

City Commission meeting - March 22, 1993 - 7:00 p.m. - City Hall

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

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Discussion or corrections to these minutes was called for. 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, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

2. Minutes of the two special called meetings

Mayor Gilley explained the purpose of these two special called meetings was to hear the second reading of the city occupational ordinance and the ordinance pertaining to the city sewer system. With no questions or discussion, Comm. Martin presented a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Comm. Crisp. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

3. Treasurer's report

Mayor Gilley called for discussion or corrections to this report. There were none. Comm. Crisp presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

4. Trash franchise - discussion

The Mayor explained to those in attendance that the existing trash franchise was up 7/25/1993 and the commission should give some thought to bidding for the franchise soon so that the citizens of the city wouldn't be without service. Comm. Lacy ask if anyone could bid on it. Mayor Gilley said any company had the right to bid as long as they complied with the bid specifications. He added, he hoped the current franchise holder kept the contract. comm. Belcher commented he felt sure there wouldn't be a bid for a fixed five year period again without at least a cost of living increase in it. Mayor Gilley ask the commission their thoughts on the period of time the bid should be for. After a brief discussion. Comm. Belcher presented a motion the clerk advertise for the trash franchise bids in April for a period of at least two years, and no more than five years, seconded by Comm. Lacy. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Crisp yes, Lacy. The clerk agreed to have these bids ready for the May meeting.

5. Opening of sealed bids for the Smiths Grove Cemetery Maintenance contract

Mayor Gilley said the city had received five bids in response to the invitation to bid for this contract. He opened the bids and gave them to Comm. Martin, one of the comm. in charge of the cemetery. They were as follows: (original bids attached)

Eugene Phelps -	\$800.00 per month
Sam Cassidy -	\$700.00 per month, \$8,400 annually
D&F Lawn Care -	\$400.00 per mowing
Bryant Parker -	\$7,500.00 annually
Fant's Lawn Care -	\$21,500 annually.

Mayor Gilley ask the cemetery commissioners, Comm. Belcher and Comm. Martin if they wanted to go into closed session and discuss these bids. They agreed to do so. Prior to adjourning, the Mayor ask the two bidders that were in attendance if they had anything to add to their bid. Mr. Cassidy said he did all of the work themselves, had numerous relatives buried in the cemetery, which gave him an added interest, and they took considerable pride in their work. Eugene Phelps said he had worked with the people who did all of the graves in the cemetery and had since 1984. He said they would clean up all fallen limbs, cut them up and haul them away. Comm. Lacy ask Mr. Cassidy how long he had been in the business, he replied four years. Comm. Martin and Comm. Belcher returned

from the closed session and Comm. Belcher presented a motion the commission accept the bid of Sam Cassidy in the amount of \$700.00 per month, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

6. Department reports

Police Department, (report attached). Mayor Gilley read this report and ask the policemen if they had anything to add. They did not.

Street Department

Mayor Gilley ask Commissioner Lacy what the progress for the city sign grant was. Comm. Lacy said he had been informed if the grant wasn't received this, the city would definitely be first in line in 1994.

Cemetery

Comm. Martin again said she felt the chapel at the cemetery needed some attention. She agreed to talk with someone to get a rough estimate for the work she felt needed to be done and report back to the commission.

7. Other

Martha McGuirk and Bernadine Morehead, representing the Woman's Club addressed the meeting regarding their annual cleanup day. They had set the date for May 8th, with the rain day May 15th. Mrs. McGuirk ask the clerk if she would contact Monarch Environmental to see if they would again provide the large dumpsters for this effort. She agreed to do so. Mayor Gilley said when the club printed their brochures, they needed to stipulate what could be dumped and what couldn't. He said last year there were batteries and old tires dumped which the company has a terrible time disposing of. The clerk agreed to ask Monarch to send a list of acceptable trash and what they wouldn't accept.

Mayor Gilley said Joe Liles from Warren Co. Water District had again contacted the city regarding the collection of the required hook-up fees for both commercial and residential customers. He had sent a draft of their intentions, (attached) to see what the commission feelings were. He proposed that they write a letter to each prospective customer in the city updating them on the progress of the city, ask for the hook-up fee. Then if they didn't receive it within 30 days from the mailing of the letter, they would take a list of those names that were delinquent to the County Judge Executive, ask him to hold a hearing within 20 days, and if they still didn't comply, publish a list of their names. Then if this didn't bring results the amount would be added to the county tax bills with a 6% per annum interest added. The Mayor ask the commission their feelings on this. He said Mr. Liles would like an answer by Tuesday morning. Comm. Lacy said he didn't intend to pay the hook-up fee in advance unless he was forced to. Comm. Crisp had the same reaction. Comm. Martin thought it would be a good idea to check with Judge Griffin to see if he could assist the Water District in borrowing the \$129,000. Comm. Belcher said it would be very difficult to collect funds when people have nothing to show for it. Mayor Gilley then called Mr. Liles to tell him the commission's feelings and Mr. Liles said the Water District Board had met that night and they siad they couldn't put the amount on peoples tax bills. He said they would have to approach the problem from another direction.

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

APPROVED: _____
JAMES R. GILLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DOROTHY J. NEAL, CITY CLERK