

Special called City Commission meeting - April 7, 1986 - City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., with all commissioners in attendance.

Since there were several citizens in attendance who wished to make comments on the insurance premium tax, Mayor Gilley turned the floor over to them. Their comments were as follows:

Lucian Flora, He would be in favor of the tax if the commission would consider rescinding the ordinance which created the library. He felt this was an unfair burden on the citizens of Smiths Grove. He also ask the salaries of the Police Chief and the Clerk.

Buckshot Dunn, He felt it was unfair for just the five commissioners to be able to make this decision on their own and wanted it to be put to the people for a vote.

Mike Lewis, No, I am not in favor of this tax.

Bill Evans, He wouldn't mind the tax if the commission would be sure to rescind it when they could.

After their comments were heard, Mayor Gilley turned the floor over to Andy Lange from the BRADD office to further explain why the city had to impose this tax. He said he had been asked to compile some facts and figures for the commission when the city faced a deficit budget for the fiscal year 1984-1985. The insurance tax was also considered for that commission. He explained this was the city's only alternative at this time because of the class of city we are. The commission said they were in the process of conferring with Sen. Frank Miller trying to get the city changed from a sixth class city

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to a fifth class city so they could impose the payroll tax instead of the insurance premium tax. They all felt this was the only fair tax as there are over 50% of the population who are senior citizens. They assured those in attendance that this is

receiving their careful attention. Comm. Bryce said it is the intention of the commission to rescind the insurance tax premium as soon as they can.

With no further discussion to be heard, Comm. Smith presented a motion to now accept the ordinance for the second reading, seconded by Comm. Bryce. Roll call and vote - Smith yes, Barrow yes, Gilley yes, Crisp yes, Bryce yes.

With no further comments or discussion to be heard, a motion to adjourn was heard.

Approved: James R. Gilley
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal
City Clerk