

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Downers Grove, Ill., July 24, 1922. Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Present at roll call Mayor W. C. Barber and Commissioners Bender, Haller, Bryce and Heardt.

Minutes of the meeting of July 17, 1922 were read and Commissioner Haller moved to approve same. On roll call Commissioners Haller, Bender, Bryce, Heardt and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bender presented the following ordinance and moved its passage:

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A ZONING COMMISSION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS: SECTION 1. There is hereby created a Commission of five (5) members to be known as the "Zoning Commission." Said Commission shall consist of the Mayor of the Village Council, the Village Engineer and three (3) additional members holding no other office or employment in the Village Government, to be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Village Council.

The Mayor shall appoint a member of said Commission as the Chairman thereof. Officers of the Village who are hereby made ex-officio members of said Commission shall receive no extra compensation for their services, as such, and the other members shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 2. The said Zoning Commission shall have the following duties:

To carry out the purpose and intent of the Illinois Zoning Law approved June 28, 1921, entitled "An Act to confer certain additional powers upon city councils in cities and presidents and boards of trustees in villages and incorporated towns concerning buildings and structures, the intensity of use of lot areas, the classification of trades, industries, buildings, and structures, with respect to location and regulation, the creation of districts of different classes, and the establishment of regulations and restrictions applicable thereto."

To employ a competent Zoning Expert and such other employees as may be essential for the purpose of preparing the maps and ordinance in pursuance of the powers granted in said Act.

To arrange for conducting and holding preliminary hearings also formal public hearings in accordance with the provisions of said Zoning Act.

SECTION 3. The powers and duties of such Commission shall cease upon the adoption by the Village Board, of a Zoning Ordinance prepared and submitted to it by said Zoning Commission.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE. By W. C. BARBER, Mayor.

ATTEST: Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

On roll call Commissioners Bender, Bryce, Haller, Heardt and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Heardt presented the following ordinance and moved its passage:

ORDINANCE NO. 55

An Ordinance making appropriations for all corporate purposes of the Village of Downers Grove, for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 1922, and ending April 30, 1923.

Be It ordained by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois:

SECTION 1. That there be and is hereby appropriated for all corporate purposes of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois, for the fiscal year of said Village commencing May 1, 1922, and ending April 30, 1923 the aggregate sum of \$73,950.00, to be provided for by the general tax levy for the year 1922 and from other sources of revenue. The object and purposes for which said sum is appropriated for each object and purpose shall be as follows:

SECTION 2. That there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$4,900.00, for the Department of Public Affairs. The specific items and objects and purposes for which said sum is appropriated being as follows, to-wit: For the maintenance and improvement of parks and parkways \$1,000.00 For the maintenance of Public Library 2,200.00 For printing and stationery 1,700.00

SECTION 3. That there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$22,050.00, for the Department of Accounts and Finance. The specific items and objects and purposes for which said sum is appropriated being as follows, to-wit: For the salaries of city officers, except as herein otherwise provided \$9,000.00 For auditing books and accounts of the City 300.00 For special assessments 1,000.00

SECTION 4. That there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$33,000.00, for the Department of Streets and Public Improvements. The specific items and objects and purposes for which said sum is appropriated being as follows, to-wit: For the construction, maintenance and repair of streets, alleys, avenues, sidewalks and retaining walls, including the salaries of employees \$4,000.00 For the maintenance, repair and improvement of the sewer system 2,000.00

SECTION 5. That there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$11,000.00 for the Department of Streets and Public Improvements. The specific items and objects and purposes for which said sum is appropriated being as follows, to-wit: For the maintenance, repair and improvement of the sewer system 2,000.00

Downers Grove 37 Years Ago

Monthly and family tickets are sold on this road at lower rates than any other road, we believe, running out of Chicago, and we understand that so liberal and extensive has the patronage become that it is the intention of the management to considerably reduce these rates in the immediate future, the aim of the company being to do a maximum of business at a minimum of cost to the patron. Even now, when the difference in rent or ownership and other living expenses are considered, the fare is found much cheaper than car fare in the city, and far more comfortable. Frank G. Brown, an eighteen-year employe of the company, is station agent at this point, and during his seven years incumbency has gained high regard from the citizens for efficiency, courtesy, and punctuality to a remarkable degree.

The graded school of Downers Grove is one to be eminently and justly proud of by every citizen. It ranks among the highest and best in the land, its graduates being recognized as possessing no mean attainments, and are readily admitted to other institutions of a higher order. But a graduate from this school is fitted for almost any avocation of life, so thorough and practical is the training given and knowledge imparted. There are about two hundred pupils in attendance, presided over by five (including the principal) accomplished teachers of more than average ability. Notwithstanding the high order of this school, yet its affairs are very economically administered by the directors, who are Eugene W. Farrar (president), U. B. Blodgett (clerk), and Chas. Carpenter. The teachers are Misses Yakeley (principal), Fitch, Frisbie, Sneed and Stanley.

For miscellaneous and contingent expenses 3,500.00 Village indebtedness, Principal 5,000.00 Village indebtedness, Interest 3,250.00

SECTION 4. That there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$3,000.00, for the Department of Public Health and Safety. The specific items and objects and purposes for which said sum is appropriated being as follows, to-wit: For the maintenance of the Board of Health \$500.00 For the maintenance of the Fire Department 2,000.00

For the maintenance of the Police Department, including salaries of special officers 500.00

SECTION 5. That there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$11,000.00 for the Department of Streets and Public Improvements. The specific items and objects and purposes for which said sum is appropriated being as follows, to-wit: For the construction, maintenance and repair of streets, alleys, avenues, sidewalks and retaining walls, including the salaries of employees \$4,000.00

For the maintenance, repair and improvement of the sewer system 2,000.00

SECTION 6. That there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$33,000.00, for the Department of Public Property. The specific items and objects and purposes for which said sum is appropriated being as follows, to-wit: For the maintenance, repair and improvement and operation of the Municipal Electric Light and Water Plant and Systems, except as herein otherwise provided, and including the salaries of the Chief Engineer, and all employes \$28,000.00

For the maintenance and repair of water mains and hydrants 1,200.00

For the maintenance, repair and improvement of other public property, including alterations and additions to the Village Hall building 3,000.00

For the purchase and rental of real estate 800.00

SECTION 7. That this ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 55 of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois, under the Commission Form of Municipal Government.

W. C. BARBER, Mayor.

ATTEST: Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

PASSED: July 24, 1922. APPROVED: July 24, 1922. PUBLISHED: July 28, 1922.

On roll call Commissioners Heardt, Haller, Bender and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

All bids for Air Lift Equipment for the Village Water Plant, as advertised for, which were received and opened on the evening of July 3, 1922 were ordered rejected by the Mayor, with the approval of the Council, and the Village Clerk was ordered to re-advertise with certain changes and additions in the specifications.

Commissioner Haller moved to adjourn to the next regular meeting date July 31, 1922. On roll call Commissioners Haller, Heardt, Bender, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

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The affairs of the village of Downers Grove are also very carefully and economically managed, there being no indebtedness to burden the tax payer. As a consequence taxes are very light—merely nominal. There are no rings, no cliques to prey upon the people's purses. Nature having been very lavish in her gifts to "The Grove," very few artificial improvements are found necessary, hence there are but few opportunities ever offered for "jobs." The offices entail more of labor and self-sacrifice than of money or glory, they are therefore filled by our best citizens, and contests and charges of corruption are unknown. There are towns and towns over some of which "the wicked rule and the people mourn." In others foundations must be made, sewers laid, groves planted, and "rings" fed, and the song of the taxgatherer "maketh the heart sick."

The officers of Downers Grove are: Capt. Theodore S. Rogers, president (who has held this position continuously since its incorporation in 1872, except one year), E. Thatcher, W. S. Brookins, Chas. B. Blodgett, Mitchell Heintz and J. A. Richards, trustees, Charles Carpenter, clerk, J. Warren Rogers, treasurer, Gardner Paige, police magistrate, Valentine Wetten, policeman, Chris. Legenhausen, street commissioner, John S. DeBolt, constable. The regular meetings of the Village Board are held at the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month, the annual election of officers taking place the third Tuesday in April.

Beautiful landscapes already adorned by nature and admirably adapted for gentlemen's country seats, are abundant, yet they are not beyond the reach of the man of moderate means, while the best lots are within the reach of the clerk, salesman, foreman and mechanic. Building material of all kinds, including stone, brick, lime, lumber, sash, doors, blinds and hardware, can be had right here at reasonable prices, while there is a plentiful supply of reliable resident stone masons, carpenters and builders, ready to do any work demanded.

Good building lots high and dry, 50x200 feet, can be bought at from \$3 to \$10 per front foot, on easy payments, and within reasonable walking distance of the depot. There is also plenty of capital in town to assist any one to build a home, who is desirous, at a small annual or monthly interest.

Parties seeking dwellings either for rent or to own, can leave the Union Depot in Chicago at almost any hour of the day, but possibly the most convenient time would be, say 1:30 p. m. for a thorough view of the village and its advantages, and return at almost any hour thereafter. By calling for Mr. W. Amos Moore, our real estate representative, at the lumber office of J. W. Rogers & Co., opposite the depot, visitors and home-seekers may obtain all necessary information and will receive very generous attention.

Our post office and its business is a good indication in regard to the growth of Downers Grove. During the past four years its business has increased from a revenue for the postmaster of three or four hundred dollars per annum, to nearly double that sum. E. A. Crittenden is the present incumbent, he having recently superseded J. M. Barr, ex-postmaster, who held the office four years.

The newspaper of Downers Grove is The Downers Grove Reporter which gives the current news of the week in an able, entertaining and attractive manner. H. C. Paddock is proprietor, and D. O. Cole local editor.

The Grand Army of the Republic is represented by Naper Post, which has quite a respectable number of members, and is in a flourishing condition. (Continued on Page 8)

A River of Mystery. From its source to its mouth the Colorado river drops almost two miles. At some points along its course, particularly in the Grand Canyon, it has cut its channel more than one mile below the level of the surrounding plateau. The Colorado is the least-known stream in the western hemisphere. It is the tomb of civilizations that flourished in ages past. The stark cliffs, chiseled by the river, are furrowed with the deserted dwellings of peoples of mystery. Centuries ago these early races constructed irrigation systems which are still visible in part and which command the respect of engineers even today.

Runs to Patents. The first United States patent was granted to a descendant of a Waterbury (Conn.) miller. The second was granted to a resident of Waterbury, and the number of patents now issued to people of that city is about double what might be expected from the population.

Forming Habits. Whatever you would make habitual, practice it; and if you would not make a thing habitual, do not practice it, but habituate yourself to something else.—Epictetus.



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