

Smiths Grove City Commission meeting - October 27, 1997 - 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with commissioners, Cooke, Lacy and Martin in attendance.

## AGENDA

### 1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Before calling for discussion or corrections to these minutes, Mayor Gilley told those in attendance, if they wished to have the minutes read, or copies of them or any other reports presented to the commission, the clerk would be glad to make copies of same for them. He then called for discussion of the minutes. With no comments to be heard, Comm. Martin presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

### 2. Treasurer's report

The report from 9/12/97 thru 10/17/97 was presented to the commission for corrections or comments. With none to be heard, Comm. Lacy floored a motion to accept the report as printed, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

Before continuing with the agenda, Mayor Gilley introduced Tom Wimsatt and Albert Rich representing the Smiths Lions Club. Mr. Wimsatt took the floor and explained that the Lions Club felt the warning siren was a community effort and the club, wanting to participate gave the Mayor and check for \$500.00 as their contribution. The commission applauded the efforts of the Lions Club and thanked them for their efforts.

### 3. Second reading Ordinance #97-3 220.237-1997 real property tax rate

Comm. Lacy presented a motion the second reading of the above stated ordinance be accepted and that it now becomes a part of the city's permanent records, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

### 4. Second reading Ordinance #97-4 220.238-1997 tangible property tax rate

Comm. Cooke presented a motion the second reading of the above stated ordinance be accepted and that it now become a part of the city's permanent records, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

### 5. Quarterly financial statement-Smiths Grove Cemetery

Comm. Lacy presented a motion the financial statement be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

### 6. Department reports

Cemetery: Comm. Lacy said the maintenance contractor had mowed a total of 18 times this season, and he felt the cemetery was in pretty good shape.

Streets: Comm. Cooke said he had had no complaints regarding the streets.

Police: Comm. Martin read the monthly report prepared by Deputy Sneed. (attached) She told those in attendance that the police department was running very smoothly at the present time and she commended Officer Sneed for his efforts. She added that the search for a policeman to assist his was still on going. She ask officer Sneed is he was expecting backup for Halloween. He said there would be two deputies and a state trooper assisting him.

### 7. Other

Jessie Varner said he had watched the Planning & Zoning Commission telecast on 10/16 and he wanted to commend Mr. Gerald Brown for his representation of the city at this meeting. All agreed.

Shirley Martin read a letter from the Tourism Commission requesting the city pay \$200.00 for signs to go at the entrances to the city. Judge Buchannon had donated \$200.00, Tourism Commission \$200.00, Antique Dealers \$200.00 and Cave Springs Bed & Breakfast \$200.00. Mayor Gilley said in his opinion the city couldn't promote or give money to one particular business. Jackie Lightfoot, representing the Tourism Commission said it wouldn't be just for one business, it was to bring business into Smiths Grove. Comm. Lacy said he felt the city could approve the signs being erected, but didn't feel taxpayers money should go for this purpose. Comm. Cooke said he felt advertising was for individual businesses. Comm. Martin, after weighing the particulars, said she felt she agreed with the other commissioners, she could approve the signs being erected, but not the expenditure of taxpayers money.

The commission then held a discussion regarding the salary of police officer Sneed. Comm. Martin said at the present time he was working at his old pay of \$55.00 per day and she felt he should at least be drawing what Audie Montgomery was making which was \$1170 per month. She then said she felt he should he deserved a 10% raise which would make his monthly salary \$1,287.00. All of the commission felt he was doing an excellent job and devoting considerable time to his job. Comm. Lacy presented a motion to increase Officer Sneed's salary to \$1287.00 per month, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Lacy yes.

Jessie Varner ask the commission if they had given any thought to having s special cancellation from the post office for a special city event. None of those in attendance knew this could be done. He said if someone could come up with some art work he could get it done for the city.

Shirely ask the commission when it would be convenient for them to work on the lights for Christmas. She said the phone company wanted to put them up shortly after Thanksgiving. The commission agreed to work Tuesday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m.

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

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
JAMES R. GILLEY, MAYOR DOROTHY J. NEAL, CITY CLERK