

In the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building on Thursday, January 7, 1971 at 7:30 p.m., E.S.T. Council President Richard W. Fee presiding.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

President Richard W. Fee.

CALL TO ORDER

Members present: Robert L. Clegg, Jr., James C. Clendening, Clyde Day, Harry G. Day, Charles J. Faris, Richard W. Fee, Robert E. Gray, Ralph L. Johnson and Jack A. Morrison.

ROLL CALL

Members absent: None.

Mayor John H. Hocker, Jr.,; Ray E. Long, City Engineer; Howard A. Young, City Controller; James R. Cotner, City Attorney; Marian H. Tardy, City Clerk; James R. East, Chief of Police; Marvard Clark, Assistant City Engineer.

CITY OFFICIALS

Approximately ten and two members of the press.

OTHERS PRESENT

Councilman Ralph L. Johnson.

INVOCATION

President Fee declared the nominations open for Council President. Councilman Faris nominated Councilman Johnson. There were no further nominations and Councilman Clendening moved that the nominations be closed. Councilman Clyde Day seconded the motion and it carried.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The Clerk recorded a unanimous ballot for Ralph Johnson for Council President for 1971. Councilman Johnson was asked to assume the chair.

President Johnson declared the nominations open for Council President Pro Tem. Councilman Faris nominated Councilman Robert Gray. There were no further nominations and Councilman Clendening moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fee and it carried. The Clerk recorded a unanimous ballot for Councilman Robert Gray for President Pro Tem for 1971.

President Clegg moved that the minutes of the December 3rd and the December 17th meetings be approved as prepared. Councilman Clendening seconded the motion and it carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None.

REMONSTRANCES AND OBJECTIONS

None.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

None.

ORDINANCES - INTRODUCTION

Councilman Morrison moved that proposed Resolution No. 71-1 be read and adopted. Councilman Clendening seconded the motion.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 71-1  
Public Service Contract  
for Street Lighting

The Clerk read proposed Resolution No. 71-1. Motion carried, proposed Resolution No. 71-1 was adopted.

All of us as members of the Council have known the great industry, selflessness, and extreme dedication of the Mayor and Comptroller in promoting and meeting the needs of the City. This has involved virtually every facet of the City's growth and development including water resources, sanitary facilities, streets, housing, safety, long-range planning, City-University relations, and general quality of living in the community. Their action in response to Resolution 70-20 was in character with this attitude toward the welfare of this City.

I hereby move the acceptance of this statement for recording in the Minutes of this meeting."

(signed) Harry G. Day

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Councilman Clegg remarked that the announcement the Mayor made this morning regarding his candidacy is the best news that the City of Bloomington has had for some time. Councilman Clegg stated that any small amount of influence or support that he might have he would wholeheartedly throw in the Mayor's direction. Mr. Clegg further stated that he knew there were thousands of other people who appreciate the unparalleled progress that has been made in the last seven years.

Council President Johnson announced that Council Committee appointments for the year 1971 would be discussed at the next Council meeting.

None.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hooker congratulated Councilman Johnson upon his election as Council President for the year 1971 and pledged that he and the administrative officers of the city would make every effort, as they have in the past, to work with the Council. Congratulations were, also, extended to Council President Pro Tem Robert Gray with the same pledge of working together.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Hooker asked the Council to please consider his suggestion of looking into the Councilmanic Districts as they are now established to see if they are in keeping with the spirit and the intent of the law and, if the Council determines that it is advisable to make changes, that they take immediate action. Mayor Hooker feels that the precincts, as now constructed, do not conform to the Councilmanic Districts.

Along with mentioning the recent announcement of his candidacy, Mayor Hooker stated that in the past seven years he has made an effort to reflect the opinion of the councilmen, the department heads and other key officials of the city, crediting these people with being responsible for bringing about the good that has been accomplished in this community. Mayor Hooker stated that a great deal has been done and a great deal remains to be done if we are to meet the needs of the people of the community; and, that he hopes the Council will make a bid to continue to serve the community.

In reviewing the past seven years, Mayor Hooker stated that they have been a trying and difficult time. Our society has had serious problems to face and as a part of that society we, too, have had problems. The Mayor considered the record of Greater Bloomington, of which Indiana University is a vital part, to be outstanding in comparison with other communities in the United States and the actions they have taken regarding mutual problems.

In speaking of the City of Bloomington, Mayor Hooker stated that we have experienced a greater awareness and a greater concern for the individual and we have shown more compassion for one another - all of which have made Bloomington the community we are pleased to work and live in today. He feels the future of Bloomington is bright.

Mayor Hooker stated that his gain, if he has had a gain, has been in having the unique privilege of working with the people - especially the Council, the Department Heads and other officials. The thing that the Mayor stated he is the proudest of is the fact that these people have given themselves; they are dedicated people. Mayor Hooker stated that he knew of no personal gain made by these people and he knows that this is something special and something that does not happen in many administrations. Mayor Hooker stated that he hopes to have the privilege of working with these people for another four years.

Councilman Clyde Day moved that the claims as prepared for payment January 8, 1971 and payrolls as prepared for payment January 5, 1971 be approved. Motion seconded by Councilman Jack Morrison. Motion carried.

EXAMINATIONS OF CLAIMS

The meeting adjourned at the hour of 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

*Ralph L. Johnson, Pres*