

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 2, 1954

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

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

Members Absent: None

The minutes of the last meeting were approved on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Porter, after correction in the name of the Committee to which the request for permission to the Sea Scouts to use the Riddle Farm facilities was referred. This Committee is the Water Works and Reservoir Committee instead of Education and Recreation.

A letter was received from the Kiwanis Club, as follows:

"Honorable Common Council
City of Bloomington, Indiana

March 2, 1954

Gentlemen: As a result of extensive investigation by The Boys and Girls Work Committee, the Agriculture and Conservation Committee and the Business and Public Affairs Committee and action of the directors of the Kiwanis Club of Bloomington, I have been instructed to direct this letter to your body.

Our organization composed, as you know, of local business and professional men using moneys raised solely from club projects completed through the efforts of its members with the support of outstanding citizens and businessmen of the community annually sponsors and co-sponsors several youth activities. Some of these activities include a kids camp for boys, co-sponsored with the local Y.M.C.A.; a Little League baseball team; Christian Center Boy Scout troop; financing delegates to boys state and to girls state and to 4-H conferences; kite contest and hobby show, co-sponsored with the Recreation Department, etc.

In evaluating our overall program with the view of extending and strengthening it, we have determined that additional efforts and emphasis could be profitably placed in the development of recreational facilities for use by the youth of our community. For example, after consultation with the local leaders of the Girl Scouts of America, an agency presently assisting the group we desire to serve, it was determined that the development of a camping area for organized groups of girls in the age group served by the Girl Scouts would be appropriate.

We are further advised you have previously determined that the "Leonard Springs" land now owned by the city has been designated surplus property and that you have a committee charged with disposal of such property. It is the belief of our club that this area over a period of time could be developed as an ideal camping area for the group we are desirous of assisting.

We respectfully request that you approve in general the development of the Leonard Springs as a camping site for use of the youth of our community and refer this matter to your committee on disposal of surplus property with instructions that they with the Board of Public Works and Safety and representatives of our club arrange an agreement mutually satisfactory to all parties whereby we may take possession of this land and proceed with its development as above outlined.

Respectfully submitted,
THE KIWANIS CLUB OF BLOOMINGTON
S/BY Newell H. Long, President"

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After considerable discussion by the Council and by representatives of the Kiwanis Club and of the Girl Scouts, Councilman Carpenter moved the request be referred to the Water Works Committee for study, action to be taken at a later date. Councilman Ramsey seconded the motion; motion carried.

A request was received from the Indiana Bell Telephone Company as follows:

"Bloomington City Council
City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

Bloomington, Indiana
February 26, 1954

Gentlemen: We would like to propose the placing of another outdoor telephone booth to be located at the south east corner of Kirkwood and College Avenue. (see attached) We have had many favorable comments from the general public on the booth now in service on East Kirkwood. The service rendered to the public may be determined by collections at the booth. The commission paid to the city has been averaging between 35 and 40 dollars per month. We are now able to obtain additional booths which we were not able to do in the past. This being the case we have installed additional booths in many of our city's downtown areas.

An additional booth can be installed at the location mentioned above in the near future with the Council's approval.

Yours truly,
S/Harold Curtis
Service Engineer"

HC/mg

On motion of Councilman Porter, Seconded by Councilman McDaniel, the request was referred to the Committee on Sidewalks and Street Lighting for investigation.

Weddle Brothers Construction Company, Inc. requested permission to cut curb and sidewalk on College Avenue and on Tenth Streets to improve access to Pure Oil Filling Station located at the corner of Tenth and College. The request was referred to the Committee on Streets, Alleys, Bridges, and Traffic on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Porter.

The University Underwriting Company, Inc. requested permission to widen the existing driveway at 528 North Walnut Street. This request was referred to the Committee on Streets, Alleys, Bridges, and Traffic on motion of Councilman McDaniel, seconded by Councilman Porter.

Councilman Donham, chairman of the Committee on Streets, Alleys, Bridges, and Traffic, reported that the Committee and the City Engineer had already investigated the request of the Weddle Brothers to cut curb and sidewalk at the Pure Oil Station located at Tenth and College Streets, and found the request in order. On motion of Councilman Donham, seconded by Councilman Miller, permission was granted with the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer.

The report of Board of Health, for the month of February, 1954, was accepted as read on motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Ramsey. Councilman Ramsey suggested that the newspapers give publicity to the increase in rabies and to urge citizens to take preventive measures.

The report of Horace Robinson, chief of the Fire Department, for the month of February, 1954, was accepted on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

The report of L. M. Rogers, superintendent of the Sanitation Department, for the month of February, 1954, was presented. Mr. Rogers further reported in response to questions from the Council that lime is now being added to the digester and the unsatisfactory condition is improving, and he hopes the trouble will be cleared up shortly. Also, there are now no additional acids going into the system. On motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Porter, the report was accepted as read.

The report of J. E. Gilmore, Street Commissioner, for the month of February, 1954, was accepted on motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

Mr. Howard King, who built a Mausoleum in Rosehill Cemetery with permission of the Council, submitted a form of contract providing that the City would assume maintenance of the Mausoleum and receive the funds established for perpetual maintenance under certain conditions. City Attorney McCrea suggested if the Council approve the contract, the Board of Works could be authorized to accept the agreement for the City. Councilman Miller moved the Council authorize the Board of Public Works and Safety to act upon the contract subject to the approval of the City Engineer; Councilman McDaniel seconded the motion; motion carried.

Councilman McDaniel reported on the investigation of the request of the Exchange Club for permission to use the Riddle Farm for the Sea Scouts. After discussion between Council and interested citizens present, Councilman Carpenter moved the Sea Scouts be given access to the barn located on the Riddle Farm and the right to use the barn, and access to the Bean Blossom Reservoir, with the understanding that they would relinquish those rights upon receiving reasonable notice from the City of Bloomington. Councilman McDaniel seconded the motion; motion carried.

Councilman Miller reported for the Committee on Sidewalk and Street Lighting in favor of the request for a street light at the corner of Hawthorne and Southdowns Drive. On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman McDaniel, the Council authorized installation of a street light at this intersection.

Councilman Griffith welcomed Councilman Donham to his first meeting, and Councilman Donham expressed his pleasure in being a member of the Council.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1954, specially appropriated funds not otherwise appropriated to meet emergencies found to exist in various departments not anticipated at the time of preparing the 1954 Budget, was presented to the Council. On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Griffith, the Ordinance was passed to second reading. On second reading Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, 1954, on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Porter, was passed and adopted unanimously on a roll-call vote.

Councilman McDaniel moved that the Fire Department Committee be authorized to formulate all pertinent data relative to establishment of substations on the East Side and West Side of the City; Councilman Griffith seconded the motion; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.


Presiding Officer

Attest:


Clerk-Treasurer