

SPECIAL MEETING

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, on Thursday, September 23, 1965, at the hour of seven thirty-two o'clock (7:32 P.M.) E.S.T. in special session with Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr. presiding.

Meeting called to order by Mayor John H. Hooker, Jr.

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

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

Also Present: Mayor - John H. Hooker, Jr.
City Attorney - James R. Cotner
City Engineer - Raymond E. Long

Members Absent: Councilman - Fee

The purpose of the special called meeting was for the public hearing on the CATV franchise.

Councilman Faris moved, meeting be recessed at the hour of seven thirty three o'clock (7:33 P.M.) E.S.T.

The Common Council reconvened at the hour of seven forty-three o'clock (7:43 P.M.) E.S.T.

Councilman Harry Day moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that the Common Council accept and approve the recommendations of the Board of Public Works and Safety in regard to the contract between the City of Bloomington and Monroe All Channel Cablevision, Inc. for furnishing CATV to the City of Bloomington.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak for or against the proposed contract for CATV in the City of Bloomington.

Mr. Bruce Storm, representing The Cable Company, made the following speech.

"Since the Board of Works has seen fit to award the local CATV franchise to a group of lesser qualification and merit, we feel it would be futile to lodge a protest at this time, since earlier presentations of comparative merit were disregarded.

However, we feel it is necessary that we again bring to the Council, the Board's and public's attention that:

THE CABLE COMPANY, (a coalition of Bloomington TV Cable Company, Inc., and Bloomington Community Teleception, Inc.) is better qualified to furnish the City of Bloomington with a high-performance and high quality CATV System. We substantiate this fact with the following:

1. Very successful and competent CATV installations, promotions and operations in six neighboring communities, compared to no operating installations of Monroe All Channel a subsidiary of Telesis at the time of the franchise award.
2. Our use of equipment, installation and services from Jerrold Electronics, the recognized pioneer and leader in the CATV field.
3. 60% local ownership and participation, as against 10% and perhaps ultimately 20% as acknowledged by the lawyer representing Monroe All Channel and Telesis.
4. Our proposed lower prices of hook-on and monthly fee to the Bloomington consumer.

5. Ability to furnish micro wave and the availability of Chicago's sports and educational stations at a much earlier date than the favored applicant.

Because of these stated reasons; and the circumstances of the present situation, we offer no further protest to the granting of this franchise, but would take this opportunity to announce our intentions of appearing before the Board of Works in the near future with a proposal that would request the granting of a second CATV franchise for the City of Bloomington, since a non-exclusive franchise is being awarded at this time. We do this because we feel it is in the best interests of Bloomington".

There being no further discussion a roll call vote was taken by the Clerk-Treasurer and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Moulden, that proposed Ordinance 65-28 be presented for first reading and read by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-28.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Johnson, that the rules and regulations of the Common Council be suspended. Upon a roll call vote the motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Moulden, that proposed Ordinance 65-28 be advanced to second reading and read by title only. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-28 by title only.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman C. Day, that proposed Ordinance 65-28 be adopted. A roll call vote was taken:

C. Day	-----	Aye
H. Day	-----	Aye
Derge	-----	No
Faris	-----	Aye
Johnson	-----	Aye
Moulden	-----	Aye

The motion was carried 5 to 1.

No further business to come before the Common Council, Councilman Moulden moved meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at the hour of eight ten o'clock (8:10 P.M.) E.S.T.

John H. Hooker Jr.
PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

Howard A. Young
CLERK-TREASURER