

Called Meeting: April 16, 1973.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James R. Bell at about 7:50 PM in the basement of the Smiths Grove Baptist Church. Board members present were Dr. James Hill and Mr. Maurice Marr. Also present were Dr. Robert Baum, Mr. Bill Hardy, Judge J.W. Blue, and City Marshall William Denham.

(1) The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Clerk and approved.

(2) Dr. Robert Baum was sworn in by Judge Blue as the area's representative on the City-County Planning and Zoning Commission, taking the place of the late Mrs. Rebecca Proffitt.

(3) There followed a discussion over how much the City would have to raise City Marshall William Denham's salary before it could meet the minimum requirements as set down by the Kentucky Crime Commission. Chairman Bell threw the floor open for suggestions as to what should be done. While the salary raise was being discussed, Marshall Denham brought to the attention of the Board an estimate which he had received on a new siren. Mr. Hardy thought that the estimate was too high and said that perhaps he could help the City get one cheaper, adding that the State or Federal government would probably help on such a purchase.

(4) Dr. Hill made the motion that Marshall Denham's salary be raised to \$2.10 per hour for a minimum of a 40-hour week (or an average of about 48 hours per week), to be effective beginning May 1st. Motion seconded by Mr. Marr and unanimously approved.

(5) The still unsettled situation concerning the getting of a rock mason to repair the wall in front of the water works and the wall at the Cemetery was again brought to the assembled Board's attention. A Mr. Paul Keouen was suggested as a good man for the job by Mr. Hardy, who added that Mr. Keouen would probably do the jobs for a reasonable price. Dr. Hill offered to get in touch with Mr. Keouen. In the meantime, Mr. Marr is to check up on Mr. Schultz (of Custom Design Memorials) and any plans he might have.

(6) Mr. Marr said that the City might be able to get Magistrate Richard Kirby to arrange for a county crew to level off the dumping ground near the Cemetery which has been in rather a messy state since December when the dirt, etc., from the City's streets was dumped there.

(7) Marshall Denham made a report on the continuing incidents concerning the throwing of eggs and tomatoes on residents' houses and even on some residents themselves. He said that he had obtained information that pointed to the three Moulder kids, Joey Booker, J.D. Howell, and one of Mr. Ralph Morgan's boys, as well as others, as being the culprits. No decision was made on what to do with this information.

(8) Dr. Hill brought up the subject of the annual City-side trash pick-up which is usually sponsored about this time every year by the Board. He noted that a week is commonly set aside for this operation, but it was generally agreed by the Board that about two days should be enough for the actual pick-up, but one whole week could be set aside as a "Clean-up, Fix-up" Week. The Clerk was instructed to write to Lindsey's Sanitation Service in Lindseyville about arranging the pick-up as Lindsey already operates a regular trash pick-up in the City.

(9) Dr. Hill made a motion that the Board give Marshall Denham an expense allowance of \$100 for the month of April. Seconded by Mr. Marr. Unan. approved.

(10) Dr. Hill also noted that Magistrate Richard Kirby had said that if the City could get its paving program started before July 1st, the County could furnish operators and hot-mix paving equipment. This would save the City about 33% of the total cost of the paving said Dr. Hill. The suggestion was made that at the next regularly scheduled meeting (April 23rd) some decisions be made so as to get the planned paving program definitely started. Dr. Hill did note, however, that it might be that the City would have to rent the County's paving machine for the application of the hot-mix blacktopping. It was noted that if the City was to go to an independent paving company to do the work it would cost about \$11 a ton to lay the blacktop down, whereas it would be about \$7 or \$8 a ton with county help. Chairman Bell noted that such approximate prices referred strictly to resurfacing.

(11) Mr. Marr suggested that when the City gets the gravel for the alley between 2nd and 3rd streets, perhaps it could get a couple of truckloads for the portion of Highland Avenue on which Mr. Frank Russell lives as this is now within the City limits.

(12) Mr. Hardy requested that a street light be put up on Broadway across from Mr. Jennings Garman's house.

(13) Mr. Hardy assured the Board that Smiths Grove would not be without emergency ambulance service. He went on to say that the City needed to raise its charge for the opening and closing of a grave (which is now set at \$40) so that Mr. Marshall Parrish and anyone that helps him at the Cemetery may be better paid for their time. Mr. Hardy noted that in surrounding communities the charge was usually about \$60 to \$75.

(14) Dr. Hill noted that Mr. L. Carl Rasdall was ending his support of the street light in the middle of the block of Second Street between College and Main. Mr. Marr commented that he believed the City should not take on that light and so the discussion ended.

(15) Mr. Marr made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Dr. Hill. Unanimously approved.

*James R. Bell*  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

*Arthur B. Ross*  
City Clerk