

June 26, 1995 - Smiths Grove City Commission meeting

The Mayor called the meeting to order with commissioners Lacy, Belcher in attendance, as well as several interested citizens.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Mayor Gilley ask if anyone in attendance wanted these minutes read. With no additions or corrections, Comm. Lacy presented a motion to accept these minutes as written, seconded by Comm. Belcher. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Lacy yes.

2. Treasurer's report

The mayor said if anyone would like copies of this report they would by glad to issue one. With no further discussion, comm. Lacy presented a motion to accept the report as printed, seconded by comm. Belcher. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Lacy yes.

3. Second reading Ordinance #95-1 920.13-rezoning .0125 acres N/W corner 1-65 from agriculture to C-2 with binding elements.

Comm. Lacy presented a motion the second reading of this ordinance be accepted and made a part of the city's permanent records, seconded by Comm. Belcher. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Lacy yes.

4. Second reading Ordinance #95-1 220.123-amending FY 1994-1995 budget

The Mayor explained that each year the city had to amend the previous year's budget because they receive unexpected monies and well as spend more/less funds than are budgeted. Comm. Lacy presented a motion to accept the second reading of this ordinance and that it become a portion of the city's permanent records, seconded by Comm. Belcher. roll call and vote- Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Lacy yes.

5. Second reading Ordinance #95-2 220.124-FY 95-96 Budget

Comm. Belcher presented a motion the seconded reading of this ordinance be accepted and it became a portion of the city's permanent record, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Lacy yes, Gilley yes.

6. Department reports

Cemetery-Comm. Lacy said the mower has had a rough year weather wise and he felt the cemetery looked real good.

Police - in the absence of Comm. Martin, Mayor Gilley read this report. (copy attached)

Streets - Comm. Belcher said he wish he had something to report but he didn't. Kenway had started and they stopped because they were waiting on the water district to extend the manholes and meter. The Clerk agreed to contact Kenway to see if they could tell her when they would continue. Mayor Gilley said the Water District had all of the necessary extenders and were ready to install them whenever Kenway continued the blacktopping.

7. Other

Richard Helms said that he had noticed that 1996 would be the 125th year anniversary of Smiths Grove being an incorporated town. He wondered if the city would agree to a celebration of this event. Mayor Gilley and all of the commission agreed that it was a wonderful idea, and they granted Mr. Helm permission to go forth with his plans. They told him the city would help him in anyway possible. He said he had met with the Smiths Grove

Merchants Association and some representatives from the Woman's Club and they too were willing to help. He said they had discussed having several week-ends of celebration that could include bicycle races, parades, music etc ..

Gerald Brown, Smiths Grove Planning & Zoning representative said the city had issued a certified letter 90 days ago to one of its citizens that was in violation of the city's zoning ordinance and nothing had been done. Mayor Gilley said he had talked with Mr. Sadeghi several times and he had assured him that he was in the process of doing something. But Mr. Sedaghi had never picked up the certified letter the city had issued. Mayor Gilley said he felt since the city works with and under the recommendations of the City-County Planning Commission, perhaps we should again with confer with them to see what the next step is for the city. Mr. Brown said at the next meeting of the Planning Commission he would talk with Danny Whittle and Laura Southard to see what they recommend and report back to the city commission.

Bill Pierce wondered if the city could have the limbs that hang out over First Street from Crist's residence cut. Mayor Gilley said the city couldn't remove things from private property, but he would have the clerk contact them to see if it was alright for the fire department to cut them. Mr. Pierce said when the emergency vehicles go through there they hit the aerials on the trucks. The clerk agreed to contact Mr. & Mrs. Crist.

David Williams, Broker said a corporation titled Gateway Plaza Corp. with offices in Las Vegas, Nevada had been to Smiths Grove and had tentatively contracted with Arlene Martin and Jim McGuirk for their properties to build a motel, restaurant, warehouse and 27 bay fuel area. He said if Smiths Grove was willing to annex that portion of the acreage which wasn't in the city limits it would mean an awful lot of revenue for the city. He said Gateway Plaza Corp. had hired John Metheney and an attorney to work with the corporation.

Mayor Gilley said that sounded good but the city couldn't rush into an annexation until they had legal advice. He said it in his opinion wasn't ever a good idea to rush into something without knowing all of the circumstances. The commission agreed. Mr. Williams said the acreage would include the balance of Helen Lawrence property, all of Arlene Martin, Mid Continent Truck Stop and the balance of Jim McGuirks property. Donald Laws wondered what would happen if there was a hazardous material spill there. Would the Smiths Grove Rural Fire Dept. have to handle it or would the businesses take care of it. Mr. Williams said that each of the individual operations would take care of it themselves. Bill Pierce, from the Smiths Grove rural Fire Dept. said he felt they had the personnel to handle the proposed expansion if the city does annex it.

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

APPROVED: _____
JAMES R. GILLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DOROTHY J. NEAL, CITY CLERK