

Regular Meeting: October 29, 1973.

Chairman James R. Bell called the meeting to order at approximately 8:05 PM in Mr. Lucian Flora's office. Board members present were Mr. Flora, Dr. James S. Hill, Mr. Charles Whitley, and Mr. Maurice Marr. Also present was City Marshall William Denham.

(1) The Clerk read the minutes of the preceding regular meeting and two special called meetings. They were approved as read.

(2) Concerning mini-bikes on city streets, the Clerk noted that he had still not received any information from the State Police pertaining to the laws concerning mini-bikes. Marshall Denham said that he had warned most people whom he had caught riding them on the streets and said that one county school official he had spoken to had confided that the County School Board would probably stop the riding of the bikes on school grounds in the future.

(3) There was uncertainty as to whether the laundermat situation had been solved.

(4) The Clerk reported that he had telephoned to Mr. Harry Williams at the ABC Fence Co. in Madison, Tennessee concerning the erection of the chain link fence about the water works. Mr. Williams informed the Clerk that his firm would start the installation of the fence about November 5.

(5) Mr. Flora reported that the recent street work done by Leonard Lawson had been paid for but that the firm's grader had not yet shown up to dress down the sides of the repaved streets, as had been promised.

(6) Mr. Marr noted that S.B. Flora had been doing some trimming of trees at the Cemetery. He noted that he believed it would probably be best to wait until spring to arrange for someone to cut the specified trees at the cemetery because of the bad weather now prevalent. Mr. Flora commented that perhaps Mr. Marshall Parrish could spend more time at his job of caretaker of the Cemetery in order to get things shaped up there. Mr. Marr said that he believed Mr. Parrish needed a power trimmer to use around the monuments. It was brought before the Board's attention that the gas lights at the gates of the Cemetery had been repaired by the Women's Club.

(7) Dr. Hill said that he had talked to Glen Wood of the Sheriff's Department who had said that the Department was short-handed and could not send anyone to the Board meeting to discuss Halloween preparations. Dr. Hill said that the State Police had assured him that they would have men in the City on Halloween night, but that they wanted to operate on a low key. The Sheriff's department will also have someone here in town that night. Dr. Hill noted that he could not be in the City on Halloween, but that he hoped one of the other Board members could be present to advise and give support to the peace officers on the scene. Marshall Denham said that it would be a good idea if the Flavour Isle could be closed on Halloween to remove a major trouble spot. Dr. Hill said that the Flavour Isle's operator, Mrs. Joyce Booker, said that if she closed down her establishment, other businesses in the area would just get her business. Dr. Hill added that no agreement had been arrived at concerning the question.

Marshall Denham commented that he believed it would be best for officers not to do anything unless the crowds began to destroy property or to injure someone. Dr. Hill said that the situation could be handled in one of two ways: either (1) keep the people inside the Flavour Isle or make them move on; or (2) leave the crowd alone until about 9:00 and then clear them out. Marshall Denham expressed his agreement with the second proposal and noted that if clamped down on automobile violations that night it would dampen the spirits of those concerned. Dr. Hill said that it would probably be a good idea if all the officers present circled the area and not get in the middle of the mess for it is in the outlying areas where the real trouble occurs.

Dr. Hill added that it better be made sure that there were enough men present to man the city fire truck. Marshall Denham commented that it would be a good idea to get the fire station outside siren unhooked to stop its misuse by vandels. Mr. Whitley agreed that it was a good idea to keep all on as low a key as possible in order to spoil the vandels' fun.

Marshall Denham said that he needed an outside, car-mounted spotlight.

The Marshall said that he had received a report that the main substation between Oakland and Smiths Grove was going to be a target for vandalism on Halloween and that it would probably be a good idea to alert the R.E.A.

A discussion developed on abandoned cars within the city and Marshall Denham commented that he knew of a firm in Bowling Green that would come and pick up for free junk cars if the City could get together at least seven of them.

Dr. Hill commented that the City does need something set up at the fire station for the Marshall this winter. It was generally agreed that estimates should be gotten on the construction of a partition in the station, an extra heater vent, a new door, and that the locks needed to be changed on the doors.

(8) There being no further business to bring before the Board, Chairman Bell called for a motion to adjourn to be made. Mr. Whitley made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Hill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Bell set the date for the next regular meeting as November 26th, same time and place.

APPROVED:

James R. Bell

Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Stephen B. Flora

City Clerk.