

REGULAR MEETING

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, met in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building on Thursday, November 4, 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 and Johnson

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

Members Absent: Councilman - Moulden

Meeting opened with invocation by Councilman H. Day.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Fee, that the minutes of the October 21, 1965 meeting be approved as published and distributed. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman H. Day, that proposed Ordinance 65-31 be presented for first reading and read by the Clerk-Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk-Treasurer read proposed Ordinance 65-31.

Mr. Guy McKamey read a petition from a group of citizens owning property along Prow Avenue protesting the suggested one-way traffic in proposed Ordinance 65-31. They felt this was an inconvenience to the people on the street in trying to get out on East Tenth Street.

James East, Chief of Police, stated this was a recommendation of a study by a group nominated by the Bloomington Traffic Commission to make a study of this area, and they recommended the one-way traffic on Prow Avenue because of the narrowness of the street.

Mr. McKamey was asked if he would rather have a one-way street or have the parking removed from both sides of the street and have two-way traffic.

Mr. McKamey stated it would be alright with him to remove parking from the street because he had a place to park, but it would work a hardship on people living in the apartments because they have no where to park.

It was decided that each Councilman would drive Prow Avenue before the next Council meeting to see for themselves the driving conditions here, and asked that this group return at the time with any suggestions they might have for improving this traffic problem.

Councilman C. Day stated that he had a request for more street lights in Kingston Manor and his committee would investigate this and make a report at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Councilman H. Day made the following report: At the request of Mayor Hooker I have taken steps to provide information on which the City of Bloomington can act in deciding what should be done to assure the continuation of public bus service in this City.

It has been found that Bloomington Transit Lines, which provides the only bus service for the City, is indeed experiencing such grave

financial difficulties that the established service for the City will have to be greatly curtailed or stopped altogether within a few weeks unless substantial relief is quickly obtained.

I believe it will be necessary for the City of Bloomington to adopt a program of public subsidy for our bus services and that this should include the imposition of such further control on the operational programs and management of the bus company as will assure the protection of the public's interest. I believe it is of utmost importance to help the company achieve a much larger degree of patronage so that the operational receipts will be correspondingly increased. Also, the service should be improved in several important ways, especially through the shortening of riding time for the patrons.

A detailed written report on the operational and financial status of the Bloomington Transit Lines is being prepared by the Company and it will be given to us within one or two days. Also, a report with recommendations is being prepared by an independent and highly regarded authority in the field of public transportation. This will also be available to us within a few days.

Thus I believe it will be possible for the City to study the reports and recommendations early this month and that it will be possible for us to take appropriate action very soon thereafter.

Mayor Hooker stated this was not only a problem here in the City of Bloomington, but it was a national problem.

Mr. Tom Evans, Manager of the Bloomington Transit Lines was asked if he would care to make a statement at this time.

Mr. Evans stated that he would make a formal statement on Monday after a financial report has been received from his accountant.

Monthly activity reports for the month of October were received from the following City Departments ---- Fire, Engineering, Street, Water, Sanitation, Health and Police.

Mayor Hooker stated that Mr. Young, Clerk-Treasurer had filed a petition with the Indiana State Tax Commissioner for the consideration of having the items that were cut by the Monroe County Tax Board as approved by the Common Council reinstated in the Budget for the calendar year 1966. He further stated that the representative of the State Board of Tax Commissioners is recommending to the Board that the items that were cut from the City budget should be reinstated.

Mayor Hooker stated that work is still being done on the 1965-67 Water Expansion Program. He stated that we should have ready for release either late Friday or early Saturday a rate schedule and as soon as they have been published, then we will have a special Council meeting for adopting a proposed ordinance on the rate schedule.

Mayor Hooker further stated we are making preparations for a special census and we still have openings for persons that might be interested in being enumerators for the two or three weeks work.

Mayor Hooker gave a brief resume of his trip to the Lake of the Ozarks today.


Councilman Faris moved, seconded by Councilman Derge, that claims presented for payment on November 5, 1965 be allowed. Motion carried unanimously.

No further business to come before the Common Council, Mayor Hooker adjourned the meeting at the hour of eight fifty-five o'clock (8:55 P.M.) E.S.T.



 Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



 Clerk-Treasurer