

April 27, 1992 -7:00 P.M. City hall - CDBG PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Gilley introduced Jo Harrison, Community Development Project Specialist from BRADD. Ms. Harrison explained to those in attendance, the purpose of the public hearing was to review the proposed application for the proposed sewer system and to solicit comments from those in attendance. Ms. Harrison said there had been 232 surveys completed, which was 64% of the city population, 52% of which were low income families. She had a preliminary map showing where the proposed sewer would run. Each one who wanted to examine this map did so. Ms. Harrison said as of right now, it looked like the average monthly bill for homeowners would run in the area of \$14.50, and the total sewer project would be in the area of \$1,740,000.00. She asked for comments or questions from those in attendance. Velta Rose Smith asked if persons who owned rental housing would be responsible for the hook-up to the rental property. Ms. Harrison said, in her opinion, if the owner didn't pay the utilities for the renters, then the owner would be responsible to pay the hook up. Shirley Martin, commissioner, said she had been asked by several people if there was a possibility that the hook-up fee could be added monthly to the sewer bill. Ms. Harrison said this would have to be a question asked of the Warren County Water District. She was also asked when she felt they would know whether or not they had received the grant. She said it could be June, but she really felt it would be closer to August. She called for further comments or questions. With none to be heard, Mayor Gilley declared the public hearing closed and thanked Ms. Harrison for her time and efforts.

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AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Mayor Gilley called for additions or corrections to these minutes. With none to be heard, Comm. Belcher presented a motion they be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Crisp. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

2. Treasurer's report

Mayor Gilley asked the Commission if they had reviewed this report, and if so were there any additions or corrections to same. With none to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion it be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Martin. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

3. Veronica Gilbert - CPA - discussion of purchasing a computer for the city

Mayor Gilley introduced Mrs. Gilbert and asked her to state her opinions regarding this situation. Mrs. Gilbert first asked the commission if they had any questions about the 1990-1991 audit they had performed for the city. There were none. She also asked them to remember that the audit had an unqualified opinion, which meant there were no deficiencies uncovered in the audit process. Under internal control, Mrs. Gilbert said the comment was added because there was only one person doing the billing and receipts. She strongly recommends that the city consider a computer to help the clerk with her work. She felt one-of the biggest advantages would be the taxes. Comm. Belcher asked what type of computer she had in mind. Mrs. Gilbert said she felt a PC would be ample and as the need arises the city could purchase additional materials. She said the price runs around \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00, and that the software would be the most expensive part. Comm. Belcher felt it would be up to the clerk as to what she would be the most comfortable with. All of the commission was in agreement that the clerk

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should obtain literature and prices and report to the commission at the May meeting. She agreed to do so.

4. Quarterly financial statement-Smiths Grove cemetery

Mayor Gilley reported that Ms. Jordan was in the hospital and is unable to elaborate on the report. He called for questions or corrections, with none to be heard, Comm. Crisp presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Martin. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

5. Discussion of advertising to promote Smiths Grove

Mayor Gilley introduced Debra Fowler, co-owner of Countrytime Antique Mall. She said she was representing all of the antique dealers as well as all merchants in the city. She distributed prices for a TV commercial that they had discussed airing. Velta Rose Smith said she had heard that the Chamber of Commerce had funds available to cities to help promote them. Debra said they would check into this. Don Maynard said he had talked with the clerk considering the historical status of Smiths Grove and she had told him that many of the buildings and homes were listed with the KY Historical Society. Mr. Maynard also reported that Joyce Massey had been in contact with Congressman Natcher and he was in the process of getting historical markers donated for the city. Debra said she would like to see some signs around the interstate area that promoted the downtown portion of the city. Mr. Maynard said that around Sept. he was planning an upscale antique show that would bring between 2,000 and 6,000 people to Smiths Grove and would like to talk to the commission later about the ways they could find parking for all of these additional cars. Mr. Maynard also said they had had 10,000 brochures printed and distributed that not only promote the antique dealers in Smiths Grove but the eating places as well. He wondered if the city could assist in any way towards the funding of a billboard that would promote the city. He said the wording would be "Antiquing in Smiths Grove, next exit". The commission all agreed that they couldn't use city funds to promote one particular type of business. Mr. Maynard said he would get back with the commission when the date for the large antique show had been set.

6. Resolution authorizing the CDBG grant for the sewer

Mayor Gilley explained this was a formality that was required in the grant application process. Comm. Lacy presented a motion the Mayor sign the resolution, seconded by Comm. Belcher. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

7. Other

Mayor Gilley told the commission that the May meeting would fall on the date used to celebrate Memorial Day and wondered their feelings about having the meeting on Tuesday May 26th. All were in agreement with this change.

Shirley Martin wondered if there was any way the city could find people who held yard sales in front of the county fire department. The clerk said no because it did belong to the county. She asked if the bench that sits there could be fixed and the clerk said it would be looked into when they planted the city flowers. Ms. Martin

said she had been ask who the sidewalks belonged to and Mayor Gilley said the people in front of which they run. He said there had been a suit attempted towards regarding this and it reverted to the homeowner.

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

Approved: James R. Gilley
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal
City Clerk