

**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL
MARCH 25, 2002**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Cooke, Martin and Pierce in attendance.

AGENDA

Minutes of the previous meeting:

The commission had an opportunity to review the minutes prior to the meeting. The Mayor called for additions or corrections to the minutes. With none to be heard, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report:

The Commission had an opportunity to review the report prior to the meeting. Mayor McCay asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the report. With none to be heard, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Municipal Building:

Representatives of Scott, Murphy & Daniel were in attendance. A brief presentation on cost estimates for the building was given. The commission was given these estimates to review. It was decided to have a special meeting at Scott, Murphy & Daniel on Tuesday April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery Maintenance Contract:

The commission had time to review the previously opened sealed bids prior to the meeting. Commissioner Pierce discussed his and Commissioner Vamers top three choices. These were DLF Lawnscape, Johnsons Lawn Care & Potts Lawncare. Mayor McCay discussed the bids. His concern was that two of the three choices were some of the highest bidders with DLF Lawnscape being one of the lowest. The owners of DLF were in attendance and answered questions presented to them by the commission. Mayor McCay presented a motion to award the cemetery maintenance contract including a one year option to DLF Lawnscape. Seconded by Commissioner Cooke. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes. The City Clerk will prepare the contract which will begin April 1 st, 2002.

Mayoral Reports:

Mayor McCay gave a brief summary of the meetings he had attended the past month.

City Attorney:

Mayor McCay suggested that the city retain the law firm of English, Lucas, Priest and Owsley to be the new city attorneys. Mr. Wayne Priest would be the attorney of record but the entire firm would be available to the city. Mayor McCay presented a motion to officially retain the firm. Seconded by Commissioner Pierce. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

Other Pertinent City Business:

The city's annual cleanup day will be Saturday, April 27th.

Mayor McCay discussed the fact that there is serious consideration being given to Smiths Grove being selected as the site for an Agricultural Museum with funds from the tobacco settlement. There will be a task force appointed by the Governor to study the issue. Mayor McCay also read a letter by Gary West Executive Director of Warren County Tourism.

Department reports:

Streets:

Commissioner Cooke stated he had fixed a few minor potholes at the cemetery and one at City Hall. The Mayor stated that as soon as the weather cleared as to the status of Hayes Smiths Grove Road. Raymond Hagan should be here on Wednesday to finish the sidewalk work.

Police:

Commissioner Martin read the monthly police report.

Public Health, Safety and Welfare:

Commissioner Pierce reported that the Womens Club had an art show at the library. The Fire Department report for February was unavailable. Commissioner Pierce stated that March had been a busy month with mostly medical assists and accidents on 1-65.

Cemetery:

In Commissioner Vamers absence Cemetery Secretary Martha Watt reported that there was only \$2000 in the cemetery's general fund. She requested financial help from the city.

Committee reports:

There were no reports for March.

Waste Disposal Contract:

Mayor McCay reported that the contract with Monarch Environmental would be ending in July. There was a brief discussion on whether to contract with one company or let the residents choose their own. The commission agreed that they would like to contract with one company.

Other Pertinent City Business:

Mayor McCay briefly discussed training sessions for Board of Adjustment members and that he wants them to attend the sessions through Planning & Zoning as there is no cost. Mr. Ray Lewis, Chairperson of Smiths Grove Board of Adjustments spoke to the commission about concerns he has with Planning & Zoning. Mayor McCay addressed Mr. Lewis concerns. Mr. Frank Rieherd of Rieherd.com addressed the commission concerning a metal storage container next to his building. He presented picture to the commission. Mayor McCay stated that he has requested a meeting with Planning & Zoning and their attorney about some possible problems. Mr. Charles Cowles also spoke about the issues at hand.

With no further business to be presented, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor McCay immediately reconvened the meeting with Commissioners Martin and Pierce present. He read a letter of resignation presented by the City Clerk. The resignation is effective June 30, 2002 or longer if needed. Mayor McCay that an ad be placed in the newspaper and he will meet with potential applicants and have the finalists meet with the commission.

The meeting was once again adjourned.

APPROVED: _____
Walter J. McCay, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Vicki K. Weisshaar, City Clerk