

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 7, 1953

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in the City Hall on Tuesday, July 7, 1953, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock P.M. (7:30 P.M.), in regular session. Since Mayor Kelly was absent, Councilman Boyd Porter was elected to preside at the meeting, on motion of Councilman Griffith, seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

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

Members Absent: Ramsey

on motion of Councilman McDaniel, seconded by Councilman Fowler, The minutes of the last meeting were approved/after the following correction: in connection with proposal for developing recreation at the Bean Blossom Reservoir, in the sentence "Councilman Griffith advised he expected to have a proposal for consideration by the Council at the next meeting.", the word "expected" is changed to "hoped".

Weddle Brothers Construction Co., Inc., requested permission to cut the east and west alley between Fourth and Fifth Streets just east of College Avenue, to provide access for installation of heating plant in the First National Bank Building. Councilman Carpenter moved that permission be granted, providing the work be done under the supervision of the City Engineer, and adequate bond in the opinion of the City Engineer be posted for the maintenance and repair, before the work is started. Councilman Griffith seconded the motion; motion carried.

F. B. Stimson, Manager of Public Service Company, Inc., presented to the Council plans and cost figures on proposed street lighting for Fourth Street between the Monon Railroad and Walnut Street. Councilman Miller moved that decision be postponed until the next meeting for study; Councilman Fowler seconded the motion; motion carried.

The Traffic Commission presented recommendations concerning parking of heavy trucks, busses, etc., on streets during night. After discussion, including suggestions that the restriction against parking of heavy vehicles be extended to 24 hours, and that service vehicles be excluded, on motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Miller, the City Attorney was directed to draft a proposed ordinance which would handle the situation in accordance with the ideas of the Council by the next meeting.

The report of Horace Robertson, Chief of the Fire Department, for the month of June 1953, was accepted by the Council on motion of Councilman Fowler seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

On motion of Councilman McDaniel, seconded by Councilman Miller, the report of Leonard Rogers, Superintendent of the Sanitation Department, for the month of June 1953, was accepted by the Council.

The report of J. N. Gilmore, Street Commissioner, for the month of June 1953, was accepted by the Council with special commendation to Mr. Gilmore for the amount of work accomplished, on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

A contract between the Board of Public Works and Safety and the Dual Parking Meter Company for furnishing one hundred meters more or less at a price of \$38.50 each installed in the South College Avenue parking lot, was presented to the Council for approval, and explained by City Attorney McCrea. On motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Fowler, the Council approved, confirmed, and ratified the action of the Board of Public Works and Safety on the contract to purchase meters for the parking lot.

A contract between the Board of Public Works and Safety and Ralph Rogers and Company, Inc., for grading, clearing, draining, entrance drives, sidewalk, curb and gutter, and chain link fence in place, for the parking lot on South College Avenue, all in accordance with City Engineer's plans and specifications, for a total amount of \$26,884.80, was presented to the Council for approval. Councilman Carpenter moved the Council approve, confirm, and ratify the action of the Board of Public Works and Safety on the contract for resurfacing the parking lot; Councilman Fowler seconded the motion; on a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

An ordinance authorizing the development of an area of land known and designated as the "Central School" area, for purposes of off-street parking and authorizing the Board of Public Works and Safety to borrow money for the development, was presented to the Council. On motion of Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Griffith, rules which prevent the consideration of the Ordinance at this meeting were suspended. A motion by Councilman Carpenter, seconded by Councilman Griffith, to adopt the Ordinance authorizing borrowing of funds to develop the parking lot, passed unanimously on a roll call vote, and Ordinance No. 15, 1953, was declared duly adopted.

Councilman Griffith reminded the Council that the terms of two members of the School Board would expire August 1, 1953, and replacement appointments should be made by the Council. Councilman Fowler moved that the Committee on Education, Recreation and Public Health be instructed to present at the next meeting a report as to proper procedure and membership of the School Board in view of the change to Metropolitan system effective this fall. Councilman Carpenter seconded the motion; motion carried.

designated as "Green Acres Addition" and  
 A petition for annexation of a tract of land/containing about forty acres, contiguous to the City Corporation line on the west and south sides, and bounded by the Illinois Central Railroad on the north, was presented by the owners of the real estate, namely, Harry Stephens, Jr., Virginia Stephens, Herman Deckard, Dorothy Deckard, Robert Kinser, and Eva Kinser. An Ordinance of Annexation prepared in accordance with the petition was presented for the consideration of the Council. On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, rules which prevent the consideration of the Ordinance at this meeting were suspended. Councilman Carpenter moved the adoption of the Ordinance annexing Green Acres Addition to the City of Bloomington; Councilman Miller seconded the motion; on a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously, and Ordinance No. 16, 1953, was declared duly adopted. Councilman Carpenter moved and Councilman Miller seconded that the Ordinance be published twice in each of the two local newspapers; motion carried.

Councilman Miller reported for the Cemetery Committee in connection with the request of Howard King for permission to purchase five or six lots in Rosehill Cemetery for the purpose of building a mausoleum. Mr. King wishes a ninety day option on the lots, and Councilman Miller moved that Mr. King be granted a ninety day option at \$1.00 per lot, to terminate ninety days from the date of acceptance by the Board of Public Works and Safety of the plat of the lots, and providing that the State Board of Health has approved the proposed construction. Councilman McDaniel seconded the motion; motion carried.

Councilman McDaniel moved that the Traffic Commission be requested to investigate the area at Third and Union Streets concerning the better control of traffic and report to the Council so that proper steps may be taken. Councilman Miller seconded the motion; motion carried.

Councilman Carpenter moved that the City Council of Bloomington notify and petition the State Highway Department of Indiana to at their earliest convenience survey and improve all the State Highway streets in the City of Bloomington; Councilman McDaniel seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Charles L. Sharp expressed his interest in the development of recreation at Bean Blossom Reservoir by private enterprise, and requested an opportunity to discuss the matter further with a committee designated by the Council. Councilman Griffith stated that study of the State Laws indicated the City might not be able to develop the area since it is more than five miles from the City limits, and that further study and investigation would be necessary. Councilman Miller moved the matter be referred to the Board of Public Works and Safety for conferring with interested persons in connection with recreation development at the lake, and to make any recommendation they see fit; Councilman McDaniel seconded the motion; on a roll call vote the motion carried with a vote of five ayes to one nay.

Councilman Griffith inquired as to conditions in the RCA area, about which complaints were received at the last meeting. Police Chief Axsom reported that RCA officials had cooperated by asking their employees to not throw refuse out of their cars on to the sidewalks and streets, and the condition has improved considerably.

Councilman Carpenter asked if it would be possible to have the RCA parking lot which closes Madison Street left open to provide a 'fire lane'. Chief Axsom said he and Fire Chief Robertson would check with RCA in this connection.

Mr. Roland W. Wampler inquired as to when the revision of the Zoning Ordinance would be considered, as he has work in prospect which

cannot be done under the present ordinance. Councilman Miller advised him to appeal to the Plan Commission for assistance. Councilman Griffith suggested any public hearing be postponed until September, due to press of business on the 1954 budget during July and August.

City Engineer J. M. Cason advised he had been requested to approve the use of 24,000 gallons petroleum storage at the Spur Station at 14th and Walnut Streets. Four 6,000 gallon tanks were built with the approval of the Plan Commission providing two of the tanks were filled with water and locked as they now are. The Spur Company now wishes permission to use all four tanks for petroleum storage. Councilman Miller has moved that if the installation is in accordance with the State Code and the approval of the Fire Chief, that permission be granted the Spur Company to store 24,000 gallons petroleum at this location. Councilman Griffith seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

Boyd C. Porter  
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Edna F. Leavitt  
Clerk-Treasurer

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