

Regular Board Meeting: July 30, 1973

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 PM in Mr. Lucian Flora's office. In addition to Chairman Bell, Board members Mr. Maurice Marr, Mr. Charles Whitley, Mr. Lucian Flora and Dr. James Hill were in attendance. Also present were Judge J.W. Blue, City Marshall William Denham and Mr. Herbert Leopold.

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

(2) Before the formal part of the meeting began, Marshall Denham brought to the attention of the Board the fact that the Smiths Grove Laundermat, owned by Mr. Ray Hendricks, was allowing a great amount of surface drainage water to appear around the place which had an unpleasant look and odor.

(3) Judge Blue gave the Police Court report noting that he had had one guilty case and had a warrant out for another person who had not appeared to face judgement.

(4) Chairman Bell called on Mr. Whitley to report on the Water Department and Mr. Whitley did so as follows: --A--There was a 40,000 gallon a day leak which had been located down to a distance of about one mile and efforts to locate it were centered on the area between the Pellys' farm and that of the Cowles'. --B--It was time again for the yearly audit of the water company's books. Meany and Associates had been doing this job for a fee of \$1,000.00 and Mr. Flora made the motion that Meany be hired again for the same amount. Dr. Hill seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

--C--On the question of a fence to enclose the Water Works, Mr. Whitley said that Southern Fencing said they could do it for \$2,000.00 which was \$500.00 less than the next bidder. Mr. Homer Doyle had said that it would be no problem to keep the gates open for those who needed access to buy water, etc., as he could be on call to open them as late as ten o'clock at night. Mr. Whitley noted that he had no written firm price yet, however, and said that as of that time he believed that it would take over 700 feet of chain link fencing.

--D--Concerning the repair of the rock wall in front of the Water Works, Judge Blue said that perhaps the Great Onyx Job Corps group at Mammoth Cave could repair it as they had a class in rock laying. Mr. Whitley suggested that the Clerk send a letter to the Job Corps about such a possibility. --E--It was noted that the water meter had been installed at the county-built park on the southwest side of town.

--F--Mr. Flora made the motion that the fencing bid be accepted (for a six feet high chain link fence with the capability of having barbed wire put on top), seconded by Dr. Hill. The motion was amended after discussion, however, to say that such action would be held up until the Job Corps had been heard from. Motion passed unanimously. --G--Concluding his report, Mr. Whitley made note of the fact that Mr. Doyle had been doing a lot of work on trying to find the leak and concerning a leak which Mrs. Jessie Allen had reported to all members of the Board, it would have to wait until the big one is fixed.

(5) Chairman Bell called on Dr. Hill to give his report concerning the Department of Public Safety. Dr. Hill noted that when Marshall Denham was out of town for a short time recently, Constable A.W. Finn took over for him as well as the State Police and County Sherriff's officers putting in extra time in the City. Dr. Hill noted that the Clerk needed to check back in the files and find out what Constable Finn had been paid previously in order that he may be paid this time the same amount per day for the four days that he filled in for Marshall Denham. --B--Marshall Denham reported that he had put Mr. George Cooke in jail for drunk driving and that he had a warrant for Richard White. He added that he had caught Junior Edwards for speeding and had dealt with several other incidents during the last month. --C-- Dr.

Hill commended Deputy County Sheriff Ray Downing who has of late been working in this area. --D--Chairman Bell noted that the request form for the state supplement to the Marshall's salary needed to be in to Frankfort and he suggested that the Clerk mail it soon. Chairman Bell also added that he had been told by the State Highway Department Superintendent for this region, Mr. Vammeter, that the recently erected "Stop" sign at the north end of Main Street had been removed because of too many complaints from residents, and it is unlikely to ever be replaced.

(6) Chairman Bell called on Mr. Marr to give his report on the Cemetery. Mr. Marr said that one mower had been repaired and that a new one had been bought. Mr. Marr noted that Mr. Jerry Neal Marr had said that he was going to start repairing the Cemetery's rock wall before too long--after the wet weather ended.

(7) Chairman Bell recognized Mr. Herbert Leopold and gave Mr. Leopold leave to speak to the Board. Mr. Leopold said that he wanted more action on the part of the Board to make the People's Farm Supply Company cut down on its noise and he noted that a deadline previously set by the Board for something to have been done about the noise had passed a month previously. Mr. Leopold noted that the continued noise not only shunned the deadline but violated promises which the company had earlier made. A discussion followed on what could be done next and how. Mr. Flora suggested that after the meeting adjourned the Board members should walk down to Mr. Leopold's and hear the noise first-hand. Chairman Bell commented that perhaps a warning to the company would be in order, but Mr. Whitley said that no more warnings were needed as they just resulted in more delay. Most of the Board expressed surprise over the fact that the noise problem had not been rectified by this time. Mr. Marr suggested that a letter be drafted and mailed to the People's Farm Supply referring to the neglect of previous promises and notifying those concerned that the City would have to impose fines if the violation of City Ordinances continued. Mr. Leopold expressed the belief that the local court could take care of the matter, to which Dr. Hill added that if the firm is in violation of a City Ordinance, it should be cited and taken into court. It was agreed, finally, that City Marshall William Denham should talk to either the county judge or the county attorney to find out what the next step could be.

(8) Dr. Hill brought to the Board's attention the fact that the operators of the Smiths Grove Gulf stations had promised to clean the property up. Dr. Hill also requested that the Clerk send a letter to the County Health Department concerning the water coming from the Smiths Grove Laundermat.

(9) Mr. Flora was called upon to give his street report. Mr. Flora requested that ten additional street lights be authorized by the Board, the locations for which he detailed and that three lights previously paid for by private citizens be taken over by the City (a list of these lights is attached to the minutes of this meeting). Mr. Flora then made the motion that the above be done. Seconded by Dr. Hill. Unanimously approved. Mr. Marr added that a light was needed in the Cemetery near the utility shed, and that Cemetery funds could probably pay for it.

(10) Mr. Flora went on to say about the Revenue Sharing Report which has to be in to that program's Washington office by September 1st and said that he believed that that money should be put on the streets and he presented a list of streets most in need of repair to the Board (list attached to these minutes). Mr. Flora added that those most desperately in need of repair should be done first. Chairman Bell noted that the City needed to get bids for the street work on a per ton basis and suggested that Mr. Flora call McClellan's, Scotty's, and Lawson's paving companies as they were the only ones in the county which did such work and get them to make estimates. Chairman Bell emphasized that such work had to be up to State specifications for the funds the State will give. Mr. Marr suggested that the Board pay to have some loads of gravel put on the road on which Mr. Frank Russell lives as it is in bad shape.

(11) There being no further business to bring before the Board, Mr. Whitley made the motion that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Marr. Unanimously approved. Chairman Bell set the date for the next regular meeting as August 27.

APPROVED:

*James R. Bell*  
 Chairman, S.G. Board of Trustees.

ATTEST:

*Robert B. Flora*  
 City Clerk