

City Commission meeting - April 27, 1998 - 7:00 p.m. - City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Gilley with all commissioners in attendance as well as numerous interested citizens.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were presented for additions or corrections. With none to be heard, Comm. Hardy presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote -Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

2. Minutes of the special called meeting-March 31, 1998

Mayor Gilley explained to those in attendance that the special called meeting was for the commission to decide what annual fee to present to the Fire Dept. Board prior to their April 2, meeting. With no further discussion, Comm. Hardy presented a motion these minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

3. Treasurer's report

Corrections or questions of this report were called for by the Mayor. With none to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes:

4. Second reading Ordinance #98-1 450.3 accepting the supplement to the city ordinance code

Comm. Cooke presented a motion the second reading of the above stated ordinance be accepted and it now become a portion of the city's permanent records, seconded By Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

5. Smiths Grove Cemetery quarterly financial statement

Comm. Lacy pointed out that there had been more money spent that taken in for the quarter, but it still appears the account is sound. Comm. Lacy presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

6. Appointment to Smiths Grove Library Board

Mayor Gilley said Wanda Jackson had retired from the Board and Helen Davis has moved, so there was a need to appoint two people to fill these vacancies. He had been to the Board meeting at the library and the had recommended Vanaey Greenup and Randy Swift to fill these vacancies. Comm. Lacy presented a motion that Vanaey Greenup and Randy Swift be appointed to the Smiths Grove Library Board, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

7. Hiring of a police officer

Comm. Martin explained that the commission had interviewed a number of applicants for this position. And after checking out references and doing the necessary background checks, the commission had agreed on the appointment of Mr. James Graves to the position. She said for the present, Mr. Graves would be working part-time and then he would consider a full time position with the city. He will work on the days that officer Sneed is off. Comm. Martin then introduced Mr. Graves to those in attendance. He said he was glad to be working for the city and would attempt to do a very good job. Comm. Lacy floored a motion the city hire Mr. Graves as recommend seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

8. Department reports

Cemetery: Comm. Lacy said the maintenance contractor had mowed and everything seemed to be going well.

Streets: Commissioners Hardy and Cooke said they had not had any complaints.

Police: Comm. Martin read the monthly report (attached). She ask Chief Sneed if he had anything to report. He said his microphone was sticking and he would take it back to Kidd Communication and get it replaced.

9. Old Business

City annual fire contribution: Mayor Gilley said as soon as the special called meeting was held and the commission decided to offer the \$4000 annual fee, the clerk wrote the findings in a letter to Chief Priddy. There weren't enough board members at the board meeting to have a quorum vote, so the commission assumes it will be brought up at the May Board meeting.

City personnel policy: The clerk wanted to remind the commission to continue their review of this rough draft and have any changes ready so she can now get the policy put in book form. They agreed to do so.

Delinquent taxes: Comm. Martin ask the clerk how the collection of these was coming in. The clerk said much slower than prior years. She now ask the commission for permission to publish the balance of the delinquencies in the paper. Comm. Hardy presented a motion the clerk now publish the delinquent tax list, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote -Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

10. COPS More grant

Mayor Gilley said this grant was in addition to the COPS grant the city had already applied for. This grant would supply funds for the police department to buy extra equipment, and the BRADD grant coordinator, Janet Holloway needed the commission's approval to apply for this on behalf of the city. Comm. Hardy presented a motion the city give Ms. Holloway permission to apply for the COPS More grant, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

11. Other

Comm. Martin told those in attendance that she had held a Neighborhood Watch meeting and the team captains were going to have a meeting in the near future. Walter McCay said he wanted to thank the commission or whomever was responsible for getting the COWS warning system for the city. He said during the bad weather on April 16th, he heard it very clear.

Mayor Gilley ask the commission their feelings regarding the date for the May meeting since the scheduled date falls on Memorial Day. Comm. Cooke presented a motion the meeting be held on May 18th, the third Monday of May, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

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

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____
James R. Gilley, Mayor Dorothy J. Neal, City Clerk