Donham, seconded by Councilman Porter, this petition was referred to the Public Safety and City Utilities Committee for investigation and report.

Albert T. Hoadley presented a petition requesting assistance to the obstruction of the alley in the rear of the northeast corner of East Fifth Street and North Grant, and requested cooperation of the City in improving area on East Fifth Street to provide angle parking. On motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Miller, this petition was referred to Committee on Public Works for investigation and report.

A petition for vacation of a strip of ground on the north side of East Sixth between Washington Street and Lincoln Street was referred to the Committee on Public Works for investigation and report at the next meeting on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Van Meter.

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The Council received voluntary petition for annexation of property belonging to the Bloomington Metropolitan Schools constituting an area of about 30.91 acres on which the Rogers School is located. An Ordinance annexing this property was presented and passed to second reading by the unanimous roll-call vote on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Donham. After second reading, Councilman Miller moved the adoption of the Ordinance No. 17, 1955, being an ordinance concerning the annexation of adjacent territory pursuant to the filing of a voluntary petition for annexation; Councilman Porter seconded motion and on a roll-call vote, the motion passed unanimously and Ordinance No. 17, 1955, was declared duly adopted.

On motion of Councilman Van Meter, seconded by Councilman Miller, passed unanimously on a roll-call vote, the following Resolution was adopted:

"RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, that Mayor Emmett Kelly and City Clerk-Treasurer Esther F. Leavitt be hereby authorized to execute an agreement dated 8/17/55, 1955, with Illinois Central Railroad Company, copy attached, for sewer pipe line crossings under Illinois Central Railroad tracks at three different locations in the vicinity of Bloomington, Indiana.

Be it further resolved a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Illinois Central Railroad Company."

Councilman Ramsey presented the following Resolution:

"Resolution to Reconsider Social Security

Whereas the recently passed Council Resolution to place elected officials of the City of Bloomington under federal social security coverage was accomplished without a detailed consideration of opposition views, and Whereas, the essential objections to social security can be numbered as follows:

1. It is un-American. It was planned and sent to this nation by European socialists in 1935.
2. Our Constitutional government was never intended to provide cradle-to-grave security for its citizens.
3. It is not retirement insurance, because its benefits (or harms) can be changed by any session of Congress. Payments cannot be guaranteed.
4. Its "reserve funds" have been expended for Keynesian gloval-oney spending, and the 19 billion of non-negotiable paper contained in that "fund" can only be replaced by additional taxes.
5. Honest security can only be achieved by individual initiative--never by paternalistic promises.
6. The true purpose of this hoax call "social security" is to make all dependent upon federal benevolence for their future sustenance, and thus to reduce a nation of once strong, free and industrious men into a nation of sniveling spineless beggars.

Whereas, a full and complete discussion of the many ramifications of these six points might disclose truths that have been heretofore overlooked, now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Council of the City of Bloomington, that our last action on Social Security coverage for elected city officials be rescinded, and a more complete study be made before we accept this federal plan."

Councilman Carpenter moved that the Council vote on whether to reconsider the Ordinance to adopt Social Security for elected officials; Councilman Ramsey seconded motion. On a roll-call vote, the response was as follows: Ayes--Ramsey; Nays--Carpenter, Donham, Miller, Porter, and Van Meter; motion lost.

An Ordinance authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer to invest accrued surplus funds in the Water Bond and Interest Fund was presented for consideration on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Miller, and passed unanimously on a roll-call vote, the Ordinance was advanced to second reading. After second reading, by title only, Councilman Carpenter moved the adoption of the Ordinance, Councilman

Carpenter moved the adoption of the Ordinance, Councilman Porter seconded motion which passed unanimously. On a roll-call vote, Ordinance No. 18, 1955, was declared duly adopted.

Communications which had been received concerning the establishing of time schedule for the City of Bloomington were read to the Council. After considerable discussion, Councilman Carpenter moved that the Council adopt a Resolution which would adopt Central Standard Time for the City of Bloomington for the period from the last Sunday in September until the last Sunday in April and Eastern Standard Time the remainder of the year. Councilman Miller seconded motion and on a roll-call vote, the response was as follows: Ayes: Carpenter, Donham, Miller, Ramsey, and Van Meter; Nays: Porter.

Councilman Donham suggested that the Traffic Commission make an investigation of the parking situation in the vicinity of the RCA Plant, and report to the Council at the next meeting.

In order to permit City Officials to attend meeting of the Municipal League in Indianapolis, September 20, Councilman Miller moved that the next regular meeting of the Council, scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th, 1955, be dispensed with; and that the Council hold its next regular meeting on Monday, September 19th, 1955, at the regular hour of 6:30 o'clock P.M. Central Standard Time, as provided by the laws of said Council; and further that notice be given to the public by one (1) publication in each of the two newspapers published in the City, of the change of time of said meeting. Councilman Van Meter seconded the motion and on a roll-call vote, the motion was passed unanimously.

On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.


Presiding Officer

Attest:


Clerk-Treasurer