

Smiths Grove City Commission meeting - February 27, 1995 - 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Gilley called the meeting to order with all commissioners in attendance.

## AGENDA

### 1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Mayor ask those in attendance if they would like the minutes read, and called for additions or corrections to same. With none to be heard, Comm. Martin presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written; seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

### 2. Treasurer's report

The report was presented for additions or corrections. With none to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion to accept the report as printed, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

### 3. Cemetery bookkeeping - discussion

Mayor Gilley explained to those in attendance, because of new requirements for bookkeeping standards, Ms. Jordan no longer wanted this responsibility. She will continue the sale of graves though. Ms. Jordan stated that after 33 years she was ready to give it up. The Mayor ask the commission if they could suggest any names for this position. The names of Sue Edwards, Martha Watt and Shelvie Dubree were presented for consideration. Comm. Belcher said, in his opinion, any of the three would be qualified. Comm. Lacy wondered how many hours per month was required to do these books. Both Ms. Jordan and the clerk agreed that eight to ten would be ample time. Salary was discussed and Comm. Martin said perhaps it would be a good idea to talk to the applicants as to what they would want per hour. Comm. Lacy presented a motion, the clerk contact the three above stated persons to see if any of them would be interested in this position, and if they were to hire them, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

### 4. City Fire Protection-discussion

Representatives from the Smiths Grove rural Fire Dept. were in attendance to approach the commission with the possibility of altering the existing ordinance #92-1 310.5 which states the fire department would provide fire protection to the city of Smiths Grove for a fee of \$3,000 per year, to read, the fire department would provide fire protection to residences and businesses within Smiths Grove. They stated their reason for this request was so that could recover the costs involved for vehicle fires and hazard material fires that occur. As it now stands they do not get repaid for this. Mayor Gilley ask the clerk if this could be changed or a new ordinance written. She said since it contained an ordinance number, the existing ordinance would have to be amended. Mayor Gilley said it would also involve advertising of the ordinance costs. Terry Pierce said the fire department would pay that cost. With no further discussion Comm. Belcher presented a motion the current ordinance #92-1 310.5 be amended to exclude fire protection for people and vehicles out of the city limits at no cost, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

### 5. Municipal Aid agreement-Department of Transportation

Mayor Gilley said annually the Department of Transportation approaches the city to have their funds held in Frankfort until the city expends them. The clerk said this would prevent the city from earning interest on these funds which is of a benefit. Comm. Hardy presented a motion the funds continue to be received monthly, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

### 6. Other

Terry Pierce said the ISO test the fire department had just completed didn't change the insurance rating for those within the city limits because since the fire department has to transport water, it is known as water haulers. They will apply for another test to take to lower the rating for the city to a class five.

Carlos Lopez ask if it would be possible to have a representative from EPA put on the agenda for the March meeting to discuss the open burning law. He said he had personally seen tires, plastic and food products being burnt within the city. He had talked with Monarch Environmental and there are options available to the citizens at a nominal cost or at no cost. The clerk agreed to add this to the March agenda.

Amanda Larkin representing North Warren School approached the commission regarding the city's assistance in purchasing new equipment for the city school playground. Mayor Gilley said that we would have to check to see if it is legal for the city to expend monies this way. She said they were looking to purchase soccer goals so that perhaps others could also use them for practice. She said anything they purchase must meet Consumer Products Guidelines. As an example of the cost involved she said they would be required to purchase a ground cover known as wood pulp to apply under the equipment and this would be at a cost of around \$2,000.00. She said they certainly weren't looking at high priced equipment. Comm. Martin wondered why the School Board didn't furnish this. Mrs. Larkin said the principal had been allocated \$6000.00 for all expenditures for this year to repair fences and all other things that needed to be done. They had approached Fiscal Court to see if they could get help there. She said the Lions Club had agreed to help some. Comm. Hardy said she had a couple of clubs that he would approach to see if he could get some assistance from them, Mrs. Larkin thanked the commission for their time.

Comm. Martin said Cathy Curtis had faxed a logo for the city welcome sign for her to present to the commission for their approval (copy attached All of those in attendance agreed this should be the one to be used.

Terry Pierce ask Mrs. Larkin to ask the principal at North Warren if it would be possible for him to leave the side gates at the school so cars can park in there instead of out on the street. He said at times there are so many cars parked along the streets it is difficult for an emergency vehicle to pass through there. She agreed to talk with him.

#### Department reports

Cemetery-Comm. Lacy-everything is fine. The maintenance contractor had it looking real good.

Streets - comm. Hardy said he had been approached about some more gravel. Mayor Gilley said he had been asked by Jimmy Cushenberry for another load. John Wayne Smith and Shirley Martin also wanted a load. Comm. Hardy said he was still working on the drainage problem on Cave Street and hoped in early spring to have it fixed.

Police Dept. - Comm. Martin read the monthly report prepared by Chief Montgomery. (copy attached)

With no further business to be discussed, a motion to adjourn was heard.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
JAMES R. GILLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOROTHY J. NEAL, CITY CLERK