

REGULAR MEETING:

February 24, 1981

The regular meeting of the Smiths Grove City Commission was held on Tuesday, February 24, in City Hall. A Revenue Sharing Proposed Budget Hearing was held immediately preceding the meeting. (attached)

Mr. Wolff moved, Mr. Barner seconded the approval of the minutes as printed. Motion carried. Mr. Barner moved, Mr. Pearson seconded the Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion carried. (attached)

#### Community Development

Mr. George Keen presented the land contract between Albert & Johnetta Britt and the City for signatures. He reported the condemnation on the Mayme Arnold Estate is completed. The condemnation on the Rosevelt Pearson Estate hit a snag. An heir has been found that had not been notified.

Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Barner seconded, that the Board acquire the auditor and withhold \$5,000.00 of the grant money to pay for the audit. Motion carried. Mr. Keen stated this could be bid, but didn't have to be.

#### Community Building

A letter from BRADD was read and the grant has been approved for \$15,000.00. The money still has not been received. The Powell's stated they have the deed ready. Some discussion about the need for the building arose as well as whether it was a good idea to buy rather than add on to the 'present City Building. Mr. Carroll Bevarly asked how the renovation of the Powell Building would be financed. Mr. Eulas Hatcher expressed his desire for a Community Center.

#### Election of City Officials

After a brief explanation of the events leading up to the request Mayor Wolff signed for an Attorney General's opinion last month, Mayor Wolff read the opinion. (attached) In effect it states that if a city chooses not to have a primary, they can do the same as they always have in electing officials.

#### Occupational License Fee

City Attorney, Steve Hixon stated that he felt the old ordinances were defective because they don't provide for penalties. He suggested if the City wanted to continue with the License they should re-adopt an ordinance.

Mayor Wolff had requested Gene Becker at BRADD to also look over the Ordinances. He felt the uniform rate of \$40.00 might be invalid because it was done by a resolution rather than an Ordinance.

Attorney Hixon recommended a uniform rate rather than a variable rate on the basis that there was better legal ground for it.

Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded the City remain with a uniform fee of \$20.00. Vote: Pearson aye, Barner aye, Walker aye, Wolff no. Motion carried.

Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Barner seconded that Mr. Wolff draft the Ordinance and the City Attorney look it over for legal description. Motion carried.

#### City Attorney's Bill

Mr. Hexon explained that he had had some informal conversations with Mr. Walker about the changes in municipal law, and that he had felt the two hours of research done was necessary in order to represent the City, but no one had officially asked him to do this.

Mr. Pearson moved, Mr. Walker seconded that the City Attorney come to the second meeting each quarter. Vote: Barner aye, Walker aye, Pearson aye, Wolff no, Motion carried.

Mr. Pearson moved, Mr. Barner seconded the City pay the additional 2 hours from last month's statement. Motion carried.

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#### NEW BUSINESS

The subject of staggered terms for commission members was discussed. Mayor Wolff read the statutes applying to this. If the commission decides in favor of this they must pass a resolution and put it on the ballot.

The first reading for Ordinance 81-1 920.8 Rezoning Ordinance was held. (attached) Mayor Wolff explained that Citizen's National Bank intended to build on this property. Mr. Dan Sharer, a representative of the bank was present and was introduced.

Mayor Wolff read a report from the Dept. of Transportation stating that Smiths Grove's allocation for this year was \$4,919.84

The Barren River Area Safe Space had requested a contribution. No action was taken.

A request from the Kiwanis Club for the city to buy tickets for a charity circus, the proceeds of which will be going to provide transportation for senior citizens, was presented. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded, that the City buy a book for \$20.00. Motion carried.

A Building permit application from Billy Carroll to build a storage building behind his house was presented. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded, the permit be granted. Motion carried.

Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded the Fire Chief have the authority to distribute the papers according to his discretion. Motion carried.

Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

Approved: Clarence N. Wolff  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Attest: Sue M. Edwards  
City Clerk