

March 27, 1995 Smiths Grove City Commission meeting

Mayor Gilley called the meeting to order with all commissioners in attendance

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

These minutes were presented to the commission for additions or corrections. The Mayor ask those in attendance if they would like for the minutes to be read aloud. With no comments, additions or corrections, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

2. Treasurer's report

The commission reviewed this report and with no corrections to be made, Comm. Martin presented a motion to accept the report as printed, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

3. Opening of sealed bids for Smiths Grove Cemetery Maintenance contract.

Mayor Gilley informed the commission there were four bids submitted for their consideration. They are as follows:
Billie Stice-\$9150 for 1995 - \$9300 for 1996 - \$9500 for 1997 - \$10,000 for 1998 - \$10,200 for 1999.

D-N-D Lawn Care- bids broken down on monthly basis. Not acceptable

Chester Whobrey-\$9,000

Mayor Gilley ask Comm. Lacy, Cemetery Commission, his opinion of the submitted bids. Comm. Lacy ask Mr. Cole if he had experience in this type of mowing, as well as all of the necessary manpower and equipment. Mr. Cole replied he had all that was necessary to do a good job at the cemetery for the city. Comm. Martin said she had seen some of the work Mr. Cole and his assistance had done and was very pleased with it. Comm. Lacy presented a motion Mr. Cole of A Step Above Lawn Care bid of \$7500 per year be accepted, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

4. Audit proposals

The city had received one bid for this purpose, from Gilbert & Gilbert the city's current auditor, in the amount of \$4000 for the 1995-1996 audit. Another CPA, Anthony Davidson from Lexington, KY had requested a chance to bid, but after the clerk sent him a bid proposal letter, he said they could not bid at this time. It was the general opinion of all of the commission that more than one bid was needed. The directed the clerk to write more audit proposal letters. Comm. Belcher said in his opinion, most would be higher but he felt the commission needed comparison figures to consider. Comm. Belcher presented a motion to table the decision of the audit proposal submitted, and have the clerk to send more proposal letters for their consideration, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

5. Law enforcement liability insurance quote

The clerk said the city attorney, Currie Milliken had strongly suggested to her that she now get this insurance for the city. The clerk had contacted the current agent, Blake-Hart-Taylor & Wiseman for this quote. They submitted two. (copies attached). The commission reviewed these two bids and ask the clerk if she had contacted anyone else. She said McGuffey had told her in the past to stay with the above named agency, as they could quote her a better price. Comm. Martin felt more bids were needed for the commission to compare. She agreed to contact other insurance companies for these quotes. The commission agreed that the Homestead Ins. bid of \$1,857.30 was the best bid. Comm. Martin presented a motion the city accept Homesteads bid if she couldn't find a cheaper rate, seconded by

Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

6. First reading Ordinance #95-1 310.6-City fire protection

Mayor Gilley explained the Smiths Grove Rural Fire Department had approached the commission regarding the existing ordinance. They would like for it to be amended to include the recovery of cost and expense when they dealt with hazardous situations with non-residents. The commission agreed to do this and had the city attorney draft the ordinance. Comm. Hardy presented a motion to accept this reading of the above named ordinance and have the second reading at the April meeting, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

7. Delinquent taxes

The clerk had submitted a list of all city residents that were delinquent in their taxes for the commissions information. Mayor Gilley said there wasn't much that could be done except send the second notices, until a five year period had expired then a lien could be filed. Joyce Rasdall ask if there was a penalty affixed if they were late or delinquent. The clerk said six percent. Mrs. Rasdall wondered if this could be increased and perhaps this would give them more incentive to pay on time. The clerk agreed to check if this could be done.

8. Darryl Hitch - Division for Air Quality-EPA

Mayor Gilley introduced Mr. Hitch representing the above named division. Mr. Hitch passed out literature (copy attached) to those in attendance addressing the regulations for open air burning. Mrs. Carlos Lopez said they had moved to the city late last fall and were very upset with all of the burning that was done. They said it affected their small child as well as them. They wondered if there couldn't be some kind of regulations that were stricter. Mr. Lopez said he felt mandatory trash service for all of the city would help to ease this problem. He had talked with Jerry Dobbs from Monarch Environmental and they had agreed to furnish a 30 cubic yard dumpster in the fall for people to take their leaves to. Mr. Lopez added he felt it would be a good idea if the city imposed an ordinance prohibiting the burning of leaves. Comm. Hardy said he was definitely against imposing an ordinance restricting the burning of all leaves, Comm. Lacy agreed. Mayor Gilley said if there were too strict regulations it would discourage business as potential residents from moving to the city. All of the commission felt it was worth the effort to have the one day leaf pick up and to monitor the illegal burning of things that were not supposed to be burnt. David Williams who was in attendance said he felt education was the answer to the problem. He suggested that perhaps the Lopez family could draft a short notice explaining the rules set out by the EPA and have them delivered to all residents. The Lopez's agreed to do this. Mayor Gilley said the city would be glad to make the copies once the notice was drafted.

9. Department reports

cemetery- Comm. Lacy said the cemetery grounds were in good shape.

Streets- Comm. Hardy said the work to ease the water problem on Cave St. had begun, and with the help of the fire department, it should be completed in the near future. He added, they had dumped two loads of gravel on Harris Street for Shirley Martin and John Wayne Smith. Comm. Belcher ask the commission to take note that they had their work sheets for the streets in need of resurfacing to have ready for the April meeting.

Police- Comm. Martin read the report prepared by the dept. (copy attached) she also reported that she had been in contact with Harrison Gunter, Police Chief of Hobart, IN. who had given her some very good prices on patches for the police uniforms. The patches would run \$5.00 each for 24, and a waving flag emblem would be \$2.50 each for 24 for a total cost of \$160.00 plus tax. She ask the commission their opinion. Mayor Gilley said as Police Comm. he felt it was basically her decision. With this in mind, Comm. Martin presented a motion the city purchase these patches and flag emblems at the above stated price, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

10. Other

A. Martha McGuirk and Velta Rose Smith representing the Smiths Grove Woman's Club and the Hospitality Assoc. addressed the meeting regarding the city annual clean-up day. They had contacted the County Judge and he has agreed to furnish dump trucks for curbside pickup. They wondered if the city would contact Monarch Environmental to see if they would again furnish the dumpster for Saturday only. Mayor Gilley said this had been such a problem in the past for the company but we would contact them. The dates for this clean-up are April 22, 1995 and a rain date of Sat. April 29.

B. David Williams, representing the McDonalds Corp. discussed the proposed sign that the company would like to erect at the I-65, Highway 101 juncture. The city's existing ordinance calls for a much smaller sign allowance than the ones proposed by the McDonalds Corp.. Mayor Gilley said he had talked with Danny Whittle from the City-County Planning Commission about this subject and they agreed that it's a decision of the City Commission to give this permission for these signs. Comm. Lacy presented a motion to allow the McDonald Corp. to erect the signs referred to in the plans they have submitted for consideration, (attached), seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes Mr. Williams ask the clerk to draft a letter to the McDonald Corp. informing them of this decision. She agreed to do so.

C. Gerald Brown the city's representative for the City-County Planning Comm. said the city had a problem, which has received numerous complaints, regarding operation of a body shop and housing wrecked vehicles in R-1 district. Mayor Gilley said he and Danny Whittle from City-County

Planning Commission had discussed this problem the last week. A letter has been drafted to send to Mr. Sadeghi informing him of the complaints as well as the fines involved.

D. Ray Lewis said Mr. Sadeghi has purchased another piece of property within the city limits and he's afraid if it isn't stopped now he could perhaps start the same thing in this location. Comm. Belcher presented a motion, the city send a registered letter to Mr. Sadeghi informing him of what his noncompliances are and the penalties involved, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley abstain, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes. Ray Lewis said there was a bad hole in front of Billy Carroll that needs attention as soon as possible. Comm. Hardy agreed to look at this area.

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

APPROVED: _____
JAMES R. GILLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DOROTHY J. NEAL, CITY CLERK