

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 19, 1955

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in City Hall, on Monday, September 19, 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, Griffith, and Ramsey

Members absent: Van Meter

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

A letter was presented from Mayor Kelly concerning the time schedule for the City of Bloomington and reporting on the letters and telephone calls to his office concerning this question. Mayor Kelly asked if anyone present would like to comment and several persons stated their opinion. After considerable discussion by the Council and citizens present, on motion of Councilman Griffith, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council voted unanimously on a roll-call vote to confirm their action of the last meeting with reference to time. (Vote changed at next meeting)

On motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Donham, the Clerk Treasurer was instructed to notify the President of the Council of the City of Indianapolis, the Mayor of Martinsville, and the Mayor of Bedford of their action, and urge them to return to Central Standard Time in favor of the business between the two cities, and in favor of the state law as it now stands, pending the outcome of referendum of the 1956 election.

Cleatis Sample requested permission to cut the curb and sidewalk to provide a driveway at his property at 1030 West 6th Street. Councilman Donham reported for the Committee on Public Works that this petition had been investigated, and with the approval of the Committee, he moved that permission be granted with the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer. Councilman Carpenter, seconded motion; motion carried.

A petition was received from Donald F. Overbay requesting permission to cut curb at 404 South Fess Avenue for a driveway. Councilman Griffith pointed out this work had already been done and seemed to be in a manner which would be hazardous at a time when snow and ice were on the pavement. Councilman Ramsey asked if there is a penalty for cutting a curb without permission. City Attorney McCrea said he would check the statutes to determine this point. On motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Miller, the petition was referred to the Committee on Public Works for investigation and report at the next meeting.

A petition was received with twenty-one signatures asking for stop signs at the intersection of Park and University Streets. On motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Griffith, the petition was made a matter of record to be considered with others by The Traffic Commission at their next meeting.

Councilman Carpenter added that persons in the vicinity of Eleventh and Grant Streets requested a stop sign at Eleventh Street making Grant a preferential street.

Councilman Porter reported for The Traffic Commission advising that a Committee had been appointed to investigate the request for stop signs at Twelfth and Orris Streets and of the request for angle parking on Fifth Street from Grant to the first alley east. The Commission recommended that Mayor Kelly write a letter to Mr. Reincke requesting that an additional parking lot be established by RCA. Mr. Reincke was present and advised that an additional parking lot is under construction.

Councilman Porter further reported that the Traffic Commission recommend that Mayor Kelly sign a letter to the State Highway Department requesting stop and go sign at Eleventh and College, a

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change from 40 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour limit on East Third Street, with the farthest east sign to be placed beyond the Day Funeral Home, also that further inquiry be made as to the condition of traffic on Highway 37 near the Bloomington High School, further suggests to the State Highway Department that traffic control be installed at Fifth and Rogers near the new fire station.

The following letter from the Traffic Commission was presented to the Council:

"Bloomington City Council
City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Bloomington Traffic Commission
Bloomington, Indiana

Gentlemen: In regular meeting on September 13, 1955 the Traffic Commission heard several requests for the benefit of the City traffic problems. Action was discussed in some length and committees were appointed to make further studies on some of the problems.

Situations which we feel need immediate action of the Council are listed here, and the Traffic Commission recommends the following:

1. Make a 4-way STOP intersection at Woodlawn and First.
2. Make a 4-way STOP intersection at Henderson and First.
3. Erect STOP sign at Adams and Fifth, causing south bound traffic on Adams to stop before crossing or entering Fifth Street.
4. Erect STOP signs at Highland and Southdowns, causing traffic on Highland to stop before crossing or entering Southdowns Street
5. Erect STOP signs at Hawthorne and University, Grant and University, and at Park and University, with preference being granted by survey of these three intersections.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Respectfully,
S/Charles S. Fox, Secretary
Bloomington Traffic Commission"

On motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, Items No. 1 and No. 2 of the Commission's letter were approved, with the additional suggestion that stop signs be painted on the streets before these four-way stop intersections. On motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Miller, Items 3, 4, and 5 were approved.

Councilman Carpenter called attention to the award for pedestrian safety which has been made to the City of Bloomington and expressed appreciation for the efforts of The Traffic Commission, Police Department, and others who made this award possible.

A request for one-way traffic on East Fourteenth Street from Indiana to Walnut Grove was referred to The Traffic Commission for investigation on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Miller.

A request for investigation regarding stop signs to slow traffic on Fifth Street and Third Street in Hillsdale Addition was referred to the Traffic Commission on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Donham.

Councilman Donham reported for the Committee on Public Works regarding the action of the Allen Funeral Home and the Presbyterian Church to vacate a part of East Sixth Street. With the approval of the Committee, Councilman Donham moved that the Council instruct the City Attorney to oppose the action because Sixth Street may need to be widened at a later date. Councilman Miller seconded motion. James Kent, Attorney for the petitioners, spoke in behalf of the request.

A letter from Indiana University pointing out the importance of Sixth Street to the University Campus was read to the Council. On vote, the motion to oppose the action to vacate a part of East

Sixth Street passed unanimously.

Councilman Miller reported for the Committee on City Utilities in connection with petition for street lights and with the approval of the Committee moved that the Council approve the installation of street lights at the following intersections: Blair and Twelfth, Thirteenth and Orris and Twelfth and Illinois Streets. Councilman Ramsey seconded motion; motion carried.

Mr. Jim Nichols requested permission to move a building from Eleventh and Monroe Street to East Seventeenth Street. After discussion, on motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Griffith, permission was granted on condition that the permission from State Highway Department to cross the State Highway be obtained, and post a performance bond with the City.

Mr. Jim Nickels requested information as to drainage across his property on East Seventeenth Street. Discussion followed pointing out that East Seventeenth Street involves both City and County, and on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Porter, the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.


 Presiding Officer

Attest:


 Clerk-Treasurer

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