

**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL
MARCH 26, 2001**

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all commissioners in attendance.

AGENDA

1. 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. Commissioner Pierce stated that since he was not present at the previous meeting he asked if someone could explain to him about the possibility of receiving matching funds from Prudential Insurance for a new defibrillator. Commissioner Varner stated that in all future minutes, he would like the name of the citizens who had a question or comment during the meetings not just the word citizen. With no further questions or comments, the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Minutes of the special call meeting

Commissioner Cooke made a motion to make complaint forms to be filled out and kept on record when someone has a complaint. Seconded by Commissioner Varner. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes. With no further questions or comments, the minutes of the special call meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's report

The commission had an opportunity to review this report prior to the meeting. Mayor McCay asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding these reports. There were none, so the Treasurer's report stands as presented.

4. 1 st reading of ordinance adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances.

5. 1st reading of ordinance imposing a franchise fee on Southern Recycling. Commissioners' Pierce and Cooke had reservations regarding adoption of the ordinance. Both commissioners felt that by passing such an ordinance, the city would be endorsing the recycling program. Mayor McCay gave a lengthy explanation on the law mandating the recycling program and why the city should impose a franchise fee. The 2nd reading of both ordinances will be at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

6. Mayoral reports

Mayor McCay asked that the commissioners not go out on their own in regards to city business without first checking with himself or the clerk. He explained that when they do, there could be a duplication of efforts, which is time consuming. Mayor McCay asked Commissioner Cooke to explain the charge from the city's attorney on October 30. Commissioner Cooke stated that he took the ordinance adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances to the attorney for his legal opinion.

7. Department reports

Streets:

Commissioner Cooke reported that there are two houses in Smiths Grove that have the same address (115 Sunset). Since this could be confusing in case of an emergency, something should be done. Commissioner said he would talk to Smiths Grove Postmaster. In addition, Webb Avenue has a numbering discrepancy. A portion of Webb Avenue should be Webb West. The mayor asked the clerk to research the street ordinances regarding these two matters.

Police:

Commissioner Martin read the monthly police report. She stated that there had been complaints about Priddy's garage.

Public Safety, Health and Welfare:

Commissioner Pierce read the January and February monthly reports. He announced that the fire department would be holding a barbecue dinner, raffle and auction on June 2. A structural inspection of the fire departments trucks had been completed. One tanker truck had to reduce the amount of water that it carries as it was too heavy at its current capacity. Commissioner then gave a report on activities being conducted at the library.

Cemetery:

Commissioner Varner acknowledged Carrie Lee Jordon for all of the work she has done for the cemetery over the years. He also reported on a meeting he had with Ms. Jordon, Martha Watt and Mr. Schultz. Commissioner Varner reported on the status of the repairs at the cemetery. The insurance money has been received. Commissioner Varner stated that he was going to try to automate the cemetery's records. He then presented to the mayor and the city, a new flag and certificate received from Ron Lewis' office. It was flown over the United States Capitol.

Commissioner Cooke presented a motion to give the old flag to Commissioner Varner to give to a Boy Scout Troop for proper disposal since it had touched the ground. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

8. Committee reports:

Planning & Zoning:

Gerald Brown announced that the Focal Point Committee would be conducting an open house at the fire station on April 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The purpose the unveiling of the proposed zoning regulations for Smiths Grove.

Aging Services:

Dr. Hill was not present at the meeting.

Beautification:

Mayor McCay stated that the committee would probably start planting flowers next month.

Vision:

There was no meeting as there were not enough people to attend.

Miscellaneous/Announcements:

Porter Martin asked the mayor about the status of the airpark. Mayor McCay gave an update on this.

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

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

ATTEST: _____
Vicki K. Weisshaar, City Clerk