

ABSENT

Councilman Harry Fullbrook

Convening—Approval of Minutes, August 25

The Mayor and Council of the City of Salisbury met in regular session at City Hall at 8 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 1969 in the Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by the President of the Council the Lord's Prayer was repeated and minutes of the previous meeting held on August 25, 1969 were approved as written on a motion made and seconded by Rodgers and Seidel.

Appearance—Vine Street Petitioners re Truck Traffic and related problems on Vine St.

A large delegation of residents of Vine Street appeared before Council relative to an earlier petition to have something done about the heavy truck traffic on their residential street and to present a new petition containing approximately 54 names to support and restate their position.

Council President Martin called on the Executive Secretary to review the results of studies made by the Public Works Dept. and the Police Dept. and these were read to the Council and to the residents. In summary, the Public Works and Police Depts. observed that most of the truck traffic occurs in the early evening hours and results from the routing of one particular truck company with contributions from a few others. These trucks come in from Snow Hill Road and proceed to Messick Ice Company before going on to Route 13. Police and Public Works Dept. surveys indicated no major traffic problems.

Mr. George Sullivan questioned the studies made by the Public Works Dept. and advised the traffic counts were not taken on days when traffic is heaviest. He recommended going back and taking counts at other times and questioned the theory of the Ice Company destination as the only reason Vine Street was being used excessively by heavy trucking companies. Another gentleman pointed out that trucks transporting live chickens and others carrying large logs and cut trees were certainly not headed to Messick Ice Co. since they needed no ice for such cargo.

Councilman Martin asked what alternate streets could be used if Vine Street was posted to prohibit heavy trucks from using it and was told by P. C. Cooper that College Ave. and E. Main Street were the only legal and logical routes from Snow Hill Road.

It was noted by Council that Ryan Trucking Co., the company who has the most traffic on Vine Street, had been contacted by the Chief of Police and they had promised to reroute their trucks to relieve the situation and to cooperate fully.

Further discussion of the problem resulted in a decision by Council to relieve the residents on Vine Street of the heavy truck traffic as much as possible by posting the street with signs prohibiting trucks that are thru-trucks with more than two axles. Chief of Police, Leslie Payne, requested the decision on whether or not a truck was a thru-traffic truck be left with the Police Dept. Councilman Powell motioned the above which was seconded by Seidel and carried unanimously. P. C. Cooper asked and was advised that the posting should also be done on Washington Street and was authorized to proceed with same as soon as possible.

In addition to the truck traffic problem, several residents brought up other problems which they felt were connected with the traffic complaint