

**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL
SEPTEMBER 24, 2001**

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Cooke, Varner, and Martin in attendance.

Mayor McCay acknowledged the presence of special guests Magistrate Tommy Hunt, Fire Chief Kenneth Priddy, and Keirsten Jagers of the Department of Transportation.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The commission had an opportunity to review the minutes prior to the meeting. The Mayor called for additions or corrections to the minutes. With none to be heard, the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Minutes of special call meeting.

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3. Treasurer's report

The commission had an opportunity to review this report prior to the meeting. Mayor McCay asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the report. With none to be heard, the treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

4. 1st reading of ordinance adopting property tax rates for FY 2001 - 2002.

5. Municipal Building.

Mayor McCay opened the bids for demolition of the building on the new property. The lowest bidder was Howard Richards with a bid of \$8750. Commissioner Cooke suggested the city fix-up the building instead of tearing it down. There was a brief discussion. Commissioner Varner presented a motion to accept the bid to demolish the building. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. Roll call and vote: Cooke no, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes. Mayor McCay initiated a brief discussion on accepting a loan from the Kentucky League of Cities for construction of the city's new municipal building. Commissioner Martin presented a motion to proceed with obtaining the loan. Seconded by Commissioner Varner. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes.

Lollis Vernon discussed the procedure for capping of the wells on the new property. Mayor McCay asked him to come up with a price and present it to the City Clerk.

6. Mayoral Reports.

Mayor McCay presented a drawing of the lapel pins he and Commissioner Martin decided on purchasing. Mayor McCay gave a brief report on meetings, etc. that he had attended since the last commission meeting.

7. Chief Kenneth Priddy addressed the subject of the city's fire protection. The commission had numerous questions and wanted clarification on several items.

8. Department reports

Streets:

Commissioner Cooke reported that work on the sidewalks had begun today.

Police:

Commissioner Martin reported that Chief Sneed went to North Warren Elementary school last Monday to give a presentation to the children. Chief Sneed will attend school for his yearly training the first week of October. She then read the monthly police report.

Public Safety, Health and Welfare:

Commissioner Pierce was not in attendance. Charlie Hopkins addressed the commission about what he feels is a problem with dogs in the city.

Cemetery:

Commissioner Varner reported that Bob Schultz had passed away. Commissioner Varner reported on complaints he had received about the maintenance at the cemetery. He talked to the maintenance man about the problem.

9. Committee reports:

Planning & Zoning:

Gerald Brown said there was nothing to report at this time.

Aging Services:

Dr. Hill gave a brief report.

Beautification:

Mayor McCay reported that Billy and Eva Webb had done our fall display in front of city hall.

Vision:

John Wayne Smith was not in attendance.

Christmas Parade:

Porter Martin announced that there would be a meeting of the committee on Thursday evening.

10. Other.

Esley Pelley will be on A.M. Kentucky Live next Wednesday at 6:45a.m. to promote Community Days.

Mayor McCay read a letter by the Vincents requesting immediate annexation into the city. There will be a special call meeting on October 1st and another on October 2nd.

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

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

ATTEST: _____
Vicki K. Weisshaar, City Clerk