

CITY COMMISSION MEETING
Smiths Grove Municipal Center
Monday, March 24, 2003

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all commissioners in attendance as well as guests, Debbie McCarty, Wesley Milliken" and Robin Ziegler.

AGENDA

Having reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting before the meeting, Comm. Martin presented a motion the minutes be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Watt. roll call and vote - Cook yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

The commission had also reviewed the treasurer's report prior to the meeting, and with no discussion of same, Comm. Cook presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote -- Cook yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

The Mayor introduced Robin Ziegler from the Bowling Green Warren County Historic Preservation Board. Ms. Ziegler said on the brochure that she had passed were the benefits of belonging to the Preservation Board, (attached). One of the benefits was, the city would receive monies from tourism as a member. Comm. Pierce wondered if there was anyone from Smiths Grove. She said no it is a seven member board. The Mayor ask those in attendance if they had any questions for Ms. Ziegler. There were none, so the Mayor said the commission would take it under advisement.

Bid openings for cemetery maintenance contract.

The commission reviewed the bids and Comm. Watt presented a motion they go into closed session to discuss them, seconded by Comm. Cook. roll call and vote, Cook yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes. They went into closed session at 7:50 and returned to the regular session at 8:10. Comm. Martin then presented a motion the bid of Pete's Lawn Care Service for \$9,100 be accepted, seconded by Comm. Watt. Comm. Pierce wanted the motion to be tabled until he could talk with the other bidders. roll call and vote - Cook yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce no.

The commission discussed the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds at the new Municipal building and the old city hall. Comm. Pierce said it wasn't over \$10,000 it didn't have to be bid. Mayor Gilley said he was afraid there would be hard feelings if the contract wasn't bid for. Comm. Watt wondered how large an area we were talking about. Comm. Pierce said it was less than 112 acre. Comm. Cook presented a motion the bid advertisement for the maintenance contract be put in the daily paper, seconded by Comm. Watt. roll call and vote - Cook yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce no.

Parking on Main Street.

Comm. Pierce and Comm. Watt said they propose that there be no parking on Main Street except in the business area. Bill Pierce said it is too narrow to allow parking. Comm. Watt said it is dangerous for emergency equipment. Comm. Cook said he felt there should be a public hearing so everyone to involved could have some input. Mr.

Potts said there needs to be speed signs at the end of Main Street to control speeding. Comm. Pierce said the state highway department would have to be contacted regarding getting this done. Comm. Cooke presented a motion that all property owners on Main Street be sent a letter requesting them to attend the April meeting, seconded by Comm. Pierce. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

Yard sale permit

Comm. Watt said he would like to have it so each person who has a yard sale apply for a permit for six yard sales annually. The permit would stipulate that the area must be cleaned up within 24 hours following the sale. Comm. Pierce wondered if there would be a charge or a deposit for the permit. Comm. Watt presented a motion that the city adopt the yard sale permit, seconded by Comm. Cooke. Comm. Pierce said he would like to amend the motion to include a \$50.00 fine for non-compliance, and Comm. Watt wanted to add a fine for not cleaning up as the permit stipulates, seconded by Comm. Cooke. - roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

Comm. Pierce commented that he would like to have the City Commission pursue a Code Enforcement Board's house into the city

Annexing Bill Philbeck's house into the city.

Comm. Pierce presented a motion the commission table this discussion and/or decision to give Mr. Philbeck more time, seconded by Comm. Watt. roll call and vote Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

Ways to promote citizen's park

Comm. Martin said there was \$1,507.00 in the park account for this purpose. Comm. Watt wondered if there was an amount set for the park, and how much the bricks were. Comm. Martin said the bricks were \$50. Comm. Pierce said there was never an exact dollar amount set for this. He added that Mike Murphy had made a nice drawing for the commission to consider. Comm. Pierce said the rock wall also needs to be fixed and that Joe Lyles had said he would unlock the gate whenever we wanted him to give us access. They will contact Mike Murphy.

Moving Police Chief to Municipal Building

Comm. Pierce said the Medical Center had expressed interest in locating a unit in Smiths Grove. He also said the County Court Clerk, at one time, had expressed an interest also. Mayor Gilley said he had talked with that office and it was out of the question for quite sometime. It was decided to wait on moving Chief Sneed for a while.

Purchase of a time clock

Comm. Martin wondered why the city needed a time clock. Comm. Cooke said to justify The Police Chief's time. The Mayor said he would get a price on these and report at the next meeting.

It was noted that the Smiths Grove Womens club had donated a dogwood tree to be planted in the Municipal Park. The clerk was asked to write a thank you.

Other business

Comm. Martin and Pierce said they would like to get the landscaping started on the Municipal building grounds. The Mayor said he would like to get an itemized list from bidders along with a drawing. Comm. Pierce presented a motion to begin the landscaping at the Municipal building, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote- Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

Comm. Pierce ask for permission to purchase chairs for the commissioners desks. He presented a motion to purchase them, seconded by Comm. Martin. Comm. Watt ask the motion be amended, stating that Comm. Pierce get prices for the chairs and clocks and report his findings at the April meeting, seconded by Comm. Cooke. Comm. Pierce agreed to this amended motion. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

Comm. Pierce said he would like to see the sign put up in front of the Municipal Building, and agreed to talk with Kenneth Marr about this and report back to the commission.

Comm. Pierce brought up the ordinance that stated the Mayor could hire and fire at will that the previous mayor. Mayor Gilley said the attorney had found that the Kentucky ordinance superceeds that.

RESOLUTION 03-02-

The Mayor said this resolution designates the Clerk, Mayor, Mayor pro tern the authority to conduct bank transactions on behalf of the city. All were in agreement this was a good safeguard on the city s behalf. Comm. Cooke presented a motion Resolution 03-02 be adopted, seconded by Comm. Pierce. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

The clerk ask the commission to appoint her as a parliamentarian for the commission and the city. Com. Pierce presented a motion the clerk be appointed as parliamentarian, seconded by Comm. Watt. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

Department reports

Comm. Cooke read the report Chief Sneed had prepared and ask the Chief if he had anything to add. Chief Sneed said he had nothing to add. Comm. Pierce wondered if the Chief s training was on schedule. He said non-compliance could cost the city the officer. Jimmy said he had had 32 hours 10/02 and would take 32 more 10/03.

Streets

Comm. Pierce said he had driven the city alleys and Church Alley was in bad shape and others need repair also. He ask the clerk to see if the inter local agreement has been renewed. Buddy Marr ask about replacing the existing bulbs with brighter ones. Comm. Watt said where Witherspoon was cut, thee Water Co. has repaired the cut but the Gas Co. has not.

Cemetery

Comm. Martin said she wanted the final check for DLF held until everything is finished. The entrances need to be cleaned.

Debbie McCarty BRADD

Ms. McCarty presented a Memorandum of Agreement for the city commission to consider. In brief, she would like the city to participate in the development of A Barren River Area Hazard Mitigation Plan. Comm. Pierce presented a motion the city enter into this agreement, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Watt yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion to adjourn was heard at 9:20

APPROVED: _____

James R. Gilley, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Phyllis J. Bessette, City Clerk

Signed "Dorothy J. Neal – Interim Clerk"

I attest all statements made in these commission minutes taken by Phyllis Bessette are true and accurate to the best of ability.