

City Commission meeting July 22, 1991 - 7:00 p.m. - City Hall

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

## AGENDA

### 1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Mayor Gilley called for corrections or additions to these minutes. With none to be heard, Comm. McGuffey floored a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Comm. Crisp. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, McGuffey yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

### 2. Minutes of the special called meeting

Mayor Gilley stated the purpose of this special called meeting was to hear the second reading of the budget amendment for 1990-1991 and the second reading of the FY 1991-1992 budget. With no discussion to be heard, Comm. McGuffey presented a motion to accept these minutes as written, seconded by Comm. Belcher. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, McGuffey yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

### 3. Treasurer's report

The commission reviewed this report and with no additions or corrections to same, Comm. Crisp presented a motion it be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. McGuffey. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, McGuffey yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

### 4. Other

Mayor Gilley said Ms. Karen Akers had again contacted him regarding the possibility of having a street light installed on the existing pole directly across from their house on Fourth street. The clerk had checked with WRECC to see what the cost for this would be and she was told that the installation cost would be in the area of \$100.00 and would be divided by 12 months and added to our current light bill. Comm. Lacy had he had driven the city to see where other lights were placed and felt there was ample lighting on that street, in that area. Mayor Gilley ask that

he be excluded from most of the discussion as this was right next to his house. After a lengthy discussion, Comm. Belcher presented a motion that the clerk contact WRECC to see if this light could be erected on this existing pole at the figure they had given her, and if so to have the light installed, seconded by Comm. McGuffey. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley no, McGuffey yes, Crisp yes, Lacy no. Motion carries.

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Police Chief Denton ask for permission to address the meeting and was granted the opportunity to do so. He informed the commission that he would be leaving the city and retiring from the police chief job as of July 31, 1991. He said he hoped he had done the job as well as the commission had expected him to do. He added he felt he had done all he was capable of, and had enjoyed the job and working for the commission. Circumstances in his personal life are requiring him to move back to Louisville. He added he felt bad to put the commission in the position of again having to hire another chief, but for the time he had remaining, he would be glad to work with whomever they decided to hire. Mayor, on behalf of all of the commission told Chief Denton they felt he had done an excellent job in his capacity as chief and they certainly hated to see his leave, but they all wished him well.

A young gentlemen named Caleb Spicer was in attendance and expressed his interest in the police chief job. The commission proceeded to interview him. Questions were as follows: Belcher- What is your background for this job. Spicer replied he had four years in the Marine Corp where he worked with security and with the MPs. Mrs. Donald Laws - Do you feel you can work with and handle the teenagers effectively. Mr. Spicer said he had been riding with Chief Denton for the past few nights and had observed them and felt he would have no problem in this area. Comm. McGuffey said he, in the capacity of Police commissioner had checked the references Mr. Spicer had given him as well as ran a police check and he checked our first class. Comm. Lacy - where are you from? Mr. Spicer replied Beattyville. Mrs. Laws wondered what would happen if the city was without a chief for a period of time. Mayor Gilley said we would ask for assistance from the State Police and the Sheriff's Department. Comm. Lacy said it would be nice to have more than one applicant to consider. Comm. Crisp said he felt there was a need not to make a snap decision in this matter. All were in agreement. Mayor Gilley said unfortunately the city was placed in this position two years before and

James Denton was the only applicant they had to consider. A lengthy discussion followed as to the best road for the commission to pursue in this matter.

After this deliberation, Comm. McGuffey presented a motion the commission hire Caleb Spicer on a six months trial basis, seconded by Comm. Belcher. Roll call and vote-Belcher yes, Gilley yes, McGuffey yes, Crisp yes. Lacy yes. Mr. Caleb Spicer ask that it be a part of these minutes that even though he was going to spend some time riding with chief Denton, neither the city or James Denton are responsible should he have any injuries or problems while riding with Mr. Denton. The clerk agreed to make this a part of the commission meeting minutes for July 22, 1991. The 6 months trial basis for the chief is as of 8/1/1991.

Mayor Gilley then ask the commission their feeling regarding the city again applying for an ADF grant to help with the replacement and repair of some of the sidewalks within the city. The commission all agreed that with funds available to them, the city couldn't even begin to do this without some monetary help from somewhere else. They directed the clerk to send this grant application. She agreed to do so.

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

Approved: James R. Gilley  
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal  
City Clerk