

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 9, 1954

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in the City Hall on Tuesday, November 9, 1954, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock in Special Session pursuant to notice duly served on each member of the Council with Mayor Kelly presiding.

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

Members Absent: Donham

The notice for this Special Meeting together with Proof of Service thereof are hereby incorporated in these minutes as follows:

"To the Members of the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Indiana November 5, 1954

There will be a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Bloomington in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on the 9th day of November, 1954, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock P.M.

The meeting is called to consider the Report on Sewers and Sewage Treatment.

Your attendance is requested.

Very truly yours,
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
S/ Emmett Kelly, Mayor"

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"PROOF OF SERVICE

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF MONROE)SS:

George E. Huntington, Jr., being first duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says:

That he is a duly appointed, qualified and acting police officer of the City of Bloomington.

Affiant further says that on the 5th day of November, 1954, he served on each member of the Common Council of the City of Bloomington a notice of the special meeting of said Council to be held at the hour of 7:30 o'clock P.M., on the 5th day of November, 1954; that said notice was served by reading said notice to and leaving a copy thereof with each member of said Council or by leaving a copy of said notice at the last and usual place of residence of such members as he was unable to serve personally; that the notice so served was in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof.

S/George E. Huntington, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of November, 1954.

S/Mary Holland, Notary Public"

Mayor Kelly explained the reason for the Special Meeting which was to consider the report of Consoer, Townsend, and Associates, Consulting Engineers, concerning the possible expansion of Sewage Disposal Plant and sewers in the City.

At the Mayor's invitation, Mr. Paul Johnson, representing C.T.A., reviewed the report as submitted, stating that the survey was approached with the idea of making sanitary facilities available for every section of the City, and planning not only for the immediate two or three-year period, but looking forward to expansion and growth of the City in the future.

A question and answer period followed with the Council, City Engineer, Mr. Johnson, and interested citizens present taking part. After considerable discussion, Councilman Griffith moved that the Engineer's report be referred to a Special Committee consisting of the members

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of the Common Council, with the Committee's report to be made at the next meeting of the Council its recommendation to the Council in the form of a Resolution instructing the Board of Public Works and Safety to proceed with the Sewage Facilities Construction Program. Councilman Carpenter seconded the motion and on a roll-call vote, this motion was passed and adopted unanimously. A letter from Councilman Donham was presented to the Council as follows:

"To the City Council
of Bloomington, Indiana
Bloomington, Indiana

November 8th, 1954

Gentlemen:

It is unfortunate that I cannot be in Bloomington on November 9th. If it is at all possible to finish my work at Valparaiso and return by 7:30 P.M., I will do so. I have been committed to a meeting in Valparaiso for over a month and it is impossible for me to postpone it.

I would like to commend the Engineering firm of Consoer, Townsend and Associates for compiling this complete and understandable report of our sewer system. I believe some of their population increases are a little on the conservative side; but our expansion projects within and on the outskirts of Bloomington proper are definitely tied up with this Sewer problem.

Many Bloomington Citizens now without sewer service should by all means have the privilege of having that service. I can't conceive of any Citizen who would not pay \$5.00 per year towards a modern up-to-date Sewer System and Sewage Treatment Plant.

At the present time I am using about two to three thousand gallons of water per month. For this, on the present set up I am charged at the rate of .20 per thousand, total cost fifty to sixty cents per month. Under the proposed increase, (necessary to finance this project) I would only be charged .70 to \$1.03 for much better service. At the most it would amount to a few cents over \$5.00 per year. Since I am an average consumer, I figure at least seventy five percent of the citizens of Bloomington, would not pay over \$7.50 per year for the added facilities.

It is claimed that each generation is a little smarter than the previous ones. I claim that our generation should plan ahead for the one to follow. Too many of our cities, states and other governmental bodies have been handicapped by the penny pinching tactics of former governing bodies.

I think our Mayor Kelly and the Board of Public Works should be commended for their foresightness in starting this study of our sewer system. I believe their judgment has been good in their choice of Consulting Engineers.

After many hours of study of the charts and plates of October Report of Sewers and Sewage Treatment; I would like to go on record of adopting their suggestions and proceed with the complete sewer projects.

Should this matter come to a vote before the Council, I would like to vote aye on the following:

- (1) To accept with thanks the report by Consoer, Townsend and Associates.
- (2) To authorize the Board of Works to proceed with the Sewer project in its entirety, that is the spending of approximately one and half million dollars.
- (3) To proceed at once, so that our good neighbors to the South, Clear Creek, will again think kindly of us.

Yours very truly,
S/George L. Donham, City Councilman"

On motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Ester J. Lewis
Clerk-treasurer

Samuel A. Kelly
Presiding Officer