

SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL
AUGUST 28, 2000

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all commissioners in attendance.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The commission had reviewed these minutes prior to the meeting. The mayor called for additions or corrections to these minutes. With none to be heard, Commissioner Martin made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

2. Treasurer's report

The commission had reviewed this report prior to the meeting. Mayor McCay asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the report. With none to be heard, Mayor McCay said the report would be accepted as written.

3. Department reports

Streets:

Opening of sealed bids for the paving of Harris and Witherspoon. Commissioner Cooke opened the two bids the city received. Scotty's bid was \$ 12,764 for Witherspoon and \$ 9370 for Harris. Uticon's bid was \$ 14,160 for Witherspoon and \$8640 for Harris. The Commission discussed what bid should be accepted. After the discussion, Commissioner Cooke presented a motion to award the contract to Uticon, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Commissioner Howard stated that although Uticon's bid was only slightly higher, the low bid was still Scotty's. Mayor McCay agreed. With no further discussion, Mayor McCay called for a vote on the motion currently on the floor. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Martin no, McCay no, Hardy no, Howard no. Commissioner Howard presented a motion to award the contract to Scotty's, seconded by Commissioner Hardy. Roll call and vote: Cooke no, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes. The gentleman representing Scotty's said the work would start the middle of the following week. There was then a brief discussion on the graveling of alleys. Mayor McCay said we would get bids soon.

Police:

Commissioner Martin read the monthly police report. There was a brief discussion on whether or not to hire another officer. It was decided, at least for now, that the city would not actively recruit for an officer but if we became aware of one that would fit the city's needs, we would consider hiring one. Chief Sneed has been invited to attend an Executive Development Training class in Bowling Green, on September 21 - 22. There was a brief discussion on what to do concerning the police car that we took bids on and has never been picked up.

Public Safety, Health and Welfare:

Commissioner Hardy gave a report on the library's grand re-opening. Approximately 70 -75 people attended.

Cemetery:

Commissioner Howard stated that the city needs to keep our current maintenance person for the cemetery as long as we could as he is doing a great job. Mayor McCay said there was a report of a small sinkhole on one of the drives in the cemetery.

4. Committee reports:

Planning & Zoning:

Gerald Brown stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Aging Services:

Dr. James Hill reported that the hot weather has been bad on the senior citizens. There is a waiting list on almost all products and services available to the seniors.

Beautification:

There was nothing to report at this time. It was brought up that something had to be done about the lot by Greenup's. Commissioner Cooke said he had already talked to the city clerk about writing a letter. There was a brief discussion about the apparent abandoned trailer. Mayor McCay said there really wasn't anything we could do other than to try to get the health department or fire department to declare that it is a hazard. It was brought up about the lot at the end of Main Street because it is so overgrown. The city can't do anything because it is zoned agriculture.

Vision:

Mayor McCay read the monthly report in John Wayne Smith's absence.

5. Christmas Parade:

Porter Martin reported on how many people there are on the committee and who they are. The Christmas parade will be on December 1 at 6:00 p.m. Representative Roger Thomas has agreed to be the grand marshal. There has been an email address set up for correspondence concerning the parade. Mayor McCay stated he would like the Christmas tree lighting on Friday after the parade in order to avoid too much confusion.

6. Announcements:

Mayor McCay announced that the library is now open and looks good. September 11 – 13 Mayor McCay will be out of town. While he is out of town, Commissioner Hardy will be in charge. Commissioner Cooke asked how the audit was going and the city clerk stated it had not started yet.

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

APPROVED: _____

Walter J. McCay, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Vicki K. Weisshaar, City Clerk