

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Smiths Grove was held on Monday, January 28, at approximately 7:30 p.m. in City Hall. The Proposed Use Hearing for Revenue Sharing Funds was held prior to this meeting. (Minutes attached)

Mr. Wolff called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meetings were read. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Barner seconded that they be approved as read. The Treasurer's Report was given. Copies were given to each Board member. (attached) Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Walker seconded, that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion carried.

Building Permits:

The re-submission of the building permit for the Edwin Moss lot at Main and 3rd Streets was brought to the Board's attention. This lot does not conform to the 20,000 sq. ft. Ordinance for residential property. Mr. Walker read a letter from Mr. Charles Hume. (attached) Mr. Walker moved Mr. Barner seconded, that the Board allow the permit to be granted. The floor was open to discussion. Mr. Wolff explained that the Warren County Board of Health put this restriction (20,000 sq. ft. lot size for new construction) on the county where there were no sewers. This initial action taken by the Warren-County Board of Health was cited as the background for Smiths Grove's Ordinance. It was further pointed out that the Board of Adjustments had turned down a dimensional variance for this lot and as far as Mr. Wolff could determine there was no provision for an appeal of a Board of Adjustments ruling except in Circuit Court. A few residents spoke to the issue, both pro and con. Mr. Walker asked for a vote.

Mr. Barner-aye Mr. Crousore-aye

Mr. Walker-aye Mr. Pearson-aye

Motion carried.

Mr. Jimmy Jackson appeared before the Board and asked about building a house with a beauty shop in it on his lot on Kentucky Street. Mr. Wolff explained that Smiths Grove is operating under an interim zoning ordinance until a zoning ordinance is passed. He further explained that he must look into which this would require, a special exception variance or a zoning change before knowing how to proceed. Mr. Jackson will be notified.

Community Development:

Mr. Don Koenig, the contractor on Lee Amos Pearson's Rehab. appeared asking for a partial payment in order to pay his sub-contractor David Simms. Mr. Simms was also present and wanted assurances that he would eventually get his money. George Keen explained that this project is not set up for partial payments, but assured Mr. Simms that he would know when Quality Construction received the money for the completed job.

A general review of the C. D. Project was conducted by George Keen. A special meeting will be held to discuss Community Development sometime in early February.

Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Barner seconded that the three people authority to sign C. D. checks are, Mr. Barner, Mr. Crousore, and Mr. Pearson.

Motion carried.

The C. D. Financial Statement was read. (attached) Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded, that it be approved. Motion carried.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CEMETERY - Mr. Barner reported it needs a good cleaning.

FIRE: Mr. Walker reported on a meeting with the County Fire Dept. He and Mr. Pearson have signed twelve people who have agreed to serve on --the City Dept. Mr. David Bybee will serve as Chief with Mr. George Allen as Assistant Chief. Mr. Bybee reported that cooperation would be maintained with the County, but the County Firemen had not wanted responsibility for running two fire departments.

POLICE- Mr. Crousore reported there was only a short period of time when the City was without local police protection. John Lowe has been rehired by the County and is serving as a Deputy with his area being North of the river. He will continue at the same job but can't draw a salary. We can pay him an expense reimbursement. Mr. Crousore pointed out we would be in contact with the Sherriff's office rather than Glasgow. Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Walker seconded that John Lowe be reinstated as Town Marshall at \$300.00 expenses a month. Motion carried.

STREETS- Mr. Pearson reported that he had done some street patching with Richard Kirby's help. He presented a bill from State Contracting and Stone for \$128.39, for the gravel. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Barner seconded, that the bill be paid. Motion carried. Mr. Wolff explained that the contract for paving Lawson Street was good for six months. Glasgow Paving is closed now but we will have to follow this up in the spring. In November the Board approved placement of two street lights on Lawson Street. Mr. Wolff had the one at Robert Hunt's changed to the City's account. All lights are owned by W.R.E.C.C. and the City is charged 10% a year for the cost of erecting the light plus the electricity used. The second street light has not been installed. Mr. Wolff asked Mr. Pearson to make the decision where the second light should go.

Sewer proposal:

Mr. Wolff explained that he had received a letter from EPA stating the status of the sewer grant. He felt that the Board should take some official action to reply. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded, that we reply to EPA that the City did not wish to accept this grant. A voice vote was called for.

Mr. Walker-aye

Mr. Pearson-aye

Mr. Barner-aye

Mr. Crousore-aye

Motion carried.

Procurement Policy:

Mr. Wolff explained that the legislature had ruled that all public entities must adopt a procurement policy and a small purchase plan. (attached) One aspect agreed on in discussion, not written in the plan is that a purchase order procedure be followed for purchases over \$50.00, but less than \$500.00. Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Walker seconded that the policy be adopted. Motion carried.

General zoning Ordinance:

Mr. Wolff introduced Mr. Herb Leopold, who is Smiths Grove's Representative on the City-County Planning Commission. Mr. Leopold urged the Board to look at the proposed zoning ordinance that the Planning Commission has drawn up for Smiths Grove. Without benefit of motion, the Board agreed to study the ordinance.

Parking on Main Street:

Mr. Barner brought up the problems with parking near the end of the business district in Smiths Grove. The sidewalks are often blocked with cars. Mr. Barner and Mr. Crousore will talk with local merchants and look into alternatives.

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Water Transfer:

Warren County Water District took over on Dec. 31, 1979. Water is being pumped at approximately 180 gal./minute. We are experiencing some problems with water pressure, but they are attempting to keep our tank filled to supply the pressure. Warren County will also fix the fire plug on Laurel Avenue.

Kentucky Surplus Property Program:

It is sometimes advantageous for the City to participate in this program. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Crousore seconded, that Clarence Wolff- Board Chairman, George Keen-Grant Coordinator, and Harold Walker-Vice-Chairman, be authorized to participate in this program. Motion carried.

Board Member Bonds:

McGuffey Ins. will provide the Board Members with bonds at \$20./\$1,000 coverage. It was decided to seek this coverage.

Comprehensive Family Services:

Mr. Wolff stated that the Comprehensive Family Services is now operating a program for the elderly from the Church. They are interested in the possibility of using public property rather than private. Mr. Wolff further explained the meeting room could be used with some minor additions. It could lead to some expanded programs in our community. And additions or remodeling of our facilities could be paid for by Family Services. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Barner seconded, that Mr. Wolff be authorized to pursue negotiations with Family Services on the use of our facilities. Motion carried.

Property Tax Rate:

The property tax rate for Smiths Grove must be set in January. Mr. Wolff explained the various methods of increasing taxes and compensating for the Homestead Exemption. He explained that Warren County is planning a reassessment this year which will mean more money for Smiths Grove, since we get our assessments from them. He further explained the Board could reduce

taxes. Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Barner seconded, that the tax rate remain at\$.242/\$100 of assessment. Motion carried.

Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Barner seconded, that all unpaid taxes be turned over to the Town Marshall for collection.

Board Policies:

It was agreed that Board meetings would be held at 7:00 p.m. the 4th Monday of each month.

Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Pearson seconded the Chairman and the Vice Chairman be furnished with keys to the files. After some discussion in which Mr. Wolff pointed out they would be taking on the responsibility of the files and the City clerk would no longer have full responsibility and after agreement that no files were to leave the City Hall, the motion carried.

Mr. Walker moved, Mr. Barner seconded, the meeting adjourns. Motion carried.

Approved: Clarence N. Wolff
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Attest: Sue M. Edwards
City Clerk