

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 23, 1981

The regular meeting of the Smiths Grove City Commission was held March 23, 1981, at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded to approve the minutes as printed with two corrections. Motion carried.

Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Barner seconded the, approval of the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. (attached)

Mr. Pearson moved Mr. Walker seconded the approval of the Community Development Financial Statement. Motion carried. (attached)

SECOND READING OF REZONING Ordinance 81-1 920.8

The first reading of the Ordinance for rezoning a tract of land for Citizen's National Bank was held at the February meeting. Mr. Wolff moved, Mr. Walker seconded to approve the Ordinance. Barner 0 aye, Crousore – aye, Pearson – aye, Walker – aye, Wolff – aye.

Powell Building - Community Center

Mr. Wolff went through the minutes of the last year and reread for everyone all of the references made to the Community Center. The first mention was in January of 1980. He announced that the check for \$15,000.00 had been received along with the statutes pertaining to the building. (attached) The floor was opened for discussion. Jerry Neal Marr questioned the Board about how much it would cost to fix the building up. Mr. Walker stated that estimates varied as to how they went about it. An estimate of \$3,952.00 had been received from the Sheet Metal Shop for a metal roof. Other estimates to repair the roof ranged as low as \$1,340.00. Darrell Atwell expressed his support for the Center and felt the citizens should donate their time and help in the renovation. Mr. Marr stated he thought the town needed a Community Center, but was against buying the Powell Building. Mr. Carroll Bevarly stated that since the last meeting he had changed his mind about the need for a Community Center. He now felt the citizens wanted one but he was opposed to buying the Powell Bldg. He presented a petition with over 125 signatures of people who felt the same way. A discussion ensued as to the validity of the petitions. Eulas Hatcher stated he felt most people were in favor of a Community Center, and the opposition seemed only against the particular buildings. He wanted to know if the project would throw the City into financial turmoil. Mr. Leopold stated he was in favor of a Community Center, but felt it was an open ended project with no fixed amount budgeted for it. Mr. Pearson moved the purchase of the Powell Building, Mr. Walker seconded. Mr. Powell stated the lady from the Nutritional Program had inspected the building. Mr. Wolff commented that he had never been contacted. Vote: Barner-yea, Crousore-no, Walker-aye, Pearson-aye, Wolff-no. Motion carries 3-2.

Staggered Terms for Commissioners

Mayor Wolff explained that in the fall the City would elect four (4) members of the City Commission each serving a 2 year term, and a Mayor who would serve four years. The law does provide for electing the Commissioners under staggered terms, where 2 commissioners would be

elected every year. The Council could ask this be put on the ballot, but the citizens must vote on it. Mr. Hatcher stated he felt there would be less turmoil if this were done. Mr. Wolff asked for a show of hands in an informal polling of those present. Mr. Wolff then moved to put the question on the November ballot. Mr. Walker seconded. Motion Carried.

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Occupational License Fee

The first reading of ordinance 81-2 400.2 was held. (attached) Mr. Wolff moved that the license ordinance exempt anyone with a total gross income realized in the city of less than \$1,000. Mr. Crousore seconded. Vote: Walker-no, Barner-yes, Pearson-no, Crousore-yes, Wolff yes. Motion carried. Mr. Walker moved that the fine be not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$100.00. Mr. Barner seconded. Vote: Pearson-aye, Barner-aye, Crousore-aye, Walker-aye, Wolff-aye. Motion carried.

Building Permit

Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded to approve a building permit for a house for Wallace Cole on Highland Ave. Motion carried.

Other

Mayor Wolff had been contacted my Maggie Brown about the community Artist in Residency Program. N. Warren is the only county school that is having a performance. She asked if the city could donate something to help defray the cost. Mr. Wolff moved, Mr. Walker seconded, the City donate \$20.00. Motion carried.

Mayor Wolff announced we could get Identification stickers for the fire department at \$47.50/50. License Tags with Volunteer Fireman have also been located. A Flag pole at City Hall including flag can be purchased for \$34.00. Signs identifying the City on all main (5) roads which would attach to speed limit signs may be purchased for \$65.00. Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Walker seconded to make the purchase of all four items. Motion carried.

Street signs were also discussed. A 4-way sign with names on both sides printed and brackets were \$17.50 each. Mr. Wolff will see how many are needed.

Mr. Walker was named as the Chairman for the Committee for the Community Center. He will name the other members.

Some of the citizens were concerned with the number of dogs we have running loose. Smiths Grove has no leash law.

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved: Clarence N. Wolff
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Attest: Sue M. Edwards

City Clerk