

City Commission meeting - August 24, 1998 - City Hall - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gilley with all commissioners in attendance.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting and two special called meetings

The minutes of the meetings were presented to the commission for discussion, corrections or amendments. With none to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

2. Treasurer's report

Mayor Gilley ask those in attendance if there were any questions regarding this report or if they would like to have the clerk to read same. With no comments to be heard, Comm. Martin presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

3. City Sidewalk Grant discussion

The Mayor introduced Ashley Willoughby from the BRADD to expand on what is expected of the city regarding the paper work for the grant. Mr. Willoughby said he had prepared a draft of the Memorandum of Understanding and Resolution that is required with the initial paperwork to the Finance Cabinet for the commission's consideration. He suggested the commission form a committee to work with a masonry contractor regarding the scope of work to be done. He also said the city would need to work with the KY. State Highway Dept. as the work, or a portion of it, will be done on a state highway. The commission agreed to abide by Mr. Willoughby's suggestions and ask the clerk to contact the Highway Dept. for their assistance. She agreed to do so.

4. Second reading Ordinance #98-1 920.17 recommending to amend zoning ordinance/resolution Article 4, 7 and 22 (Waste Disposal Facility)

The Mayor informed those in attendance the first reading of this ordinance has been heard at the July meeting and now needed a second reading. Comm. Lacy presented a motion the second reading of the above named ordinance be accepted and now become a permanent part of the city records, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

5. Second reading Ordinance #98-1 310.7 amending Ordinance #92-1 310.5 relating to payment of an annual fee by the city to the Smiths Grove Fire Department

The Mayor stated that after several discussions with the fire department, a satisfactory fee of \$4000 annually had been reached. Comm. Hardy presented a motion the second reading of this ordinance be accepted and that it now become a portion of the city permanent records, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Hardy yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

6. Annual financial statement-Smiths Grove Cemetery

The commission reviewed this report and with no corrections to be made, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the financial statement be accepted as presented, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

7. Annual financial statement-City of Smiths Grove

The commission had reviewed this statement in advance of the meeting, and with no questions or corrections to be heard, Comm. Hardy presented a motion the report be accepted as presented, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

8. Department reports

Cemetery: Comm. Lacy said he had had numerous complaints regarding the appearance of the cemetery. He stated that he had a long talk with the maintenance contractor and Mr. Cole said he knew it didn't look good and work harder in the future to improve the appearance of the cemetery. Comm. Lacy also said that it was obvious by the annual financial statement that something would have to be done by the city in the near future to help the financial status of the cemetery. He added, he felt when a new maintenance contractor was let it would be considerably higher, and the funds just weren't there. Lawrence Stiffey ask who the cemetery belonged to. Mayor Gilley said it was given to the city by the Odd Fellows several years ago. Mr. Stiffey wondered if the city could impose the 5% tax on real estate that they had imposed to assist the library several years ago. All agreed something would have to be done. Walter McCay wondered what the status of the rock wall repair was. The Mayor said the commission had told Jeff Smith, after he offered to get the wall repaired that the city would pay for the supplies needed to do this work. Tommy Hunt said this was brought up at a Lion's Club meeting several months ago and he had agreed to volunteer to help with this project. Comm. Lacy also said the county had bush hogged the outer section of the cemetery for us and it looked much better.

Streets: Comm. Cooke said the city alleys that needed it had been graded and graveled. He added there was a need for a speed limit sign on Vincent St. and he would see that it was erected.

Police Department: Comm. Martin read the monthly report. (attached). She also added that the new police patrol car was very nearly equipped and ready to be put on patrol. Chief Sneed said that he needed a speaker for the siren. The clerk agreed to see that it was ordered.

9. Other

The clerk ask the commission to review the draft of the city's personnel policy and get any changed to her by the next meeting. She said the insurance company was really pushing for the new one. She also said that she had given them a rough draft of the grass and weed ordinance, but would feel more comfortable with the final draft if the City Attorney would do it. They all agreed.

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

APPROVED: _____
James R. Gilley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dorothy J. Neal, City Clerk