

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 1953

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chamber in the City Hall on Tuesday, October 20, 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 last meeting were approved on motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Ramsey.

A petition was received from Leslie and Darvel Wray for permission to cut curb and sidewalk at 609 South Walnut Street for a driveway, permission already having been obtained from the State Highway Department. Councilman Fowler advised this request had already been investigated by the Committee on Streets, Alleys, and Bridges and he moved that permission be granted with the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer. Councilman Porter seconded the motion; motion carried.

A request was received from Graham Motor Sales Company for permission to install a metal cover at the north side of their main building on West 3rd Street over an outside entrance to their basement. Councilman Fowler reported this request had already been investigated and he moved that permission be granted with the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer.

The following letter was read to the Council:

"Hon. Emmett Kelly, Mayor,
and City Council
City of Bloomington
City Hall
Bloomington, Indiana

September 28, 1953

Gentlemen: Re: Bean Blossom Reservoir

An investigation was made on August 31 of the type of soil that exists around the Bean Blossom Reservoir. This was done in cooperation with Mr. Jack Cason, Bloomington City Engineer. The purpose of this investigation was to determine whether the soil was suitable for the installation of septic tanks and absorption systems.

Tests were conducted at four locations around the reservoir. The results of this limited number of tests may not apply to all locations but are an indication of the type of soil prevalent. The test that was conducted is known as a percolation test which measures the permeability of the soil.

It was found that in the areas examined that a yellow clay soil existed. The percolation tests indicated that the soil was rather impervious and the water percolated through the soil at a very low rate. These tests were conducted during an extremely dry period and even though the holes were soaked, optimum results could be expected.

These tests indicated that in the areas examined that absorption systems could not be expected to function properly. When an absorption system fails it generally results in sewage coming to the surface of the ground and in this area the sewage would in most cases flow into the lake. It was noted that in two sewage disposal systems which were under construction that an insufficient amount of absorption area was being provided for even more permeable soil.

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From the information we are able to obtain it appears that it may be impossible to obtain an adequate supply of ground water at all locations around the lake. From newspaper clippings and other sources of information it has been indicated that some prospective home owners plan on using the water from the reservoir for drinking and culinary purposes. The natural turbidity of the lake and the possibility of sewage contamination would make the installation of any individual filtration systems we know about a very questionable method water treatment.

To determine the potential health hazards in and around the Bloomington water supply lake, you should have additional percolation tests performed after a rainy period to confirm the tests run and to determine the type of soil at other locations. Samples of the lake water should be analyzed both chemically and bacteriologically so that tests run at a later date will show comparative water quality.

Very truly yours,

Albert L. Klatte, Chief
General Sanitation Section
Division of Sanitary Engineering"

Councilman Griffith moved that the Ordinance and Resolution concerning enforcement of a two-hour parking limit in the downtown area be referred back to the Traffic Commission for review. Councilman Porter seconded the motion; motion carried.

Councilman Griffith presented an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 10, 1953, to authorize the hunting of ducks on Bean Blossom Reservoir. Councilman Ramsey moved the suspension of any rules which would prevent final consideration of the Ordinance at this meeting, Councilman Carpenter seconded the motion; motion carried. Councilman Griffith moved the adoption of the Ordinance as read. Councilman Porter seconded the motion, and on a roll call vote, Ordinance No. 22, 1953, was unanimously passed and adopted.

Councilman Fowler reported for the Committee on Streets, Alleys, and Bridges that investigation had been made of the request to cut curb between 806 and 810 North Lincoln Street by Leonard M. Pogue and Louis C. Wesch. He reported that the Committee found the request in order and moved that permission be granted with the understanding that the work will be done under the supervision of the City Engineer. Councilman Porter seconded the motion; motion carried.

City Attorney McCrea advised the Council of a suit filed in Monroe Circuit Court to close an alley between 4th and 5th Streets, extending east from Madison Street to the Monon Railroad. Councilman Porter moved that the City Attorney be instructed to not oppose the vacating of the alley between 4th and 5th Streets, extending from Madison Street to the Monon Railroad. Councilman Fowler seconded the motion; motion carried.

A Petition, signed by twelve persons, requesting a street light at the intersection of 5th Street and Roosevelt Street was received. On motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Carpenter, the petition was referred to the Committee on Sidewalks and Street Lighting for investigation.

Councilman Porter, speaking for the Committee on City Buildings and Property, requested an extension of time for their report.

A representative of the Little Bigger Baseball League Association presented their financial report for the past season and requested assistance from the City in obtaining space for practice and games for next year. On motion of Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilman Ramsey this request was referred to the Committee on Education and Recreation for investigation.

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

Ernest Kelly
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Ethel J. Lewis
Clerk-Treasurer

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