

May 26, 1992 - 7:00 P. M. - City Hall

Proposed use hearing for Municipal Aid Road Funds and FY 1992-1993 budget hearing.

Mayor Gilley called the hearing to order with several interested citizens in attendance. He addressed the commission for comments on use of the MA road funds. Mr. Ray Lewis, who resides on the south end of Webb Ave. ask if there was any way that the city could possibly pave that portion of Webb. Mayor Gilley explained to Mr. Lewis that according to the street ordinance that now was in effect, the city couldn't pave any street that wasn't a hard surface. Mayor Gilley told Mr. Lewis that the city was in the process of trying to get the county to chip and seal that area along with Ridgecrest Ave. The city has been told by Judge Griffin and Wayne Griffin that when their new budget comes into effect July 1, 1992 then they would contact the city regarding this work. Comm. Lacy ask Mr. Lewis if the chip and sealing would be of any help. Mr. Lewis said anything that would keep the present dust problem down would help considerably. Mayor Gilley called for other comments. With none to be heard he declared the MA hearing closed. Fiscal year 1992-1993 proposed budget hearing. Mayor Gilley asked the commission if they had reviewed the proposed budget figures that the clerk had prepared. He explained that the additional funds allocated to the Police Department were because if the city waited until after July 1 to hire an assistant for Chief Montgomery, they would be required to have 400 hours of training, which would be a considerable expense to the city. If they made the decision before July 1 then the deputy along with Chief Montgomery would have to have only 40 hours of training annually. Other expenses for investigative purposes had also been added, along with car insurance for the chief's car which had been voted on at the March, 1992 meeting. Mayor Gilley also pointed out that the proposed budget now contained the \$100,000 commitment from the city for the proposed sewer system. With no further discussion or comments, Mayor Gilley declared the proposed budget hearing closed.

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Mayor Gilley called the meeting to order with Commissioners Belcher, Martin and Lacy in attendance.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The commission had reviewed these minutes in advance of the meeting, and with no additions or corrections to same, Comm. Lacy presented a motion they be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Martin. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

2. Treasurer's report

Mayor Gilley called for discussion, or corrections of same. With none to be heard, Comm. Martin floored a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Lacy. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

3. Kenneth Priddy- Smiths Grove rural Fire Department

Mr. Priddy informed those in attendance that the Fire Department had appointed him, to address the Commission regarding the new fire truck that they are going to have to purchase. The truck that has to be replaced is the 1961 Ford truck that the city bought. This truck no longer meets the standards required for the necessary pumping of 750 gallons per minute. It pumps barely 500 gallons per minute, which is in violation of IOS regulations. In March 1988 the fire department received their last evaluation and the city was lowered to a class seven from a class eight. Now it is time for the fire department to have another evaluation and they have been told they

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must have a new truck before they would be considered for a rate evaluation to lower the class once again. This new rate that the city now is under has saved the homeowners 25% on their homeowner's insurance premium. This is for persons who reside within a five mile radius of the fire department. Mr. Priddy said the fire department had been in contact with both Magistrate Carrier and Judge Griffin about the purchase of a new truck and some possible financial assistance from them. He has been unable to get any satisfactory toward this end. Mr. Priddy said the cab and the chassis for the new truck would cost in excess of \$130,000. The payments would be around \$13,000 a year for a ten year period. In October of 1985, the city had entered into a contract with the rural fire department,

committing \$1,500 per year for the city to have fire protection. At the inception of this agreement both parties, the city and the rural fire department agreed to renegotiate this contract after a five year period. Mr. Priddy said he had been ask by the fire department to approach the city about the possibility of the city contributing \$3,000 for their fire department, with the agreement that the rural fire department wouldn't ask for another raise for another five years at least. Comm. Belcher asked if the fire department served Oakland. Kenneth said they did and that each of the residences there paid their \$15.00 annual dues plus the city had recently donated \$1,000 to the fire department towards the purchase of the new truck and had hoped they could make this contribution annually until the truck is paid for. Mayor Gilley asked the commission how they felt regarding this increase. Each was in agreement that the fire department does a wonderful job and felt the city should help toward the purchase of this new, required truck. On this basis, Mayor Gilley presented a motion the city contribute \$3,000 to the rural fire department, effective 10/1/1992 for a period of at least five years, seconded by Comm. Belcher. Roll call and vote, Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

Discussion of an assistant for the police chief

Mayor Gilley said that as he had pointed out in the proposed budget hearing, as of 7/15/1992 newly hired police officers would be required to have 400 hours training before they could serve as officers. This would be quite expensive for the city in the future. Comm. Belcher asked Chief Montgomery if he felt he had made the best choice for an assistant. Chief Montgomery said he had worked with Jimmy Sneed when he was on the sheriff's department and many nights since he had become Smiths Grove Police chief, and he felt he would do an excellent job for the city. Comm. Lacy ask Chief Montgomery how many hours would be involved each week. Chief Montgomery said in the area of 16-20 weekly. Mayor Gilley wondered about the Commissions feelings about hiring Jimmy Sneed on the basis of \$50.00 per night worked when Audie took off. Comm. Belcher ask the chief if he intended to take a vacation and the chief said he would like to take his family somewhere from time to time and this would give him the opportunity to do so and feel like the city would have some police protection. With this in mind, Comm. Belcher presented a motion the city hire Jimmy Sneed as assistant to Chief Montgomery at a salary of \$50.00 per night for hours worked, seconded by Comm. Martin. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

Other

Mayor Gilley asked the clerk what she had come up with regarding prices for the computer the auditors had suggested the city purchase. She said she had approached three companies and none of them had made the effort to provide her with either literature or prices. Mayor Gilley said in his opinion this could be tabled until a later time. All were in agreement.

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

Approved: James R. Gilley
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal
City Clerk