

## City Commission Meeting - February 22, 1982

Mayor Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with all City Commissioners present. Minutes from the previous meeting and the Special called meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call and vote - Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Stiffey yes, Pearson, yes, Anderson yes. The Mayor ask the Commissioners to review the Treasurer's report, with no corrections to be made, Mr. Pearson made a motion to accept the report as written, seconded by Anderson. Roll call and vote - Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Anderson yes.

AGENDA:

## 1. Building permits:

A building permit for Lawrence Clayton to erect a single story dwelling was presented to the Commission. A motion to approve the permit was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Van Der Stelt. Roll call and vote - Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Anderson yes.

A building permit from Southeastern Displays Co. to erect a billboard structure was permitted. After a lengthy discussion, the Commission decided to view the location, (proposed), check the zoning laws and present a decision at the next scheduled meeting. A motion to accept this decision was made by Milliken seconded by Pearson. Roll call and vote - Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Anderson yes.

## 2. Mr. Priddy, representing the County Fire Department, addressed the Commission, explaining the functions of the County Dept. and thanking the City Fire Dept. for their co-operation at various times. He ask for permission to use one bay of the City Dept. for the purpose of storing their jeep. City Chief Bybee agreed to have keys made for the City Dept. door for all County Firemen who drive the vehicle. A motion to grant this use was made by Stiffey, seconded by Anderson. Roll call and vote - Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Anderson yes.

Chief Bybee explained the City Fire Dept. was working well. The Mayor ask Mr. Anderson for any comments he might have regarding the City Fire Dept. He stated the need for more City Firemen. Mayor Milliken offered to aid a campaign to recruit firemen, headed by Mr. Anderson. Ideas to keep people from parking in front of the fire hydrant and the City Fire Dept. were discussed. Mayor Milliken made a motion to issue a courtesy ticket to anyone parking in this area on their first offense, and tow the vehicle away on their second offense. Seconded by Pearson. Roll call and vote - Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Pearson yes, Stiffey yes, Anderson yes.

## 3. The Mayor discussed early results of the surveys that had been returned. He explained participation thus far was not up to expectation, but for those that have been returned,

there is a trend towards using the Powell Building as a center for Senior Citizens. More results will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. A bill for repair of the Powell Building window, in the amount of \$163.72 was presented to the Commission for pay approval. The Mayor explained this was the balance after insurance paid \$50.00. Mr. Pearson was ask for comments regarding same. He explained this was not solely his decision to have this repair made, but a joint one by the prior Commission. The Mayor stated, in the future, we must have a definite policy to obtain a written proposal before any work is done. The Mayor reported the Powell Building is a state of devastation, and before it could be used for any purpose, would require extensive work and repairs. He ask Commissioner Van Der Stelt to survey the building and submit a report of same at the next meeting. He agreed to do so. A motion to authorize payment of the broken window bill was presented by Van Der Stelt, seconded by Anderson. Roll Call and vote - Milliken yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Anderson yes.
5. Commissioner Pearson reported he had repaired portions of Vincent Street, and it along with several other streets are in need of repairs. Mayor Milliken ask Mr. Pearson to prepare summary with estimated costs of these streets, and present them at the next meeting. A review of available funds for street repairs disclosed there was \$1,223.00 remaining in the City Budget for the remaining of the fiscal year. Mr. Stiffey moved Mr. Pearson be authorized to make street repairs. Roll call and vote - Milliken no, Van Der Stelt no, Stiffey yes, Pearson yes, Anderson no. Motion fails. Mr. Pearson was requested by the Mayor to present the cost estimate of the needed street repairs, in writing, at the next commission meeting. He agreed to do so.
6. Mr. Pearson reported he had talked with General Hardware to see if they were interested in helping Jimmy Hendricks finish the alley by his place of business. They weren't interested. After a brief discussion, Mr. Pearson made a motion for the City to provide Mr. Hendricks with a load of gravel to finish the alley. There was no second to the motion. Motion fails. Commissioner Pearson requested the City Clerk to write Mr. Hendricks a letter explaining why the City couldn't help him. (copy attached). Mr. Pearson also explained Mr. Hendricks was having problems with water standing along the front of his property after a grader had taken some of the soil from the top of his water line. He was wondering if the City could help him with this problem. After a discussion, Mr. Pearson was asked to explain to Mr. Hendricks, he needed to contact Warren County Water District to ask them to move his meter closer to his house.
7. Mrs. Jackson, representing the Smiths Grove Women's Club, addressed the meeting regarding the lights on 101 at the front entrance of the cemetery. She reported she had talked with Warren Rural Electric Co-OP, and they agreed to set a pole for a street light. The rate for a security light is \$4.75 per month, while a street light is much cheaper. (copy attached) She stated if the City would provide a light at the front entrance; the Women's Club would restore and beautify the rest of the lights which has been vandalized. A motion authorizing Mrs. Jackson to contact WRECC to set a pole, was made by Van Der Stelt, seconded by Pearson. Roll call and vote - Milliken yes,

Stiffey yes, Van Der Stelt yes, Pearson yes, Anderson yes.

8. Mr. Stiffey reported he had had numerous complaints about dogs in the City. The Mayor explained, all dogs not licensed are subjected to be picked up and taken to the dog pound, but Smiths Grove does not have a leash law. The Mayor ask the City Clerk to write a letter to Warren County Dog Warden asking for her assistance in this situation. (copy attached)

Mayor Milliken thanked the numerous citizens for attending the meeting.

With no further business to be presented, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Approved: W. Currie Milliken  
Mayor, City of Smiths Grove

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal  
City Clerk