

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Smiths Grove was held at 7:00 P.M. April 28, 1980, in City Hall. All board members were present. Mr. Wolff called the meeting to order. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Crousore seconded, the minutes be approved as printed. Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Barner seconded the Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion carried. (attached)

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. George Keen, project coordinator, presented the board with the results of the bidding on Mr. Jr. Parrish's house. Mr. L. H. Nichols was the low bidder at \$18,500.00. Mr. Keen asked that at least one or both of the remaining board members be authorized to sign checks and drawdowns, because it was known that some of the board would be out of town during the month of May. He expressed his concern at possibly not meeting the 3 day regulations if no one else was authorized, since we had projected drawdowns of \$65,000.00 during the month. Mr. Walker expressed his disapproval of any other authorizations and said he did not feel this was necessary. No action was taken.

Mr. Keen read the C. D. Financial statement. (attached) Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded, the financial statement be approved. Motion carried. Mr. Wolff further stated that approving the financial statement meant that the full board had approved the drawdowns and the checks for that amount and they could be signed without further approval.

Mr. Keen explained that today a deal had been worked out with the Belmonte Cook family about acquiring a standard house rather than rehabbing their present one. They want to buy their daughter's house. This will provide some squeeze on the budget. Mr. Keen reported that approximately \$8,000.00 would have to be taken from street money to acquisition. Mr. Pearson moved, Mr. Walker seconded, to accept the acquisition. M. C.

Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Pearson seconded the drawdown to the financial statement be amended to \$65,000.00 instead of \$45,000.00 in order to include the funds for Belmonte Cooke. Motion carried.

The family of Mildred Boards was present and had some complaints about the rehabbing of her house which had been done last year. There were questions raised as to the inspections the houses were given and if the proper authorities were doing the inspections.

Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded, that all future construction and remodeling will meet applicable electrical and plumbing codes. Motion carried. 4 ayes

Mr. Pearson moved, Mr. Walker seconded, that all completed construction and rehabilitation in the C. D. Project will be checked for compliance with applicable electrical and plumbing codes. Motion carried.

Mr. Keen was also instructed to look into the Board's complaints. Acquisition of Odessa Whitney's property. The last offer which was made was only for the front lot of this property. This was rejected. Mr. Pearson withdrew his motion of Feb. 18, (which had been tabled) and Mr. Barner withdrew his second that the property be excluded from the project. Mr. Keen explained that it could not be removed from the project without jeopardizing street work and other considerations. Mr. Keen further stated two alternatives: 1. Leave the property as is, 2. Condemnation. If the property is left as it is, it will be an eyesore. Mrs. Whitney indicated she

might bring the house up to standards. Mr. Pearson moved, Mr. Barner seconded, the board give Mrs. Whitney two weeks to decide on whether to bring the house up to standards or not.

Mr. Barner aye      Mr. Crousore no  
Mr. Walker aye  
Mr. Pearson aye      Motion carried.

Mr. Wolff called a special meeting for 7:00 May 12. After some discussion it was discovered that Mr. Walker and Mr. Barner would be out of town. It was felt the full board should be present to vote even though a quorum would have been present. Mr. Pearson moved, Mr. Walker seconded, Mrs. Whitney be given until the regular meeting.

Mr. Barner aye  
Mr. Pearson aye      Mr. Crousore no  
Mr. Walker aye      Motion carried.

#### TAXES

After discussing the possible alternative actions that could be taken on the back taxes, Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Walker seconded, that they be published in the newspaper. Motion carried.

#### OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE

Mr. Lucian Flora was present and read a letter (attached) that explained his position on the Occupational License and why he had refused to pay for the last two years. He feels that this is not fair to the local businesses. The clerk pointed out that only Mr. Flora and Martha's Flower Shop did not pay last year. Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Pearson seconded, that the Occupational License List be made as complete as possible and send notices to all businesses on the list. Motion carried.

#### COLE VS. HUNT

Mr. Wolff read a registered letter from attorney Max B. Harlin III concerning this lawsuit. The suit seems to be based on alleged water damage. Mr. Hunt feels that the City should accept this responsibility since the City owns the street. The Chairman will look into this further.

#### CITY ATTORNEY

The City had obtained two proposals for this position; Mr. Currie Milliken \$50.00/hr. and Mr. Steve Hixson \$35.00/hr. Mr. Walker moved Mr. Pearson seconded, that Mr. Hixson be hired as City Attorney at the rate of \$35.00/hr. Motion carried.

#### COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY SERVICES

Mr. Wolff reported that this agency is wishing to expand their services in this area, but they need a building. There is a possibility of obtaining \$15,000.00 from BRADD to add additional space to our city building for this purpose. Mr. Wolff will continue negotiations on this matter.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cemetery- Mr. Parrish is beginning to need some help at the cemetery. Mr. Pearson moved, Mr. Walker seconded, that we hire Mr. Parrish's brother to assist him in digging graves at \$20.00/grave. Motion carried.

Police- It has been reported that congregations of young people have been drinking in the school parking lot. Mr. Lowe is checking more often. It was also decided that Mr. Lowe would furnish the clerk a list of his long distance telephone calls each month.

Streets- Some patching has been done. Warren Co. Water District will be fixing the streets when they finish their work. Chairman Wolff asked Mr. Pearson to take care of setting up the trash pick-up for which money was set aside in the budget.

Fire- Mr. Walker announced that 6 people can now run the truck.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The City Audit has been completed. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded the bill of \$1,000.00 be paid. M. C. One suggestion made was the city should have a control account for the accumulation of the cost of all fixed assets of the city. This will be set up in the near future.

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Mr. Wolff read a letter he had sent to the Public Utility Commission objecting to the proposed rate hike being sought by Continental Telephone.

Cable T. V.

The proposal accepted by the County does not include Smiths Grove. The city might get a better package by making a proposal with Oakland.

Board of Adjustments

They had their first meeting and installed officers. They are now available for business. Herb Leopold was elected Chairman, Amos Britt Vice Chairman, and Marie Perkins Secretary.

Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Barner seconded the meeting be adjourned.  
Motion carried.

Approved: Clarence N. Wolff  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Attest: Sue M. Edwards  
City Clerk