

Smiths Grove City Commission meeting - May 27, 1997 - 7:00 p.m.-City Hall

#### MUNICIPAL AID & LGEAF ROAD FUND HEARING

Mayor Gilley called the hearing to order and ask the commissioners if they had surveyed the city streets, and if so, had recommendations for the expenditure of the above captioned funds. Street Comm. Hardy said his top priority was to get Laurel Avenue fixed. He stated he had more complaints regarding the danger of this ditch line on Laurel than any other problem since he had been commissioner. Comm. Martin agreed. He also stated, that as the commission had agreed, it was time to have the alleys within the city limits graveled and graded as needed. Comm. Cooke said he had ridden all of the alleys within the city with Robert Elrod from Kenway and had received a proposal from them for \$10.00 per ton of gravel, which includes any grading that might be needed. Comm. Lacy said his top priority for these funds was the curve where Highland turns into Lawson in front of J.C. Crisp's house. He said the road at that point continuing on to his residence was fourteen feet and the balance of the road up to this point was eighteen feet. He stated that the school buses and cars were going into people's yards to make this turn, and he has had numerous complaints from the people regarding this. Mayor Gilley stated that perhaps while the graveleving was being done, they could at least put a gravel base in this area. Mayor Gilley ask for suggestions for these funds from those in attendance. Donald Laws said the upper end of Brown Street needed gravel. He said he keeps it graded but it now needs gravel. The Street Commissioners added this to the Kenway proposal list.

With no other comments or suggestions, the Mayor declared the road aid hearing closed.

#### FY 1997-1998 PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING

Copies of the proposed budget were distributed to those in attendance. Mayor Gilley called for comments regarding this proposed budget. With none to be heard, he declared the hearing closed.

#### AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Comments or corrections were called for. With none to be heard, Comm. Martin presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

2. Treasurer's report

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

3. First reading Ordinance #97-1 220.233 amending FY '96-97 budget

Mayor Gilley commented the budget often had to be amended because of unexpected funds or expenditures. Comm. Lacy presented a motion the first reading of this ordinance be accepted, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote- Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

4. First reading Ordinance #97-2 220.234-FY 97-98 Budget

Comm. Cooke presented a motion the first reading of the ordinance be accepted, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Hardy yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes. The clerk stated, the second reading of these ordinances would be heard at the June meeting.

5. Building contractor license-discussion

Mayor Gilley introduced Bob Appling, Director of the Bowling Green-Warren County Contractors Licensing Board, and Mr. Appling introduced Robert Chaudoin who is the attorney for the Licensing Board. Mr. Appling said it was their job to protect consumers against fraudulent acts from contractors. However, Smiths Grove doesn't have an ordinance which gives them power to exercise this in the city limits. Mr. Appling said he had been called several times regarding contractors but there was nothing he could do because the city had not ordained him to do so. Mr. Appling stressed the fact that his office were not building inspectors. Their duty is to see that contractors are licensed, and if they have workers, are covered by all necessary workmen's compensation. Members of the audience as well as the commission had several questions for Mr. Appling. After this discussion, Mayor Gilley ask the commission their feelings regarding adopting this ordinance. All agreed it would be good protection for the city's citizens. Mr. Chaudoin, attorney, agreed to assist the clerk in drafting the ordinance for the city.

6. Department reports

Streets-Comm. Hardy said as soon as weather permits, he will spray the weeds along Main st .. Comm. Cooke said as reported in the road hearing, Kenway will begin the work on the city alleys as soon as possible.

Cemetery- Comm. Lacy said the cemetery was in good shape. He has had no complaints.

Police- Comm. Martin read the monthly report, (copy attached). Mr. Montgomery said the blue lights on the patrol car were not working at all. He said Deputy Sneed as well as himself had tried to fix them and couldn't. Comm. Martin advised him to take them to Motorola and get them fixed.

7. Other –

Marsha Foushee approached the commission regarding opening a building at 510 Cave on her property as an old time grocery. She said she had approached the clerk regarding this, and she advised her that she must start with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mrs. Foushee stated that she had done this and was told it is zoned R-3 and if the zoning was changed it must be done by the city. Mrs. Foushee stated that she had talked with the previous owner as well as the realtor that sold the property and they both informed her that they had no idea when the zoning was changed from commercial to R-3. She now asks the commission for assistance and guidance. Mayor Gilley stated he felt she had been misinformed about the zone change. He said the city didn't do it the Planning Commission did. He told Mrs. Foushee that we would talk with Mr. Danny Whittle at the Planning Commission and inform her of his decision. Mayor Gilley said the city could give her a paper stating that the commission agreed with her that the zoning should be C-1 but he wasn't sure this was the way to go. He told her when some answers were had, the clerk would inform her of the outcome.

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
James R. Gilley, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dorothy J. Neal, City Clerk