

City Commission meeting - April 26, 1982 - City Hall

The regular monthly meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with all Commissioners present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and a motion to accept them as read was made by Mr. Van Der Stelt, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call and vote - Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes. The Commissioners reviewed the treasurer's report, with no additions or corrections to be made; a motion to accept them was presented by Mr. Stiffey, seconded by Mr. Pearson. Roll call and vote - Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: The Mayor reported he had met with both Bob Hunter of BRADD and Bill Cooper head of the Nutrition Department. They both reported to him, there are no grants available at this time to aid us in renovating the building. The Mayor' discussed the possibility of the building being used as a Nutrition Center. Mr. Cooper said they could possibly pay around \$125.00 per month rental for this type of project. The Mayor reported he had talked with the Lion's Club regarding some type of joint project for the building. They didn't express a lot of interest. Mrs. Doris Thomas, acting President of the Smiths Grove Women's Club, addressed the meeting, stating she, on behalf of the Club had been investigating the possibility of using the building for a public library. She has had a preliminary meeting with the director at Bowling Green, and will meet with him again next week. The Mayor reported since the funds for the building had been earmarked for a community center, perhaps it could be used for a library. He ask the commissioners for comments. Mr. Pearson said he felt it was a good idea to try to make it into a library. Mayor Milliken stated he felt it would be a worthwhile project. With no other comments, the Mayor made a motion to defer any actions until the May meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Roll call and vote - Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

Vacant lots: No action has been taken as yet.

Back Taxes: The Mayor ask the City Clerk how the collection of Back taxes was progressing, she reported there had been \$1,109.00 collected thus far, with \$1,343.00 still outstanding. The Mayor said he would assist her in taking all legal recourse to collect the balance.

Zoning Ordinance:

The Mayor reported he had been in contact again with the County Planning and Zoning Commission and they are still working on our ordinances, and should be through in the near future.

AGENDA:

(1). Community Center Insurance bill - The Mayor presented to the Commission a bill in the amount of \$214.00 for a package insurance premium now due. A motion for payment of the bill was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call and vote - Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

(2). Grant - Department of Justice- A motion to apply for the grant as assistance for funds for the police dept. was presented by Mr. Stiffey, seconded by Pearson. Roll call and vote - Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

(3). Cemetery- A request has been submitted by Carrie Lee Jordan to increase the cost of opening a grave from \$125.00 to \$150.00, to help defray future costs at the cemetery. A motion to allow this increase was made by Pearson, seconded by Van Der Stelt. Roll call and vote- Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

(4) Street repairs- Mr. Pearson ask the commission for permission to purchase gravel to repair Kirby Street, from the factory to Main Street. A motion to purchase a tandem load of rock for Kirby Street was made by Van Der Stelt, seconded by Milliken. Roll call and vote - Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes. Mr. Pearson also said Cemetery Street & 101 needed repairs. He will check to see if any help can be obtained from the state in repairing Cemetery St. and 101. The Mayor ask him to present at the May meeting an estimate and his recommendations to satisfactorily repair Hedge Street.

(5) Coal and Mineral severance tax checks-The Mayor informed the commission the city had received checks in the amount of \$248.47. Since these had not been appropriated in this year's fiscal budget, the City Clerk has written to the Dept. of Finance to waiver use and budget hearings so we can allocate the funds. No action can be taken with these funds until a reply is received.

(6). Building permits- Mr. Wm. Fishback, President of High Quality Inc., has applied for two building permits in the Stanley Rice Addition. The Mayor reminded the commission we had received a letter from Farmer's Home Administration regarding the streets in this addition. He ask Mr. Fishback if these permits would be for the streets in question. Mr. Fishback advised that the permits in question were for houses on new streets now under construction. The Mayor advised that the city had not accepted these new streets for maintenance. Mr. Fishback stated that his homes are being built under Federal Housing Administration requirements, and this was entirely a separate organization from Farmer's Home, and that the owner of the subdivision had agreed to pave the streets. The Mayor felt Mr. Fishback should check all commitments involved before the permits for lots #13 and 14 were issued. After the applications and floor plans were reviewed by the commission, a motion to issue the permits was presented by Pearson, seconded by Van Der Stelt. Roll call and vote - Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

The Mayor ask if there was any further business to be presented. Mr. Anderson ask for permission to have the carburetor on the city fire truck repaired. A motion by Milliken to grant these repairs was made, seconded by Stiffey. Roll call and vote Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

Mr. Pearson said he had been approached regarding the purchase of the Odessa Whitney property. The Mayor ask the City Clerk to research the prior minutes regarding actions taken on the property. He also stated Mrs. Whitney would need to write a letter relinquishing her rights on the property, before any action could be taken.

The Mayor ask the commissioners their feelings regarding hiring someone to help Chief Bybee in the City Police Department. Mr. Pearson made a motion since there were no funds available at this time, we should wait until the new budget is compiled, seconded by Mr. Stiffey. Roll call and vote - Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Anderson, Seconded by Mr. Stiffey.

Approved: W. Currie Milliken
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal
City Clerk