

City Commission meeting-August 23, 1982-City Hall - 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all commissioners present and numerous interested citizens in attendance.

Minutes of the July meeting were read and with no additions or corrections a motion to accept them as read was made by Mr. Stiffey, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call and vote - Pearson yes, Stiffey yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes. The treasurers' report was presented to the Commissioners for their consideration. A motion to accept the report as written was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Van Der Stelt. Roll call and vote - Pearson yes, Stiffey yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

AGENDA

1. Resurfacing of streets

Mayor Milliken explained the funds used for this purpose are received from Municipal Road Aid Funds and must be used exclusively for this purpose. The Mayor said he had contacted a paving contractor to survey the streets and give a rough estimate as to how much money is involved. The Mayor ask each of the Commissioners for their opinions on the streets most in need of resurfacing, asking them to keep in mind the city in its entirety and to list them as to their priority. Comm. Anderson - (1) Vincent Street, (2) Hedge Street, (3) Cemetery Street from 101 to the cemetery. Comm. Van Der Stelt (1) Vincent Street, (2) Hedge Street. Comm. Pearson - (1) Hedge Street, (2) repair the bad place in Vincent Street, (3) if any funds remain, Cemetery Street. Comm. Stiffey, (1) Vincent St. (2) Hedge Street. Mayor Milliken reported he had driven over the city numerous times, and was in agreement with the Comm. requests, adding he felt Vincent St. could be resurfaced from the edge of the Cee Bee parking lot to 101. He then asked the citizens in attendance if they had any suggestions regarding the resurfacing. Shelvee DeBree reported Webb Circle has several deep holes and is in need of resurfacing. The question of Flav-o-Rich's responsibility for resurfacing Vincent St. arose. The Mayor explained the city is obligated to maintain that street, but possibly, the city might obtain some help from them. The water problem on Cave St. and Beeler was presented again. One citizen reported he had to replace his furnace as a result of it, another reported he had lost his entire tobacco crop. Mayor Milliken reported he had been working to attain an easement from the state to widen the entrance to Oakland Rd. and 101, before 101 was paved thru town and he hoped this would alleviate this problem. Comm. Pearson stated the only thing that would solve the problem would be a larger grate. Hr. Leopold ask if the BRADD offices had approved the engineering. Mayor Milliken said he could only assume they had. Some of the citizens wondered if, since the problem has only existed since the Comm. Development project, if Anderson Engineering should assume the responsibility. Comm. Stiffey volunteered to contact Ralph Anderson and discuss this problem with him and report his findings at the Sept. meeting. Mr. Cushenberry ask if the funds run out before Beeler St. was resurfaced when could it be expected to have consideration again. Mayor Milliken made a motion, the resurfacing priorities be Vincent St., Hedge St. and Beeler Ave., and that this commitment be for a period of

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two years, if all of the above stated streets are not completed this year, they will be completed next year. Seconded by Mr. Stiffey. Roll call and vote - Pearson yes, Stiffey yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

2. Cemetery

Mayor Milliken commended Ms. Jordan for her efforts over a long period of time. He explained the maintenance had become burdensome along with her other responsibilities. The Mayor explained he had met with Ms. Jordan and presented to her the possibility of hiring Mr. Robert Shultz as a maintenance Supervisor for \$75.00 a month. He would assume the responsibility of mowing, purchasing of equipment hiring help as needed to assist him, with Ms. Jordan Managing the finances. He ask the Commission for comments or questions. Comm. Van Der Stelt ask why the present maintenance man couldn't handle the maintenance. Mayor Milliken explained because of the size of the cemetery and his age it was too much for one man. Mr. Leopold ask if Mr. Shultz would be allowed to spend funds as he saw fit or would they be controlled by the commission. The Mayor explained the major expenditures would be controlled by Ms. Jordan, and the day to day expenses would be at Mr. Shultz's discession. Ms. Jordan asked who would be contacted when digging of rock is necessary at the cemetery. The Mayor told her to contact Comm. Van Der Stelt. With no further discussion to be heard, the Mayor made a motion to hire Robert Shultz at the rate of \$75.00 per month, paid thru the cemetery funds, as maintenance supervisor. Seconded by Mr. Anderson Roll call and vote - Pearson no, Stiffey yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt no, Anderson yes. Motion carries.

3. Library Board Ordinance - First reading

The Mayor read the Library Board Ordinance, prepared by the City Attorney (for the commissioner's consideration and approval. (copy attached) A motion by Mr. Stiffey to approve the ordinance was heard seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call and vote - Pearson yes, Stiffey yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes. The Mayor informed the meeting the second reading of the ordinance would be at the Sept. meeting.

4. Salary increases for the Police Chief and City Clerk

The Mayor explained the clerk now makes a wage of \$4.00 per hour, and at the time she was hired, she was told if the funds were available, an increase would be considered in six months. The Mayor presented a motion for an increase to \$100.00 weekly for the clerk. Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call and vote - Pearson no, Van Der Stelt yes, Milliken yes, Stiffey yes, Anderson yes. Motion carries. The Mayor then commended Chief Bybee for his continuing efforts for the city, and presented a motion the Police Chief's salary be increased by \$100.00 a month. Seconded by Mr. Stiffey. Roll call and vote - Pearson yes, Stiffey yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

5. Repair of City sidewalks

The Mayor explained the sidewalks between Margies and Anderson's

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Spur on one side of the street and Priddy's and the grocery store on the other were in bad need of repair. He presented an estimate from Farm & Home Improvement in the amount of \$390.00 to repair these sidewalks. (copy attached). A motion to accept this bid for the repairs was presented by Mayor Milliken, seconded by Mr. Pearson. Roll call and vote - Pearson yes, Stiffey yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

6. Downtown Beautification

The Mayor explained thus far all of the funds for the beautification of the downtown area had been strictly from donations of interested citizens from Smiths Grove and Bowling Green. He now would like to plant flowering trees in half-barrels along the sidewalks of the downtown area, with him doing the labor. A motion to allocate \$300.00 for this purpose was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Stiffey. Roll call and vote- Pearson yes, Stiffey yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

7. Stanley Rice Addition streets

Mr. Stanley Rice addressed the meeting, asking the Mayor to read the copies of the letters regarding the commitments of the prior commission on these streets. (copies attached). He also read a letter the city had received from Mr. Raymor of the Farmers Home Administration regarding these streets. The Mayor explained to Mr. Rice, when High Quality Inc. applied for building permits on lots #13 and 14 in this addition he was informed the city would not be responsible for the maintenance of the streets. The Mayor explained he had made extensive surveys of these streets and they do not comply with the County Planning and Zoning regulations and the city could not accept substandard streets for maintenance, when we are so short of funds for this purpose. Mr. Rice presented a plat plan and the Mayor explained the portion in question was not recorded. Mr. Rice will research further and again approach the commission. He ask Mayor Milliken to have the clerk get the minutes from the prior commission meetings which contained their commitments regarding these streets. The Mayor read excerpts from the June 4, 1980 and July 28, 1980 meetings. Mr. Rice then asked the commission to approve maintenance of Oakwood Court, Lawson St. and two street extensions. The Mayor ask for a motion to either approve or disprove this request. Mr. Pearson ask if he was asking for approval of the entire subdivision, Mr. Rice responded, no, only Oakwood Court and those of the prior commission's commitments. Mr. Pearson made a motion the city accept Oakwood Court and the streets committed to by the prior commission for maintenance. The Mayor called for a second the motion failed for want of a second.

8. General Liability insurance premium payment.

A bill from Blake, Hart, Taylor & Wiseman in the amount of \$322.77 for the city's liability insurance was presented for payment. The clerk explained another insurance company had been contacted to see if a cheaper premium would be had and the company advised the City to remain with their present company.

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A motion to pay this premium was made by Mayor Milliken, seconded by Mr. Pearson. Roll call-and vote - Pearson yes, Stiffey yes, Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes.

9. Amos Britt Property

Mr. Britt has notified the city he wants to purchase this property from the excess Community Development property. The Mayor requested the clerk to contact the city attorney and have him process the deed for this property. He also ask the clerk to contact Mrs. Clara Flewellen for the third time, (copy attached), and if there was no response this time, that property would be added to those to be sold at public auction.

Mr. Stiffey ask Ms. Jordan to explain to Mr. Crayton why he could not purchase the two graves in the new area of the cemetery. Ms. Jordan explained this section had been laid out - four grave plots and must be maintained according to that plat.

The Mayor explained he had been in contact with the city attorney regarding the delinquent taxes due the city. He had requested the city clerk to send him a list of the delinquent taxpayers and the amount owed. He will proceed to file a lien against these properties.

Mr. Pearson ask if the city could purchase more gravel for the street running along the phone company, as the load he applied earlier had all washed away. The Mayor said we would have to wait until the streets that had been voted on to repair were done and see if there are any funds remaining.

The returned proposals from auditors the city contacted were read. Cook & Taylor presented a proposal of \$1,600.00. James R. Meany & Associates bid was for \$1,000.00. A motion by Mr. Pearson to accept Meany's bid, but to try to negotiate with them for a lower fee was made, seconded by Mr. Van Der Stelt. Roll call and vote - Pearson yes, Stiffey yes; Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Anderson yes. With no further business or discussion to be presented the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: W. Currie Milliken
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal
City Clerk