

City Commission meeting - October 26, 1998 - 7:00 p.m. - City Hall

Prior to calling the agenda meeting to order, Mayor Gilley introduced State Representative Roger Thomas. Mr. Thomas addressed the session saying it gives him special pleasure to make the presentation he was going to make. He then presented Mayor Gilley a check in the amount of \$85,000.00 for the city sidewalk project. Mayor Gilley thanked Representative Thomas for the check as well as the time and effort he had put forth in this effort.

4% Tax rate hearing

Mayor Gilley opened the hearing by explaining to those in attendance that the revenue the city would receive from this additional 4% wasn't as important as trying to maintain some continuity to the city tax rate. He said last year (1997) the rate was 10¢ per \$100 and this year without the 4% it would be 8¢ per \$100.00. He called for questions or discussion. All of the commission agreed that this 4% needed to be accepted. With no further discussion, Comm. Martin presented a motion the 4% be accepted, for a rate on real and personal property for 1998 of 8.3¢ per \$100.00 assessment, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes. After the roll call, Mayor Gilley declared the hearing closed.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Questions or discussion was called for by the Mayor. With none to be heard, Comm. Hardy 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 two special called meetings.

The Mayor explained the purpose of these two meetings was the opening of the sealed bids for the Sidewalk Project. He added the bid was awarded to Southern KY Contracting Inc. for a total of \$155,935.00. He ask those in attendance if they had any questions about this bid. With none to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the minutes of the two special called meetings be accepted, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

3. Treasurer's report

The report was considered by the commission and with no additions or corrections, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

4. Resolution #98-3-authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with ten other counties

Mr. Gene Becker from BRADD took the floor to further explain the significance of this resolution. He said this would establish the Barren River CONSORTIUM, and this would allow the ten counties access to grants of federal funds to increase employment and earning, educational and occupational skills and decrease welfare dependency. He ask if there were any questions. With none to be heard, Comm. Hardy presented a motion the city accept the adoption of REsolution #98-3, seconded by Comm. Martin, roll call and vote Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes. Mayor Gilley thanked Mr. Becker for his time.

5. First reading Ordinance #98-4 220.242-1998 real and personal property tax rate

Comm. Martin presented a motion the first reading of the above stated ordinance be accepted for a second reading, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes. The clerk said the media had been notified the second reading of the ordinance would be Tues, 10/27/1998.

6. Second reading Ordinance #98-1 230.1-implementing classification Plan, Compensation Plan and policies and Procedures for the city

Comm. Hardy presented a motion the second reading of the ordinance be accepted, and it now become a permanent portion of the city records, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

7. Quarterly financial report - Smiths Grove Cemetery

Mayor Gilley ask Ms. Jordan if she had any comments regarding the report. She said no. But she did want to say that there were several people that wanted to spend the perpetual funds the cemetery had, and she wanted to them to know it was against the law. With no further discussion. Comm. Martin presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

8. First reading Ordinance #98-3 220.241- annual commission and Mayor salaries

Comm. Lacy presented a motion the ordinance which grants an increase of \$100.00 annually for all of the commission be accepted for a second reading, seconded by Comm. Martin roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley abstain, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

9. Smiths Grove Library Board appointment

Mayor Gilley said the Advisory Board for the library had suggested as replacements for Vanaey Greenup and Elizabeth Madison who both retired, Mariann Dieball and Rosalee Sneed All agreed both would do a fine job for the library.

10. Department reports

Cemetery: Comm. Lacy reported that the rock wall at the cemetery had been repaired and in his opinion looked good. The cost was \$4800.00. He also said that someone had been dumping their trash in the barrels at the cemetery.

Streets: Comm. Cooke said that he had measured all of the sidewalks in the city and the bid had been let. He added that he and Comm. Lacy had replaced a sign at Sunset & Mills. Comm. Hardy ask all in attendance to keep track of street light outages and report them to the clerk. He said there was a number on each post that had to be given to WRECC at the time of the outage report.

Police: Comm. Martin read the monthly report (attached). She said both policemen would be ovrking Halloween night. She ask those in attendance if they felt the Neighborhood Watch meetings were of any benefit. Dr. Hill said in his opinion they were a very good idea. Comm. Martin said she would work on organizing another one in the near future.

11. Other

Porter Martin ask the commission when they wanted the city Christmas light put up. The clerk said the annual tree lighting would be December 2nd. Comm. Martin said in her opinion it should be when it was best for the phone company. Mr. Martin said that they were usually slow right after Thanksgiving and that would be a good time.

Nathaniel Taylor ask if something couldn't be done about the trailer owned by Ralph Pearson on Sixth St. He said some people had run an extension cord to it and were playing loud music and creating a disturbance on week-ends. He said with no lights or water he felt it was in violation of the law to use it. Don Laws wondered if it couldn't be condemned, The Mayor agreed to check on this with the Health Dept. (copy attached). Maurice Marr then ask for a copy of the treasurer's report and the proposed budget that the clerk had given to the commission. She agreed to do this at such time as Mr. Marr filed out the proper request forms regarding city finance information. Then Mr. Marr wanted to know how much the city figured they would have to refund in insurance premium taxes and why they were hanging onto the money. Mayor Gilley attempted to explain that it was difficult to give a figure as the city didn't get information on who paid the premiums just the company to which they were paid. The clerk attempted to explain that the city only got a form which stated that the company had received an amount of premiums and this is what they owe the city based on the 5%. Mr. McCay again approached the commission regarding the totals given in

the budget. The clerk again attempted to explain that the figures, as stated in the budget ordinance, were projected figures and the budget was always amended at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. McCay said he felt in the future the budget ordinance form should be more thorough. The clerk attempted to explain that this was a form sent to her by BRADD. Wilma Jones told the commission she was proud of the job they were doing for the city.

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

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____
James R. Gilley, Mayor Dorothy J. Neal, City Clerk