

SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION MEETING
City Hall
October 25, 1999

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all commissioners in attendance.

AGENDA

1. Mayor McCay introduced special guest, Alan Palmer of the Census Bureau. Mr. Palmer discussed the fact that every ten years, the government mandates that a "complete count" census be taken. He also discussed the importance of the census and the approximate cost.

2. 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. With none to be heard, Commissioner Hardy presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Commissioner Howard. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

3. 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.

4. First reading of tax ordinance #99-3 220.245 (real property tax).

The above stated ordinance was read by the Mayor. He then called for any comments or discussion. With none to be heard, Commissioner Martin presented a motion the first reading of this ordinance be accepted for a second reading, Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

5. First reading of tax ordinance #99-4 220.246 (personal property tax).

The above stated ordinance was read by the Mayor. He then called for any comments or discussion. With none to be heard, Commissioner Hardy presented a motion the first reading of this ordinance be accepted for a second reading, Mayor McCay seconded the motion. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

The second reading of the above stated ordinances will be at a special called Commission meeting on October 26 at 11 :00 a.m. Commissioner Howard then commented that he would like better notice of any special called meeting unless there is an emergency. He would appreciate more than 24 hours notice. The Mayor asked the City Clerk to be sure that the commission be given as much notice as possible.

6. Treasurer's report

The commission had reviewed this report prior to the meeting. With no additions or corrections to be heard, Commissioner Cooke presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes, Howard yes.

7. Quarterly cemetery financial statement

The commission reviewed the financial statement. None of the commissioners had any comments or discussion.

8. Department reports

Streets:

Commissioner Cooke reported that the grading of the alleys was done. He stated that the total cost of the alleys and the blacktopping of the pavement would be \$1300. He added that the speed limit signs requested were installed by himself and Don Lacey. Commissioner Howard reported that there were no speed limit signs within the city limits on Sixth Street. He requested that two 35 M.P.H. speed limit signs be installed. Commissioner Cooke said he would look into it. Magistrate Hunt said that he would check to see if the county could help with the cost of the signs. Buddy Marr stated that since the residents of Smiths Grove pay county taxes, they should expect the county to pay for blacktopping county roads within the city limits of Smiths Grove. He added that he would send a letter to the county judge.

Police:

Commissioner Martin read the monthly report prepared by the Police Chief She reported that the police officers had received their asps. She also reported that Chief Sneed had completed his forty hours of required training. In addition, Officer Graves would go to Richmond for training as soon as there is an opening. Commissioner Martin presented two quotes for the purchase of a new patrol car. Mayor McCay said we would put the purchase of the cars on the agenda for next month. Buddy Marr wanted to know the status of bulletproof vests for the officers.

Commissioner Martin said that they have not been ordered. She went on to say that we were trying to get a grant to help pay for them. As of now, they have not yet been applied for. Mr. Marr suggested we go ahead and get the vests anyway. Mayor McCay replied that he and the City Clerk would check into getting a grant.

Public Safety, Health and Welfare:

Commissioner Hardy reported on the fact that there were three houses that had house numbers that did not correspond for 911 calls. He said we could do one of two things (1) Talk to the residents of the three houses to see if they would agree to change their house numbers (2) train the emergency medical personnel about the discrepancy with the numbers. Commissioner Hardy said he would contact the three residents. Mayor McCay asked the commissioner if he had heard anymore on the automatic defibrillators. Commissioner Hardy said he had checked into them. He stated that practically anyone could use one if need be. No special training was required. He added that the city fire trucks in Bowling Green and Glasgow has them The defibrillator is about the size of a notebook and costs approximately \$3000.

Cemetery:

Commissioner Howard reported that the cemetery grounds look very good. He said he had received a phone call that a military headstone needed "weed eating". Also there apparently was one headstone that was knocked over. He said he would check into it but questioned how much of it was our responsibility to take care of the expense. He added he would talk to the person that does the maintenance at the cemetery to see ifhe could straighten the headstone that had

fallen down. Mayor McCay stated that Bob Schultz would be a good person to discuss this with. Alan Palmer stated that he had relatives visit from out-of-state. They remarked how nice the cemetery looks. Commissioner Martin then asked Commissioner Howard if he had checked on getting the new light for the cemetery. Commissioner Howard said he had not checked any further.

9. Committee reports:

Planning & Zoning:

Gerald Brown said he had nothing to report.

Aging Services:

Dr. James Hill said he had nothing to report.

Beautification:

Sandra McCay said she had nothing to report.

10. Other:

Ruby Pierce said she wanted to discuss the dog leash law. She said she was tired of being "picked on". She went on to say that she would turn hers loose if the others weren't being tied up. In addition, dogs are coming into her carport and carrying things out. She said she checked with the "pound" and was told by them that our dog leash law was not worth the paper it was printed on. Mayor McCay said he was sorry that she feels she's being singled out, but assured her that she is not. Mayor McCay said that the city's policy is that if someone complains about a dog then the police officers address the complaint with that dog's owners. In addition, periodically, the pound is supposed to come here and check for strays. Mayor McCay then cited several cases that have been taken care of. Terry asked (1) how do you classify stray dog and (2) what happens if his dog gets away from him while exercising. Mayor McCay read the current dog leash ordinance. Commissioner Cooke brought up the previous ordinance from 1994. Mayor McCay commented that the old ordinance predates the current one. He went on to say that it is the commission's job to enforce all ordinances and if the commission does not like an ordinance then it can be taken to court, repealed, rescinded, etc. Buddy Marr asked Commissioner Cooke why he would bring up the old ordinance. Commissioner Cooke's reply was that the commission never voted on the new ordinance.

Census:

Mayor McCay briefly discussed the jobs available working for the Census Bureau.

Vision:

Mayor McCay announced that he would like to form a new committee with the name possibly being Vision 2000. This committee would help prepare Smiths Grove for the future. He would like approximately 15 people on the committee perhaps the formation of subcommittees. The overall purpose of the committee will be looking into all aspects of life in Smiths Grove, such as agriculture, economics, whether or not the churches expect an increase or decrease in

membership, etc. He asked the commissioners to please think of people they would recommend for the committee and give those names to either himself or the City Clerk.

Announcements:

Mayor McCay briefly discussed a meeting he had just attended at BRADD. Mayor McCay announced that there would be a meeting of the Kentucky Trimodal Transpark at the Smiths Grove Lion's Club on December 12 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Mayor McCay asked for discussion on whether to observe Halloween on Sunday night or Saturday night. After a brief discussion, it was moved that we observe Halloween on Saturday, October 30 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Martin yes, McCay yes, Hardy yes and Howard yes.

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