

**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 26, 2001**

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Cooke, Varner, and Martin in attendance. There was a quorum present.

AUDIT

Veronica Gilbert, CPA, was in attendance to present the audit for 99-00. The commission had received copies of the audit prior to the meeting. The mayor asked the commission if they had any questions or comments. The commission had none but the mayor had a question regarding the perpetual funds for the cemetery. There was an explanation by Ms. Gilbert. There were no further questions or comments.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The commission had an opportunity to review the minutes prior to the meeting. The mayor called for additions or corrections to the minutes. With none to be heard, the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Minutes of Special Call Meeting

The commission also had a chance to review these minutes prior to the meeting. The mayor called for additions or corrections to these minutes. With none to be heard, the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's report

The commission had an opportunity to review this report prior to the meeting. Mayor McCay asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding these reports. Commissioner Varner wanted an explanation as to why the miscellaneous income and expense was so high. The clerk explained it was because of the city loaning money to the Christmas Parade Committee and then the committee reimbursing the city. There were no more comments or questions so the Treasurer's report stands as presented.

4. 2nd reading of ordinance rezoning of lot on Vincent Street. Commissioner Cooke made a motion to rezone the lot. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes.

5. 2nd reading of ordinance amending a portion of the personnel manual. Commissioner Varner presented a motion to amend a portion of the manual, which deals with vacation and holiday pay. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes.

6. There was a brief discussion on how building permits should be issued and if our current ordinance should be amended.

7. It was discussed whether or not to use the programming list that architect Dave Gottfried proposed, as a guideline when interviewing other architects. It was decided that it would be a good start.

8. Mayoral reports

The mayor reported that a site selection had been made for the IT A. The commission was given maps of the site.

9. Department reports

Streets:

Commissioner Cooke reported that one sign had been down but is now fixed. A citizen brought up that all the ditch lines on Main Street were stopped up. She was informed that this was the state's responsibility. It was also brought up that the sidewalks in front of Studle's and Dollar General were breaking away. The cause is apparently due to truck traffic.

Police:

Commissioner Martin read the monthly police report. She stated that the striping of the police car was finished. There was a discussion on the stop sign on Witherspoon and the fact that people are not stopping. Chief Sneed is trying to rectify this. Commissioner announced that Chief Sneed will go to school in October for his 40 hours of yearly training.

Public Safety, Health and Welfare:

Commissioner Pierce was ill and not able to attend the meeting. The mayor reported that he was told that Prudential Insurance would give matching funds for a new defibrillator. There was a brief discussion on what the intentions are for the money left to the department in Jessie Allen's will. Mr. Bill Pierce who is on the fire department's Board of Directors, reported on what they intend to do which consists of investing it and spending only the interest.

Cemetery:

Commissioner Varner reported that there is a "for sale" sign on cemetery property and that it would need to be taken care of. In addition, Commissioner Varner reported on the status on the trees that need to be cut down and also the status of the money from the insurance company for the damage at the cemetery.

10. Committee reports:

Planning & Zoning:

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

Aging Services:

Nothing to report at this time.

Beautification:

Mayor McCay stated that there would probably be nothing to report until spring.

Vision:

Mr. Steve Watt reported that at the last meeting there were only three people in attendance and because of that they can't get anything done. Mayor McCay stated he would discuss the situation with the chairperson of the committee.

Miscellaneous/Announcements:

Ms. Connie Laws inquired as to whether a new doctor would be opening a new office where Dr.

Rutledge's office used to be. Commissioner Cooke said that there were definitely doctor's coming and would be opening an office in the building behind Smiths Grove Drug Store.

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