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REGULAR MEETING

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building on Thursday, August 19, 1965, at the hour of seven thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M.) E.S.T. in regular session with Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr. presiding.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Hooker.

A roll call of the Councilmen was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Members Present: Councilmen - C. Day, H. Day, Derge, Faris,
Fee, Moulden

Also Present: Mayor - Hooker
City Engineer - Long
City Attorney - Cotner

Members Absent: Councilman - Johnson

Mayor Hooker explained that Councilman Johnson is on vacation in the West with his family.

Meeting opened with invocation by Councilman C. Day.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Moulden, that the minutes of the August 5, 1965 meeting be approved as published and distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Derge moved, seconded by Councilman Fee, that proposed Ordinance 65-19 be presented for first reading and read by Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-19.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman Fee, that proposed Ordinance 65-21 and proposed Ordinance 65-22 be presented for first reading and read by Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinances 65-21 and 65-22.

Assistant Engineer, Marvard A. Clark, explained that proposed Ordinance 65-21 involved 6 lots on Allen Street which is presently zoned M-2 Heavy Industrial, which does not permit any residence in the area, and there is presently a proposal for an apartment unit in this area.

Ordinance 65-22 involves land occupied by the Huddle Restaurant which was annexed and automatically became R-1, they are proposing to build a motel and before they can build any business structure the area must be zoned for business.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Derge, that proposed Ordinance 65-18 be presented for first reading and read by Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-18.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Derge, that proposed Ordinance 65-20 be presented for first reading and read by Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-20.

Councilman Harry Day introduced a special guest, Mr. Bryon Ranger a chemistry student from Surrey England.

Councilman Derge introduced Mr. Robert Trimble, Chairman of a group of foreign students and also recognized the 65 students that attended the meeting this evening.

Mr. R. H. Tricker representing Bloomington T V Cable Co., Inc. stated that he understood a statement would be made by the Mayor tonight in regard to the approval of a franchise for CATV for the City of Bloomington and his group was present as an interested party.

Mr. James Schmalz, Mr. Ben Parrish and Mr. Jerry Gates were also present this evening in regard to the CATV franchise.

Councilman C. Day moved, seconded by Councilman Fee, that the Clerk-Treasurer be instructed to notify the Public Service Company to install street lights at the following locations; West 4th Street, entrance to Rosehill Cemetery, First parking lot on the East side of Kingston Place using the present pole and a replacement in the 500 block of East 7th Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman C. Day moved, seconded by Councilman Faris, that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an amendment to the present City Code, Section 29-65, to be presented for first reading, September 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hooker explained that the amendment to the present ordinance would allow the use of electric motors on boats used for fishing purposes on Griffey Lake.

Councilman Faris gave the following report from the Bloomington Traffic Commission concerning the area in South High Street and the College Mall.

August 12, 1965

The following traffic recommendations are made by a special committee appointed by Tim Rose, Assistant Chairman of the Bloomington City Traffic Commission, and are in the South High Street Area. The committee consists of the following persons: Albert Skirvin and Charles Taylor of the Monroe County Traffic Commission, Lawrence Hudson of the Bloomington Traffic Commission, Charles Faris, Councilman, of the City Council Traffic Committee and Lt. Col. C. R. Thrasher of the Bloomington Police Department, who is chairman of the committee.

1. The "Bypass" be extended to Moores Pike near Sare Road, (this should be classified as urgent), and later extended to Rogers Road.
2. High Street be widened ten feet to the west. This would enable the east curb to be moved two feet west, giving two feet for a tree plot on the east. The street would be made four feet wider on the west side and then two feet for a tree plot and a four foot sidewalk. The street would actually be widened two feet in the travelled portion. Sidewalks on both sides of South High from Third Street to Rogers Road are recommended. The committee recommends that if #1 is completed within the very near future that portions of #2 should be re-studied before construction begins.
3. Sidewalks be installed on both sides of Second Street from High Street to the College Mall area. These walks should have at least a two foot plot area between the curb and the walk.
4. A "City Limit" sign be installed at the south city limits on High Street.
5. Crosswalks be painted at Second and High, First and High, Maxwell and High, Southdowns and High, and Hillside and High, and crosswalks be properly signed. (These should be maintained until the sidewalk is completed on the west side of South High).

- 6. From Third Street to Roger Road should be signed as no passing zone and double yellow stripes painted in the center of the road.
- 7. Since a new school is to be built on South High within the next three years we recommend the speed limit be 30 M.P.H. and 20 M.P.H. when children are present. School signs and school crossing signs should be installed according to state regulations.
- 8. Signs stating "Monroe Reservoir Causeway--State Road 446", with directional arrows placed at the following locations: Moores Pike and High Street with arrow pointing east, Smith Road and Moores Pike with arrow pointing east, and Moores Pike and Knightridge Road with arrow pointing south.
- 9. Maxwell Lane be extended east to the College Mall area.

S/ Albert Skirvin
 Albert Skirvin, Monroe County Traffic Comm.
S/ Charles R. Taylor
 Charles Taylor, Monroe Co. Traffic Comm.
S/ L. B. Hudson
 Lawrence Hudson, Bloomington Traffic Comm.
S/ Charles J. Faris
 Charles Faris, Councilman
 City Council Traffic Commission
S/ Clifford R. Thrasher
 Lt. Col. C. R. Thrasher
 Bloomington Police Department

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Moulden, that the joint recommendations of the Bloomington - Monroe County Traffic Commissions be accepted by the Council.

The following persons expressed their views of the hazardous conditions in the South High - College Mall area and the urgent need for a sidewalk and the widening of South High Street.

- Mr. James Osterburg, 830 So. High,
- Mr. Tom Goby, 310 So. High,
- Mr. Norris Chumley, 629 Woodcrest Drive,
- Mr. Albert Elsen, 2000 Windsor Drive,
- Mrs. Gerald Williams, 1812 So. High,
- Mr. Anthony Pizzo, 1105 So. High,
- Mrs. Stefan Robock, 1900 Ruby Lane

It was the consensus of the majority present that sidewalks in these areas were of the highest priority.

Mayor Hooker stated that the City is not able at this time to build sidewalks at the cost to the City, but we could build the sidewalks and assess the property owner adjacent to the sidewalk which would be according to the Barrett Law.

City Attorney Cotner explained the Barrett Law to the people present. This allows street improvements to be built by the City and the City may pay the cost of the sidewalk as far as it is able too and after this, it can assess the property owner adjacent to the sidewalk.

Mayor Hooker stated that in the past 18 months this Administration has spent more money on traffic signs, paint and traffic conditions than any four year administration. We are doing all humanly possible to work with you people and we have pledged to you that we will do all we can, but we cannot consider just one area, because all areas are critical.

Mayor Hooker further stated that it would cost between \$8,000 to \$12,000 to lay 2,000 feet plus of asphalt sidewalk from Arden Place to Moores Pike. The City has very limited resources, but we are willing to pay our 1/3 of this cost if the Monroe County Commissioners and the Bloomington Metropolitan School Board is willing to pay their 1/3 of the cost.

Councilman Harry Day stated that he was very impressed with Mr. Chumley's urging of the citizen's campaign for an east by-pass, but something more comprehensive and urgent at this time is the orderly building of our corporate limits of this community and asking the Remonstrators of the 1962 Annexation Ordinance to remove their names from the list. This thing we are talking about this evening could go on and cause chaos, now is the time for action, now is the time to annex.

After lengthy discussion between the audience and the Council, the motion for the acceptance of the recommendations from the joint Traffic Commissions was carried unanimously.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman H. Day, that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance on items 6 and 7 of the recommendations of the Joint Traffic Commissions. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Hooker made the following statement in regard to the policy of this Administration in regard to the City insurance. This Administration upon taking office in 1964 found that the insurance of the City was very broad in liability, was very great in responsibility, and a tremendous amount of money in my opinion was being spent for insurance, costing approximately \$20,000 annually. I know nothing about insurance, but approaching this in the fashion we felt best, we established an Insurance Advisory Committee. In the past, the City administration of the City of Bloomington has split this pie up annually for one reason or another. There was no complete study or analysis made for the community. The Chairman of this Committee is a man who sells life insurance, Mr. M. E. Tardy with Prudential Life Insurance Company of America. We asked companies that in our opinion were the leading established insurance companies in the City of Bloomington to serve on this committee. They were, Butler Sims Insurance, Hitchcock Insurance, Fee & Fee Insurance, Woodward Insurance, Inc. and Roger Curry Insurance Company. They met with Mr. Tardy and they did prepare the specifications they felt collectively that would be best for the City. We then asked these companies to submit a proposal to the City, which they did. We believe the Insurance Committee, who have had years of experience in serving the people of Bloomington, when they tell us that we have the best insurance program the City of Bloomington has ever had, at the lowest possible premium. We feel that we are acting in the best interest of the Bloomington taxpayers, that we are fulfilling our legal responsibility to the citizens of Bloomington, or people who are coming into the City of Bloomington. There is not a company operating in the field of compensation that can prove that the City of Bloomington does not have the best possible service at the best possible premiums.

Mayor Hooker stated there would be a special meeting of the Common Council, on Tuesday, August 31, 1965 at the hour of seven thirty o'clock (7:30 P.M.) E.S.T. for the sole purpose of adopting the Budgets for the calendar year 1966.

Mayor Hooker stated that we have received and made tentative awards on half of the ten water projects, and we will receive the remaining bids on September 8, 1965 at the hour of four o'clock (4:00 P.M.) E.S.T.

Mayor Hooker stated the Board of Works does have a recommendation for the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, and the Board of Works will submit a proposed contract between a cable television firm and the City of Bloomington. The decision has been made that Monroe All-Channel Television, Inc. provide CATV for the City of Bloomington. There is a contract being prepared by the City Attorney and the Attorney for the Cable Television Company and this contract will then be turned over to the Board of Works and a public notice placed in the newspaper and a public hearing held on this matter.

Councilman Harry Day stated that some of the representatives who applied for this franchise were present this evening and he felt we owed them the courtesy of being heard in regard to some of the questions they might have.

Councilman Derge asked how the Board of Works made this decision?

Attorney Cotner stated that six applications were received, and we have no doubt that probably anyone of the companies could have successfully undertaken this venture, and done what the City wanted, but the problem that confronted the Board of Works was that they were all good groups. The Board of Works had a three way tie and the final decision was based upon some of these facts:

- (1) One of the groups eliminated was General Electric. While some of GE's statements were arbitrary, it did not assure us that it would not insert local advertising and it did not make a point against pay television.
- (2) One of the points in favor of awarding the franchise to the group headed by Dickens, Brunner and Petranoff, was because they were the first group which undertook this and the only group seeking the franchise for several weeks.
- (3) Mr. Petranoff is highly experienced in the television business, being with the University Television Program and also having worked for Sarkes Tarzian.
- (4) There will be a certain amount of selling to the public, and perhaps public relations was what was needed, and we felt certainly that Coach Dickens has had good public relations over the last three years.
- (5) Another fact was that we felt that the interest by Dickens' group was primary interest, while it was less primary to some of the other groups.

It was stated that Monroe All-Channel Television, Inc. was awarded this franchise because my law firm, Cotner, Bunker, Harrell & Snyder, had set up the proposal, but our firm agreed not to represent them because of any conflict of interest. We merely organized the corporation for the group.

Mr. R. H. Tricker representing the Bloomington T V Cable Co., Inc. stated that his understanding was the franchise would be granted on merit alone, and he certainly felt his group could meet these standards and he asked the Council to reconsider this decision.

Mr. James Schmalz representing Monroe Tele-Cable, Inc. stated we are disappointed naturally, but we thank the City Administration for the courtesy extended us while presenting our proposal to the City.

Mayor Hooker stated there would be a public hearing and public notice in the paper by the Board of Works, and the entire contract would be published in the newspaper as required by law.

Councilman Moulden moved, seconded by Councilman Faris, that claims presented for payment on August 20, 1965, be allowed. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Faris moved, no further business to come before the Council, meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at the hour of ten twenty o'clock (10:20 P.M.) E.S.T.


RESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:


CLERK-TREASURER