

Smiths Grove City Commission meeting - May 24, 1999 - City Hall - 7:00 p.m.

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 Mayor noted that all of the commission had reviewed these minutes prior to the Meeting. He added that copies were available to those in attendance. He then called for comments, additions or corrections. With none to be heard, the Mayor said without objection, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent. Comm. Cooke said he thought the decision was made to have a roll call and vote on each topic of the agenda. The Mayor then called for a closed session with Comm. Cooke and himself when the meeting resumed a roll call and vote was heard. Comm Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

2. Treasurer's report

The commission had reviewed this report prior to the meeting. Discussion or questions were called for by the Mayor. With none to be heard, Comm. Cooke presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Martin. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

3. Department reports

Streets: Comm Cooke said he had had no complaints regarding the streets. He said it contract was completed and everyone seemed to be well pleased with the contractors work. Mayor McCay thanked Comm. Cooke for his extra effort and time he put in during the sidewalk renovation work. Comm. Hardy wondered what the clerk had found out regarding the problem at Highway 101 and Vincent Street. She said they had told her they would get to it as soon as possible. The Mayor said he had also talked with the Highway Dept. and they had told him the equipment they needed to open the drain at Johnny's Texaco had to be borrowed, and as soon as it became available they would work in that area.

Police: Comm, Martin read the monthly report, (copy attached). She said she had talked with Lexington regarding the price for the patrol car. They were supposed to get back with her but have not. Comm. Howard wondered why there were no tickets given by the two city police. He felt the police budget was substantial and perhaps this was one thing that they should be doing. Comm. Martin said she felt the two officers did a good job. They are qualified and use good judgment. They have one radar gun to use towards this end. Chief Sneed said most of the speeders were young and most of the time they were exceeding the speed limit by around ten miles per hour or less. He said his practice was to stop them, talk with them, and on most occasions he gives them a warning ticket. Then if he has to stop them again he gives them a ticket. Comm. Martin added both of the officers had been doing extra patrol at both Oakland Elementary and North Warren Schools.

Cemetery: Comm. Howard said the contractor the commission had awarded the maintenance contract to, Chris Meredith, had not worked out. He said Mr. Meredith didn't want to abide by the terms of his contract and mow the entire grounds each week. Mr. Meredith had agreed that it was best for both himself and the city if they would let him out of his contract. Comm. Howard said the next bid in line was from Chester Whobrey in the amount of \$9400.00, and he would like for the commission to consider him. Comm. Howard had talked with Mr. Whobrey and he would like to take the contract if the commission wanted him. After this discussion, Comm. Howard presented a motion the city hire Chester Whobrey as Maintenance Contractor for the cemetery in the amount of \$9400.00 per year, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes. Comm. Howard added a young man doing community service had cleaned the chapel and had done a good job. He also said that Don Lacy and Billy Cooke had been emptying the trash barrels at the cemetery, and he thanked them for that. Along these same lines, the Mayor said the Stormy Night Homemakers had planted flowers at both entrances of the cemetery, and he thanked them for that. He added that the Homemakers would like the gaslights at the entrances lit. Comm. Howard agreed to check with Mitchell Kemble who works for the gas company to see what was involved in getting this done.

4. Second reading Ordinance# 99-1 620.9-City lot ordinance

Comm. Hardy read the highlights of this ordinance. The Mayor then called for discussion or questions. With none to be heard, Comm. Hardy presented a motion the second reading of the above named ordinance be accepted, and it now become a portion of the city permanent record, seconded by Comm. Martin. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, flardy yes, Howard yes.

5. First reading Ordinance #99-1 220.241 amending FY budget ordinance 98-2 220.240

Comm. Cooke presented a motion the first reading of the ordinance be accepted, seconded by Comm. Martin. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

6. First reading Ordinance #99-2 220.242-FY 1999-2000 annual budget

Comm. Cooke presented a motion the first reading of this ordinance be accepted for a second reading, seconded by Comm. Hardy. Roll call and vote -Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes. Mayor McCay said the second reading of these two ordinances would be heard at the June meeting.

Other: The Mayor said that Shelvie Dubree had agreed to serve on the Beautification Committee also. Comm. Martin said she hoped everyone had noticed that the two cement pads had been poured for the city rest areas near the truck stop. She and others had been checking prices for the park benches. She added that McDonalds had donated two aggregate trash cans to put in this area, and the maintenance person at the BP will keep them emptied. Mayor McCay then appointed Comm. Martin as the city's liaison for the Beautification Committee.

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

Walter McCay, Mayor

Dorothy J. Neal, City Clerk