

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 15, 1953

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in the City Hall on Tuesday, September 15, 1953, at the hour of seven-thirty o'clock P.M., in regular session, with Mayor Kelly presiding.

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

Members Absent: None

The minutes of the Adjourned Meeting, September 8, 1953, were approved as read, on motion of Councilman Griffith, seconded by Councilman Miller.

The minutes of the Special Meeting, September 8, 1953, were approved on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Fowler.

The Traffic Commission reported to the Council regarding proposed Ordinance regulating the parking of trucks upon the city streets, as follows:

"Bloomington City Council
Bloomington, Indiana

September 15, 1953

Ref: Letter of 7 August 1953

Gentlemen: The Bloomington Traffic Commission, having studied the proposed Ordinance regulating the parking of trucks and other vehicles upon the City streets, voted the following changes.

1. The regulations should be the same 24 hours daily.
2. The capacity limit should be one ton.
3. The regulations re: service trucks should be (Section 3)
It is provided that the Police Department shall have authority to issue permits to persons who can show a reasonable necessity of using the public streets and highways temporarily while engaged in construction. Service trucks may be parked on the streets, if needed, while operators are engaged in the repair or service of utilities in places of residence or business, if no suitable off-street space is available adjacent to the property.
4. The length should not exceed 19', the height should not exceed 6½', (this to prevent obscuring regulatory signs) and the width should not exceed 7'.

It was the opinion of the members of the Commission that the Section 2 of the proposed Ordinance should remain as written.

We also felt that buses, house-trailers, and semi-trailers should be included by name in the regulation.

Yours truly,

S/Chas. S. Fox, Sec'y
Bloomington Traffic Commission"

Councilman Carpenter moved the Traffic Commission Report be referred to the City Attorney for preparation of an Ordinance incorporating the recommendations. Councilman Miller seconded the motion; motion carried.

Councilman Fowler reported that the Committee on Streets, Alleys, and Bridges had investigated the petitions of James G. Goble, 1229 North Walnut Grove, and Joseph D. Curry, 1207 North Walnut Grove, for permission to cut curb and sidewalk, and found the request to be in order. Councilman Fowler moved that permission be granted James G. Goble and Joseph D. Curry to cut curb for a driveway, the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer. Councilman Porter seconded the motion; motion carried.

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Fortunately, your Administration has done a better job by generally cleaning, trimming and properly policing the property. We recognize that there is yet much to be desired by way of beautification, etc., but recognize you are showing a good faith effort, having regard to the funds available.

The purpose of making the original gift of this now valuable land was to secure its preservation to posterity as an open space unspoiled by buildings or business as a part of the fine Park system of Bloomington. During the more than eighty years of its existence as a "citizen" and taxpayer of Bloomington, Showers Brothers Company has considered itself neighbor and silent partner of the municipality.

It was only after deliberate consideration and with the best interests of Bloomington in mind that our Board of Directors reluctantly authorized the filing of the action. It is now indeed with deep satisfaction that I am authorized to advise you that our Board has asked our counsel to dismiss the suit and pay the court costs. It is our hope that the city management now - and in the future - will continue to care for and improve this park property for the benefit of our citizens in such a satisfactory way that there will never again be the necessity for a repetition of the above action.

We are advised that the owners of a tax sale certificate, including Judge G. Austin East have graciously been ready for some time to deliver their quit claim deed for any interest they may have.

With best personal wishes to each of you, I am
Very cordially yours,

Showers Brothers Company
Robert K. Dillon, President"

City Attorney McCrea advised the Council that the deed had been delivered to the City and recorded with the Recorder of Monroe County, Record Book No. 114, Page 257. Councilman Fowler proposed that the Council, in appreciation of the action of Showers Brothers Company and their interests, as expressed in their letter, adopt the following Resolution:

"WHEREAS, Showers Brothers Manufacturing Company in the year 1929 conveyed valuable real estate located north of the City of Bloomington for the specific purpose of providing a public park and attractive entrance-way for persons approaching Bloomington from the direction of Indianapolis, and

WHEREAS, an unfortunate misunderstanding arose regarding the use of the property, wherein it appeared that the City was failing to maintain the area given for park purposes, and

WHEREAS, the donors filed a complaint alleging said failure and seeking to recover the property by reason thereof, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington is now maintaining this area in accordance with its original agreement and in a way satisfactory to the donors,

WHEREAS, Showers Brothers Manufacturing Company, one of the oldest corporate tax-payers of the City of Bloomington, by action of its Board of Directors, has forwarded to the City of Bloomington a letter stating that Showers has instructed its counsel to dismiss these allegations in order that title to said real estate may be fully and finally vested in the City of Bloomington,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, That the Showers Brothers Manufacturing Company, in re-dedicating this land to public use and enjoyment, have again demonstrated their generous interest in the community as a whole, thereby earning the gratitude of the citizens of Bloomington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Park Board of the City of Bloomington be instructed and directed to erect on this area, in some appropriate place, a suitable plaque commemorating the gift of the land to the citizens of Bloomington from the Showers Brothers Company."

Councilman Carpenter seconded the motion; motion carried.

A letter was received from Mrs. Charles W. Hagen, Jr., President of the Elm Heights Parent Teachers Association, requesting a uniformed patrolman at the corner of First and Woodlawn between 3:00 and 3:45 on each school day. Captain Charles Fox reported to the Council the results of a traffic check at this location and stated that according to these findings, this location, in his estimation, did not require a uniformed patrolman. Mrs. Hagen and other representatives of the Parent Teachers Association pointed out various factors which made a patrolman necessary and also advised that they are making a Safety Campaign at the school and contacting all parents.

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

The report of the Department of Health for the month of September, 1953, was accepted by the Council with commendation to the Sanitation Officer, Jess Inman, for making the report, on motion of Councilman Fowler, seconded by Councilman Carpenter.

The report of L. M. Rogers, Superintendent of the Sanitation Department, for the month of September, 1953, was accepted by the Council on motion of Councilman McDaniel, seconded by Councilman Porter.

The report of J. N. Gilmore, Street Commissioner for the month of September, 1953, was accepted on motion of Councilman Fowler, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

Councilman Griffith reported for the Committee on Sidewalks and Street Lighting in connection with the petition for street lights at 15th and Dunn and at 15th and Indiana. He reported that the Committee had investigated the petitions and recommended that the light be allowed at 15th and Dunn Street. Councilman Griffith moved that the light at 15th and Dunn Street be authorized installed, Councilman Fowler seconded the motion; motion carried.

Councilman Carpenter presented a petition to open Bean Blossom Reservoir for hunting migratory water fowl during the hunting season, beginning October 23, 1953. Councilman Carpenter moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an amendment to the existing Ordinance regulating Bean Blossom Reservoir, which would allow hunting as requested, so that it might be acted on at the next regular Council meeting October 20, Councilman McDaniel seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Fowler, as a member of the Exchange Club, asked permission to use a part of the Riddle House at Bean Blossom Reservoir for a troop of Explorer Scouts. Councilman McDaniel moved that the request be granted and that the Boy Scouts Explorer Troop be allowed to use the property as their headquarters until the city sees fit to use it otherwise; Councilman Porter seconded the motion; motion carried.

An Ordinance was presented to the Council authorizing and directing the City Clerk-Treasurer to Reduce the Street Department Fund by the Sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollars, Pursuant to an Authorization from the State Board of Accounts. Councilman Griffith moved the suspension of rules in order that the Ordinance might be acted on at this meeting, Councilman Carpenter seconded the motion; motion carried. On motion of Councilman Fowler, seconded by Councilman McDaniel, Ordinance No. 21, 1953, was duly passed and adopted unanimously on a roll call vote.

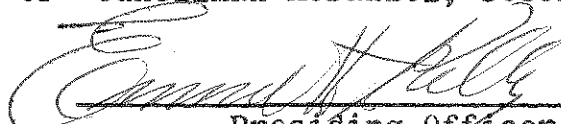
City Attorney McCrea informed the Council that a petition had been filed with the County Commissioners to close that part of Davis Street between Henderson and Woodlawn and pointed out that this is adjacent to Bryan Park. He advised the Council that he had informed the Commissioners that the City Council might have some objections to the closing of this street. He asked that the Council advise him if he should continue to oppose the closing of Davis Street. Councilman Fowler moved that the City Attorney

be directed to continue to resist the closing of Davis Street. Councilman Ramsey seconded the motion; motion carried.

Councilman McDaniel moved that a committee investigate the advisability or feasibility of the sale of some of the surplus real estate owned by the city. Councilman Fowler seconded the motion; motion carried.

Councilman Griffith inquired concerning the Resolution passed by the Council providing for the enforcement of the two hour parking limit in certain areas and he moved that the two hour parking Resolution be a special order of business for the next Council meeting. Councilman McDaniel seconded the motion; motion carried.

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


Presiding Officer

Attest:


Clerk-Treasurer