

Regular Board Meeting: Monday, August 5, 1974

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert A. Baum at approximately 7:30 PM in Mr. Flora's Office on Highland Avenue. Present in addition to Dr. Baum, Chairman, were Dr. J. S. Hill, Mr. L. E. Flora, Judge J. W. Blue and Marshal William M. Denham.

1. The minutes of the meeting of July 8, 1974, were read and approved by the Board.

2. Since there was some urgent matters concerning the Water system, Dr. Baum turned the meeting over to Mr. Flora who presented a report from the Kentucky Health Department regarding their examination of the Water System. Since there were many deficiencies he considered that it warranted attention to insure that we abided by the law. The report was looked over by the other members of the Board.

a. Mr. Blue suggested that we are going to have to raise the rates. He also advised us to keep low on our comments as Homer Doyle might get mad and quit. A discussion among the Board members came to the conclusion that the biggest problem was securing a licensed operator.

b. George LaMastus was mentioned as a possibility. Mr. Denham reported that Mr. LaMastus had come to Smiths Grove when Charles Whitley was the Water Commissioner and found the pay so little that he got in his truck and left. Mr. Flora suggested that he might talk to Mr. LaMastus.

c. Mr. Blue said that he believed we would have to go up on the water rates but did not know how to go about it. He said he didn't know how much additional money we would need. He stated that collections were slow for some. Expenses kept going up. He stated that the water plant was beginning to unravel. He said we might need as much as \$500 to \$600 per month more and now are collecting some \$2,400 per month. He stated that we had approximately \$6,800 in depreciation fund. Revenue Fund is going up. It shows about \$4,000. He recommended tying in on North Side from Highway 68 if possible. He stated that the simplest proposition would be to sell out to North Side. Dr. Hill said that it was discussed before but nothing came of it. Dr. Baum stated that if expenses kept at about the same we could make it but if they kept on going up it was hard to see what the outcome would be. He said that he would not want to hurt anyone but we would have to consider the alternatives - raise the rates, hook on to North Side or sell out to them. The discussion continued about the pros and cons of the water system. No definite conclusion was reached. Mr. Flora was asked to contact with head of North Side (now Warren County) District and talk it over with them or rather asking for a meeting to discuss over the various alternatives.

d. It was suggested that maybe Herbert Leopold could be contacted about making the various chemical tests of the water. Mr. Blue said he didn't think that one man could handle both book work and maintenance of water system.

3. Dr. Hill asked Mr. Blue if it would help him to get rid of the Police Judge's job. Mr. Blue said it was a lot of irritation. He has the records. Dr. Hill said it might be better for his health if he got rid of the Judge's job. Mr. Blue said he would consider the Judge's job and let the Board know.

4. Street Department - Mr. Flora reported that collections were still slow but had some promises. He said he will eventually see all the people who still owe their assessments and see if he can get a better collection. He reported that Mr. Kenneth Vincent had intended to come to the meeting with regard to the little street adjacent to his

Motel. He said Mr. Vincent felt that the City should pay for all the paving of that street since he, Virgil McKinley and Stanley Rice had paid \$6,000 for the Right-of-way for the street and given it to the City. The consensus of the Board is that he should pay along with the other property owners since we charge everyone else one half the cost of paving any street. He reported Mr. Kirby moved the tree at Mr. Moulder's at no cost to City.

5. Clerk's expenses - The Clerk reported that he had made three trips to Bowling Green for Tax listings, had to buy his dinner, used his air conditioned office for City business and had used his equipment, etc., and felt that no one should have to furnish his own equipment, etc. for City business. Dr. Hill made the motion, seconded by Mr. Flora, that Clerk be paid \$50.00 for his expenses. There were no dissenting votes.

6. Clerk reported receipt of \$540.00 from Western Kentucky Gas Company for the franchise and suggested it be put in the City Hall building fund since it was more or less a windfall. Dr. Hill made the motion, seconded by Mr. Flora, that this be done. There were no dissenting votes.

7. Clerk stated that Board would have to repass the Ordinance for participating in KLEFPF program for the next Fiscal Year. A motion was made by Mr. Flora, seconded by Dr. Hill that Clerk draw up Ordinance No. 27 to supersede Ordinance #26, dated May 3, 1973. There were no dissenting votes.

8. There being no further business at this time, Dr. Hill made the motion and Mr. Flora seconded that meeting adjourn until next regular meeting, 7:30 PM, Monday, August 26, 1974.

9. See Below

APPROVED:

Robert A. Baum
 CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Lucian E. Dolora
 ACTING CLERK

9. Omitted above - Gas for Policeman. Dr. Baum said that since the Policeman's expenses were running plenty heavy it was his opinion that we should pay him some on his gasoline bill. He stated that he was running some \$100.00 for gasoline alone. After a discussion on this matter a motion was made by Mr. Flora, seconded by Dr. Hill, that City pay \$50.00 per month towards his gasoline bill. The motion carried with no dissenting votes.