

CITY COMMISSION MEETING - SEPTEMBER 23, 1991 - CITY HALL - 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Gilley called the meeting to order with all commissioners in attendance, as well as Mr. Lyles, from the Warren Co. Water District, Craig Taylor, Mayor of Oakland, and numerous interested citizens of Smiths Grove.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The commission reviewed these minutes and with no additions or corrections to same, Comm. Belcher presented a motion they be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Crisp. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, McGuffey yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

2. Treasurer's report

The Mayor called for additions or corrections to this report. With none to be heard, Comm. McGuffey floored a motion it be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Lacy. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, McGuffey yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

3. 1992 Motor vehicle tax rate

Mayor Gilley stated that the commission had revised this rate down to .30¢ per \$100.00 assessment two years ago and wondered the commission's views on the rate. The commission was in complete agreement to keep the rate at this figure. Comm. McGuffey presented a motion the vehicle tax rate for 1992 remain at .30¢, seconded by Comm. Crisp. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, McGuffey yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

4. Discussion - sewer system for the city

Mayor Gilley informed those in attendance that ~contingent of citizens from Smiths Grove had met with Judge Basil Griffin that morning and the judge had informed them that it was inevitable the city must consider this project. Mr. Charlene West said she had been told that within five years a septic system would

obsolete, and that no building permit could be issued unless there was a sewer system available. Mayor Gilley said the basic reason for the meeting with Judge Griffin was to seek help in finding the funds for a gravity type sewer system for the city. Mayor Gilley then ask Mr. Joe Lyles, Warren Co. Water District to try to answer the questions of the citizens as well as to give some approximate figures of the cost involved, both for the installation of the system and the monthly bills. Mr. Lyle stressed that the figures he would present were based strictly on the amount of grant the city would receive. Mr. Stanley Rice asked, if the sewer was installed, who would own and operate it. Mayor Gilley said it was the general opinion of those involved in this, that the Warren Co. Water Dist. would both own and operate it. Mr. Lyle said if the city could qualify for a Community Development block Grant of \$750,000 towards the projected cost of \$1,760,000.00 for the system to service the whole town, the monthly bill would be in the area of \$17.00. But he stressed this was just a projection because he would need to know the total amount of grants the city would receive. He suggested the city could perhaps do the sewer system in phases, with the city commission's commitment to install the system throughout the entire, as they could. Mr. Lyles said he would talk to Judge Griffin about this possibility. Mayor Gilley said that in his opinion, Judge Griffin wanted the entire city done at once. Comm. Belcher asked Mr. Lyle if there would be monetary consideration for those within the city that could not afford the hook-up fees. Mr. Lyles said this was all taken into consideration, and in this area, the poverty level being, \$13,400, those that qualify would have their sewer hooked up to their residence for them. Everyone in attendance agreed that it was imperative the city direct Mr. Lyle to start on this grant work as soon as possible. Towards this end, Comm. Belcher presented a motion, the commission, on behalf of the citizens of Smiths Grove wanted the Warren County Water District to proceed immediately to see what grants are available and to proceed with facts and figures for the rates, seconded by Comm. McGuffey. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, McGuffey yes, Gilley yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

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5. Craig Taylor- Mayor of Oakland

Mr. Taylor read a letter, (Copy attached), which he had written concerning the city of Oakland becoming a member of the Warren Co. Planning and Zoning Commission. This letter requested each of the cities that now were members of this commission, to recommend to the Planning and Zoning Commission they become

a member. Mayor Gilley asked Mr. Herbert Leopold, Smiths Grove representative to this commission, is opinion of this appointment. Mr. Leopold said he felt that if Oakland wasn't a member, in view of the sewer now running close to the city, they could have some future catastrophes. The commission agreed to abide by Mr. Leopold's thinking. Comm. McGuffey floored a motion the city write a letter the Planning and Zoning Commission stating the city's approval of the acceptance of Oakland, KY. as a member, seconded by Comm. Crisp. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, McGuffey yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes. The clerk agreed to write this letter and attach a copy of same to these minutes.

6. Hiring of a permanent police chief

The commission had hired Audie Montgomery 8/15/1991 on a 60 day trial basis. Comm. McGuffey, Police commissioner, said he felt it would be better to table this and wait the 60 days before making a decision. The commission had received, and reviewed the resumes of two other applicants for this position, (copies attached). Both lived a considerable distance from Smiths Grove. Comm. McGuffey asked Mr. Montgomery if he was considering moving into Smiths Grove. Mr. Montgomery said no he felt he lived close enough, Comm. Belcher said he had heard that Oakland wanted our police chief to serve that area also. Mayor Taylor said that the commission of Oakland had talked about this but no decision had been reached. Comm. McGuffey said his reasoning for wanting to table this decision was, he felt the commission had rushed into hiring the former chief, and made a mistake and he was trying to avoid this. With no further discussion to be heard, Comm. McGuffey presented a motion the commission now hire Audie Montgomery as the full time police chief, seconded by Comm. Crisp. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, McGuffey yes, Lacy yes, Crisp yes.

7. Siren and speaker for the police chief's car

The commission had tabled this decision at the August meeting until they reached a decision about who the permanent police chief was going to be. Now that that decision had been reached, Comm. Belcher presented a motion this siren be purchased, seconded by Comm. Crisp. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, Gilley yes, McGuffey yes, Crisp yes, Lacy yes.

8. Old business- bicycle ordinance

Comm. Belcher asked Comm. McGuffey what he had learned from the businesses in the area about the imposing of this ordinance as requested by Mr. Maynard.

Comm. McGuffey said he had approached all of the businesses with the exception of Greenup Realty, and none of them supported this ordinance.

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

Approved: James R. Gilley
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal
City Clerk