

Regular Meeting February 25, 1980

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Smiths Grove was held at approximately 7:30 P.M. at City Hall, February 25, 1980. All Board members were present. The Proposed Budget Hearing was held prior to the meeting.

Mr. Wolff called the meeting to order. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Barner seconded, that the minutes of the January meeting be approved as printed. Motion carried. Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Pearson seconded, that the minutes of the special meeting be approved as printed. Motion Carried. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Barner seconded, the Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion carried. (attached) Mr. Wolff asked for appearances before the Board. Martha McGuirk and Margaret Bevarly of the Smiths Grove Woman's Club read a letter from the Club asking for the Board's cooperation in encouraging the citizens to clean up the City. (Letter attached) They also announced the Club's intention of landscaping the park around City Hall as well as the school lawn. A plaque will be made up for contributors and placed in the building. Mr. Wolff suggested the Board look at the plans and consider a contribution.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance on lot size

Mr. Wolff read a letter from Hon. Bobby Richardson, legal counsel for Mr. Edwin Moss, stating that he felt it would take an amendment to the existing Ordinance, rather than Board approval to allow a house to be built on the lot at 3rd. and Main. (letter attached) The primary purpose of the original Ordinance was to adhere to Board of Health standards which require 20,000 sq. ft. where no sewers are present, and to control new construction. Mr. Wolff read the proposed amendment, (attached) which Mr. Richardson had drawn up. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Barner seconded the adoption of the amendment with the deletion of one phrase, "as far as sewage disposal is concerned". 4 aye-Motion carried. The clerk will, check into the legalities of publishing this amendment.

Community Development

Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Pearson seconded the approval of the C. D. Financial Statement as printed. Motion carried. (attached)

George Keen reported that he had a number of deeds that had to be filed in conjunction with the Elson Murrell property and he needed authorization for payment although he was not sure of the exact costs. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded, this authorization. Motion carried.

Mr. Keen also reported on Mr. Lee Amos Pearson's house. The contractor, Mr. Koenig, was on the job today, but had not finished the work. The Board expressed their intention of holding him strictly to the contract.

The Odessa Whitney property was brought to the Board's attention again. Mr. Wolff expressed his difficulty in making a decision in this matter. He asked for the Board's approval to table this matter until the next meeting in order to have more time to look into alternatives. A number of citizens spoke to the issue of taking the property even if Mrs. Whitney doesn't want to sell. They feel it is an eyesore and the space is needed for housing. Mr. Walker stated that

whatever the decision, the lot would be cleaned up. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Crousore seconded, to table it until the next meeting. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

City Attorney

Mr. Wolff announced the City had received one proposal. The One local attorney has been on vacation and is not aware of the Board's intention to seek representation. It was decided to wait until a future date to make a decision. Mr. Wolff recommended that the City continue with the present attorney if any C. D. work is needed.

Surplus Property

Mr. Wolff distributed the cards for the Donee Authorization program to George Keen, Mr. Walker, and himself.

Building Permits

1. Ruby Hatcher-repair fire damage Main Street Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Pearson seconded, that the permit be granted. Motion carried.
2. James Jackson-frame & brick dwelling Kentucky Street Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded, the permit be granted. Motion carried.

Board of Adjustments

Mr. Wolff announced that Leonard Edwards had resigned. The original appointments were not made for staggered terms as should have been done. Mr. Wolff appointed the following five persons subject to the Board's approval: Jerry Lawson, Virginia Proffitt, Amos Britt, Herb Leopold, and Marie Perkins. Mr. Pearson moved, Mr. Barner seconded, these appointments be approved. Motion carried. They will meet to be sworn in and to organize themselves sometime in early March.

Tax Collections

John Lowe cannot accept the 10% for collecting taxes that the Board voted to give him. He has collected about \$200.00 in back taxes to this point.

Copy Machine

It was decided that the copy machine should be made available for use for citizens in the community. The Board decided to continue the past Board's policy of 25¢/copy.

Department Reports:

CEMETERY: quiet

FIRE: Mr. Walker' said David Bybee made arrangements to get the water plug fixed on Laurel Ave.

POLICE: quiet

STREETS: Mr. Pearson stated several streets needed gravel and he had received one request for rock on the street next to Mitchell's Feed Mill. Any requests for street work should be made in writing to the Board before the next meeting.

Municipal Aid

Mr. Wolff stated the City had been notified that it would receive \$ 2,719.00 in Municipal Aid Funds for 1980. We must turn in our streets for the project by April 1, 1980.

Census

The census work is beginning. We can have a local review committee to check the data for our City. Mr. Wolff appointed Mr. Pearson to head the local review committee and asked him to appoint other citizens to work with him.

Miscellaneous

The bond applications for Board members need to be turned in to McGuffey's. Mr. Wolff announced that City Hall would be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, in the mornings with the total weekly hours remaining at 10. Hours will be posted on the door.

Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Crousore seconded, the 1980 budget be adopted. Motion carried.
Mr. Pearson, moved, Mr. Walker seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Approved: Clarence N. Wolff
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Attest: Sue M. Edwards
City Clerk