

Regular meeting August 30, 1977.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of The City of Smiths Grove was held at the new County Fire Station, Main at Laurel, Smiths Grove, Kentucky at approximately 7:30 PM with the following members present Chairman Margaret Bevarly, Mrs. Brenda Belcher, Mrs. Shelvie Dubree and Dr. James S. Hill. Also present was Chief Johnnie Thomas and several citizens.

Mrs. Bevarly called the meeting to order and asked Dr. Hill to lead the Board in prayer.

The minutes were then read and approved as read.

Mrs. Bevarly then recognized the citizens which had come regarding the annexation of the land from I-65 to US 68. Mr. Richard Kirby stated he was not against annexation but that at this time he felt it would be a little early to annex. As it was still in the planning stage at the intersection. It was felt that the majority of the people who owned land in that area felt the same way and the majority were present at this meeting that they did not wish to annex at this time. Mr. Kirby said that possibly at a later date they might wish to annex. Mrs. Belcher made a motion to abide by the landowners wishes and not to proceed with the annexation ordinance for the opposite side of I-65 at this time, seconded by Mrs. Dubree. The vote could not be taken as it was a negative motion. Dr. Hill asked if the group would be in favor of annexation if there were sewers? Mr. Kirby said he would be glad to buy some connections for sewers if someone was wanting to build but he felt it was still early for these steps to be taken. Mrs. Belcher then made a motion to annex the land on the opposite side of I-65, seconded by Mrs. Dubree. The vote was taken 0 yeas and 3 nays.

Discussion was then held on annexing the cemetery. Mr. Joe Jordan voiced opposition to this but he was the only one there that opposed. It was stated that this would lower the insurance on the Chapel. Dr. Hill made a motion that the cemetery be annexed, seconded by Mrs. Belcher. There were no dissensions. The proposed annexation ordinance would be posted at McGuffey Insurance Agency, American National Bank and Smiths Grove Drug Store.

Mr. Robert Hunt and Mr. Jim Cole then came to the Board regarding the water hook up for Mr. William ^{Shank} Harper. Mr. Harper had written the City asking for permission to run a water line to some property behind Clydine Miller as they were wanting to build. They had a letter from the State giving permission to use their tap as long as it met the State's specifications. It was decided it would be agreeable with the city and the property owners, Robert Hunt, Jim Cole and Robert Pelly, if they lay the line to meet all the States specifications, the water not be cut off an unreasonable amount of time and no expense to any of the above property owners. The City would also need Mr. Harper to get an easement from Mr. Pelly for the City's future use in case they needed to go on his land to make repairs of a water line.

Discussion was then held on a water line for Robert Hunt. He requested that if the City would lay the line he would furnish everything else. The Board said they would have to check the cost as it would be approximately 600 feet of line. Mrs. Belcher then brought to the Board that the insurance policy on the water tank would be up for renewal in October and the premium would be \$105.00 for \$28,000 on the tank. Mrs. Belcher made a motion that the Board pay the bill of \$105.00, seconded by Dr. Hill. There were no dissensions. Discussion was held on the problem the water department had had when the line burst in the chlorination room. Mrs. Bevarly stated she had had some problems with the Health Department, as did some of the other Board members regarding the problem at the water department. She suggested the Board send a letter of displeasure to the Board of Health. Dr. Hill made a motion to write a letter of displeasure to the Board of Health, seconded by Mrs. Belcher. There were no dissensions. Discussion was held on other maintenance problems at the water department. Mrs. Belcher made a motion to do the required maintenance work at the water department, seconded by Dr. Hill. There were no dissensions.

Cemetery: No report.

Street Department: No report.

Fire Department: Mrs. Dubree presented a bill for 500 feet of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " of water hose for \$1025.00. Mrs. Dubree made a recommendation in the form of a motion that the City pay the bill in the amount of \$1025.00, seconded by Mrs. Belcher. There were no dissensions. The clerk reported that the house on 4th Street had been sold to Steve Watt and Bill Pierce and they would be getting it torn down which should start the next day.

Police Department: Dr. Hill read the work contract between the City and new Police Chief, Johnnie Thomas. The contract will be in the city files. Mr. Thomas will meet the clerk and Mrs. Bevarly at the insurance office and sign the contract tomorrow. The Board then went over some problems which had occurred with the last Chief. The Board felt he should try and avoid having a girl with him in the car while on duty and give verbal warnings before giving tickets if possible. It was also stated that his first responsibility was to the City and only go out of the city limits for extreme emergencies, such as accidents or hot pursuits. Chief Thomas reported that he had given 15 to 20 citations and 4 arrest with a total amount of fines approximately \$446.00. There had been 2 break ins on his night off, Mr. Thomas said he would let Dr. Hill know when he was on duty. The Board told him he could get some business cards printed at the vocational school and they would appreciate him going around to the businesses and introducing himself. Dr. Hill made a motion that the Board reimburse Mr. Thomas for his gas expense for the month of August the bill was approximately \$70.00, seconded by Mrs. Dubree. There were no dissensions.

Old Business: Mrs. Bevarly reported that she had returned the generator bought through BROLL as we did not have a way to transport it. So the City had a credit there. It was reported that the clerk had mailed the taxes out with the incorrect dates on them, the correct date should be July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977. It had been posted around town and put in the Daily News.

Mr. Robert Hunt then came in and asked the Board if it was possible to get his land annexed in the city. The Board told him he could be thinking on what proposals he wanted to give and the City would also check on it.

Mr. Steve Lowe asked if Mr. Thomas shouldn't be able to have someone with him in case of emergency. The Board said that Mr. Thomas did have the authority to deputize someone if he needed help but the city could not pay anyone to assist him.

Being no further business Mrs. Belcher made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dubree that the meeting adjourn. There were no dissensions.

APPROVED:

Margaret Bevarly
 Chairman, Board of Trustees
 City of Smiths Grove, Ky.

ATTEST:

Nancy Watt
 Clerk, City of Smiths Grove, Ky.