

City Commission meeting - July 25, 1994 - 7:00 p.m. City Hall

The meeting was called to order with all commissioners in attendance along with numerous interested citizens.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Mayor Gilley ask if any of those in attendance would like to have the minutes read or if the commission had any additions or corrections. With none to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

2. Minutes of the special called meeting

Mayor Gilley explained this meeting was to hear the reading of the Western Kentucky Gas Co. Ordinance for the city's franchise with them. With no discussion to be heard, Comm. Hardy presented a motion these minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Belcher. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

3. Treasurers report

With no additions or corrections to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion to accept the report as printed, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

4. Opening of Sealed bid for Western Kentucky Gas Co. 20 year franchise with the city

Mayor Gilley opened the two bids from the company. Mr. John Parish, Asst. District Manager for the company explained the two bids. One is Alternative A-income based on per meter, a total of \$1,716 for a 20 year period, and Alternative B-income based on revenues, a total of \$21,540 for the 20 year period. He explained that either of these figures could change as customers within the city were added or the price of gas went up. He also explained that was a one time 1% set up fee which would take care of putting the franchise into the company computer. Mayor Gilley ask the opinion of the commissioners regarding this bid. Comm. Belcher said he felt it was a fair franchise fee, Comm. Martin agreed as did the other commissioners. With no further discussion to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the city accept the bid based on revenue of a projected figure of \$21,540 for the 20 year period, seconded by Comm. Belcher. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

5. Opening of sealed bids for city street repairs(copy attached)

There had been one bid submitted from Glass Paving in the amount of \$19,500 for the paving of Hedge and Beeler Street. The bid invitation had ask the contractors to submit a per ton basis and this bid did not do this. The Commisison discussed this, and Comm. Lacy said that they seemed to be the only one interested in bidding this job, so possibly they should be contacted to see what there per ton price was. Comm. Belcher said he felt sure they would give this price over the phone. If not, the bid would have to be re-advertised. The clerk agreed to contact them and let the Street Comm. know the results.

6. Animal complaint - Lucian Flora

Mayor Gilley had a letter addressed to the clerks attention regarding the keeping of animals within the city limits. According to city Ordinance #85-1 920.7- Section 624.23, there could be small animals or fowl, but not on a commercial basis, or on a scale not objectionable to adjacent neighbors. Mr. Floras complaint addressed Mr. Chris Alderson and Larry Vernon, both of whom have cattle on their residence. Mr. Alderson addressed the commission stating that he and Mr. Vernon were not the only ones within the city limits who have large animals. He noted that there were several people that had ponies. He said he had talked with all of the neighbors of Mr. Floras and none of them objected and several of them were feeding the cattle. Mr. Alderson presented the commission with a portion of the Warren County Ordinance pertaining to the housing of cattle, (copy attached) and ask the commission to consider this for adoption.

Mayor Gilley told Mr. Alderson that the commission didn't push the enforcing of this portion of the ordinance unless there was a complaint. He said the commission now had a formal complaint, and the commission 'would now go to Planning and Zoning for an opinion. Mr. Vernon wanted to know why the Floras objected. Was it the noise or smell or what? Mr. Alderson said at the time Joan Flora built her house there was concrete, wood etc. thrown over the fence on to him and he didn't object. He also wondered what was; considered small animals. Comm. Hardy said in his opinion it would be a dog or cat. He said his wife had horses but would never consider keeping them within the city. Mr. Alderson said if it was the decision of the commission to remove his animals, then all who housed large animals in the city limits should have to comply, whether, it be cows, calves or ponies.

Mr. Alderson wondered how the Floras got the permit to build the house. Mayor Gilley said they had the property replated so there would be 20,000 square feet, which Planning & Zoning told them they would have to do. Mr. Alderson said that according to Shirley Carter at Planning & Zoning, the permit should never have been issued as the property where the new house is, is considered land locked because there is no road to it. The Mayor said there didn't have to be. Donald Laws said he had closed a road and he could have a grass path to his house if he so desired. Comm. Belcher said the city representative, Gerald Brown sits on the City-County Planning Commission Board as a representative for the city, and the commission would go on his advice Mr. Alderson was informed that when the city received an opinion, they would let him know.

7. Department reports

Cemetery- Comm. Lacy said he was of the opinion that the grounds didn't look as good as they could because it was always mowed in sections and never seemed to have a completed look.

Streets

Comm. Hardy said he hadn't had too many complaints about the patching the sewer contractor is doing. Comm. Martin ask about the bumps that were where the patching had occurred. Comm. Belcher said this was done to allow for settling. He added, once the sewer contractor is totally finished, then the city would do what was necessary, as money was available, to finish the grooming of the streets. A large hole by the Flav-O-Rich plant was brought up. The clerk said she would contact the Supervisor of the project to see if they would fix it. Comm. Belcher said he had followed the piece of equipment into the city that caused the damage.

Police Department

Comm. Martin read the report (copy attached) prepared by the Police. She ask Chief Montgomery if he had his quotes for the new tires for the patrol car. Chief Montgomery said he had several, but he still felt he could get better prices. He will continue to check and report at the August meeting. Comm. Martin also reported that the Police department, wanted and should have personal city patches for their uniforms. The chief had gotten a quote for 25 @ \$6.65 each, but she felt perhaps she could get a better price. She will check and report at the August meeting.

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

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____
JAMES R. GILLEY, MAYOR DOROTHY J. NEAL, CITY CLERK