

## SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION MEETING

City Hall

January 24, 2000

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all commissioners in attendance.

### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The commission had reviewed these minutes prior to the meeting. The mayor called for additions or corrections to these minutes. With no corrections or additions to be heard, Commissioner Hardy presented a motion that the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Commissioner Cooke. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

2. Treasurer's report

The commission had not had time to review this report prior to the meeting. Mayor McCay reported that there had been some misinformation circulating concerning the amount of funds this year compared to last year. Commissioner Cooke asked that the treasurer's report be tabled because there had been no time to study the report. Mayor McCay encouraged the public to look at the financial reports, as they are open records. Commissioner Martin stated that the miscellaneous category needs to be itemized in order to see exactly what the expenditures are for.

3. Mayor McCay announced that the city would be purchasing some new computer accounting

software, which would make the city more efficient.

4. COPS Grant

Mayor McCay reported that the city had been reimbursed money from our COPS Grant dating back to October of 1998. The total received was \$17,280.

3. Cemetery Quarterly Financial Statement

Commissioner Howard read the quarterly financial cemetery report. There was no discussion.

4. Department reports

Streets:

Commissioner Cooke reported that there had been no complaints.

Police:

Commissioner Martin reported that Deputy Graves had attended one week of training to fulfill his 1999 requirement. Officer Graves now needs to complete 40 hours for the current year.

Commissioner Martin read the monthly report prepared by Chief Sneed. She then reported on the status of the new police car. If the city goes with the state bid it does not have to advertise.

If the city goes with the state, a pursuit car will cost \$20,804. Unfortunately it could be as long as five months before it is received. Officer Graves reported that the car he has now is not running very well.

Commissioner Martin made a motion to order the car. Seconded by Commissioner Cooke. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

Mayor McCay asked Commissioner Martin about purchasing cell phones for the officers. Since Chief Sneed already has one, all the city would need to do is purchase one more.

Commissioner Martin was not in favor. She felt it wasn't necessary because they both had pagers.

Mayor McCay asked for citizen opinion on whether the officers would be better off with cell phones instead of pagers, especially since it would end up being cheaper. Mayor McCay said he would research this matter.

#### Public Safety, Health and Welfare:

Commissioner Hardy reported that there had been no problems concerning Y2K. He then went on to discuss the automatic defibrillator. Unfortunately, there is a loophole in having one. If you have no medical training you can operate one, but if you have any medical training, you need to have a medical director oversee its use even though the director does not have to be on the scene. Bowling Green has already had one life saved. Mayor McCay asked the vision committee to check into it.

#### Cemetery:

Commissioner Howard reported that the cemetery looked good.

#### 5. Committee reports:

##### Planning & Zoning:

Gerald Brown stated he had nothing to report.

##### Aging Services:

Dr. James Hill was absent. Mayor McCay did report that BRADD was trying to get funding for aging.

##### Beautification:

Sandra McCay requested that the dead tree in the yard at city hall be removed and perhaps replaced with a holly tree. After a brief discussion, everyone agreed it would be a good idea.

Commissioner Howard estimated the cost to be approximately \$100 - \$125.

##### Vision:

Wayne Smith reported that the committee had met twice. Approximately half of the members came to the first meeting, and six members attended the second meeting. Mr. Smith stated that there would be a vision statement presented at the next commission meeting. It was also reported that because an accurate population count was so critical for the city, the Mayor would like to appoint a census committee.

#### 6. Other:

##### Wayne Smith:

Mr. Smith requested that Harris Street be paved. Even though some people believe that Harris Street is an alley, Mr. Smith presented plats to show that it is a street. Commissioner Cooke stated that it is up to the developer to do the paving, and then the city will maintain it.

Commissioner Hardy suggested that the city may want to look into what has happened in the past and what the cost would be to include Harris Street the next time the city has paving done.

Steve Watt states he would like Fourth Street fixed where the street was cut. James Gilley stated he did not feel that the drainage was put in correctly. Mayor McCay said that Warren County Planning & Zoning had done the drainage plan according to their specifications. Mr. Gilley said he just wanted to make sure the drain was installed according to the specifications. Mayor McCay went on to say that he did not know why no one is happy with the Greenup's building.

##### Extension of City Hall hours:

Mayor McCay stated he would like to extend the hours that city hall is open. He feels city hall should be open eight hours per day. Commissioner's Howard and Hardy agreed. Commissioner Martin said she would need to think about it. A discussion followed with citizens and commissioners voicing their opinion. Roll call and vote - Cooke no, Martin no, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes. Mayor McCay stated the exact hours would be decided on.

Ray Lewis wanted to discuss the trucks on Highway 101. He stated that one out of three do not stop coming out of Airport Road. Mr. Lewis said he felt there was a need to think about re-routing the trucks. Mayor McCay said he had talked to Kiersten Jagers of the BRADD office

about that today and it is already being looked at. Wayne Smith pointed out that when they by-passed the traffic around Auburn, it took business away.  
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