

City Commission meeting - August 23, 1993 - City Hall -7:00 P.M.

Mayor-Gilley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Belcher, Martin and Lacy in attendance as well as some interested citizens.

AGENDA

Minutes of the previous meeting

Questions or discussion on these minutes was called for. With none to be heard, Comm. Lacy floored a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

Treasurers report

Mayor ask the commission if they had any comments or questions on this report. With none to be heard, Comm. Belcher presented a motion to accept the report as printed, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

Annual financial report-Smiths Grove Cemetery

The Mayor ask Ms. Jordan if she had any comments regarding the financial statements. She had none. Comm. Lacy floored a motion to accept the financial statement as printed, seconded by Comm. Belcher. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

Cemetery chapel roof repair

Mayor Gilley explained to those in attendance that a large limb had fallen on the chapel roof and caused considerable damage.' He then turned the floor over to Comm. Martin who has been soliciting bids for this repair. They were as follows: Jeff Wilson, new shake shingle roof, \$4875.00- repair of existing roof-\$550.00. Breakfield Roofing, shake shingles,\$3200.00 James L. Carver-dimensional shingles overlaid-\$2000.00. Commissioner Martin said she had talked with the insurance adjuster in Indianapolis at Aetna Insurance and they would send their findings as soon as they receive the report. Mayor Gilley ask her to finalize this report at the Sept. meeting. She agreed to do so. Comm. Martin said that once the roof is repaired, the ceiling of the chapel would need some attention.

Police Dept. ordinance - discussion

The clerk informed the commission that the existing ordinance the city had adopted in 1983 adequately addressed the needs for the new sixth class requirements.

PRIDE representative for Smiths Grove

Mayor Gilley ask the commission if they had brought a name for this representative. Comm. Belcher said he couldn't get anyone to agree to take it. Comm. Martin said she had talked with Martha McGuirk and also suggested Helen Davis and Bernadine Morehead. The Mayor ask Comm. Martin if she would be interested. She said she didn't think so. It was decided they would ask these three people to see if they were interested.

Department reports

Mayor Gilley read the police department report - (attached) Cemetery-roof report discussed above. Comm. Martin she didn't feel the maintenance man was trimming too well. Mr. Jordan agreed. The clerk said she would tell them when she sent his next check. The balance of the commission felt it would be better to give them a week to see if they mow and trim in that time.

Other

Bill Sanders said he had complain about the dirt track that was built at Jimmy Duffs house but had found out prior to the meeting that the police chief had apparently settled this problem. Mr. Sanders said he was also interested in what the commission could tell him about the proposed truck stop. Mayor Gilley said this property was outside of the city limits and probably Mr. Sanders knew as much about it as the commission knew. Mr. Sanders wondered if Jim Skaggs Inc. the sewer contractor was the same contractor that was doing the Park City sewer project. Joe Liles from Warren County Water District said he wasn't for sure but thought he was. Mr. Sanders said in his opinion Park City was a mess and hoped Smiths Grove wouldn't look the same. Joe Liles assured him the city would be a mess during the installation time but hopefully after the clean up everyone would be satisfied.

Mr. Sanders didn't feel the citizens of Smiths Grove had been properly informed of the sewer progress and wondered where they could go to be informed and to protest the proposed rates. He said his house was just over a year old and he had a perfectly good operational septic system and didn't want to hook up to the sewer. He said he would pay the hook on charges as well as the monthly bill but didn't want to hook on. Mr. Liles said one of the stipulations of the Farmers Home loan was that everyone be compelled to hook up to the system.

Bob Buehl said he was also concerned with the possibility of the truck stop. His opinion was it would change the whole nature of Smiths Grove along with an increase in the traffic flow, pollution and the possible increase in crime. Mr. Buehl said being forced to pay the hook up fee at one lump sum would be a financial burden on him and wondered if he could pay this in payments. Mr. Liles said the water district would send out letters to tell citizens that they would have the time from when the sewer system started until the time it was completed to either pay the total \$500.00 fee at once or in payments. But it must be paid by the time the sewer is completed. Mr. Buehl said he was pleased that he could make this in payments. Mayor Gilley told Mr. Sanders and Mr. Buehl that this whole problem was not the doings of the commission but was forced on the city by the EPA.

Joe Liles said there had been at least five published public meetings since October, 1991 in which they had attempted to inform the public as to what was taking place and why. He said after the EPA closed a business in Smiths Grove and cited several houses, the commission then approached the to see if a sewer system could be installed that would be affordable to the people of Smiths Grove. The Water District then approached BRADD to see if they could obtain a Community Development Block Grant towards this project. They were able to get \$750,000 towards this project, which the Mayor was presented in August of 1993. Then the Water District approached Farmers Home Administration hoping to get a \$760,000 grant from them. But that was denied and the Water Dist. had to take a loan in the amount of \$760,000, and the city was required to contribute \$100,000.00 for the hookups of the lower income people. Mr. Liles said when this first became apparent that something would have to be done the commission ask the Water District to keep the bills below \$24.00 and this meant that everyone would have to hook on in order to keep the bills this low. He added that low income people within the city would be hooked up free and obtain 50 feet of the sewer installation pipe free. Mr. Liles said the bids had been opened August 13 and awarded to Jim Skaggs as the lowest bidder and then all of the contracts bid tabulations and loan applications had been sent to the Public Service Commission for their approval. He anticipates he will receive them back by 9-16-93 and then they will have to go to Farmers Home for a preclosing, which he anticipates will be done by 9/29/93. Then he can give Jim Skaggs Inc. permission to start the project which he compelled to complete in a seven month period, clean up and all. This would be approximately 5-1994.

Mr. Sanders ask if he would be required to cap off his existing septic system. Mr. Liles said he would. Comm. Belcher ask how the Water District disposed of the waste. Mr. Liles said they had a contract with Bowling Green Municipal Utilities for this. Mr. Liles ask everyone in attendance to call him or Alan Vilines the project engineer if they had any more questions. Mayor Gilley thanked Mr. Liles and Mr. Vilines for their time and information. Mr. Sanders also thanked Mr. Liles and said he had found out what he needed to know at this meeting.

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

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____
JAMES R. GILLEY, MAYOR DOROTHY J. NEAL, CITY CLERK

