

Special Called Meeting: October 24, 1973.

Chairman James R. Bell called the meeting to order at about 7:45 PM in Mr. Lucian Flora's office. Board members present were Mr. Flora and Dr. James S. Hill. Also present was City Police Court Judge J.W. Blue.

The meeting was called in order to bring a bill for \$12,650.00 from Leonard Lawson and Son, Inc. before the Board for approval. The bill was for the recent paving work done on seven city streets. Mr. Flora noted that the final bill was only \$600.00 over what the firm had estimated for the work. There was general agreement that it was a job quite well done. Details of the work follow these minutes.

Mr. Flora made the motion that the City pay the \$12,650.00 bill from Lawson. Dr. Hill seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval. The Clerk reported that this action would leave \$2,152.56 in the City's revenue sharing fund--after the State Highway Department reimburses the City for the amount it agreed to pay on Kentucky and Wayne Streets. There was general agreement among the Board members present that this money should be held over and used as part of the street program for 1974 along with any state money that can be obtained, more revenue sharing money and any money which can be obtained from property owners whose property borders on streets resurfaced this year.

The Clerk reported that the City had received another revenue sharing check on October 6 for \$671.00 which the government says is to be one-fourth of what the City will receive this fiscal year.

A discussion followed on indoor space for the Marshall this winter.

Dr. Hill brought up problems which had recently developed with the City Building Inspector who has not been fulfilling his duties as of late--not issuing permits to all those who are required to have them. Dr. Hill voiced the opinion that it was not the place of the Board to be involved in every procedural move of each municipal department and that a person was needed to fill the post of Building Inspector who would follow set procedures. A discussion of bills which Building Inspector Jerry N. Marr has presented to the City and his non-payment of this year's taxes followed.

Judge Blue commented on the expenses incurred by the Water Department since July including the repair of the rock wall, the repair of the major leak, the repair of the water pump breakdown. He said that the leak had cost \$2,129.38 to fix, but added that he believed there were no leaks as of this time. He went on to say that the Water Works boundary had been surveyed for the chain link fence placement.

A discussion developed on the question of non-payment of city taxes by quite a few citizens and Mr. Flora noted that such non-payment has adversely affected the amount of revenue sharing money which the city has and will receive. The belief was expressed that it would probably be all right to put the people's part for the road work on their tax bills.

Chairman Bell commented that the laundermat standing water situation was still bad. The Clerk said that he had been visited by an official from the County Health Department that same day who had said that the business was going to soon install a new pump to solve the problem.

Chairman Bell noted that by the next meeting date the Board members need to have given some thought to the Building Inspector situation.

Dr. Hill reminded the Board that Halloween is next week and that the Department of P Public Safety expected some disruptions to again occur. He recounted past occasions and their atmospheres. He said that the threat of arson against quite a few old vacant buildings in the City is very real. He added that he believed it could be described as unlawful assembly to block city streets and sidewalks and that all persons on Halloween at the Dairy Queen should be inside the establishment and not be allowed to gather outside. Dr. Hill said that the state police would not help enforce a curfew or loitering ordinance but county officers will. He added that both departments were supposed to help out in the city on Halloween again this year as last.

Chairman Bell suggested that Dr. Hill try to arrange to have someone from the Sheriff Department at the next regular meeting on the 29th to discuss Halloween procedures.

The meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Stephen B. Flora  
City Clerk

James R. Bell  
Chairman, Board of Trustees.