

Regular Board Meeting, January 29, 1973.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James S. Hill at 7:30 PM. Present were Board members Mr. Charles Whitley and Mr. Maurice Marr. Board member Mr. Lucian E. Flora was absent. Also present were Mr. Trent Marr, Mr. Jim Bell, Marshal William Denham and Judge J.W. Blue.

(1) The minutes of the previous Board meeting were read by the Clerk and approved by the Board.

(2) Mr. Charles Whitley was reappointed as a member of the Board for the coming year and was sworn in by Judge Blue. Mr. Jim Bell was sworn in as a new member of the Board for the coming year also by Judge Blue.

(3) Mr. Whitley was approved by the rest of the Board to remain as Water Commissioner.

(4) Mr. Whitley gave the Water Department report and stated that two filing cabinets had been ordered the 21st of December from Cardinal Office Supply (one for the Water Department and one for the City Clerk's use) but that nothing had yet been heard from that company. Mr. Whitley noted that the most recent water bills included the new utilities tax imposed by the county government. Mr. Whitley also made mention that two more bills related to the repair of the sediment tank had come up and totalled eighty dollars. Their payment was approved by the Board. The Water Commissioner said that it was about time to get started on the water line needed by the Smiths Grove Motel and that if its cost was kept under two thousand dollars, bids on the work would not be required. Mr. Whitley added that the Water Works hoped to get the work done in February or March. Chairman Hill commented that the light on top of the City water tower still needs to be put back into working order and it was agreed that Mr. Jerry N. Marr should be contacted about it.

(5) Mr. Maurice Marr reported that the Cemetery accounts totalled about seventeen thousand dollars, but added that about nine thousand five hundred of that sum was in perpetual funds and that even more of the money was in other funds, all of which could not be withdrawn. Mr. Marr went on to say that Mr. Schultz of Custom Design Memorials had said that he would repair the cemetery's damaged wall for about one hundred and eighty dollars; the wall was damaged by Ricky Moats who had said that he would pay for its repair. Mr. Marr added that Mr. Schultz said he would start the repair work when fairer weather came if his estimate was accepted. It was agreed that Mr. Marr would check on whether the Cemetery's insurance would cover the repair bill and he is also to inform Ricky Moats of the cost.

(6) Also raised by Mr. Marr was the fact that Mr. Marshall Parrish, caretaker at the Cemetery, needed to be given an increase in pay as he gets just one hundred and fifty dollars a month. Mr. Marr made the motion that Mr. Parrish's wages be raised twenty-five dollars a month to give him a salary of one hundred and seventy-five dollars a month starting with his January pay-check. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitley and passed unanimously.

(7) Mr. Marr also brought up the fact that Mrs. F.M. Jordan (who receives forty dollars per month) has too much to do for the money she gets. As a consequence, Mr. Marr made the motion that Mrs. Jordan's salary be raised to forty-five dollars per month (to be retroactive to January 1st). Seconded by Mr. Bell. Unanimously approved.

(8) City Clerk Stephen Flora gave Mr. Lucian Flora's street report. It was noted that all the streets except Main had been to a certain extent cleaned up with the aid of a county crew and grader, whereas Main had been given a thorough going-over by the State Highway Department. It was noted that the street light in front of Mr. Joe Madison's house needs to be replaced (at Kentucky and Sixth Street). The Clerk is to notify Warren R.E.C.C. about it.

(9) Judge Blue reported that the Police Court had collected thirty-one dollars in fines and costs during the last month. Chairman Hill made mention of the unsettled condition concerning Mr. Wayne Wingfield's derelict automobile on Broadway. He also noted that Marshall Denham's term of employment was almost at an end and the Clerk needed to check on the exact date when his approval needs to be renewed.

(10) In regard to the seven hundred fifty-three dollars and sixty-nine cents bill from Geoghegan Roofing and Supply, Inc. for repairs done to the fire station's roof, Chairman Hill noted that he was still not sure about it. He would, he added, again check with former City Clerk Byron Curtis to see if he had yet found anything on the original bid given by Geoghegan to repair the roof.

(11) Mr. Trent Marr reported on the progress of the Park which the county is developing on the outskirts of the City. He added that he believes it is an asset to the community. The County is to continue work on it with the return of fair weather.

(12) The report of the Revenue Sharing Committee was presented to the Board and Chairman Hill made the motion that the Board accept the report for further discussion. Mr. Whitley seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

(13) A special meeting of the Board with the Revenue Sharing Committee was suggested by Chairman Hill to consider the proposals. The second Monday in February (the 12th) was decided upon as an appropriate date.

(14) Two proposed plans from the Warren R.E.C.C. to update the present street lighting system of the City were presented to the Board. Mr. Marr made the motion that the Board accept Plan #2 (to replace the existing incandescent light fixtures with mercury-vapor ones, and to wait until a later date to extend the number of lights). Seconded by Mr. Whitley. Motion accepted unanimously. The Clerk was authorized to notify the Warren R.E.C.C. to begin the change-over.

(15) The City Clerk presented a report on the current financial status of the City. It went as follows:

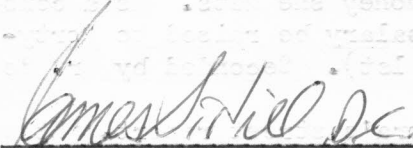
I. General Checking Account	\$4,843.15
II. Building Fund	79.13
III. Board Contingency Fund	43.00
IV. Revenue Sharing Fund	7,609.00 (direct from Federal government)
	14.64 (December interest)
V. Cash on Hand	35.81
VI. Receipts since end of Oct. (when new City Clerk took over His position)	3,533.11
VII. Expenditures Since end of Oct.	3,954.21

(16) Mr. Whitley made the motion that the Board give Marshall Denham a twenty-five dollar bonus for January. Seconded by Mr. Marr. Approved unanimously.

(17) Mr. Whitley made the motion to give Judge Blue a fifty dollar per month increase in salary for his Water Company work (thus raising his salary to one hundred dollars per month) to be effective Feb. 1st. Motion sec. by Mr. Marr. Accept. Unan.

(18) A bill to the City from the Water Works for six months hydrant rental (a sum of four hundred and six dollars and eighty-seven cents) was presented by the Clerk to the Board. Mr. Whitley made the motion that the bill be paid. Seconded by Mr. Marr. Approved unanimously.

(19) There being no further business to bring before the Board, Chairman Hill made the motion that the meeting be adjourned with the next regular Board meeting to take place February 26th. Seconded by Mr. Marr. Accepted unanimously.


Chairman, Board of Trustees


City Clerk