

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Smiths Grove was held on September 26, 1978 at the County Fire Station at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chairman, Carolyn Harlin. Others present were Leland Anderson, Robert Appling and Charles Cowles.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The minutes of a special meeting held on Sept. 4, 1978 were also read and approved. The treasurer's reports were given by the clerk. The clerk also presented a tax report and explained that the City is losing some money due to not having adequate tax roles. An effort was made to obtain a computer print-out on the tax rolls this year and a partial one was obtained. Cooperation between the clerk and the Property Valuations Office over the winter will be continued and a more complete tax roll will be provided next year.

An Attorney from Glasgow, The Honorable Bobby Richardson was present along with his client Mr. Moss. to petition the Board for a variance in the Town's Ordinance pertaining to lot size for new buildings. Mr Richardson stated that Mr. Moss owned a lot on Main Street with approximately 10,000 sq. Ft., and wishes to construct a small house on that lot. Mr. Richardson argued that this was an existing lot because it had had the same boundaries for a number of years. After a great deal of discussion, the Board decided to check to see if they could legally continue to deny a building permit on the basis of the town's ordinance which states that a lot must have 20,000 sq. ft., or whether the argument that it has been an existing lot means the town's ordinance would not apply.

Committee Reports were called for by Mrs. Harlin.

Water Dept: Mr. Anderson reported it was in good shape. Ricky Butler and Homer Doyle have been able to cut the pumping hours in half. Mr. Pursley of the Glasgow Water Dept. has expressed great satisfaction with Mr. Butler's work. Mrs. Harlin explained that the Board had discussed providing Mr. Butler with insurance as part of his benefits. A representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield will be invited to the next meeting to explain a group coverage vs. an individual coverage. A decision will be made at that time.

Fire Department: The whistle was fixed. The Fire Dept. Aid Report was read by Mr. Appling. A copy is on file in the clerk's office. The fire station needs cleaning up. Mr. Appling moved, Mr. Anderson seconded, that the insurance on the fire truck be paid. Mr. Appling presented the clerk with a bill for \$175.00 for the City's half of the foam. This is to be paid from Revenue Sharing Funds.

Police: The radio has been taken out of storage and installed in Mr. Watt's car. Mr. Appling moved, Cowles seconded, that we pay this bill of \$60.00.

Streets: Mr. Anderson reported on the hole in the street near his station. Mr. Profitt had put in a flag so people would know the hole was there. It was decided Mr. Cowles would inspect the hole and the city will buy the necessary materials needed to fix it.

Cemetery: Mrs. Harlin reported that a new 11 h.p. riding mower had been purchased for Mr. Parrish. He is doing a great job now.

Mr. Appling asked about the paving of the streets. Mrs. Harlin reported the contract has been sent in to the state. The clerk reported Mr. Clarence Watt asked about street numbers. Mrs. Harlin stated this would have to wait until a later date.

The speed breakers on the streets leading to Ed Spear Park can be put in. The City can use County trucks to do it.

The Community Development Contract with Ralph Anderson is still being negotiated. The contract will be ready next week. Mr. Anderson discussed his role in administering the Grant at length.

Mrs. Harlin reported that the City's premium on the general liability policy was due and came to \$1,145.64. It was decided to shop around and see if the City could obtain a cheaper policy with another company.

The Workman's Comp policy was also review. The premium will be \$409.15. Mr. Appling moved, Mr. Anderson seconded that this policy be renewed. Motion carried.

A petition from the City of Hartsville, Tennessee was read by Mrs. Harlin concerning T.V.A. rates. Each Board member signed the petition and copies will be sent to our Senators, Representatives, and the President.

Sue Edwards informed the Board that the Town Clerk's job had become very open-ended, and asked the Board to decide how many hours of work the present salary covered. It was decided that signs would be posted around town setting up office hours. The present salary of \$150.00 would cover 50 hours of work. The clerk is to keep track of her time, and she will be reimbursed at \$3.00/hour for any time spent over 50 hours a month.

Mrs. Harlin reported that B.R.A.D.D. had announced funding of \$15,000 for our sewer project.

The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED: Cecely S. Harlin
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Sue M. Edwards
Town Clerk