

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 2, 1954

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in the City Hall on Tuesday, February 2, 1954, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock P.M., in regular session, with Mayor Kelly presiding.

Members Present: Carpenter, Fowler, Griffith, McDaniel, Miller, Porter, and Ramsey

Members Absent: None

The minutes of the last meeting were approved on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

A letter was received from Earl Cohee as follows:

"Board of Public Works and Safety
Bloomington, Indiana 2 February 1954

Gentlemen: The members of the Fire Department have enjoyed the privilege of using the Elmer Young property located on the new reservoir at the entrance to the dam and spillway.

Our Club requests the Board of Public Works and Safety to confirm our right to use this property so long as we use the premises in a proper manner, and we would further like to have the privilege of accepting honorary and associate members.

Our Club will, without cost to the City, make provision for the docking of licensed boats along the shore line, which privilege will be made available to our members and our honorary and associate members.

We would like to point out that the Fire Department will see that this property is used in a proper and lawful manner and in addition to using it as a place of recreation, we will render any service to the City in assisting the Patrol Officer that it is possible for our members to render, including the use of our first aid station.

We have improved this property and would like to have these few additional privileges confirmed by the Board of Public Works and Safety, and if the Board considers it desirable, by the members of the Common Council of the City of Bloomington.

Sincerely yours,
S/Earl Cohee, President of
The Firemen's Fish and Boat Club"

Councilman Carpenter moved that the Council approve their plan and wish them success in their operation. Councilman Porter seconded the motion; and after discussion, on a roll call vote the response was: Ayes--Carpenter, McDaniel, Miller, Porter, and Ramsey; Nays--Griffith. Motion carried.

A letter was received from Lyle J. Fowler as follows:

"Hon. Emmett Kelly, Mayor, Bloomington, Indiana.
City of Bloomington, January 30, 1954.
Bloomington, Indiana.

Dear Mayor Kelly: It is with deep regret that I submit to you, my resignation from the Common Council of the City of Bloomington. The resignation is effective as of today, January 30, 1954. This action has become necessary in order that I may take a position with the Federal Government.

I am thankful for the opportunity that I have had to work with you, my fellow councilman, the department heads, and the other City employees, during the past two years. I shall always be grateful for the privilege and for the opportunities it has afforded me.

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Please accept my best wishes for a continuation of what I sincerely believe to be a successful, business-like City administration. Keep up the good work to the end that our community will be an even better place in which to live.

Respectfully submitted,
S/Lyle J. Fowler"

On motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Council accepted Mr. Fowler's resignation from the Council with commendation for his service as Councilman.

The report of J. N. Gilmore, Street Commissioner, for the month of January, 1954, was accepted on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Porter.

The report of the Board of Health for the month of January, 1954, was accepted on motion of Councilman McDaniel, seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

The report of L. M. Rogers, Superintendent of the Sanitation Department, for the month of January, 1954, was accepted on motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Porter.

The report of Horace Robertson, Fire Chief, for the month of January, 1954, was accepted on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Ramsey.

Gilbert Knight, Park Superintendent, presented the 1953 annual report from the Board of Park Trustees. Councilman Griffith moved that the report be accepted; Councilman Ramsey seconded the motion; motion carried.

Councilman Ramsey presented a Resolution asking for the adoption in the U. S. Congress of the Bricker Amendment. The Resolution was discussed, but no immediate action was decided upon.

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 13, 1934, which said Ordinance provides for the examination and registration of plumbers, the appointment of a Plumbing Inspector, and regulates connections with the Water and Sanitary System of the City of Bloomington was presented to the Council for consideration.

After discussion, Councilman Carpenter moved that the rules be suspended and that consent be given for the adoption of the Ordinance at this meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilman Ramsey, and on call of the roll the vote thereon was as follows:

Ayes: Carpenter, McDaniel, Miller, Porter,
and Ramsey

Nays: Griffith

The Mayor announced that the motion for the suspension of the rules having been carried, final action on said Ordinance would now be in order.

Councilman Carpenter moved that Ordinance No. 2, 1954, be passed and adopted as read. This motion was seconded by Councilman Ramsey, and on call of the roll was carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Carpenter, McDaniel, Miller, Porter,
and Ramsey

Nays: Griffith

The Mayor announced that said Ordinance No. 2, 1954, had been duly passed and adopted.

Richard Berry, 916 South Hawthorne Drive, asked if it would be possible, previous to the time that the Sewage Plant is expanded, to set up a reserve of funds, with which to start construction at the time it is necessary, thereby building up a cash reserve for sewage disposal.

Eugene Wheeler, 401 South Rogers Street, talked on the present Plumbing Ordinance and suggested that a Plumbing Department might relieve the situation.

Councilman Griffith stated that Councilman Carpenter is moving from the 3rd to the 4th District and recommended his appointment to fill the vacancy left by Councilman Fowler. The Council agreed to this, thus leaving the vacancy in the 3rd District, and asked for suggestions from Councilmen or interested persons present as to who might fill this vacancy.

Councilman Griffith asked for a statement from Police Chief Axsom for information and enlightenment concerning the thirty-eight break-ins, still unsolved. The Police Chief stated that all of these were not in the City and, also, that the Police Department is at the present time nine men short, according to the recommendation of the National Safety Council. The Council agreed that this situation should be considered at the time the next budget is prepared.
(Corrected at next Meeting)

Councilman Carpenter moved that a study concerning the possibility of no parking on Smith Avenue between Washington and Lincoln, and, also the placing of some fifteen-minute signs in the vicinity of Smith and Washington to eliminate a traffic hazard caused by the parking of vehicles be made by the Traffic Commission. Councilman Miller seconded the motion; motion, carried.

The meeting adjourned on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Griffith.


Presiding Officer

Attest:


Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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