

City Commission meeting July 27, 1998 - 7:00 p.m. - City Hall

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

## AGENDA

### 1. Minutes of the previous meeting

These minutes were presented to the commission for additions or corrections. With none to be heard, Comm. Hardy presented a motion they be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Martin. - roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

### 2. Minutes of two special called meetings

Additions or corrections were called for by the Mayor. With none to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

### 3. Treasurer's report

The Mayor informed those in attendance that a copy of this report was available if they would like one. He then called for questions or corrections. With none to be heard,

Comm. Hardy presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

### 4. First reading Ordinance #98-1 310.7 – annual fee by the city to Smiths Grove Fire Dept.

Comm. Lacy presented a motion the commission accept the first reading of the above stated ordinance and it now have a second reading, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote Cooke Yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

### 5. Signing of contract by Chief Priddy and Mayor Gilley for the above stated agreement.

The clerk had prepared a contract, (attached) for the Chief and the Mayor to sign, which is effective until 2002. Comm. Hardy presented a motion this contract and its terms be accepted, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

### 6. First reading Ordinance #98-1 920.17 recommending to amend Zoning Ordinance resolution Article 4, 7 and 22 (Waste Disposal Facility)

Mayor Gilley explained that as a member of the Planning Commission, the city, Woodburn and Plum Springs are ask to agree with changes recommended by the Planning Commission. Comm. Hardy presented a motion the first reading of the ordinance be approved and accepted for a second reading, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

### 7. City property & lot clean up ordinance-discussion

Vacant, unkempt lots throughout the city have become a problem and an eyesore, and the commission had ask the clerk to rough draft an ordinance for their consideration to correct this problem. (attached). Comm. Martin suggested that the time span should be from March 1 to October 31 of each year. Comm. Hardy ask that fallen trees, limbs, and/or limbs be a part of the ordinance. The clerk agreed to now draft the Ordinance with these additions and changes. The commission agreed to have the first reading of the Ordinance, Wed. 7/29/1998 at 9:00 a.m. The clerk agreed to have the Ordinance prepared, and to notify the paper of the meeting. Along these same lines, Jesse David Anderson said he would like the lot which once contained the old lumber company building, cleaned up. He said it

was not only an eyesore but was breeding mosquitos. Mayor Gilley said the owner had some bush hogging done over the week-end and some of the lumber removed. Tommy Cooke said he wanted something done about James Hadleys' building next to his church on Third St. He said it was in deplorable condition and housed all kinds of animals, as well as made the church property look terrible. He felt it was a possibility children could enter it and be hurt. Chief Priddy said if it was a fire hazard he had the authority to condemn it and declared an unsafe structure. The commission agreed to look into this and get in contact with Chief Priddy .

#### 8. Department reports

cemetery: Comm. Lacy said the grounds had been mowed, but they didn't look too good as the grass was tall at the mowing time. He said he had talked with the contractor and Mr. Cole said he was having a difficult time keeping help and he was aware that the cemetery didn't look good and hoped to have it looking better.

Streets: Comm. Cooke noted that the streets that the city had contracted with Scotty's for were done. He and Comm. Hardy now were trying to find a firm with a grader that would grade the alleys in preparation for the annual graveling of same. Jesse Anderson said that when Scotty's graded in preparation for the paving they had put gravel in some yards. Comm. martin noted that where, she assumed, the county, had worked on Laurel it looked bad. Mayor Gilley said he hadn't looked at it, but Judge Buchannon as well as Ed Dyer had promised him it would be fixed.

Police: Comm. Martin read the monthly report, (attached). She also informed those in attendance that the new 1998 patrol car had been purchased by the city, and as soon as all of the equipment is received, it will be on the street, serving the city.

#### 9. Other

Tommy Cooke addressed the commission regarding stray dogs and cats in the city. He along with several others felt it was becoming a real problem. Jeff Smith said he had talked with Sheriff Gaines and he had told him the county had no ordinance of this effect. But he felt the city should impose one before a child became harmed by one of these dogs. Ron Ward suggested issuing citations to owners who let their animals run loose. Jessie Varner cited several dogs around the city that are nuisances. The clerk agreed to contact cities of comparable size to see if they had effective ordinance regarding leash laws, and if so ask for a copy of same. She ask the commission how she should state in the ordinance the city was going to enforce it with no law officers on duty during the day. She then agreed to begin work on a rough draft of a leash law ordinance.

Comm. Lacy said he would like for the other commissioners to consider a raise for Martha Watt, cemetery secretary. He along with all of the commission felt she does an excellent job, and deserved a raise. Comm. Cooke presented a motion Mrs. Watt be given a \$25.00 per month raise, effective with her August check, for a total of \$150.00 per month, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

Jeff Smith approached the commission regarding the installation of a drive at the Baptist Parsonage. He said they were going to pave the drive and wanted permission to removing the existing sidewalk and have a ramped effect installed when the drive is laid. Comm. Hardy presented a motion the Baptist Church be allowed to remove the sidewalk at the parsonage and pave it, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

Mayor Gilley ask those in attendance if there was anything to be brought before the commission. With none to be heard, a motion to adjourn was presented by Mayor Gilley.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
James R. Gilley, Mayor Dorothy J. Neal, City Clerk