

City Commission meeting - August 23, 1999-City Hall-7:00 p.m.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P. M. with all commissioners in attendance as well as numerous interested citizens.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Mayor stated that the commission had had ample time prior to the meeting to review these minutes. He called for corrections or comments. With none to be heard, Comm. Martin presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Cooke. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

2. Treasurer's report

Again the Mayor stated that the commission had reviewed this report prior to the meeting, and called for comments or corrections to same. With none to be heard, Comm. Hardy presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Martin. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

3. Annual city of Smiths Grove Financial statement-7/1/1998 - 6/30/1999

The Mayor called for comments regarding this annual financial statement. Comm. Cooke said he felt the expenditures needed to be watched very close.

4. Mayor McCay said the second reading of Ordinance #99-1 910.4 adopting BOCA would not be heard, as the commission decided to table it until a future time at the special called meeting 8/19/1999.

5. Second reading Ordinance #99-2 620.10 amending Ordinance #99-1 620.9 - regarding the removal of weeds, bushes, and general debris within the city limits.

The Mayor explained the only thing that had been amended in this ordinance was the form of offense. It has been changed from a criminal offense to a civil one and would be tried in civil court rather than district court. Comm. Hardy presented a motion the second reading of this ordinance be accepted, seconded by Comm. Howard. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

6. Department reports

Street Department: Comm. Cooke reported that he finally found a grader to do the alleys within the city at a cost of \$40.00 per hour. He said the cost to the city was \$60.00 last year. He said the man didn't want to do the grading until we had rain as the surface was too hard

And he couldn't grade satisfactorily. Comm. Cooke presented a motion that Wendell Decker's bid of \$40.00 per hour for grading of city alleys be accepted, seconded by Comm. Howard. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

Police Department: Comm. Martin read the monthly report (attached), and stated she had nothing further to report. The Mayor ask the Police Chief what an incident report was. Sneed said it could be domestic violence or several other things. The Mayor said even though other law enforcement agencies covered these incidents within the city limits, he would like to see them as part of our police reports monthly, Comm. Howard commented on the "32 warning tickets that had been given. He said he had had comments from several individuals saying they had gotten a warning and appreciated being warned instead of ticketed. He said he felt the police were doing a good job. The Mayor said we were still working on the COPS grant funds. He had talked with a member of Senator Bunning's staff today and they said they check to see what they could find out.

Public Safety, Health & Welfare: Comm. Hardy reported that the Smiths Grove Fire Dept. had purchased a new tanker truck at a cost of \$100,000, which half had been paid by the fire department and the balance would be paid in a maximum of five years. Terry Pierce showed a picture of the tanker they had replaced. Comm. Hardy then read the monthly incident report, (attached) prepared by the fire department for the commission. He then reported that he had been approached regarding speed limit signs going out of the city on Hedge Street. Magistrate Hunt reported that Fiscal Court was taking bids for 250 indoor warning systems, one of which would be installed at North Warren School. The Mayor said he would like to present a motion that the commission, in case an unnecessary watering ban was imposed by Bowling Green and Warren County, the city could then follow suit and impose this same ban by Municipal Order in the city of Smiths Grove. Comm. Howard wondered if the county imposed this ban, wouldn't it affect the city also, and if so, how could the city enforce one also. Comm. Hardy commented that perhaps the city was under the county umbrella also. The Mayor said he felt the commission was obligated to set an example for all of the citizens. Magistrate Hunt recommended the commission, because Smiths Grove is incorporated, pass their own ordinance, or executive order.

Comm. Martin wondered if the burn law would fall under this umbrella. Terry Pierce wondered if since the water system in the city belonged to the county, wouldn't the city fall under the county regulations. With no further comments, Comm. Howard seconded the Mayors motion. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

Cemetery: Comm. Howard said the cemetery is looking good. He reported that the maintenance Contractor is also picking up most of the fallen limbs prior to mowing. He said there were some low hanging limbs and a few others that he was going to take care of with the city's chain saw.

7. Committee reports:

- a. Planning & Zoning: Gerald Brown commented there was nothing pertaining to the city.
- b. Aging Services: James Hill reported that he wanted to circulate a petition, and ask those in attendance to take the time to read and sign it. The petition was to consider funding for older Americans. The funding recently has been limited.
- c. Beautification: Chairman, Sandra McCay said she had nothing to report, but did wonder if she was still supposed to water the city flowers. The Mayor said, at this time, yes.

8. City long distance service

The Mayor said he would like permission to switch the city long distance service from AT&T to Tricom. He added that he had checked with several other companies and these were definitely the cheapest rates. (attached). Comm. Cooke presented a motion the city long distance service be switched to Tricom, seconded by Comm. Howard. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes. The Mayor then said while on the subject of phones, he would like to present his monthly cellphone bill in the amount of \$23.39 or \$280.68 annually for consideration of payment. Comm. Cooke commented that there were two phones at city hall that were available to the Mayor and he didn't feel there was a need to pay this bill. Sandra McCay said the Mayor was available to the citizens 24 hours a day, and sometimes the cell phone was the only way they could reach him. The Mayor said he wasn't taking a salary for his position as Mayor. He said he had attended eight BRADD meeting, been to the city attorney, the County Judge/Executives office, to seminars and training, with some of these having a fee and numerous other meetings and had not ask for reimbursement. Comm, Howard said the Mayor has the authority to spend up to \$500.00 without commission permission but he chooses to bring all expenses to the commission's attention. He added, if the cellphone bill ran over what the Mayor's annual salary would be then there would be a problem. Comm. Hardy said he had no problem with paying it. Donald Laws ask what about cell phones for the Police. The Mayor said the commission was in the process of checking into this. With no further comments to be heard, the Mayor presented a motion this bill be paid, seconded by Comm. Howard. Roll call and vote Cooke no, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

9. Kiersten Jagers, BRADD

Mayor McCay told those in attendance that Ms. Jagers had worked closely with then Comm, Lacy when the city had received a grant for new street signs and she had been very helpful to he city. The Mayor had ask her to see if she could give the commission a report on the number of semi trucks in the area daily. She had done a personal fiscal count at the truck stop for a 4 hour period in the morning and again in the afternoon. She reported a count of 600 vehicles per hour in that area, of which 40% were semis. She then presented to those in attendance detailed reports on a six year study for area roads and highways. She called for questions or discussion. Buddy Marr wondered if there was anything she could do to get some kind of indication on the turn lane into the truck stop so the trucks would know to use that. She agreed to check into it. Carlos Lopez wondered when the interchange at Cemetery Road and I-65 was to be completed. She said this was proposed for the year 2000. The Mayor thanked Ms. Jagers for her time and efforts.

10. Other

Ray Lewis said he would like to see something done in the area of Billy Webb's house on Laurel. He said he walks early in the morning and cars come through there at 60-65 miles per hour. He would like for the police to be in the area and give some tickets. Eva Webb agreed with Mr. Lewis that something needed to be done.

Mayor McCay then read the clerk's resignation effective 9/30/1999. He stated that the clerk had agreed to assist in the transition period for an unspecified period of time. He ask if one of the commission would floor a motion to accept this resignation. Mayor McCay presented

a motion the clerk's resignation be accepted, seconded by Comm. Cooke. Roll call and vote
Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

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

APPROVED: _____
Walter J. McCay, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dorothy J. Nell, City Clerk