

## REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 16, 1954

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in the City Hall on Tuesday, February 16, 1954, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock P.M., in regular session, with Mayor Kelly presiding. All members of the Council were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman McDaniel, after the following corrections:

"Councilman Carpenter is moving from the Third to the Fourth District" instead of from the Third to the Fifth District.

After the discussion concerning the Police Department "The Council discussed the situation with a view to considering the need for additional personnel in the Police Department at the time of preparing the 1955 budget."

A petition was received for a street light at the intersection of South Hawthorne Lane and Southdowns Drive. On motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Griffith, the petition was referred to the Committee on Sidewalks and Street Lighting for investigation and report.

A letter was presented to the Council from George I. Carpenter, Jr., as follows:

"Honorable Emmett Kelly  
Mayor of the City of Bloomington  
City Hall  
Bloomington, Indiana

500 East Eleventh Street  
Bloomington, Indiana  
February 15, 1954

Dear Mayor Kelly: Due to the fact that I have moved my residence from 500 East Eleventh Street, which is in the third councilmatic district, to 426 East Allen Street, which is in the fourth councilmatic district, it is necessary that I resign as Councilman from the Third District.

Very truly yours,  
S/George I. Carpenter, Jr."

On motion of Councilman Griffith, seconded by Councilman Porter, Mr. Carpenter's resignation as a member of the Council was accepted.

Councilman Griffith, noting a vacancy in the Fourth District and that Mr. Carpenter now resides in that District, nominated George I. Carpenter, Jr., to fill the vacancy in the Fourth District created by the resignation of Mr. Fowler. Councilman Porter seconded the nomination.

On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman McDaniel, nominations for Councilman for the Fourth District were closed. On a roll-call vote, Mr. Carpenter was chosen unanimously as City Councilman from the Fourth District.

Councilman Carpenter, noting a vacancy in the Third District presented to the Council nomination of George Donham, residing in that District to fill the vacancy. Councilman Porter seconded the nomination. On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, the nominations were closed, and on a roll-call vote, Mr. George Donham was chosen unanimously as City Councilman from the Third District.

The Council received a Resolution of The Plan Commission and a proposed Ordinance rezoning "Lots numbered 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, in Duncan Sub-Division, and a part of Seminary Lot number 54, all in the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana from M2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ZONE to B1 LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE." After explanation by Mr. Clark, secretary of The Plan Commission as to the location of the property and reason for the rezoning requests, and further discussion concerning rules of order on the passage of

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Ordinances, Councilman Miller moved and Councilman McDaniel seconded the motion that the Ordinances be passed to the second reading; motion carried. Whereupon Ordinance No. 3, 1954, was on second reading duly passed and adopted unanimously on a roll-call vote.

The Council received a Resolution of The Plan Commission and a proposed Ordinance rezoning "Inlots numbered 13 and 14 in the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, from B2 DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ZONE to R3 MULTIPLE DWELLING ZONE." After explanation of Mr. Clark, Secretary of The Plan Commission, as to the location and reason for the rezoning requests. On motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Council Griffith, the Ordinance was passed to the second reading. Whereupon Ordinance No. 4, 1954, was on second reading duly passed and adopted unanimously on a roll-call vote.

"An Ordinance Authorizing the City Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, to Invest and Re-Invest Accumulated Money Now In the Sanitation Sinking Fund" was presented for the Council's consideration. On motion of Councilman Griffith, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Ordinance was passed to the second reading. Whereupon Ordinance No. 5, 1954, on second reading was duly passed and adopted unanimously on a roll-call vote. Councilman Porter reported that the Traffic Commission found on investigation that parking is prohibited on Smith Avenue between Washington and Lincoln, because of the width of this street, and that signs will be placed and curb painting checked. Councilman Carpenter suggested that for a couple of parking spaces on Washington Street there should be "limited time" parking instead of "no parking", to provide limited time parking for customers of business firms on Washington Street. Councilman Porter advised the Traffic Commission is studying this problem. That Mayor Kelly asked if limited time parking signs are still needed on First Street, since the Tarzian Plant has now been moved from this area. He suggested that if the signs are not needed here, they could be used elsewhere, and asked for a report at the next meeting.

Councilman Griffith called attention to the rules of the Council which are about fifteen (15) years old and suggested that the Rules Committee of the Council prepare an up-to-date set of rules for the Council. Councilman Griffith moved that the Rules Committee be directed to prepare a set of rules for the government of the Council and present them as soon as possible; Councilman Carpenter seconded the motion; motion carried. Councilman Griffith stated that at the last meeting his questions to the Chief of Police were an attempt to give the Police Chief a chance to say something in defense of the Police Department and pointed out that his remarks at that time were not designed to criticize the Police Department but to see if there was some way in which the Council could be of assistance. He further stated that the Metropolitan Police Bond under the State Law is chiefly responsible for the operation of the Police Department, and he believed the Department is solving its problems as quickly as possible. Mayor Kelly affirmed this statement and further advised that the opinion that the City has a \$6.13 tax rate this year is incorrect as the City tax rate this year is \$2.00, from which all services of the City are paid including Police and Fire Departments, garbage collection and all other City functions.

An interested citizen present ask for relief from the one-way traffic on South Washington Street to Hillside Drive as it is causing a hardship on his grocery business. He was advised to attend at next meeting of the Traffic Commission which will be the second Tuesday of March.

A Resolution prepared by the Exchange Club for the Council was presented for consideration, this Resolution providing for the Explorer Sea Scout Unit of the White River Council of the Boy Scouts of America to use the facilities of the Riddle farm. After discussion, Councilman Griffith moved the Resolution be referred to the Council Committee on Education and Recreation for investigation; Councilman McDaniel seconded the motion, motion carried.

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Interested residents present inquired as to the possible opening of Dunn or Palmer Streets South of First Street and Washington that Palmer would be the best in their opinion to facilitate

the flow of traffic. City Engineer Cason advised this area was under consideration and recommended that the Traffic Commission make a study of the situation. Councilman Carpenter moved that the Traffic Commission make a study of the area and report their recommendations to the Board of Works as to their decision on which streets, if any, should be opened; Councilman McDaniel seconded the motion; motion carried. Councilman Miller inquired as to a change in the membership of the Council Committee in connection with the two new appointments of Council members. Councilman Griffith moved that temporarily, pending report from the Rules Committee, that Mr. Donham assume Mr. Fowler's Committee responsibilities; Councilman Miller seconded the motion; motion carried. The meeting adjourned on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

  
 Presiding Officer

Attest:

  
 Clerk-Treasurer