

City Commission meeting - March 24, 1986 - 7:00 p.m.- City Hall

Mayor Gilley called the proposed use hearing for the Municipal Aid Road funds, and the LGEAF funds, to order. He ask if there were any suggestions from those in attendance as to what the 1986- 1987 funds should be used for. The clerk said she had received calls from a citizen asking that Webb Ave. be one of the priorities and also a portion of Kentucky Street was in bad need of repairs. Comm. Bryce, in charge of the streets for the city, said he would keep these suggestions in mind at such time a decision was reached to spend these funds. With no further comments or suggestions to be heard, the hearing was declared closed.

Regular meeting

AGENDA

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Comm. Bryce presented a motion to dispense with the reading of same and to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Comm. Crisp. Roll call and vote - Barrow yes, Gilley yes, Crisp yes, Bryce yes.

2. Treasurer's report - 2/14/86 thru 3/14/86

Mayor Gilley ask the clerk why the city still had expenditures in the fire department. She said the money expended was: for utilities and insurance on the building. With no further questions or corrections to be heard, Comm. Crisp presented a motion to accept the report as printed, seconded by Comm. Barrow. Roll call and vote - Barrow yes, Gilley yes, Crisp yes, Bryce yes.

3. Proposed city payroll tax discussion

Mayor Gilley explained that the clerk had begun drafting the 1986-1987 budget and the general fund would be more than \$10,000 in the red at the end of this time and we now had to do something to bring more revenue into the city. Comm. Bryce ask what the options available to the city were to enable us to get more revenue. Mayor Gilley said it was raising property taxes, an insurance premium tax, or the payroll tax. The Commission felt, since Smiths Grove was made up of over 50% of senior citizens the payroll tax would be the fairest. Andy Lange from

the BRADD office then took the floor and ask the commission to read section 5 of KRS#192.281, (copy attached). This contains an opinion from the Attorney General's office which specifically states that it is illegal for a city of the sixth class to impose a tax on payroll. Mr. Lange agreed to call the Attorney General's office regarding the legality of this and report back to the commission at his earliest convenience. He then distributed statistics that he had compiled of the insurance premium tax, for the commissions review and discussion. Based on data from cities of comparable size, Smiths Grove could benefit monies in the area of \$6,680 at a 4% rate, and \$8,350 at a 5% rate. He said this would be an alternative to consider if it was found the payroll tax was illegal for 6th class cities. A discussion was heard regarding rescinding the ordinance which created the payment of a portion

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of the city's taxes to the library. None of the commission was in favor of the library being closed on a permanent basis, but felt it was now time they should become self-supporting.

4. Delinquent city taxes

The commission reviewed the list the clerk had compiled of the delinquent taxes due the city. They discussed whether it would be better first to send second notices to those owing taxes or proceed with the publishing of the list, both in the Daily News and the North Warren Observer. Comm. Bryce presented a motion, if it was legal to publish the list, the city do so, seconded by Comm. Barrow. Roll call and vote - Barrow yes, Gilley yes, Bryce yes, Crisp yes.

5. Other

a. condition of rock fence at cemetery

Comm. Bryce said he had heard several complaints regarding the condition of the rock fence at the cemetery. The clerk said she had talked with Mr. Jordan about this and she has had several people talk to her about repairing it, and she will do something about it as soon as she gets her interest.

b. David Stiffey had ask if the commission could find out about having the county come into the cemetery and dig a hole for the purpose of housing the dead flowers

and debris. Mayor Gilley said he wasn't in favor of this because it could be a potential hazard. He wondered about building a structure of some kind where the people could put their trash and then having it emptied periodically. The commission felt this was a good idea and they would approach Ms. Jordan regarding same.

c. There is a long fallen limb at the cemetery which needs to be cut down and cut up. Comm. Bryce said he would be glad to help Comm. Crisp in getting this taken care of.

Comm. Bryce said he would like to see something done with the welcome signs for the city. He said they were in bad shape and should be replaced or repaired. The clerk said as soon as funds are available, this would be brought up again.

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

Approved: James R. Gilley
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal
City Clerk