

July 26, 1999- City Commission meeting -7:00 P. M. - City Hall

The Mayor called the meeting to order with commissioners Martin and Cooke in attendance.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The commissioners had reviewed these minutes prior to the meeting. The Mayor called for additions or corrections to same. With none to be heard, Comm. Martin presented a motion the minutes be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Cooke. Roll call and vote- Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes.

2. Treasurer's report

The commission reviewed the report and the Mayor called for comments, additions or corrections. With none to be heard, Comm. Cooke presented a motion the report be accepted as printed. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes.

3. Department reports

Streets: Comm. Cooke reported that the clerk had attempted to contact the man grading for the city in the past and he has yet to return her call. Comm. Cooke said there was a real problem on Church Alley. When it rains the runoff causes a problem for several of the neighbors in the area and this needs to be corrected as possible. The Mayor ask Comm. Cooke how the meeting with the man from the State Highway went regarding the problems at Hedge and Highway 101. Comm. Cooke said again he had not returned his calls. Steve Watt ask commissioner Cooke what was going to be done with the sidewalk at the Fifth and College close to the school. Comm. Cooke said as soon as the city had additional funds to do more sidewalk work this would be taken care of He added it was really the School Boards obligation to take care of this repair. Mayor McCay said prior to the meeting, Magistrate Hunt had informed him that the county was going to chip and seal that portion of Kentucky Street in front of the Helton residence. He said although this wasn't a city street, the city was grateful for his efforts.

Public Safety & Welfare: In the absence of Comm. Hardy there was no report to be given.

Police: Comm. Martin reported that again she was waiting on the gentleman from Lexington to get in contact with her regarding a bid for the new patrol car. She then read the monthly report, (copy attached).

Cemetery: In the absence of Comm. Howard, the Mayor read the quarterly financial statement. He called for comments, and said a copy of the report was available on request.

4. Committee reports:

Planning & Zoning: Gerald Brown was in attendance and had nothing to report at this time.

BRADD Aging Services: Mayor McCay said for a period of time, the city wasn't aware that this organization served residents of Smiths Grove. He added the clerk had done some research and found they currently serve five Smiths Grove residents at a cost of \$464.10 per month. The organization had ask the city for a financial donation in the amount of \$300.00 per year. The Mayor said in view of the fact that they were spending close to \$500.00 per month to aid our citizens he felt the \$300.00 annual contribution was justified. There are currently three additional citizens waiting for assistance. He added that the BRADD Aging Service for a period of time had ask the city to place a representative on their board. He said he had ask James Hill to assume this position and he agreed to do so.

5. Planning & Zoning Code Enforcement Board-BOAC Property Maintenance

Mayor McCay said on July s-, He, Comm. Howard, the clerk, Gerald Brown and others had met with Danny Whittle and the consultant hired by the Planning Commission from Houston, Texas, Duncan & Associates, who were going to review all of the code ordinances for both Warren County and Bowling Green. They strongly suggested that Smiths Grove place a member on this board and they would, at no cost to the city, review our zoning ordinances and suggest changes to the commission. Gerald Brown said many of the city's current zoning ordinances were really outdated and needed to be addressed. Comm. Martin expressed concern that they would make changes and the commissioners wouldn't get a chance to review them. The Mayor assured her that they would be given ample opportunity to suggest and review all of the changes. Comm. Cooke commented he felt the commission not strangers knew what was needed for the city. After these remarks and discussion Mayor McCay presented a motion the City notify the City County Planning & Zoning Commission expressing an interest in becoming part of the Bowling Green/Warren County Enforcement Board. By expressing this interest we give Duncan & Associates permission to review our zoning ordinances so they may make suggestions as to deleting, amending, or making additions to our current ordinances. This is done with the understanding we (the City of Smiths Grove) can withdraw at any time and there will be no cost to the City of Smiths Grove. This also includes an interest in adopting the BOCA Property Maintenance codes with the knowledge and understanding it can only be officially accepted by ordinance approves by the Smiths Grove City Commission, seconded by Comm. Martin. Roll call and vote -Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes.

Bill Pierce addressed the commission regarding a potential problem in his neighborhood. He had noticed building permits for Bud & Martha Greenup on their property at the corner of Fourth & Wayne Street. He said when he purchased his house several years ago, when it rained his basement flooded, sometimes hip deep, from the run off from this property. He added that Eulas Hatcher finally built up the bank and that stopped the problem. Steve Watt and Shirley Martin expressed the same concerns for their property. The Mayor said he felt these permits had been issued by the county in area, as all building done in the city limits are obligated to be done by a Smiths Grove building permit. He added that Mr. Greenup and his builder had been advised that a drainage plan must be submitted to the City/County Planning & Zoning prior to the city being able to issue a building permit. The Clerk agreed to contact the person issuing the county building permit. The Mayor said this was a very good reason, in his opinion, the city should be a member of the Code Enforcement Board. The city would then have the Warren County Building Inspector to inspect new construction in the city.

Mayor McCay announced that the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce was hosting a Government After Hours, the 10th of August from 5 to 7 and would like all of the commission to attend.

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

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____
Walter J. McCay, Jr., Mayor Dorothy J. Nell, City Clerk

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD & BOAC PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODES

Motion passed at 7/26 City Commission Meeting reads as follows:

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