

SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
CITY HALL  
JULY 24, 2000

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with Commissioners Cooke, Martin, and Hardy 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 none to be heard, Commissioner Hardy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes.

2. Minutes of special called meeting

The commission had reviewed these minutes prior to the meeting. The mayor called for additions or corrections to these minutes. With none to be heard, Commissioner Hardy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Martin seconded the motion. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes.

3. Treasurer's report

The commission had reviewed this report prior to the meeting. Mayor McCay asked if there were any questions regarding the report. With none to be heard, Commissioner Martin made a motion that the treasurer's report be accepted. Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes.

4. Presentation of check to fire department

On behalf of the City of Smiths Grove, Mayor McCay presented a check to the Smiths Grove Volunteer Fire Department, in the amount of \$1800.00.

5. Presentation of check to library

Again, on behalf of the City of Smiths Grove, Mayor McCay presented a check to the Bowling Green Public Library in the amount of \$5000.00 to assist in the renovation of the Smiths Grove Branch.

6. Department reports

Streets:

Commissioner Cooke reported that there was a problem with the blacktop in front of IC. Crisp's house. He was going to look into it further.

Police:

Commissioner Martin opened the sealed bids for the 1992 police car. The high bid was \$2000.00. There was a brief discussion whether to accept the bid. Commissioner Martin made a motion to accept the bid. Commissioner Cooke seconded the motion. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes. Commissioner Martin read the monthly police report. Commissioner Martin along with the two police officers will be attending a firing practice class at Beach Bend on Wednesday.

Mayor McCay read a letter of resignation from Officer James Graves. Mayor McCay made a motion to accept the resignation. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes.

Public Safety, Health and Welfare:

Commissioner Hardy spoke on how much work the volunteer fire department does, and how

much it is appreciated.

Cemetery:

Mayor McCay read the yearly financial report in Commissioner Howard's absence. There was a brief discussion on whether the charge for opening of graves was comparable to others.

Commissioner Hardy said he would check on this.

7. Committee reports:

Planning & Zoning:

Gerald Brown reported that the focal point committee met to discuss future plans. He stated that they were not sure how the ITA would affect Smiths Grove. Mayor McCay cautioned the commissioners that are on the committee to be careful about possible problems if there were a quorum at the Focal Point meetings.

Aging Services:

Dr. James Hill said there was nothing to report at this time.

Beautification:

Sandra McCay said there was nothing to report at this time. Mayor McCay stated he would contact a landscape architect to look at the city and make suggestions.

Vision:

Commissioner Martin gave the report in John Wayne Smith's absence. There was a discussion on the status of Highway 101 and the problems it may create by bringing it into the city.

Representative Roger Thomas stated he would attend the next Vision Committee meeting.

8. Cutting of streets:

Commissioner Martin would like to change the length of time someone has to repair a cut in the street from the current one year to 90 days. Commissioner Cooke discussed writing a resolution to have the repair requirements the same as Western Kentucky Gas. Mayor McCay stated that they would need to pass an ordinance because a resolution would not be as binding. Mayor McCay suggested putting the discussion off until the next meeting so the City Clerk could get the information with the assistance of Kierstan Jagers.

9. Street paving:

Mayor McCay discussed the priorities that were previously set. Commissioner Martin stated that many citizens Witherspoon and Harris Streets paved. She stated that if we spend approximately \$27,000 the city would still have a substantial amount left. Commissioner Cooke said that the paving needs to be done by the developers not the city. Numerous citizens spoke in favor of the paving. Representative Thomas as well as Magistrate Hunt discussed the problem of not having an ordinance to address this. Commissioner Martin made a motion to advertise for sealed bids for the paving of Witherspoon and Harris with the stipulation that we do not have to accept the lowest bid. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes. The bids will be opened at our next meeting.

10. Board of Adjustments:

Mayor McCay asked the commission for their approval in the members he appointed to the Board of Adjustments: Ken Sweeten - 4 years, Roland Richey - 1 year, Ray Lewis 2 years, Shelvie Dubrey - 2 years, David Marr - 4 years. All of the Commissioners were in favor of the appointments.

11. Christmas Parade:

Porter Martin was not in attendance.

12. Miscellaneous:

The mandated recycling for the city will go into effect approximately mid-September or early

October. The cost will be \$2.00/month, and the trash company will not change for 2 years. Mayor McCay announced that three busloads of visitors would be in downtown Smiths Grove from 2:45 until 4: 15 tomorrow. He asked the citizens to be cordial. 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