

Smiths Grove City Commission meeting - October 28, 1996

Mayor Gilley called the meeting to order with all commissioners in attendance. As a courtesy to guests from HANDS Inc. Mayor Gilley reversed the agenda and allowed them to do their presentation first. He introduced Debra Williams, Vice President of Community Development for First American and Elissa Palmer, CPS Housing & Development Association. Mrs. Williams explained that their association had received federal funding for housing under HANDS Inc. in this area. She said up until this time the funds had been used for housing in the Bowling Green area, and they would now like to erect both single and multi-housing structures in the Smiths Grove area. She explained that they area they were looking at contained 17 acres and was located on Vincent Street just outside of the Smiths Grove city limits. She then presented slides that showed the type of house they would be building. Ms. Palmer explained that they had in hand, \$177,000 towards this development and were currently negotiating with the owners of the property. She added that they were in the process of obtaining more funding for six more houses in addition to the current ones being negotiated that could be located in the Smiths Grove area, or anywhere in the county. Mrs. Williams added that the possibility of an 'elderly structure was also in the talking stages at the Vincent Street location. She said the elderly in this location would be serviced by Meals on Wheels. She said their organization worked with the new homeowners to teach them budgeting and the responsibility of owning a new home. They ask those in attendance if they had any further questions regarding this proposed housing development. They both left phone numbers where they could be reached and encouraged everyone to call if they had questions. Mayor Gilley thanked them for their time and efforts.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Mayor Gilley called for additions or comments to these minutes. 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 the special called meeting

The Mayor explained the purpose of this special called meeting was to hear the second reading of the 1997 vehicle tax rate and the second reading of the new bank franchise tax ordinance. Comm. Lacy presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

3. Treasurer's report

Questions, corrections or comments were called for. With none to be heard, Comm. Hardy presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

4. Quarterly financial statement-Smiths Grove Cemetery

Mayor Gilley ask Ms. Jordan if she had any questions or comments regarding this report. She had none. The clerk noted that the date at the top of the report should read July 1 instead of July 31. With this correction noted, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the statement be accepted as written seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

5. Department reports

Cemetery: Mayor Gilley again Ms. Jordan if she any comments about the cemetery. She said she felt it was looking better. Comm. Lacy agreed that since the maintenance contractor had been contacted about the deficiencies, he was doing much better. Streets: Comm. Hardy said they had put up speed signs on College where they were needed. He also said that the city was continuing to get Laurel fixed. Mayor Gilley said he should see the Magistrate the next day and he would try to find out what was holding the repair up.

Police: Comm. Martin said the two police officers had been in school the prior week completing their required 40 hour training refresher course. She then read the report for August and Sept. (attached). The Chief said the wipers on the patrol car still were hanging up when they were turned off. Comm. Martin told him to take it to John Kirk to see if they could be fixed for a reasonable price. He agreed to do so.

6. Other

Velta Smith and Debra Fowler approached the commission to see if the annual tree lighting could be Friday 11/29 to coincide with the merchants kick off of Christmas. The commission agreed that the tree lighting was basically for the children and it seemed to work best on Wednesday because of church services. It was decided it would occur on 12/4/96. Debra & Velta said there would be a blood drive at city hall Sat. 11/30 and there would be caroling.

Porter Martin said there was a handicap bus and a large bus that tries to turn around at the end of his street and it is very difficult for them to do without going into his yard. He wondered if there couldn't be some sort of turn around placed there. Comm. Hardy agreed to talk with Earl Manco a member of the school board regarding this.

Ray Lewis questioned where the recycling dumpster sets. He said there is always a big water hole close to it and people either didn't use the dumpsters or just threw their recyclables up close to the dumpsters. Again Comm. Hardy agreed to talk with the fire department to see if it could be moved to a better place.

The police chief commended the police commissioner Martin for her help in getting information" from the courthouse about the juveniles in the city that are causing so many problems for residents.

Mayor Gilley said there was a tabled motion regarding a street light that needed to be addressed. He ask for opinions from the commission. Comm. Hardy said he had talked with people from Bowling Green about their regulations but they wouldn't pertain to Smiths Grove. He said there since there are no written guidelines regarding the placement of street lights, he felt this needed to be addressed for future requests. On the light in questions, he felt the commission would be 'opening up a can of worms if they allowed this light to be installed since there was no great need for it. Comm. Martin agreed. Comm. Martin presented a motion that if the decision was made by the commission to install this light, no more lights be considered until proper guidelines are in place, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the placement of the street light on the north side of Sixth St. and the corner of Church Alley, Mayor Gilley presented a motion that there be a yes no vote presented to the commission regarding this placement. The vote was as follows upon roll call by the clerk:

Cooke no
Gilley no
Martin no
Hardy no
Lacy no.

With no further business to come before the commission a motion to adjourn was heard.

APPROVED: _____
JAMES R. GILLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DOROTHY J. NEAL, CITY CLERK