

City Commission meeting - August 25, 1997 - 7:00 p.m. - City Hall

Mayor Gilley called the meeting to order with all commissioners in attendance.

AGENDA-

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Mayor Gilley ask if anyone in attendance wanted these minutes read or if they or the commission had questions or comments. With none to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote- Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

2. Treasurer's report

Additions or corrections to the report were called for by the Mayor. With none to be heard, Comm. Hardy 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. Second reading Ordinance #97-1 340.1-joint ordinance between the city of Bowling Green, Warren County and Smiths Grove adopting regulations relating to the licensing of contractors

Comm. Martin floored a motion the second reading of the above stated ordinance be accepted and it now become a portion of the city's permanent records, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote -- Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy, yes

4. 1998 motor vehicle and water craft tax rate – discussion

Mayor Gilley informed the commission the current rate for vehicles was 20¢ per \$100.00 assessed valuation. He ask their opinion of retaining this rate. The clerk commented the rate had been lowered from 36¢ to 20¢ and once it was lowered it could never be raised. All of the commission agreed the rate should stay at 20¢ per \$100. Comm. Martin presented a motion to leave the 1998 vehicle tax rate at 20¢ per \$100 seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

5. Discussion-amended and restated agreement for the establishment of the joint City- County Planning commission of Warren and the Joint City-County Board of Adjustments

Mayor Gilley explained that basically the only change in this agreement was the cities of Smiths Grove, Oakland, Plum Springs and Woodburn would be required to pay \$1,200 annually to finance the Joint Planning Operation. Comm. Hardy ask what the city pays now. Mayor Gilley said nothing. He added that Gerald Brown is the city appointed representative to this commission and this fee would pay his annual salary. Comm. Martin presented a motion this amended agreement be accepted, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

6. Department reports

Streets: Comm. Cooke said he had had no complaints regarding streets in the city. He added that although a contract had been signed with Kenway to widen the curve on Lawson St. the work had not been done. Comm. Hardy wondered what the status was on the Smiths Grove-Hays Road as far as getting the ditch line fixed. The clerk said that Weese Paving had dumped some blacktop in it for a temporary fix. Comm. Hardy said if it wasn't fixed right it would just wash out again. He added that a friend of his had used a bush hog and weeded the railroad, and Comm. Hardy had sprayed all of Main St. for weeds.

Cemetery: Comm. Lacy said he wanted to thank Rev. Jeff Smith for his assistance in taking down a tree that had blown down. He also said a thank you needed to be sent to Bob Shultz for his help in putting back a monument that the tree had knocked down. The clerk agreed to do this. Otherwise, Comm. Lacy felt the cemetery looked pretty good.

Police: Comm. Martin read the monthly report the chief had prepared. (Copy attached) She informed Chief Montgomery that she had checked prices on getting the patrol car brakes fixed. She ask him to take it to Center Street Auto Parts and have given a price proper to having the work done. She also said for him to have the tires rotated. Them Comm. Martin said the bank was installing an ATM at the Smiths Grove BP Center and they would need assistance starting 9/24 from 5:00 to 10:00 and on weekends from 8:00 to 10:00. She said if they needed to open the machine up to refill it that's when they would need police assistance. At this time Mayor Gilley opened and read the resignation of Audie Montgomery from the office of city Police Chief effective 8/31/1997. (Attached) Mr. Montgomery said stated that this resignation was on the advice of his doctor as the night work was really affecting his sinuses. But he added that although the resignation states 8/31/97 as his resignation date, he would be glad to work until the city found a replacement. Mayor Gilley thanked Mr. Montgomery for his six years of service to the city. Comm. Lacy ask Jimmy Sneed if he could work extra hours until a replacement could be found. He agreed to do so.

7. Other

Jackie Lightfoot wondered if the city had found a person to do maintenance through the Greenthumb program yet. The clerk said they had tried to do this in the past and couldn't find anyone willing to take it. She wondered if she could pursue it. The clerk said it would be a good idea to wait and let her check to see if the funds are still available. Connie laws wondered what happened to the Housing Development that was supposed to go up on Vincent St. Mayor Gilley said he didn't know if they had received their funding yet. Comm. Hardy said he recollected that it could be as much as two years before they got these funds. Shirley Martin said she had been doing some checking on the new Christmas decorations for the city. She said in her opinion they were much too expensive for the city or the businesses to afford at the present time. Jeff Smith said he wondered if the civic organizations in the city would consider setting up a perpetual funds of some sort towards this end. He agreed to approach the Lions Club regarding this. Ray Lewis wondered if PRIDE could help in any way. Comm. Martin agreed to contact them immediately.

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

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