

**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2002**

CITY HALL 7:00 P.M.

The Mayor called the meeting to order with all Commissioners present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Varner, Mayor McCay introduced special guests Mr. Charles Adams, candidate for magistrate of the Fourth District, and Mr. Steve Hunter of Planning and Zoning.

AGENDA

The City Commissioners had prior opportunity to read the minutes of the previous meetings. A motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 26 was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Pierce. With no questions or corrections, the vote was Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes. A motion to accept the minutes of the special called meeting of September 12 was made by Commissioner Varner and seconded by Commissioner Martin. With no questions or corrections, the vote was Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

The Commissioners also had prior opportunity to read the Treasurer's Report for the period August 1 through August 31. Commissioner Cooke mentioned that the City should try to get a better deal on cell phones, and it was generally agreed that when the current contracts expire, it would be advisable to look into getting better prices. Commissioner Pierce requested clarification of the charges by EarthLink and GlobalNet, which are the providers of the City's internet service and long distance service, respectively. Commissioner Pierce moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, and Commissioner Varner seconded the motion. With no further questions or discussion, the vote was Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

Second Reading of ORDINANCE NO. 02-07, AN ORDINANCE ASSESSING AND LEVYING THE 2002 ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX ON REAL PROPERTY AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF SMITHS GROVE, KENTUCKY. Mayor McCay showed the Commissioners a sample of the bills which will be sent out to the residents. Commissioner Martin moved to pass the ordinance, and Commissioner Pierce seconded the motion. With no questions or discussion, the vote was Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

Second Reading of ORDINANCE NO. 02-08, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR INCORPORATED AREAS OF SMITHS GROVE, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY. Steve Hunter answered a few questions and clarified some items. He stated that Planning and Zoning's attorney will do the summary ordinance for publication on behalf of Smiths Grove, Woodburn, and Plum Springs, and the ordinance will be published in the Daily News at Planning and Zoning's expense. Commissioner Pierce moved to pass Ordinance No. 02-08; motion seconded by Commissioner Martin. With no further discussion, the vote was Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

Commissioner Cooke reported that he has contacted Southern Kentucky Contractors, Inc., regarding repairs to two locations on Fourth Street and one on Lawson Street. The price for repairing the three areas will be \$1200.00. The motion to proceed with the repairs was made by Commissioner Cooke and seconded by Commissioner Pierce. With no questions or comments, the vote was Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

Mayor McCay stated that more information was needed before a decision can be made regarding liability insurance coverage for public officials. This issue will be addressed at a later date.

Community Days update: Esli Pelly reported that several booths have been rented, a fire truck will be on display, plans for the Bug Run have been finalized, and flyers are being distributed. She also stated that the

Community Days funds are very low and asked if the City would make a donation. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Varner moved that the City donate \$500.00 to Community Days. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pierce. With no further questions, the vote was Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes.

An interested citizen asked if the City has a website. The City does not have one at this time; however, one has been set up for the Christmas Parade and can be accessed at smithsgroveparade.com. Porter Martin announced that the City's sound system has been purchased and will be used during Community Days to announce the winners of the Bug Run, and to make general announcements. Ben Kirtley will be in charge of the usage of the sound system. Mr. Martin suggested that the system be stored in the Municipal Center.

The City will extend the trash collection contract with Monarch Environmental Inc. until the end of the year. The contract will be offered for bids upon expiration of the current contract Building Update;

Mayor McCay read a proposal from Cardinal Office Systems for tile furniture for the Municipal Center and reminded the Commissioners that Cardinal has the state contract for office furniture. Commissioner Pierce was concerned about the size of the desks designated for the City Commissioners' office; however, the desks cannot be purchased in a smaller size. The motion to accept Cardinal's bid and to purchase the office furniture was made by Commissioner Pierce and seconded by Commissioner Varner. With no further discussion, the vote was Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes. The City Clerk was instructed to call Cardinal Office Systems and place the order.

Commissioner Pierce displayed a sketch of the meeting room table. The table will be built in October by Woosley Custom Cabinets. It will be stained mahogany to match the desks in the offices, and the top will be mahogany wood grain laminate, Kenneth Marr and Commissioner Pierce will build the base for the table, for which the material will cost approximately \$150.00.

Mayor McCay distributed a list of required janitorial services. The list was discussed and revised. Several people have expressed an interest in bidding for the contract. The opportunity to bid will also be extended to professional cleaning companies.

Commissioners Varner and Pierce are looking into the possibility of hiring a maintenance person for the City, which might alleviate some current, as well as future, problems.

A date has not been set for a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for the new Municipal Center.

Kenneth Marc of Signature Signs brought some samples of signs the City might consider for the new building. The cost for a sign would be approximately \$40.00 per square foot. Mr. Marr confirmed that the City's banners will be shipped later in the week and should arrive by Monday or Tuesday of the next week. ALLTEL has agreed to hang the banners and hope to be finished in time for Community Days.

MAYORAL REPORT:

Mayor McCay had nothing new to report

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Street

Commissioner Cooke had nothing else to report. Commissioner Pierce mentioned a problem with water standing at Main and Rumsey Streets and inquired whether or not that is the responsibility of the State. Commissioner Cooke was unsure as to who is responsible.

Police

Commissioner Martin read the August police report. She stated that Chief Sneed has received videos for eight hours' training, and that he will attend school in November. She mentioned that the City needs to purchase a kit for Chief Sneed to keep in his car to assist him in getting into locked cars. Commissioner Martin also stated that the City may need to purchase some winter shirts for the Chief.

Public Health, Safety and Welfare

Commissioner Pierce read the Library and Fire Department reports. The shell of the Fire Department addition is completed, and the building is ready to be finished inside. Wilma Jones of Parks and Recreation stated that the fall baseball program is over.

Cemetery

Commissioner Varner has had conversation with the cemetery maintenance people about emptying trash cans and keeping the areas clean. He stated that the grass is being cut and the trees at the cemetery entrance have been cut.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification

Sandy McCay was not present.

Aging

Dr. James Hill was not present

Planning and Zoning

Gerald Brown had nothing to report. Steve Hunter mentioned that Planning and Zoning would meet October 3 to develop their work plan for 2003. He also mentioned that Smiths Grove's Focal Point Plan is being downloaded frequently, so there is quite a bit of interest in this area from all over the country.

Christmas Parade

Porter Martin was pleased to mention that the fire department has offered four fire trucks for the parade.

Other pertinent city business: Rebecca Alderson requested to be placed on the agenda for next month's City Commission meeting in order to discuss an opinion from the Office of the State's Attorney General. Mayor McCay informed her that he would discuss the matter with the City's attorney.

Mayor McCay adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m

APPROVED: _____
Walter J. McCay, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Phyllis Bessette, City Clerk