

SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION MEETING
City Hall
November 22, 1999

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all commissioners in attendance. Mayor McCay acknowledged the attendance of Magistrate Tommy Hunt. He then introduced special guest Representative Roger Thomas. Representative Thomas reported on the tobacco settlement and the importance of investing the money wisely. In addition, Representative Thomas stated that the Governor was talking of a tax increase because of a shortfall in the budget. The airport was also discussed - whether or not it is feasible and that it will need federal money.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The commission had reviewed these minutes prior to the meeting. The mayor called for additions or corrections to these minutes. Mayor McCay corrected the date of the ITA meeting. It will be held 12/9 not 12/12. Commissioner Hardy presented a motion the minutes be accepted as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

2. Minutes of Public Hearing October 12. These minutes had also been received prior to the meeting by the commission. With no corrections or additions to be heard, Mayor McCay presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Commissioner Hardy. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

3. Treasurer's report

The commission had reviewed this report prior to the meeting. Mayor McCay reported that there were some corrections that needed to be made to the report because the city has more money than was reported due to some mathematical errors. This will be corrected before the next meeting. With no further additions or corrections to be heard, Commissioner Hardy presented a motion the report be accepted as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Howard. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

4. Department reports

Streets:

Commissioner Cooke reported that the blacktopping of the streets had been completed and the signs that were requested had been put up. He thanked Magistrate Tommy Hunt for providing the signs.

Police:

Commissioner Martin reported that she went on a ride-a-long on Halloween and that we should be proud of everything that our officers do. The only problems reported was that someone had burnt the straw that was part of our Halloween display at city hall but no further damage had been done. Commissioner Martin then read the monthly report prepared by the Police Chief

She reported that she had ordered the mace for the officers and that it should be here soon.

Public Safety, Health and Welfare:

Commissioner Hardy reported that the fire department sign had been painted using funds provided by the county. The fire hydrants were also painted and had been color-coded. Commissioner Hardy said he would try to have a speaker at the next meeting that would discuss the automatic defibrillators. He then gave the fire department report and asked for public comment. Magistrate Hunt discussed the possibility of an indoor warning system to be placed inside structures where a lot of people would be gathered.

Cemetery:

Commissioner Howard reported that the cemetery maintenance person was doing a good job. He then discussed the traffic congestion at the school in the afternoon when parents were picking up their children and asked Officer Graves if there was anything that could be done. Several possibilities were suggested. Commissioner Howard stated he was still checking on a light for the chapel at the cemetery.

Mayor McCay then reported that we would be having our yearly financial audit November 30.

9. Committee reports:

Planning & Zoning:

Gerald Brown asked if anyone knew how much farmland would be taken up for the proposed airpark. Representative Thomas said he would look into it.

Aging Services:

Dr. James Hill was absent.

Beautification:

Sandra McCay thanked Porter Martin for putting up the Christmas lights. A thank you was said to the Beautification Committee for cleaning outside city hall and checking all the Christmas lights before they were put up.

Vision:

Mayor McCay reported that while the Vision Committee has been formed and though not necessary would like for the City Commission to give its' endorsement of the Vision Committee. This, in his opinion, is one of the most important undertakings we can, or, will do for the future of Smiths Grove. Therefore, he made the following motion: I move the City of Smiths Grove endorse the formation of the Vision Committee and endorse the following people to serve on the Committee: Porter Martin, Robin Howard, Buddy Marr, Steve Watt, Rita Rudolph, Lee Carwell, Nickie Jordon, Jon Cesler, Keirsten Jagers with Wayne Smith Chairing the Committee. It is understood that other members may be appointed by the Mayor at a later date with recommendations coming from the City Commission, the Vision Committee, Volunteers, and Other Sources. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion.

10. Other:

Census:

Mayor McCay asked the citizens to be very active with the census because it is very critical to Smiths Grove that the census count be accurate.

Trail Grant:

Mayor McCay discussed the possibility of receiving a trail grant and asked for any comments. None were to be heard.

Fax Machine:

Mayor McCay discussed the reasons city hall needed a new fax machine. He then made a motion to purchase one. Seconded by Commissioner Hardy. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

Building permit:

Mayor McCay stated that Martha Greenup had requested a building permit. He noted that the permit was not a problem but she would need a permit to "cut the street" to provide for the required drainage by Warren County Planning and Zoning. Commissioner Martin asked for an explanation regarding "cutting the street". After a brief discussion, Mayor McCay made a motion to grant the permit on the condition that there be a \$1000 deposit. Seconded by Commissioner Hardy. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

Announcements:

Census:

Mayor McCay announced that Census 2000 still needed workers.

Christmas Program:

The Christmas program will be held December 1 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. The program will take the place of the December Commission meeting.

ITA:

The ITA will be having a meeting at the Smiths Grove Lions Club December 9 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Y2K:

Commissioner Hardy announced that the 911 communications center, etc. is ready for Y2K but the city will have extra people on duty New Year's Eve just in case.

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

APPROVED: _____

Walter J. McCay, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Vicki K. Weisshaar, City Clerk