

Smiths Grove City Commission meeting - June 24, 1996 - 7:00 p.m. - City Hall

Mayor Gilley called the meeting to order with all commissioners in attendance as well as numerous interested citizens.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

These minutes were presented to the commission for additions or correction. The Mayor ask those in attendance if anyone wanted to have the minutes read. With no comments to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote-Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

2. Treasurers report

The clerk informed the commission this was the last report for the 95-96 FY budget. Mayor Gilley said the clerk would be glad to provide copies of the report as well as any other documents that those in attendance would like copies of. With no additions or corrections to this report, Comm. Martin presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

3. Second reading Ordinance #96-2 220.129 amending FY 95-96 GF budget

Comm. Lacy presented a motion the second reading if this ordinance be accepted and that it now become a portion of the city's permanent records seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

4. Second reading Ordinance #96-3 220.130-FY 96-97 GF Budget

Comm. Hardy presented a motion to accept the second reading of this ordinance and that it now become a portion of the city's permanent records, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

5. Resolution #96-2 renaming Gerald Brown to the City-County Planning Comm.

All of the commission agreed that Mr. Brown had done a fine job represent: the city on the City-county PLanning Commission. Comm. Cooke presented a motion to rename Mr. Brown for a four term to the City-County Planning Commission, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

6. Opening of sealed bids for the city's trash and/or garbage service

Mayor Gilley informed those in attendance that the request for these bids had been duly advertised for. He then opened the seal on the bids from Monarch Environmental and Commercial Sanitation. He passed them to each of the commissioners for their consideration. Commercial Sanitations bid was for \$11.00 monthly for residential pick-up, and met all of the bid specification requirements. Monarch Environmental's bid was for \$11.50 per month and met all of the bid specification requirements. The commission spent considerable time considering these two bid proposals. Mayor ask each representative of the two companies if they would like to approach the commission with comments. Gerald Dobbs from Monarch said that his company had serviced the Smiths Grove area since 1998 and he felt all of the people were pleased with his efforts. He said the difference is the two bids amounted to \$6.00 per year per household. He said that in 1988 his company had to come in and provide the people of Smiths Grove with containers for their trash as Commercial Sanitation had pulled theirs after they didn't receive the franchise bid.

Mayor Gilley said he was familiar with this because his trash cart was picked up from his house sometime during the night after the bid award to Monarch. Mr. Lamastus, owner of Commercial Sanitation Service said his company had never done this. Mayor Gilley again assured him that his cart was picked up at night. The Mayor ask Mr.

Lamastus if he had any comments. Mr. Lamastus said he had served the Smiths Grove area for thirteen years prior to losing the bid to Monarch in 1988 by 25¢. He added that he also services Park City and Cave City and feel that he does a very good job and would like the opportunity to again serve the citizens of Smiths Grove. Mayor Gilley ask the commission for their feelings regarding the bids. Comm. Cooke said he was very satisfied with the service of Monarch and felt the city should again award the franchise to them. Comm. Martin said she had no problems with Commercial when they picked up her trash and had not had any with Monarch said they received the city franchise. But she felt it was the commission's responsibility to do what was right for the citizens and she feels the lowest bid would be best for them. Mayor Gilley pointed out that KRS 96.010, Section 164 (copy attached) specifies that the franchise bid was to be awarded to the highest, best bidder. Comm. Hardy said he had mixed emotions on what was the best procedure in awarding the franchise. He added he had been pleased with the service proved him by Monarch, and that he didn't know Mr. Lamastus. Porter Martin, a resident of Smiths Grove said he was very pleased with Monarch's service. He said it was a pleasure to see a neat truck with clean drivers pull into his drive to pick up his trash. He said his office was in Cave City and he wasn't pleased with the appearance of the company there Ray Lewis wondered if the rate would stay the same for a period of time. Mayor Gilley said it would for three years. Mayor Gilley said he wanted to remain with Monarch, as the city had never had any problems with them, and they would go beyond what their franchise called for to help the city.

With no further discussion to be heard, Mayor Gilley ask the commission if they were ready to vote on these franchise bids. Comm. Cooke presented a motion the franchise bid of Monarch Environmental be accepted, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy no, Lacy yes. Copies of the franchise bid and specifications are affixed to these minutes.

7. Department reports

Police Dept. (report attached). Comm. Martin, said that Chief Montgomery had completed his training for pepper spray and now both of the officers were certified to carry and use the spray.

Street Dept.- Comm. Cooke said he had had one complaint about the gravel that the city had applied to the city alleys. But upon inspection of this complaint he found it was of no fault of the city's. Comm. Hardy said he had several complaints about the lot around the feed mill at Laurel and College being in need of mowing. Comm. Martin said that Bud Greenups lot on Fourth St. also needed mowing, and Mr. Cochrans lot on Highland needed mowing also. The clerk agreed to write these people and ask them to clean and mow these areas.

Cemetery-Comm. Lacy said he was not at all pleased with the way the contractor had been keeping the cemetery grounds lately. He ask the clerk if she would please notify Mr. Cole, the maintenance contractor, that there had been several complaints about the way the cemetery had been mowed of late, and that there several graves that needed seeding. Also that he was not removing flowers from new graves as his contract states. She agreed to do so.

8. Other

Porter Martin said he felt everyone was aware of his recent break-in at his residence. He wanted to take the opportunity to thank Chief Montgomery for his thorough work on this. Mayor Gilley told Mr. Martin he appreciate~ him taking the time to come to the meeting to make these comments. Craig Phillips that lives in the same area said all of the neighbors in that area were now on alert for each other. Comm. Marti: said she would like to organize a Neighborhood Watch Program sponsored by the city police. She ask Chief Montgomery if he could contact some other authorities and have them come to a community meeting to inform people as to what could be done to help protect themselves and their property. The chief agreed to do so. All in attendance were in complete agreement. Jerry Dobbs, General Manager of Monarch Environmental said they would contribute \$250.00 towards this effort to help defray the cost of printing etc ... Mayor thanked him for this generous gesture.

Jessie Varner who lives at 469 Lawson ask the clerk to put on the next agenda a meeting with the authorities from Warren County Water District to discuss the reason why they had so little water pressure. She agreed to do so.

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

APPROVED: _____
James R. Gilley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dorothy J. Neal, City Clerk