

Regular Board Meeting: August 27, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James R. Bell at about 7:40 PM in Mr. Lucian Flora's office with Board members Mr. Charles Whitley and Mr. Lucian Flora being present. Also attending was Mr. J.W. Blue.

(1) The minutes of the preceding regular Board meeting and two special called meetings were read by the Clerk and accepted by the Board.

(2) Chairman Bell asked about the situation concerning the water that had earlier been flowing from the Smiths Grove Laundermat. Mr. Flora expressed the belief that the situation had been cleared up due to pressure from the County Health Department.

(3) Chairman Bell called on Mr. Whitley to report on the condition of the Water Department. Mr. Blue commented that the big leak plaguing the water system had been mainly stopped but that still too much water was being lost. Mr. Whitley noted that he had received two replies on the revised bids which had been sent out concerning the chain link fence that is needed about the Water Works, one from Southern Fencing Co. quoting a price of \$4,064.34 for the work and one from ~~The ABC Fence Co.~~ of \$2,000. Mr. Whitley said that he would have to check with ABC Fence and make sure they knew that the extra wide gates needed are to be included in the total amount. He also noted that the ABC bid was good for 30 days from the date it was received by the City Clerk and that they promised to do the job in 20 days from the time it was approved. Mr. Whitley made the motion that the ABC bid be accepted if they meet the specifications and if they perform as the bid states. Motion seconded by Mr. Flora. In the discussion period which followed, Mr. Blue said that the leak had cost a lot up to the present and still he had not received all the bills for it yet. Mr. Whitley commented that if the fence is put up and the leak expenses all paid for, it would only use about half of the water department funds available for such miscellaneous purposes, so as a result the City should probably be able to go ahead with the fence construction. Mr. Flora commented that the rock wall in front of the ~~Water Co.~~ would probably have to be taken down as it was not possible to get anyone to fix it. The Clerk brought to the attention of the Board the reply he had received from the Great Onyx Job Corps at Mammoth Cave which said that they could have their masonry class repair the wall, but it would have to be after the 1st of July 1974 sometime--and that application for the project would have to be in to the Superintendent's office at Mammoth Cave by October of this year. Mr. Whitley's motion was unanimously accepted.

Chairman Bell reminded the Board of the need for more tools and spare parts for the Water Works' pumps. Mr. Whitley said that if did ~~make~~ such purchases, the merchandise would have to be kept safe and not left out in the weather as had happened before. Mr. Whitley added that he did not believe that there was much of a problem regarding the ordering of spare parts either through a firm in Nashville or one in Texas. Mr. Flora noted that it would be good to have some spare parts on hand, however, such as bearings, etc., as long as they were protected. Mr. Whitley said that he had no objection to such an arrangement. Mr. Flora said that it was a mistake on the part of the preceding Board to let all the old tools be sold. Mr. Whitley advised Mr. Blue that it would be a good idea if Mr. Homer Doyle could make up a list of needed tools and spare parts and then the Board could decide on what it would like to authorize the Water Company to buy.

(4) Mr. Flora noted that Mr. Herbert Leopold said that Officer Hack Borden, the Educational Officer with the State Police detachment at Bowling Green, could give the Board information on laws pertaining to the use of "Mini-bikes" on public roads. Mr. Flora suggested that the Clerk write to Officer Borden for such information.

(5) Chairman Bell asked if anyone had been to the Cemetery lately to see if any work was going on there. The Clerk said that neither the repair of the rock wall nor the tree work had even been started as of earlier in the day.

(6) Mr. Blue in his capacity as Police Court Judge made his monthly report and said that he had deposited \$209.00 to the City's general fund, an amount which came from the proceeds of fines and court costs. Mr. Blue also noted that Richard White had finally appeared before the court.

(7) The Board looked over a bill for \$39.53 which City Marshall William Denham had presented the Clerk with for police department equipment he had bought with Dr. Hill's approval. No objections were raised to the bill's payment.

(8) Mr. Whitley asked the Clerk if Mr. A.W. Finn had been paid for filling in for Marshall Denham for several days in July. The Clerk replied that he and Dr. Hill had decided \$48.00 was an appropriate amount to pay Mr. Finn for his four days' work and that Dr. Hill had taken a check for \$48.00 to give to Mr. Finn.

(9) Mr. Flora reported on the Street Department and said that the resurfacing work recently approved by the Board had been delayed in its start as the City had not yet received a revamped bid on the seven streets in the project from Leonard Lawson Company. Mr. Flora noted that Magistrate Richard Kirby said that he could have a county grader grade the road edges of the seven streets about a week before the road work is scheduled to be done. Mr. Flora added that it would probably be a good idea to have the grader scrap the alleys which are due to get gravel before the gravel is put down. Mr. Flora mentioned the fact that the railroad company had been working on the crossings in Smiths Grove.

(10) In regard to the First Actual Use report on Revenue Sharing Funds which had to be in to Washington by September 1st, the Clerk reported that it had been sent in and that it was published in the Park City Daily News of August 27th.

(11) There followed a discussion over delinquent tax collection and Mr. Jerry Marr's claim that the City owes him money while he still owes the City money. The Board also discussed the recent break-in attempt at the Smiths Grove Drug Store and Marshall Denham's part in it.

(12) A letter from Mrs. Clara M. Flewellen asking the City to find someone to mow her mother's lot in the City was brought to the attention of the Board by the Clerk. Chairman Bell said that his son might oblige if the weeds were not too high.

(13) There being no further business to bring before the Board, Chairman Bell called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Whitley made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Flora and unanimously approved. Chairman Bell set the date for the next regular Board meeting as September 24th.

APPROVED:

James R. Bell
Chairman, Board of Trustees

-ATTEST:

Stephen D. Rance
City Clerk.