

City Commission meeting - November 27, 1995 - City Hall - 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Gilley called the meeting to order with all commissioners in attendance.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Mayor ask those in attendance if they wanted these minutes read or had any additions or corrections to same. With no comments to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

2. Minutes of the special called meeting

Mayor Gilley explained that the purpose of this special called meeting was to hear the second reading of the two tax ordinances for 1996. Comm. Hardy presented a motion these minutes be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

3. Treasurers report

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

4. 1994-1995 audit presentation-Veronica Gilbert CPA

Mayor Gilley ask Ms. Gilbert to take the floor and explain her audit findings to the Commission and those in attendance. Mrs. Gilbert said the city had a very good foundation monetarily based on the amount of reserved funds it had but the cemetery had lost money this fiscal year. She ask the commission to review the audit at length and if they had any questions to feel free to contact her at her office. The audit is available at city hall for inspection. Comm. Lacy floored a motion the audit report be accepted as presented, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

5. First reading Ordinance #95-5 220.127 approving a joint and cooperative program for self-insurance and investment of public funds

The clerk explained that it was now mandatory for all cities to become a member of the Kentucky League of Cities and also to purchase their liability through this organization. She said she had gotten bids from three companies for the city workmen's compensation premium and Blake, Hart Taylor and Wiseman Insurance was the cheapest quote by close to \$600.00. Mayor Gilley ask for comments on this matter. With none to be heard Comm. Cooke presented a motion to accept the first reading of this ordinance, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes. The clerk reminded the commission that the second reading of this ordinance had been advertised for Tuesday, November 28 at city hall.

6. Department reports

Police -report attached

cemetery- Comm. Lacy said everything was going real well at the cemetery. He had had no complaints.

Streets-Comm. Cooke said he had no complaints so far. Comm. Hardy said to bring everyone up to date regarding Flora Avenue, he had told them he would take with the commission regarding a load of dense grade for this area. Gerald Brown said that according to Planning and Zoning an area 20' of over is considered a street. This particular area is 30'. Mayor Gilley said this area was not contained on the city or county map but was on the PVA map. The commission agreed to let the street commissioners handle this matter. Com. Martin said the fire department needed to be contacted to pick up their Haunted Hallow signs up at 68-80. Comm. Hardy said he would see that this is done.

7. Other

- a. Permit for county park- Mayor Gilley said this had never been a problem in the past because there was an agreement with Richard Kirby then Magistrate, in June of 1983 for use of this park. (copy attached: Comm. Martin wondered if the city could charge a fee to those that had yard sales. All were in agreement that this would cause too much conflict. The commission agreed that it would be necessary for them to meet with the Fire Dept. Board and try to resolve this matter.
- b. Employee Christmas bonuses- Mayor Gilley explained that this had been the practice of the city for a number of years, but because it involves monies there needs to be a vote on it. Comm. Lacy presented a motion to give the paid city employees their usual bonus for Christmas, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.
- c. Clerks social security. Mayor Gilley ask the clerk to explain this. She said at the time she went on Social Security she took a \$740 per year pay cut to meet the minimum allowed earnings. Since that time there have been two increases in the allowed earnings amount and she would like to have the commission approval to take these increases as they are allowed. Comm. Hardy presented a motion to allow the clerk to take these allowed increases, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.
- d. Auditors explanation of rechanneled cemetery funds. Mrs. explained that in the past there had been some confusion as to what funds for the cemetery were actually restricted funds for perpetual care. Now the cemetery operating account is very close to running out of unrestricted funds to be used for the operation and maintenance of the cemetery. She added that she had done an audit of the entire cemetery accounts and funds to try to sort out what funds could be rechanneled and used for the operation and maintaining of the cemetery. Upon completion of her audit, an auditor from the Attorney General's office came to Smiths Grove and did an audit of her audit and agreed that her figure of \$25,742.22 could now be transferred and used for the operation and maintaining of the Smiths Grove Cemetery. She wanted the commission to understand that this was a one-time transfer. She said the commission as well as the citizens of Smiths Grove need to give careful consideration to the future operations of the city. She could foresee that in the future the funds wouldn't be there for the operation of the cemetery unless some more money is raised for this purpose. Velta Rose Smith suggested that perhaps there could be some kind of communication, perhaps through a letter, to ask people to give donations to the cemetery instead of sending flowers when there was a funeral. All agreed that this was well worth looking in to.
- e. December commission meeting – All of the commission agreed that since this would fall on Christmas Day, there would not be a December meeting unless a problem arose. Comm. Lacy so moved to accept this decision, seconded by Comm. Martin. Roll call and vote – Cooke yes, Gilley YES, Martin Yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

Comm. Martin told those in attendance, that Sat. 12/2/95 would be the first Christmas in Smiths Grove sponsored by the Smiths Grove Hospitality Assoc. She urged everyone to attend. She also said that the city annual tree lighting would be 12/6/95 @ 6:00 p.m. at city hall.

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

APPROVED: _____
JAMES R. GILLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DOROTHY J. NEAL, CITY CLERK