

Regular Board Meeting: January 31, 1974

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lucian E. Flora at approximately 7:30 PM in his office on Highland Avenue. Present in addition to Chairman Flora were Board members Dr. James Hill, Dr. Robert Baum, Mr. James Bell and Mr. Maurice Marr. Also in attendance were Police Court Judge Mr. J.W. Blue and City Marshall William Denham.

(1) The City Clerk read the minutes of the preceding Board meeting. The minutes were approved after it was agreed that an addition concerning the previous meeting would be added to the end of the minutes of that meeting.

(2) Before the Board moved on to other business, the Clerk made note of several areas where some action needed to be taken. He asked the Board whether it desired him to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Charles Whitley in its name. The Board gave its approval to this suggestion. The Clerk also made note of the fact that he had turned the matter of the Cemetery versus Ricky Moats over to the City's legal counsel, Mr. Maxie B. Harlin, who is to write to Moats concerning it. Cemetery Superintendent Mr. Maurice Marr commented that he too had spoken to Mr. Harlin concerning the matter. The Clerk also made note of the fact that he was going to try to get Mr. Harlin to start some sort of dialogue going between the City and the County Sheriff's Department concerning the collection of unpaid City taxes. The Clerk also reported to the Board on two meetings he had attended during the last month: one at the State Highway Office in Bowling Green concerning this coming fiscal year's Municipal Aid Program (where it was noted that cities needed to get in their proposed projects as soon as possible and that this year's funds from that source would be about 15% below last year's due to the gasoline shortage (about \$513.02 less for the City leaving a total of \$2,907.14 which the City can expect)) and a meeting of the Barren River Area Development District organization at Park Mammoth at which it was noted that police officers under the pay supplement program need to get their forty hours of training for this year in soon and that the City has to reapply in June to continue in the Police Pay Supplement program. The Clerk also brought to the Board's attention the fact that it was almost time for the annual City-sponsored trash pick-up project to be laid out. In regard to the currently rising costs of gasoline, the Clerk commented that it might be a good idea if the Board would agree to pay something toward the Marshall's gasoline bill. Concerning the street department, the Clerk put the question to the Board of whether or not it might be a good idea to forget about collecting assessments on last year's street work from the property owners, but just to send out cards notifying the owners that they would be charged if current funds do not allow the City to do as much street work as needs to be done.

(3) The Board members' reports were begun with Mr. Bell and the Street Department. Mr. Bell said that he was in favor of the Clerk sending out to the property owners the bills for one-half the cost of the street work done last year--the bills based on how much frontage their property has on the streets where work was done. He noted that if most people pay, the extra funds would allow more work to be done sooner. There was general agreement among the Board members with Mr. Bell's view and it was decided that the bills would be sent out as planned by the Clerk. A discussion followed concerning drainage problems in the City.

At this point, City Marshall William Denham brought before the Board the request of Mr. Graham Miller that the alley between Broadway and Fourth Streets, running parallel to these two streets, be closed as it resulted in nuisance to him with people parking cars there and drinking. The Board, however, held the view that it would be best to leave the alley as it is for general access purposes and for fire protection.

(4) Dr. Baum next reported on the Police Department and the progress of planning concerning the Marshall's office in the Fire Station. Chairman Flora noted that a large number of street lights had been broken of late and advised the Marshall to keep more of a check on them. Dr. Baum noted that the Marshall had caught a "mini-bike" rider on the street. Marshall Denham commented on the general lack of cooperation from the County Sheriff's department.

(5) Mr. Marr reported that all was quiet at the Cemetery but that quite a bit of clean-up work needs to be done there as a result of the numerous branches which fell from the trees in the recent ice storm.

(6) Dr. Hill turned the attention of the Board to the Fire Department with his report on that agency. He noted that he believed the City has a new Fire Chief in the Reverend Richard Hendricks, a local preacher who has had experience with the Bowling Green F.D.

Dr. Hill said that he had several other people lined up as prospective fire department members also. The Marshall commented that Mr. Glen Sturdivant of the R and S Texaco Service Station had expressed his willingness to service the City fire truck and noted that he would also be willing to aid in fighting fires in the City.

(7) In regard to the Water Department, Chairman Flora turned the floor over to Mr. Blue who said that he had had plenty of trouble with the blockage of the sediment tank by sand accumulation, but added that an estimate of what it would cost to alleviate the trouble made by Mr. Jerry Marr was too high. Mr. Blue added that a couple of trees needed cutting near the sediment tank for leaves from them fall into the tank. Mr. Blue also noted that he had received an offer from a man to paint the water tower inside and out for \$2300.00. Mr. Blue commented that he believed tanks needed to be painted at least every six or seven years. Marshall Denham made the suggestion that the City Clerk write to the Water Department engineer at Bowling Green to ask how often that department paints its tanks. Mr. Blue finished by saying that he did not believe the tower needed painting right at this time.

(8) Mr. Blue, in his capacity as Police Court Judge, reported that he had deposited \$177.00 from fine proceeds during the past month.

(9) Chairman Flora asked Marshall Denham whether he had gotten anyone to take over for him on his night off. The Marshall said that he had not.

(10) Dr. Hill brought the subject of the Building Inspector again before the Board and said that the City would probably be better off without one rather than just with a quasi one as it now has. The Marshall said that Building Inspector Jerry Marr is at odds with the City over what he claims was its non-support in regard to the trailer situation in the past. Dr. Hill said that that belief was false.

(11) Marshall Denham inquired about what he should do with the old police radio when he gets the new one in his car. Dr. Baum asked if the radio could be installed in the Marshall's office. Dr. Hill added that it would be good if the Marshall could use it in his office. The Marshall said that he will ask the maintenance man at Mobile Communication Service if it would be possible to set the old radio up in that way. If it was not possible, the Marshall added that he believed it would not be too hard to sell the equipment. The Marshall also asked whether he could get the dented door of his car fixed and charge it to the City. Chairman Flora said that he believed the Marshall should be aided by the City in getting the door repaired. The Marshall said that he had received estimates of between \$35.00 and \$45.00 for the work. Dr. Hill made the motion that the City pay for the repair work. Seconded by Mr. Bell. Motion passed unanimously. Dr. Baum made note of the fact that he believed the Marshall should have the door fixed in his own name in order to keep the cost down.

(12) The Marshall reported that Kenneth Waller had been doing better since the last meeting of the Board. A discussion followed on the City's loitering ordinance and how it relates to state law. Dr. Baum noted how the non-enforcement of the loitering ordinance in his opinion has helped result in most of the trouble which occurs in the City at night.

The Board knowing of no other business to discuss at this time, Chairman Flora called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Hill made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Bell. Motion unanimously passed. Chairman Flora set the date for the next meeting as February 28th.

APPROVED:

Lucian E. Tolson
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Stephen B. Flora
CITY Clerk.