

City Commission meeting – August 24, 1987 – City Hall – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with all commissioners in attendance, as well as numerous citizens.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting and special called meeting

The commission had reviewed these minutes prior to the meeting, and with no additions or corrections to be heard, Comm. Barrow presented a motion the minutes of these two meetings be approved as written, seconded by Comm. Bryce. Roll call and vote - Bryce yes, Barrow yes, Gilley yes, Crisp yes, Smith yes.

2. Treasurers report

With no corrections to be made to this report, Comm. Bryce presented a motion to accept it as printed, seconded by Comm. Crisp. Roll call and vote - Smith yes, Crisp yes, Gilley yes, Barrow yes, Bryce yes.

3. Delinquent occupational licenses

The Mayor ask the clerk to explain why this was on the agenda. She said there were 12 persons who had not paid their license for the 1987-1988 year and she wondered what the commission wanted her to do. Comm. Bryce ask if second notices had been sent. The clerk said no. She was instructed to see second notices and to inform those that were delinquent; this will be their final notice before the \$5.00 per day fine is imposed. She agreed to do so.

4. Consideration of audit proposal

Mayor Gilley said the clerk had sent 5 proposals and received only one reply from Cook & Co. in the amount of \$1,500.00. He wondered if the Commission wanted to wait to see if there were any more responses or if they wanted to proceed with Cook & Co. the clerk said the same thing had happen prior. She had sent out 5 proposals and received only one reply. Comm. Barrow presented a motion, the city accept the proposal of Cook & Co. for \$1,500.00, seconded by Comm. Bryce. Roll call and vote - Bryce yes, Barrow yes, Gilley yes, Crisp yes, Smith yes.

5. First reading - Street ordinance #87-3 920.12

Mayor Gilley informed those in attendance, the commission had not received this ordinance to review and discuss until Friday prior to the meeting and since it pertained to the future maintenance of streets, he felt it should not be rushed through without ample time to consider and discuss it. He said any of the citizens who wanted a copy of this ordinance as it was not written could receive one from the clerk. It was decided to hold a decision on this ordinance until the Sept. meeting.

6. Other

Mayor Gilley said he felt the most pressing issue under this caption was a decision for Jackson Manor and Webb Ave. He informed the citizens; the commission had held an open discussion on this matter and had agreed to the city paying for half of the cost of the blacktopping on College St. in Jackson Manor and one-half of the cost of blacktopping Webb Ave. This offer held a 30 day time period for a decision for all involved. He ask those in attendance if they had any comments on this matter. Mike Lewis ask if the city was also going to pave private driveways. Comm. Bryce replied, of course not. Jerry Neal Marr ask what specifications the city

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used when advertising for bids. Mayor Gilley said there really weren't any. He said John Metheney, from City-County Planning & Zoning had made a recommendation that the city use specifications set out by the state, and then if a developer wished to develop land in the future, the city could tell them to go down to Planning & Zoning and read the specifications. Mike Bessett felt maybe the issue should be put on the ballot at the next election. Mayor Gilley said he wasn't sure if this could be done. Lawrence Stiffey said there was a portion of Beeler St. which leads into the cemetery which was not paved and wondered why it wasn't considered. Mayor Gilley said any street which is to be considered by the commission must be brought up at the Municipal Aid Road Hearings which were advertised and held in the early spring. Mr. Stiffey also stated that Stanley Rice had ask for the same consideration Mr. Jackson was asking for and didn't receive it. He wondered if the commission felt this was just. David Wingfield said he felt

that Broadway should be finished. He said the portion that was paved was good but the contractor didn't go far enough. Comm. Bryce said he and Comm. Barrow had measured this and thought they would go to the end. Mayor Gilley ask Mr. Jackson what he felt about the proposed payment for the blacktopping Mr. Jackson said he hadn't been informed of this and really didn't know. Barry Claypool said he and Bud Greenup owned eight lots within the city and they had laid 6" dense grade and 757 rock on the streets in front of these lots. When he read the city might be paying 1/2 of streets in sub-divisions he had ask Kenway Contracting for a bid to pave this street. The bid was in the amount of \$4,743.00. He said he and Mr. Greenup would definitely pay for 1/2 of this cost if the city would pay the other half. Mayor Gilley said, again, this must be brought up at the municipal aid road hearings before it can even be considered. Mr. Claypool said when they started to develop this land the commission told them they would get paving done when funds became available. Mr. Thomas Webb said he was completely out of the problem as he no longer owns land in Webb Sub-division, but he felt it wasn't fair to those people who lived there not to have their streets paved. Shelby Simpson, who lives on Webb, had ask those who live in the unpaved area if they could pay for 1/2 of the area in front of their property. She said one resident had no money at all to contribute towards this effort. Mr. Stiffey ask why the city didn't get a bid on what this paving would cost on Webb so the people would know what kind of money they had to consider. Mayor Gilley said this would be done. Mr. Jackson said he would pay for half of the paving of College St. as the commission had asked. Mayor Gilley said the problem with Jackson Manor was now settled.

Barbara & Lonnie Stockton said they reside on Beeler Ave. and the alley which runs behind their house needs to be opened. They had been to Planning & Zoning and were told that all alleys were to be 15' wide and were supposed to be open to all residents living on them. They said the alley was the only way they had of getting to the back of their home and if they were ever in need of an ambulance or other emergency vehicle, they couldn't get to them. Mayor Gilley ask the city attorney what the legal ruling was on this matter. He said the city wasn't obligated to clean up the alley. The Stockton's ask if they could obtain permission from the commission to clean up the alley and put down rock, and open up the alley all of the way. Mr. Stiffey replied, he also resides on this alley, and if the Stockton's wanted to clean it up it was fine with him but he wasn't going to do any of the work. Mayor Gilley ask the city attorney to talk with the Stockton's and get a legal opinion of this matter.

Thomas Webb ask to have the floor for a few minutes. He said it was a fact they are going to run a sewer line from the Firestone Plant under I-65 at Smiths Grove.

He wondered if the city would check to see what kind of grants were available to the city for this type of project and also to see if Smiths Grove citizens would pay to have the sewer run into the city.

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Mr. Webb said he would be glad to put up the first \$25,000.00 toward this project if other citizens would carry their share of the expense. The clerk agreed to check with the BRADD offices to see if there were any available grants.

David Stiffey said he would like to inform the commission of what the state inspector had told the firemen when he did his inspection of the fire facilities within the city. He said it was almost positive the city's class rating would drop to a 7th class and could possibly go to a 6th class rate. When this happens it would be a substantial drop in the insurance rates.

Before closing the meeting, the commission wanted a final vote on the decision regarding paving Webb Ave. & College St. Comm. Smith presented a motion, the city would pay for half of this paving cost for Webb. Ave. and College St. in Jackson Manor and the residents would pay for the other half, seconded by Comm. Bryce. Roll call and vote - Bryce yes, Barrow yes, Gilley abstain, Crisp no, Smith yes. Motion carries.

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

Approved: James R. Gilley
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal
City Clerk