

SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL
JULY 23, 2001

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all commissioners in attendance. The mayor introduced Joanne Vincent of BRADD who will be our new liaison.

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. Commissioner Martin made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Commissioner Varner. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

2. Minutes of three special call meetings.

The commission had an opportunity to review these 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.

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 the report. With none to be heard, the treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Mayor McCay gave a brief presentation on the situation regarding removal of dams and locks and why the citizens should be concerned.

4. 1" reading of ordinance #01-8 Adopting Zoning Ordinance and Zoning District Map and Conversion Table for Incorporated Areas of Smiths Grove, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Mayor McCay asked for a straw vote: Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes. The 2nd reading will be at the August meeting.

5. Mayor McCay introduced the idea of the city adopting a food and beverage tax. After presenting an overview, a discussion ensued. Numerous citizens expressed their opinion on the subject. Mayor McCay stated he would research the subject further and obtain more information.

6. Volunteer appreciation dinner.

Mayor McCay stated he would like to have a yearly dinner to recognize the numerous volunteers in Smiths Grove. It was discussed and decided that the first to middle of October would be the best time to have the dinner. Donita Wimpee of Donita's Diner volunteered to cater the dinner at no charge. Mayor McCay stated he would also like to order lapel pins to present to the volunteers being honored. Commissioner Pierce presented a motion that the dinner be held and lapel pins purchased. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. Roll Call and vote: Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

7. Municipal Building Loan.

Mayor McCay announced that the Kentucky League of Cities had approved the city's request for a loan. Mayor McCay gave a brief overview of the terms of the loan. The Mayor presented an update on the status of various items pertaining to the new municipal building. The fence around the property had been completed. The city attorney is currently drawing up a deed for the property being given to the city by WCWD. Commissioner Pierce gave a presentation on doing an asbestos inspection of the building on the property prior to the demolition. Commissioner Pierce presented a motion to sign a contract with Ensafe to check for asbestos. Seconded by Commissioner Varner. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes. Mayor McCay stated he would like to advertise for bids for demolition of the building after the asbestos study is done. Commissioner Martin presented a motion to advertise for bids for the demolition. Seconded by Commissioner Pierce. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

8. Department reports

Streets:

Commissioner Cooke stated that one streetlight is currently out but that everything else is fine.

Police:

Commissioner Martin read the monthly police report and then briefly discussed the state's policy of racial profiling.

Public Safety, Health and Welfare:

The monthly fire report was unavailable but Commissioner Pierce commented on two structure fires that had occurred. Also, he briefly commented on accidents on I-65. He then read the monthly library report. Commissioner Pierce brought up the Main Street parking situation.

Cemetery:

Commissioner Varner read the yearly financial statement for the cemetery for FY 2000 - 2001. He reported that all repairs from the accident in the cemetery had been completed. Also, the tree removal had been completed. In addition, he was currently completing paperwork dealing with a statewide investigation on cemeteries.

9. Committee reports:

Planning & Zoning:

Gerald Brown stated there was some confusion on his part on whether or not planning and zoning has to approve the zoning ordinance that the city had its first reading tonight. Mayor McCay stated that planning and zoning had already voted to recommend the ordinance to Fiscal Court and that was all that was necessary on the part of planning and zoning.

Aging Services:

Dr. Hill reported that there had been no Aging Services meeting during the months of May and June.

Beautification:

Mayor McCay stated there was nothing to report at this time.

Vision:

There was nothing to report at this time.

Christmas Parade:

There will be a Christmas Parade meeting on August 16th at 6:00p.m. Mayor McCay said he wanted to make a public announcement that three members of the city commission will be in

attendance at the meeting since this would constitute a quorum.

10. Mayoral Reports:

Mayor McCay gave an update on the recent board meeting of the IT A. He also reported on the recent BRADD meeting and an update on the proposed 1-66.

Bryan Varner gave a presentation to the commission on starting a youth council. After a brief discussion with the commission in which they expressed their approval, Mayor McCay appointed Commissioner Varner to oversee the possibility of starting this youth council. Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

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