

City Commission Meeting - January 24, 1983 - City Hall 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the October 25, 1982 meeting were read, a motion by Mr. Pearson to accept them as read was presented, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call and vote - Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Stiffey yes, Anderson yes. Minutes for the second reading of the proposed tax rate, held October 26, 1982 at Anderson's Spur were heard. A motion to accept them as read was presented by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Stiffey. Roll call and vote - Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Stiffey yes, Anderson yes. The Mayor informed those in attendance, due to a lack of a quorum, the regular meeting for November was not held. The minutes of the Special called December meeting, held December 17, 1982 were read. A motion to accept them as read was made by Mr. Stiffey, seconded by Mr. Pearson. Roll call and vote Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Stiffey yes, Anderson yes.

The Mayor then gave the commissioners copies of the Treasurer's reports from October 22, 1982 thru January 23, 1983, and ask them to review them. The Mayor explained to those in attendance the Franchise taxes collected from Storer Communications is based strictly on the information from the company. He added, he was not doubting the word of the Storer Company, but addressed the commissioners for the authority to contact Storer to see how they arrive at the actual franchise paid. The clerk pointed out to the commissioners, two certificates of deposit totaling, \$18,000.00 had been purchased with available funds. After a brief discussion of the treasurer's reports, a motion to accept them as presented was made by Mr. Stiffey, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call and vote - Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Stiffey yes, Anderson yes.

AGENDA

1. Building permits

A building permit for Coleman Deacon to erect a block garage at his residence at 155 Main St. was presented for consideration. A motion to issue the permit was made by Mr. Stiffey, seconded by Mr. Pearson. Roll call and vote- Anderson yes, Stiffey yes, Milliken yes, Pearson yes.

A building permit for Mrs. Alma Lowe to erect a storage shed at her residence at 207 Second St. was presented. A motion to issue the permit was made by Mr. Pearson, Seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call and vote - Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Anderson yes, Stiffey yes.

2. Tandem load of gravel for Kirby St. & Andersons Alley

Mr. Pearson ask the commission if the city had any funds to purchase gravel for these two locations. The Mayor said all funds for this purpose had been allocated to pay Scotty's for the work done on the streets earlier. Mr. Pearson said he would see if he could get some gravel donated.

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3. City Attorney fee for 1982

A bill in the amount of \$270.00 to pay the City Attorney Mr. Edward Faye, for work he had done for the city during 1982 was presented for payment. A motion to pay same was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Stiffey. Roll call and vote- Anderson yes, Stiffey yes, Milliken yes, Pearson yes.

4. Cemetery financial report

With the assistance of Ms. Carrie Lee Jordan, the Mayor presented the quarterly cemetery report. (copy attached). He also commended Ms. Jordan for her continuing efforts for the cemetery. The Mayor ask Ms. Jordan if there was any chance Marshall Parrish would return to work in the spring. Ms. Jordan said she would check with him and report on this at the February meeting.

5. Additional premium for workmen's compensation

Mr. Pearson made a motion to pay the additional premium of \$74.95, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call and vote Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Anderson yes, Stiffey yes.

Mr. Stiffey reported there are still lots along Hedge St. that needs to be cleaned up. The Mayor ask Mr. Pearson to get the name and addresses of persons owning these lots and he will write a letter to them.

6. Replacing Commissioner Van Der Stelt

The Mayor reported Commissioner Van Der Stelt has been absent from the city in excess of 30 days. And, when elected, and throughout the term of office you must reside within the city. Since Mr. Van Der Stelt is no longer a citizen of Smiths Grove, his seat was declared vacant by the Mayor. The Mayor informed the commissioners they were responsible for electing a new Commissioner, and ask for nominations from them. Mr. Pearson nominated Howard Walker; the Mayor called for a second to the motion, there was none. The nomination fails for want of a second. Mayor Milliken nominated Dr. Deon Benson, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Roll call and vote - Pearson yes, Milliken yes, Stiffey yes, Anderson yes. Mayor Milliken informed Dr. Benson his term would extend through December 1983. The Mayor will contact Squire Kirby to swear Dr. Benson in before the next meeting.

The clerk told the commissioners she had been approached numerous times regarding the rest of the street signs being installed. The Mayor ask Mr. Pearson to work on them.

Mr. Pearson has a stop sign that someone had pulled up and ask for permission to place it on Hedge Street by his church. Permission was granted.

With no further business to be presented the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: W. Currie Milliken
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal
City Clerk