

SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
LION'S CLUB  
APRIL 23, 2001

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all commissioners in attendance. Also in attendance were Mr. Dan Cherry and Ms. Melinda Hill of the ITA.

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. Commissioner Martin made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Commissioner Varner. Roll call and vote: McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes, Varner yes, Cooke yes.

2. Minutes of the special call meeting/working session

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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. Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the report. Seconded by Commissioner Cooke. Roll call and vote: McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes, Varner yes, Cooke yes.

4. 2nd reading of ordinance adopting a supplement to the Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. Roll call and vote: McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes, Varner yes, Cooke yes.

5. Department reports

Streets:

Commissioner Cooke reported that he had talked to the gentleman that had put in the sidewalks in Smiths Grow. He said he would put in more sidewalks for the city at the same price he charged two years ago (\$3.50/sq. ft.). Mayor McCay asked that at the next meeting the commissioners bring a list of priorities on the sidewalks to be done.

Police:

Commissioner Martin read the monthly police report. She stated she had nothing to report.

Public Safety, Health and Welfare:

Commissioner Pierce stated that due to software problems with the Library's computer, he had no report. Also, the person who prepares the report for the fire department was out of town so he did not have that report either. Mayor McCay wanted to make a clarification on last month's library report as to how many people were utilizing the library. Commissioner Pierce then gave a presentation on the fire department's new AED and also the new Thermal Imaging Camera. Assistant Fire Chief Jim Potts had concerns about people parking on Main Street because it is a

danger for emergency vehicles. Commissioner Pierce complained about the speeding on Hedge Street and suggested temporary speed bumps. Mayor McCay asked Commissioner Martin to look into this and come up with suggestions. Representative Thomas stated that more law enforcement personnel were needed in order to enforce the city's 35 m.p.h. speed limit.

Cemetery:

Commissioner Varner read the cemetery quarterly financial report. He reported that he took the cemetery map to BRADD to try and have it digitized. Commissioner Varner stated he had spoken to the maintenance man for the cemetery (Chester Whobrey). Mr. Whobrey stated he would like to continue at the cemetery for the same price as last year (\$9400). Commissioner Varner made a motion that the city continues with Mr. Whobrey as the maintenance man for the cemetery. Seconded by Commissioner Pierce. Roll call and vote: McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes, Varner yes, Cooke yes.

6. Committee reports:

Planning & Zoning:

Gerald Brown reported that planning and zoning had passed the city's focal point plan with no opposition. They also passed the rezoning of the land for the car wash with no opposition.

Aging Services:

Dr. Hill was not present at the meeting.

Beautification:

Mayor McCay stated that the committee would start planting flowers soon. Also, Mayor McCay intends to have the landscapers from Planning and Zoning look at the landscape needs of the city at no charge.

Vision:

Nothing to report.

7. Mayoral Reports:

The mayor stated he had spoken with the chief building inspector of Bowling Green last week and he had agreed to do inspections in Smiths Grove after hours. Also, Mayor McCay spoke to the Warren County Engineer about potential problems (sink holes, etc.) with the land the WCWD is considering donating to the city. He said he would walk around the land and look at it. Mayor McCay then made the suggestion that the city become part of Warren County Board of Adjustments. Mayor McCay said he had just become aware of the requirements for membership on the board of adjustments such as a certain amount of training hours that have to be completed before becoming a member.

Commissioner Pierce spoke with Joe Lyles about obtaining the lot owned by WCWD. Mr. Lyles will meet with Commissioner Pierce and Mayor McCay Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. If WCWD were to give the land to the city, the platting, deeding, and expense of moving water lines, if needed, would be at the city's expense.

8. Resolution City/County Inter-local Agreement

Mayor McCay reviewed the items contained in the agreement. Mayor McCay presented a motion to enter into the agreement with the county. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. Roll call and vote: McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce yes, Varner yes, Cooke yes.

9. Resolution inter-modal Transpark

Mayor McCay discussed the items contained in the resolution. Mayor McCay presented a motion to pass the resolution approving the city's participation as a non-financial participant in the project. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. Mayor McCay asked for questions or comments. Commissioner Pierce asked if at a later date the city could become a financial participant of the transpark. ITA Director Dan Cherry said yes. Commissioner Cooke stated he did not support the resolution because the FAA does not support the transpark. Mr. Cherry spoke on the particulars of this. An Oakland resident spoke against the transpark. Melinda Hill, Assistant Director of "1 i'l" spoke about why she works for and personally supports the ITA. John Wayne Smith, a Smiths Grove resident, spoke in favor of the transpark. Representative Roger Thomas had questions concerning financial liability and would like the process to slow down. Jim Potts, a Smiths Grove resident spoke about the airpark in Illinois. Then, Mayor McCay spoke on behalf of the transpark and why he feels the city should support the project. Roll call and vote: McCay yes, Martin yes, Pierce no, Varner yes, Cooke no. With a vote of three in favor, two against, the resolution passed.

Miscellaneous/Announcements:

There will be a Community Day's Committee meeting on Thursday April 25th at 5 :00 p.m. at City Hall. June 2nd, will be the Community Days Festival. On May 15th, there will be a benefit for Shannon Houchens at the school auditorium.

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