

Smiths Grove City Commission meeting - November 28, 1994 -7:00 p.m.

Mayor Gilley called the meeting to order with all commissioners in attendance, and numerous interested citizens.

Mayor Gilley announced that he would disperse of the regular format on the meeting and allow Martha McGuirk to introduce her guest. Mrs. McGuirk then introduced Cathy Curtis, Executive Director of Operation Pride for the county and city of Bowling Green. Mrs. Curtis explained that she had been approached by Dr. Drobockie, who had been a practicing dentist in Smiths Grove in the past, concerning a sign that he had at his office in Glasgow. The sign was very similar to the signs that Operation Pride had caused to be erected in Bowling Green and as you enter the city limits. Dr. Drobockie had offered the sign to Operation Pride to disperse as they saw fit. Mrs. Curtis said she had had numerous conversations with Mrs. McGuirk on behalf of the Smiths Grove Womans Club regarding assistance in her efforts as well as doing something for Smiths Grove, she immediately thought of us for the sign. Mrs. Curtis had checked with WACY sign company regarding the painting and reflective lettering for the sign. They had quoted her a price of \$325.00 to bring the sign up to the appearance of the existing ones. She had also received a price of \$300 for the stone base that is required to mount it. She said she thought it would be a good idea for the commission to discuss not only renovating the sign, but to think of a logo for it if they decided they wanted it as well as a good location for it. Mrs. McGuirk said the Woman's Club would pay for half of the cost if the commission decided they wanted the sign. Comm. Martin and Hardy felt it was a great price and that it would be a great addition to the city. With no further discussion, the commission decided to let Mrs. Curtis know their decision in January.

#### AGENDA

1. minutes of the previous meeting

Mayor Gilley ask if anyone in attendance wanted these minutes read. With no comments or discussion to be heard, Comm. Hardy presented a motion they be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote, Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

2. Minutes of the special called meeting

Mayor Gilley explained the meeting was to hear the second reading of the 1994 tangible and real property tax rate. Comm. Lacy presented a motion to accept these minutes as written, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

3. Second reading Ordinance #94-1 840.1-keeping of livestock in the city

Mayor Gilley ask if there was any discussion from those in attendance prior to the second reading of this ordinance. Mrs. Flora ask who was to keep track of the number of livestock housed and who would see that the fences were 100' from properties. Mayor Gilley said the police department would. Mrs. Alderson ask if the fences still had to be moved or would they be grandfathered. Mayor Gilley said no, the current Ordinance supersedes all other ordinances. With no further discussion, Comm. Hardy presented a motion the second reading of the above stated ordinance be accepted, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Hardy yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

4. Quarterly financial statement - Smiths Grove Cemetery

Ms. Jordan, cemetery sexton was not in attendance. Mayor Gilley ask Comm. Lacy if he had anything additional to add to the report. He did not. Comm. Lacy presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

5. First reading Ordinance # 94-1 210.1-City Code of Ethics

Mayor Gilley said at the BRADD directors that day they had ask that this ordinance be to them by 12/12/94. The clerk said it would be. Comm. Belcher presented a motion the first reading of this ordinance be accepted, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes. The clerk said the second reading was to be Tuesday, 11/29/94.

6. Drainage problem - Cave St.

Comm. Hardy said he had attempted to survey and maybe solve this problem by Jessie David Anderson's house. He physically dug at the sight and found the pipes were packed with debris etc. He had talked with Don Pierce, a plumber about possibly digging under Cave St. and opening up both drains. This would be at a cost of \$400.00. If he set up his equipment and it still didn't open up the drains, there would still be a \$100 set up fee. Comm. Hardy said that if the street wasn't cleaned of all of the debris after this is done, it would happen again. Comm. Lacy ask if the fire department would possibly do this. Comm. Hardy said he felt sure they would. Comm. Belcher presented a motion this work be done, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

7. Department reports

Cemetery-

Comm. Lacy said the tree that they had talked about at the Oct. meeting had been cut and looked very good.

Street –

Comm. Hardy reported the city had dumped a load of dense grade for Jimmy Cushenberry and now they would try to get the School Board to furnish another load. Tommy Edwards said the alley running parallel with the railroad by the Texaco was in dire need of rock also. Comm. Hardy wondered if this was railroad property and if they needed to handle this. Mayor Gilley said it had been the responsibility of the city in the past. The clerk agreed to order this gravel. Comm. Lacy said there was a dangerous hole at the corner of Lawson and 101 that needed attention also. He said cars were having to dodge it and this could cause an accident. The commission decided that since this needed to have asphalt maybe they could wait until more was needed

Police

(report attached) Comm. Martin read the monthly report from the police department.

Other

The clerk ask the commission their wishes regarding the December commission meeting. After a brief discussion, Comm. Martin presented a motion, unless something pressing occurred the commission would not have the December commission meeting, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

The clerk ask the commissions wishes regarding city employee Christmas bonuses. Comm. Lacy ask if it was now time to raise this bonuses. Mayor Gilley said since the budget was already enacted perhaps it might be a good idea to leave the bonuses as they are. Comm. Belcher presented a motion the city employees receive their bonuses as usual, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

With no further business to be presented, the meeting was declared closed.

ADENDUM

Bob Buehl approached the commission regarding the erecting of a No Outlet sign on Ridgecrest. He said since the sewer contractor had paved the street there is considerable speeding and he feels if those entering the street know its a dead end perhaps it would stop it. The street commissioners agreed to have this sign erected.

Comm. Martin told those in attendance, the annual lighting, caroling and refreshments, for the Christmas tree would be December 7, at 6:00. She ask all to ask those they see. The Sparkette Club has agreed to again loan the city their Santa suit.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
JAMES R. GILLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOROTHY J. NEAL, CITY CLERK