

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 6, 1954

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in the City Hall on Tuesday, April 6, 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 Porter, seconded by Councilman Ramsey.

A petition of the Elm Heights Parent Teachers Association was presented requesting consideration by the Council of the need for a traffic control at First and Woodlawn. After considerable discussion Councilman Miller moved that the Clerk-Treasurer be instructed to obtain a stop and go sign for the First and Woodlawn intersection when funds are available. Councilman Porter seconded the motion and on a rollcall vote the response as follows: Ayes--Councilmen Griffith, McDaniel, Miller, and Porter; Nays--Councilmen Carpenter, Donham and Ramsey. Motion carried four to three.

Councilman McDaniel moved that the Clerk-Treasurer be asked to write a letter to the State Highway Department inquiring about a blinker light to slow traffic on West Second Street which has previously been authorized, but not installed. Councilman Miller seconded motion; motion carried.

Councilman Carpenter moved the matter of school traffic be referred to the Traffic Commission for study and report at the next Council meeting. Councilman Donham seconded the motion; motion carried.

On motion of Councilman McDaniel, seconded by Councilman Donham, a petition from Mary Horner for extension of limited time parking on South Woodlawn was referred to the Traffic Commission for recommendation.

A petition was received from Beck Construction Company for permission to widen a drive way between 1022 and 1026 East First Street. Councilman Donham reported this request has been investigated by the Committee on Streets, Alleys, Bridges and Traffic and found to be in order.

On motion of Councilman Donham, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, permission was granted to cut the curb on the east side of the drive an additional four feet to provide a twelve foot opening providing the work is done under the supervision of the City Engineer.

A petition was received for a twenty miles per hour speed limit on Rogers Street between Seventh and Monon Railroad. On motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Donham, the intersection of Eighth Street and Rogers Street was designated to be a four-way stop.

An agreement between the State Highway Department and the City concerning the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Washington Street and Third Street was presented to the Council. On motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman McDaniel, the agreement was approved. The report of Horace Robertson, Fire Chief, for the month of March, 1954, was accepted upon motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Miller. The report of the Board of Health for March, 1954, was accepted on motion of Councilman McDaniel, seconded by Councilman Porter. The report of L. M. Rogers, superintendent of the Sanitation Department for the month of March, 1954, was approved upon motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Donham. The report of J. N. Gilmore, Street Commissioner, for the month of March, 1954, was accepted on motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Miller.

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An Ordinance concerning the investment of funds now under the control of the City Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Bloomington raised pursuant to the sale of Waterworks Refunding and Improvement Bonds of 1954 was presented. On motion of Councilman Griffith, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the Ordinance was passed to second reading. On second reading, Councilman Griffith moved the adoption of the Ordinance; Councilman Carpenter seconded motion, and on a rollcall vote Ordinance No. 5, 1954 was duly unanimously passed and adopted.

Councilman Griffith presented for first reading and Ordinance establishing rules to govern the proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana; and repealing Ordinance or rules heretofore adopted which may be in conflict therewith. On motion of Councilman Griffith, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the Ordinance was referred back to the Committee on Rules, Ordinances, and Printing for further study and report at the next meeting.

Nat U. Hill presented the petition of 250 residents for adequate street lighting on West Fourth, West Fifth, West Sixth, and West Seventh Streets. On motion of Councilman McDaniel, seconded by Councilman Griffith, the petition was referred to the seven Council members as a Committee to study the lighting proposed.

Various citizens present questioned the Council as to the possibility of extension of sewer mains on the west side of the City. On motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, the City Attorney was instructed to look into the legal aspect of sewer expense on the west side of town for report as soon as he has information.

On motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, the City Engineer was instructed to make a study of the present sewer system with reference to expansion of the sewage system and expansion of the Sanitation Plant.

Representatives of the Women's Civic League pointed out to the Council the need for additional recreational facilities in the City and asked for assistance in the purchase of the Armory which is being offered for sale.

Councilman Griffith expressed the Council's appreciation for the interest of the Women's Civic League and advised that he had examined this property and it is his opinion that it would not be worth what it would cost and would not provide what is needed for a suitable Community Center Building. He expressed the hope that some day the City would have an adequate Community Center.

Len E. Bunker, Jr., as attorney for Trustees of Indiana University informed the Council of a petition to vacate certain land within the boundaries of Indiana University campus as follows:

"(a) All land lying East of the west line of Wylie Heights Addition and north of the north line of Lots 8 and 49 in said addition, as extended to the west line of Union Street.

(b) All lots in the Nancy M. Fielder and William T. Fielder sub-division of a part of the Southwest quarter of Section 34, Township 9 North, Range 1 West.

(c) All lots abutting Bryan Avenue and alleys running north and south between 8th and 9th and Union Street and Bryan Avenue as the same are platted in Highland Homes Addition, a sub-division to the city of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana.

(d) All lots in Forest Place Addition to the city of Bloomington, Indiana."

And requested that the City not oppose the petition of this land. On motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman McDaniel, the City Attorney was instructed to not oppose the closing of alleys and streets as petitioned by the trustees of Indiana University in Cause No. 1071.

K. Edwin Applegate informed the Council of a petition to be filed in Monroe Circuit Court for the vacation of alley in Campus Place Addition

between lots 61 and 62 and 60 which dead ends on the East side of said lots with no provision for a continuation and which is not being used for utilities or any other public purpose at this time and asked that the City not oppose this petition. On motion of Councilman Griffith, seconded by Councilman Porter, the City Attorney was directed to not oppose this petition.

Councilman Donham reported that the Committee on Streets, Alleys, Bridges, and Traffic, had investigated the petition of Mark D. and Bessie Moore to cut sidewalk and curb to provide access to their property at 601 East Tenth Street. Councilman Donham with the approval of the Committee moved that permission be granted with the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer; Councilman Miller seconded the motion; motion carried.

On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the meeting adjourned.


 Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


 Clerk-Treasurer