

Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Month of February, 1976 held Tuesday, February 24, 1976.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, City of Smiths Grove, was held at approximately 7:30 PM, at the new County Fire Station, Main at Laurel, Smiths Grove, Kentucky with the following members present, Chairman Margaret Bevarly, Mrs. Brenda Belcher, Mrs. Shelvie Dubree and Mr. George Torrence. Also present were Deputy James Pedigo, Joe Jordon and Bill Pierce.

Mr. Torrence was then asked by Mrs. Bevarly to begin the meeting with a prayer.

Joe Jordon, City Fire Chief, was then asked to state his business. Chief Jordon stated that it was essential to maintain two fire departments, county and city, to keep the insurance rates down in the city. At present the city has only 10 members and you are supposed to have 12 members to be considered a fire department. He was concerned about a way to get more men to be aware of the situation and that would be willing to join the fire department. Discussion was held on having a community meeting. Joe Jordon and Bill Pierce then left.

The minutes were then read of the meetings on January 26, 1976 and February 9, 1976 and were approved as read.

Mrs. Bevarly then stated that she had been checking the city ordinances and she had found that there was an ordinance requiring a \$10.00 permit for soliciting. She also informed the Board that she was having a new city map prepared.

Police Department: Discussion was held on complaints received on the police department. As Chief Gregory was not present it was decided to have another meeting with him to discuss the complaints. Mrs. Bevarly then read the note which had been drawn up by Maxey Harlin for Mr. Pedigo for purchasing the radio. Mrs. Bevarly stated that she wanted it recorded that she was opposed to the note, as she did not feel the city able to lend money. Mr. Pedigo then signed the note with the understanding that payments would be due the end of the month with the first payment due the end of March. Mrs. Bevarly stated that the lowest bid she had received on the monitor was from Randolph, Hale and Meredith. Mrs. Belcher made a motion that Mrs. Bevarly buy the monitor for the city, seconded by Mrs. Dubree. There were no dissensions.

Fire Department: Mrs. Bevarly brought it to the Boards attention that at present the fire limit went only to Mill Street. Mrs. Bevarly stated that a new ordinance needed to be drawn up stating city fire limit extend as per official city map. Mrs. Dubree then presented the rebids on the City Fire Station. They were Kendal Cannon \$1335.00, Mr. Terry Davis, Bowling Green, \$3990.00 and Jerry Marr \$3228.73, Mr. George Smith had not submitted a second bid. Discussion was held on the bids. Mrs. Dubree made a motion that the Board accept Kendal Cannon's bid of \$1335.00 for the Fire Station repairs, seconded by Mrs. Belcher. There were no dissensions.

Street Department: Mr. Torrence reported the State workers were doing a good job on the drains on Main Street. He said he would check further on fixing Mrs. Columbia Jones' drain. Discussion was held on the alleys in town that some were being blocked and some needing to be repaired. Mr. Torrence made a motion that the alleys behind Lowe's Grocery and Spur Station be graded and rocked if necessary, seconded by Mrs. Belcher. There were no dissensions.

Water Department: Mrs. Belcher reported that BRADD had the city's financial report and ordinance and was figuring on a rate increase. They should have it ready to act on by the second week in March. Mr. Marvin Stegman, District Water Engineer, had been to see Mrs. Belcher. He told her that soon it would be a Federal regulation that weekly reports be filled out on the water and mailed monthly. Discussion was then held on personnel problems in the water department. Mrs. Belcher reported that this month the water department had been short \$368.61 but that all the bills had been paid except Mrs. Hardy's salary. She reported that in 1964 the operating expenses were \$4000.00 and now they were \$19,200 a year, but there had never been a rate increase in that time. The ordinance on raising the reconnect fee to \$10.00 was then read by the Board and signed by the clerk and chairman.

Cemetery Department: Mrs. Bevarly reported that in the perpetual funds and other savings accounts there was approximately \$19,000.00. Discussion was held on increasing the price of a one grave lot in cases of emergency. It was decided to check with Mrs. Carrie Jordon. Discussion was held on raising Mrs. Jordon's salary. Mrs. Belcher made a motion that Mrs. Jordon's salary be raised to \$75.00 a month, seconded by Mr. Torrence. There were no dissensions. Mrs. Bevarly stated of the need of new equipment for the cemetery she said she would get bids on some equipment. She said she had checked on the insurance on the Chapel and its higher rates were due to it being out of the city limits. Mrs. Bevarly will check on annexing the cemetery into the city limits.

There being no further business, Mrs. Belcher made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dubree that the meeting adjourn. There were no dissensions.

APPROVED:

Margaret Bevarly
 Chairman, Board of Trustees
 City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky

ATTEST:

Martha Watt
 Clerk, City of Smiths Grove, Kentucky

P.S. Three copies of the ordinance raising the reconnect fee to \$10.00 was posted at McGuffey Insurance Agency, American National Bank and Smiths Grove Drug Store on February 25, 1976 by the city clerk.