

Smiths Grove City Commission meeting - November 23, 1998 - City Hall - 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Gilley called the meeting to order with all commissioners in attendance, as well as several interested citizens.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the October meeting

Mayor Gilley ask the commission if there were any questions or comments regarding these minutes. With none to be heard, Comm. Martin presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

2. Minutes of four special called meetings

The Mayor explained that these meetings wherefore the second reading of the 1998 tax rate ordinance, the reading of the ordinance to rezone .98 acres of ground for the Dollar Store, and the meeting to discuss and decide on the city purchasing the new Christmas pole decorations. Comm. Lacy presented a motion the minutes of these four special called meetings be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

3. Treasurers report

Questions or comments were called for by the Mayor. The clerk said she had cashed four certificates of deposit and deposited \$110,711.69 in the sidewalk fund, thus giving the fund ample cash needed. With no further discussion or questions to be heard, Comm. Hardy presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes. 1

4. Presentation of the 1997-1998 audit-Gilbert & Gilbert CPA, P.S.C.

Mayor Gilley introduced Veronica Gilbert the city's auditor to present this report. Mrs. Gilbert told those in attendance that she would go through the report and if at any time there were questions, please feel free to interrupt her. When she was finished, there were no questions or discussion to be hear. Comm. Lacy presented a motion the audit be accepted as presented, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

5. Second reading Ordinance #98-3 220.241-annual salary increase for the commission

Mayor Gilley informed those in attendance that the increase was for \$100.00 per position, which would make the Mayors salary \$600.00 annually and the commissioners \$400.00. Comm. Lacy presented a motion the second reading of this ordinance be accepted, and that it becomes a portion of the city's permanent records, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

6. Installation of two concrete pads - discussion

The Mayor ask Commissioner Martin to explain this. She said she had met with the owner of Southern Kentucky Contracting regarding the price for the installation of two 4x6 concrete pads on the west side of Highway 101 in the area from Studles to the BP. The price per pad would be \$168.00. She said she hoped in the future to have cement or some kind of benches on each one with some landscaping. Comm. Cooke presented a motion the two cement pads be installed at a cost of \$168.00 each, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes. Comm. Martin then said she had met with WRECC and GTE regarding the installation of two additional street lights in the same area. The existing poles belong to GTE and would have to be changed out. Then the cost for the lights per month would be \$36.36.

Keith Howard said he felt this was a reasonable price for the two lights. The clerk said she had written to WRECC November 20 asking for a quote on this project. When further information is available, a decision will be made regarding this installation.

7. Department reports

Cemetery: Comm. Lacy said that during the recent storm a large tree had blown down at the cemetery, and Joe Edwards had cut it up, cleaned up the area and hauled it off for a cost of \$125.00. He also said a young lady that had to serve 10 hours of community service had gone to the cemetery and swept a considerable number of the headstones. She did a very good job.

Streets: Comm. Cooke said the sidewalk installation was progressing very well and the contract had expressed a desire to be done by the end of the year. Comm. Hardy said he had a complaint about some low tree limbs in the area of Fourth & Main. Mayor Gilley said he would see that these were taken care of if they weren't too high.

Police: Comm. Martin read the monthly report. (attached). She then said the two officers had attended their forty hours of required schooling in October and both had done very well grade wise. She then said the two officers and herself had conducted a Neighborhood Watch panel, discussion at North Warren and she felt it had gone very well. They had ask them to return for another one in February. She said hopefully there would be more in attendance. She said since the meeting, Officer Graves goes to the school and walks the halls so the children can see police are their friends.

8. Other

Mayor Gilley said there were several tax bills that were past five years in arrears, and he wanted to do everything in his power to see that these were collected prior to leaving office. He added that when he became Mayor there were many past due taxes and he had no desire to leave this for the new Mayor. He instructed the clerk to contact the attorney to see what recourse the city now needs to pursue. She agreed to do so.

Comm. Martin announced the annual tree lighting would be Wed. 12/2/1998 at 6:00 p.m. at city hall. She ask all of the commission and the clerk to please bring at least 4 dozen cookies. She added that WRECC was going to fix a cord for the pole close to McDona1ds so there could be a pole decoration erected there.

Nathaniel Taylor had come to complain about the happenings at the trailer on 6th St. owned by Ralph Pearson. The clerk explained that Jimmy Sneed had closed it up the prior Saturday. But Oscar Golliday came into city hall and told the clerk they were going to put the sewer in it, fix it up and use it for a place the 'guys' could meet and play cards etc. Everyone in attendance agreed this was illegal. The clerk agreed to contact the city attorney about this. Mr. Taylor said his property was within 50' of that property, and they were using his for parking.

Ray Lewis said he knew the property belonging to Cliff Pearson on Smiths Grove-Hays Rd. was going to be auctioned and that Habitat was going to purchase it. He wondered if Habitat would have to run sewers to this area. Mayor Gilley said if the property was within 1000' of an existing sewer hookup they would have to hookup the houses at their own expense. The Mayor added, that by law, there could only be three lots sold for this purpose. Mr. Lewis said that Habitat had approached him about the lot next to his residence.

The clerk ask if there would be a December meeting. The Mayor said no unless there was a need for a special called meeting. Comm. Lacy presented a motion that the city employees get their annual Christmas bonus, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes. Brother Jeff Smiths then offered thanks and appreciation for himself and the citizens of Smiths Grove to Mayor Gilley and Commissioner Lacy for their service to the city. He said he knew it was a thankless job, and both of them had handled it well.

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

APPROVED: _____
Walter McCay, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Dorothy J. Neal, City Clerk