

## SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION MEETING

City Hall  
April 24, 2000

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all commissioners in attendance.

### AGENDA

#### 1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The commission had reviewed these minutes prior to the meeting. The mayor called for additions or corrections to these minutes. Commissioner Cooke wanted to make a correction. He wanted the minutes to reflect that he mistakenly said Lawson Street when it should have been Laurel Street in regards to street paving. There were no further corrections or additions. Commissioner Martin made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

#### 2. Treasurer's report

The commission had reviewed this report prior to the meeting. Mayor McCay asked if there were any questions regarding the report. Commissioner Cooke asked for clarification on the budget balance for the street fund. The city clerk clarified the amount for him. Since there were no further questions regarding the report, Commissioner Hardy made a motion that the treasurer's report be approved. Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

#### 3. Karen Porter director of the Bowling Green Public Library.

Ms. Porter gave a presentation regarding the library in Smiths Grove. She discussed how the library uses the city's monthly contribution. She went on to discuss the renovation of the library. Ms. Porter listed the following items that needs to be taken care of: the carpet needs to be replaced, the 9x9 square tiles have asbestos and need to be properly removed, patch and paint the walls, new shelving, the check out desk and workstations, central heat and air, and new furniture. The total cost is expected to be \$30,000 - \$40,000. Part of the money has already been pledged but they would like the city to help defray the cost of the asbestos removal, carpet, and central heat and air with the cost being \$10,000. A brief discussion followed. Mayor McCay announced that Public Safety Health and Welfare would now oversee the library.

#### 4. State of the City Address:

Mayor McCay gave the address in reference to the city's budget for fiscal year 2000-2001. It was announced that Smiths Grove would receive a \$75,000 grant to assist in the renovation of city hall. A brief discussion on the renovation followed. The budget for 2000-2001 will have its first reading at the May meeting.

#### 5. Department reports

##### Streets:

Commissioner Cooke discussed bids for paving the streets. It was agreed that the city needed to advertise in the newspaper for sealed bids. Mayor McCay stated that Laurel should be the #1 priority for paving. A discussion followed.

##### Police:

Commissioner Martin read the monthly police report. She stated the city needs to sell the old police car by advertising for sealed bids. The advertisement should include the clause that the city reserves the right to refuse all bids. Mayor McCay discussed the problem of reckless driving in the city. There have been complaints from citizens and wants something done about it. He

suggested that the officer's hours and days off be changed periodically.

Public Safety, Health and Welfare:

Commissioner Hardy announced that the fire department was having a dinner and auction on May 6. In regards to the defibrillator the city wants to purchase, the Medical Center is currently looking for a medical director that would oversee the defibrillators use.

Cemetery:

Commissioner Howard read the cemetery's quarterly financial statement. He commented about the removal of the tree limbs in the cemetery. Commissioner Howard reported that the side door of the chapel had been kicked in and would need to be fixed. He then announced that the city had received a new flag and that it had flown over the United States Capitol for a brief time.

6. Committee reports:

Planning & Zoning:

It was announced that there is a new executive director at Warten County Planning and Zoning. Steve Hunter reported briefly on the focal point committee. Also, the city needs to appoint someone to fill the vacancy on the Board of Adjustments.

Aging Services:

Dr. James Hill said there was nothing to report at this time.

Beautification:

Sandra McCay reported on the status of trimming or cutting down the trees at city hall. It was recommended that the trees just be trimmed. The bids were discussed. The lowest bid was from Hale's for \$550. Commissioner Howard presented a motion that the city accept the bid.

Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes. Ms. McCay stated she would need help assembling the new park benches and putting them out. It was announced that McDonalds would donate two concrete trashcans to be placed near the benches.

Vision:

Wayne Smith was not present.

7. Delinquent Property Taxes:

There was a brief discussion about sending second notices to people who have not yet paid their taxes. Mayor McCay presented a motion to send out the notices. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

8. Karen Akers - dog problem

Karen Akers was not in attendance.

9. Second reading of ordinance repealing animal control law.

Commissioner Cooke stated he met with an attorney about the ordinance and the attorney told him that the ordinance was fine. Mayor McCay stated he wants to be on record as opposing the ordinance due to the wording. Commissioner Hardy said we should have an attorney present at the commission meetings. Mayor McCay made a motion to- "lay on the table". Commissioner Howard seconded the motion. Roll call and vote: Cooke no, Martin no, McCay yes, Hardy no, Howard yes. A discussion followed. The city clerk did the second reading of the ordinance.

Porter Martin wanted to know if American Legal Publishing could sue the city. A discussion followed. Roll call and vote accepting the ordinance: Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay no, Hardy yes, Howard no.

10. Miscellaneous

Mayor McCay made announcements concerning tire amnesty, annual cleanup day, and a census update.

With no further business to be presented, a motion to adjourn was heard.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Walter J. McCay, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki K. Weisshaar, City Clerk