

City Commission meeting - April 28, 1997 - City Hall - 7:00 p.m.

In the absence of Mayor Gilley, Mayor pro tem Bill Hardy called the meeting to order.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr. Hardy ask if anyone had any questions regarding these minutes, or if anyone in attendance wanted to have them read. With no comments to be heard, Comm. Lacy floored a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Hardy yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

2. Treasurer's report

The commission had reviewed this report prior to the meeting, and with no additions corrections or comments from those in attendance, Comm. Martin presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote- Cooke yes, Hardy yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

3. First reading Ordinance #97-6 620.4 - permit for and cash bond for cuts and excavations in city streets or alleys

Comm. Hardy explained that since there was, and will be in the future, building going on throughout the city, the city felt it necessary to enact this ordinance to ensure that anyone who cuts or excavates an alley or street within the city limits must put up a performance bond to ensure the city that when their project is completed, the street and/or alley will be left in the same condition as when they started. Comm. Lacy presented a motion that the above stated ordinance be accepted for a second reading, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Hardy yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes. The clerk informed the commission that unless an emergency arose that required a second reading of this ordinance prior to the May meeting, the reading would be at the May, 1997 meeting.

4. Second reading ordinance #97-1 450.2 - accepting code of ordinance supplement

Comm. Martin presented a motion the seconded reading of this ordinance be accepted, and it now become a portion of the city's permanent records, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Hardy yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

5. Department reports

Streets: Comm. Cooke explained that the problem with Laurel had finally been fixed. He said a paving contractor that paved the Bed & Breakfast drive had been kind enough to dump what asphalt he had remaining in this location.

Police: Comm. Martin read the monthly report prepared by the police dept. (attached). Jeff Smith wondered if there wasn't a bank robbery in the city during the month, and if so why wasn't it included in the report. Chief Montgomery said it was because the Smiths Grove Police Dept. didn't handle it. Jeff and Mr. Varner were of the opinion that any time the Smiths Grove Police Dept. assisted another law enforcement agency it should be noted on their report. Mr. Montgomery said he used to do so and would add it to his reports in the future.

Cemetery: Comm. Lacy said the cemetery was in good condition and he had had no complaints. Comm. Martin said several people had talked with her about the rock wall. Jeff Smith wondered why the commission had not given him permission to get volunteers to help him repair this wall instead of hiring someone to do it at a cost of around \$2,000. The clerk said she didn't feel that Jeff could get enough help to do this. He felt he could. The clerk also stated that there was a liability on the city's behalf should someone get hurt during the endeavor. After further discussion, Comm. Cooke presented a motion, Jeff Smith and volunteers be allowed to repair the rock wall at the cemetery, with the city paying for materials, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote- Cooke yes, Hardy yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

6. Quarterly financial statement-Smiths Grove Cemetery

Cemetery commissioner Lacy pointed out that the cemetery had received \$1,086.00 during the quarter and had expended \$3,725.54. Porter Martin ask what these expenditures were for. Comm. Lacy read them to him. Mr. Martin said he thought the report was for a period of a month. With no further discussion to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Hardy yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

7. Other

Comm. Hardy explained that Bob Appling was supposed to appear to discuss the possibility of a building inspector for the city, but the clerk hadn't heard from Mr. Alpling.

Comm. Hardy explained that the next scheduled meeting fell on a holiday. He ask the commission what they wanted to do. Comm. Martin presented a motion the meeting be held on Tuesday, May 27th, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote- Cooke yes, Hardy yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

With no further business to be presented, Comm. Hardy floored a motion the meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____
James R. Gilley, Mayor Dorothy J. Neal, City Clerk