

City Commission meeting- May 26, 1987 -7:00 p.m. - City Hall

Proposed budget message

Mayor Gilley called the proposed budget hearing to order. He ask the commission if they had time to review the proposed budget, and if so, were there any additions or alterations to same. He told the commission that the clerk had been called by a representative of Integrity Life Ins. co. and they had ask for a refund of the erroneous \$36,144.15 they had sent for the 3rd quarter of 1986 as their payment for insurance premium tax. All of the commissioners were in agreement that more information would have to be forwarded for them to review before a decision of any kind could be reached on this matter. The clerk asked the commission if they wanted her to include this money as a. portion of the carry forward funds, they agreed she should. A discussion as to the disbursement of the remaining revenue sharing funds followed. The clerk pointed out she had appropriated the total \$8,994 into the street fund. Was this the way the commission wanted the proposed disbursement to remain? It was decided that since city hall was in need of termite treatment, some of the money should be appropriated to the General Government fund. The final appropriation was \$5,000 into the street department, \$1,997 into general government and \$1,997 into the police department. With no further discussion to be heard, Comm. Crisp presented a motion to allow the clerk to now draft the final budget ordinance, seconded by Comm. Barrow. Roll call and vote - Crisp yes, Gilley yes, Barrow yes, Bryce yes.

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AGENDA

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1. Minutes of previous meeting

Comm. Bryce presented a motion to dispense with the reading of these minutes and to accept them as written, seconded by Comm. Barrow. Roll call and vote - Crisp yes, Gilley yes, Barrow yes, Bryce yes.

2. Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report for the period 4/17/87 thru 5/18/87 was presented for the commission's approval. The Mayor ask for any discussion on same. With none to be heard, Comm. Bryce presented a motion to accept the report as printed, seconded by Comm. Crisp. Roll call and vote- Smith yes, Crisp yes, Gilley yes, Barrow yes, Bryce yes.

3. Quarterly financial statement - Smiths Grove Cemetery

Ms. Jordan had prepared the statement for the period 1/87 thru 3/31/87 for the commission's consideration. Comm. Crisp said he had heard very favorable comments on the appearance of the cemetery. He floored the motion to accept the report as printed, seconded by Comm. Bryce. Roll call and vote - Bryce yes, Barrow yes, Gilley yes, Crisp yes, Smith yes.

4. Opening of sealed bids for street repairs- (copies attached)

Mayor Gilley ask the commission for their comments or opinions on the two bids. Mayor Gilley told Mr. Jimmy Jackson he had no personal vendetta with him, but as Mayor he felt he should use the taxpayers of Smiths Grove's money to the best of his ability. And he felt, according to City Ordinance #80-5 920.7, only streets which are paved will be maintained by the city, means that the portion of College St. in question could not legally be paved. To his knowledge, no city paves streets in sub-divisions. Comm. Bryce ask Mr. Jackson if he was told by previous commissions that his street would be paved. Mr. Jackson replied, yes, as funds became available. The commission under Mayor Harlin and Mayor Wolff had told him this. The Mayor ask Comm. Smith for her comments. She said she wasn't in favor of depleting all of the city's street funds but she likes to honor people's word. Comm. Bryce said he also felt we should honor what was told to Mr. Jackson. Mr. Jackson said he feels he is entitled to the paving and could have had it done when he was Mayor but didn't because the city didn't have the funds. Comm. Bryce ask the clerk what the city attorney had told her as far as the legal aspect of the Ordinance was concerned. The clerk replied that he told her any discussion held in a commission meeting was merely a discussion unless it was voted on, but an ordinance, once it was heard for a first and second reading and published, then became a legal part of the city's records. Comm. Crisp commented that he felt the commission must abide by the enacted ordinance as it was legal. The Mayor ask the commission if they would like more time to think over their decision or if they would like to have a secret ballot vote. He said he was flexible and could meet with them at almost any time. Comm. Bryce ask why Wayne St. had been paved when it was a gravel street. Mayor Gilley said because it was the only through street left in

Smiths Grove that wasn't paved and College the part in question, is a subdivision street. Mayor Gilley called

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for a motion on the two bids. Comm. Bryce presented a motion to accept the lowest bid for all three streets, providing, it can be done legally, seconded by Comm. Barrow. Roll call and vote - Smith yes, Crisp no, Gilley no, Barrow yes, Bryce yes. Motion carries.

5. Other

The clerk asks the commission for permission to accept bids for the treatment of city hall for termites. She pointed out several areas where they were bad. Comm. Smith presented a motion to allow the clerk to get these bids, seconded by Comm. Crisp. Roll call and vote- Smith yes, Crisp yes, Gilley yes, Barrow yes, Bryce yes.

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

Approved: James R. Gilley
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal
City Clerk