

Smiths Grove City Commission meeting
Smiths Grove Municipal Building -7:00 p.m.
April 28, 2003

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all commissioners in attendance as well as numerous interested citizens. He informed those in attendance that the Commission was going to adhere to the written agenda throughout the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance -led by Commissioner Martin

2. Minutes of the March 24, 2003 meeting

The Mayor called for questions or discussion of these minutes. With none to be heard, Comm. Cooke presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

3. Minutes of the special called meeting - March 31, 2003

The commission had reviewed these minutes prior to the meeting, and Comm. Watt presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Pierce. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

4. Treasurer's report

The Mayor called for questions or discussion of the report. Comm. Pierce wondered what Barbara Gilley was getting paid for. The Mayor said because the clerk had an appointment on Thursday mornings. With no further discussion to be heard, Comm. Watt presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

5. Opening of sealed bids for city trash service

The Mayor commented, he felt most in attendance were interested in the residential rates. Monarch Environmental residential rates were \$9.75 per month for a 96 gallon container, Scott was \$12.00 per month. Comm. Martin ask Monarch how they could justify that rate, being \$2.25 cheaper. He replied because they owned their own landfill and felt they would come out also with the commercial service rates. Comm. Cooke said he had been very satisfied the entire time the city had had Monarch service. With no more discussion, Comm. Cooke presented a motion the commission accept Monarch Environmental Inc. bid of, residential service, \$9.75 per month, seconded by Comm. Watt. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

6... Opening of sealed bids for ground maintenance on two city parks.

Comm. Martin opened and read the bids that were presented for the commission's consideration. (bids attached) Pete's Lawn Care Service bid of \$160.00 per month was the lowest bid. The Mayor called for questions or comments, with none to be heard. Comm. Watt presented a motion the commission accept Pete's lawn Care Services bid, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce No.

7. Parking on Main Street

Mayor Gilley ask Comm. Pierce to elaborate on this. Comm. Pierce said parking on Main Street was very dangerous, and he thought everyone knew that there had been someone killed on Main in the past. He would like to propose a resolution for the commission to accept that there be no parking on Main Street from Laurel to Second, with the exception of the designated business district. Which would include the bank, drugstore and the antique district. The only business that wouldn't be included would be the FlavorIsle, and there would be no parking in front of it. Comm. Watt said this would include both the Baptist and Methodist Churches. His opinion was, the Baptist Church had ample parking, but the Methodist Church doesn't, and he didn't want to be responsible for keeping people from going to church because they had no place to park. He also ask Comm. Pierce, during the city spring and fall festivals, where would those people park. comm. Martin commented, at other city's functions, those people had to find a place to park. Comm. Pierce said every household on the north side of Main had access to their homes from the two alleys. Comm. Watt wondered what affect the proposed rerouting of Highway 101 would have on the city. Perhaps the commission should wait to see about that. Both Comm. Martin and Pierce said that would be in the future. The Mayor commented, he felt the proposal of only from Laurel to Second street was unfair. If it was going to be considered, it should be all of Main Street. Comm. Pierce said this discussion had been held in the past and no decision had been reached. Comm. Cooke presented a motion no action be taken on this matter until the commission knew what was going to be done about rerouting Highway 101 seconded by Comm. Watt. Comm. Pierce amended the motion to read, they all do more research on the matter and present further research at the May meeting, roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

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Police

Police Comm. Cooke read the monthly report prepared by Chief Sneed. (attached)

Cemetery

Comm. Martin said she had met out at the cemetery chapel with White Glove Cleaning Service to see how much it would cost to have the chapel cleaned periodically. Perhaps every 2 months. They will let her know how much they would charge very soon. She also reported she would like to obtain bids for having the exterior of the chapel painted. Comm. Watt reported, John Wayne Smith said, as soon as weather permitted, he would fix and paint the chapel door. Comm. Martin also reported the light that shines on the flag is broken and she would like to have it fixed before Memorial Day. She had an estimate of \$50

to repair the light. She also stated that she would like to establish a fund to get lights at each corner of the chapel which would cost approximately \$1,200. The commission approved getting the light on the flag repaired, and ask her to bring prices and report her findings at the May meeting. She also said the mowing contractor was doing a good job. All of the commission agreed.

Streets

Comm. Watt said he and Comm. Pierce had driven all over the city alleys and streets. They found a dead tree down in Orion Alley which was on phone company lines. They said they would remove the tree. He said all of the alleys, which they are in the process of getting graded and graveled, were in bad shape. Comm. Pierce said he would like to see the city use some of the street funds to have more sidewalks installed. He also reported, there was a hollowed out place on the street Anthony Stidham lives on and he would like to get it repaired. The Mayor said he had driven that street one day the prior week and didn't see any place that was bad. Mr. Stidham said it was there and the Mayor should drive it after a rain. He also ask the city to turn the street over to him as he was the only one living on it, or the only one that would ever live on it, and he would keep it repaired and in good shape. The Mayor said it would have to be a decision the city residents make and not for the commission to decide.

9. City donation to the Spring and Fall city festivals

The Mayor ask Velda Smith how much the city had contributed last year. She said she thought it was a total of \$800. The clerk said she talked with Marsha Alford, who is treasurer of the festival committee and she said it was a total of \$700.00. Comm. Watt presented a motion the city donate a total of \$700.00 to the festivals in two payments off \$350.00 each, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

Landscaping and repair of rock wall at Municipal building

Mayor Gilley ask commissioner Pierce to address these subjects. He had requested bids for the rock wall from Middlestate Tile Company. They submitted a bid in the amount of \$42.00 per hour, and they estimated it would take in the area of 80-100 hours to repair the wall. He said this company was the only one he knew and ask the other commissioners to get bids also.

He had also gotten a bid from Webb-Co Lawn Service for the landscaping. They submitted a drawing along with their bid in the amount of \$2,971.00. Comm. Cooke had an estimate from Triple J Nursery in the amount of \$1,970.00. The company would furnish a drawing also for \$100.00. The commission considered the plans and comm. Martin and Pierce both agreed that they would prefer mulch over rock. After these discussions, Comm. Pierce presented a motion the city advertise for bids on the landscaping, seconded by Comm. Martin. Mayor ask the clerk not to have these published on Sunday as the rate was too high. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

The Mayor told those in attendance that the annual city clean up day would be May 3rd.

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

APPROVED: _____
James R. Gilley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dorothy J. Neal – Interim City Clerk