

Regular Board Meeting: March 12, 1973.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman James S. Hill in the City Fire Station. Board members present were Mr. Maurice Marr, Mr. Jim Bell and Mr. Charles Whitley. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Bill Pierce, City Marshall William Denham, City Police Court Judge J.W. Blue, and Mr. Jerry N. Marr.

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

(2) Mr. Maurice Marr gave the Cemetery report. He said that he had talked to Ricky Moats about repairing the damage his car accident had caused to the rock wall of the cemetery next to highway 101 and told him the estimated cost of the repairs. Moats thought that it was too high--the situation is still unsettled. Mr. Marr suggested that the Fire Department burn over the sink hole near the Cemetery. It was generally agreed that a sign was needed there to prohibit dumping of trash by private individuals. Mr. Marr noted that Credit needed to be given to Mrs. F.M. Jordan for the fine job she has been doing with the Cemetery records. Mr. Marr made the motion that Mrs. Jordan's salary be raised to \$50 per month from the present \$45 per month--to be effective February 1st. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. Accepted unanimously.

(3) It was noted that the rock wall in front of the Water Works is rapidly deteriorating and needs to be repaired soon. Mr. Marr is to get Mr. Schultz's view of the prospect of repairing it; also one of the Board members is to contact Mr. Melvin Hood and/or Mr. Robert Loving about their ability to repair the wall.

(4) Mr. Bell presented his report on the state of the streets in the City. Mr. Bell noted that Kentucky Street, Fourth Street, Rumsey Avenue, and First Street from Main to College are all in bad shape. Chairman Hill added that Wayne Street from Broadway to Fourth Street also was in critical need of repair. Mr. Bell noted that measurements are needed of all these streets and a priorities list needs to be worked up, both for the State highway Department (which has offered its help in getting measurements, etc.) and for the use of the Board. The Highway Department needs such details as soon as possible. Dr. Hill as Chairman is to contact Mr. David Watkins concerning this situation.

(5) Mr. Whitley presented the Water Commissioner's report and again noted that the water line easements are needed in order to put in the water line to the Smiths Grove Motel. Easements are needed from Mr. Lonard Vincent, Mr. Kenneth Vincent, Mrs. W.L. Martin, and also one from the City itself (four in all). Mr. Whitley noted that the Water Department may have to delay putting in a fire plug for the Motel as that could push the cost for the project over \$2,000.00. The fact of the lack of adequate fire plugs in the Webb Circle area of town was discussed and it was decided that Mr. Whitley should check further into the possibility of increasing the fire protection in his area.

(6) The subject was brought up of children playing near to dangerous areas of the Water Building. It was noted by Mr. Blue and Mr. Whitley that a fence or something else is needed over the top of the sediment pool and Mr. Whitley suggested that a sign was perhaps needed to warn children to stay off the Water Works property.

(7) The recent changeover of the street lights to mercury-vapor ones was commented upon. The areas where more are needed were spoken of with Mr. Whitley adding that Mr. Lonard Vincent said he had been promised a light at the street corner near his house.

(8) Mr. Blue commented that a 2" water line had been put down for Mr. Mack Madison's new house on Kentucky Street. Mr. Blue also noted that the County Park on the outskirts of town was wanting a 2" meter put in but that the City was going to install a 1" one.

(9) Mr. Blue gave the Police Court report and said that since the last meeting he had tried three traffic violators-- all found guilty and from whom he collected \$91.50. In addition he had collected \$40.00 on a past fine.

(10) Mr. Bill Pierce lodged a complaint against the person who has been raising tobacco on Mrs. Ruby Hatcher's land on Fourth Street. Mr. Pierce said that the man had been plowing up the right-of-way of Wayne Street and creating drainage problems. Chairman Hill is to tell Mrs. Hatcher about the situation and to tell either her or the man to get the drainage ditch cleaned out.

(11) In regard to the still unpaid bill for the Fire Station roof repairs, the Board was unanimous in holding it to be much too high, far over what was originally bid by the firm to repair it.

(12) Mr. Pierce put forward the proposal that a combined governmental center be built with any revenue sharing funds the fire department might get from the county.

(13) Dr. Hill noted that Mr. Hunter, Chairman of the Crime Commission, had requested to speak to the Board at the next meeting about how the state could pay part of the pending increases in Marshall Denham's salary.

(14) On the question of the City buying a police cruiser for the Marshall, it was generally agreed that insurance, etc., on such a City-owned auto would probably be prohibitive. Mr. Marr suggested that the Board could use part of the City's revenue sharing funds to give the Marshall a regular car allowance.

(15) Mr. Whitley made the motion that the Marshall be given a \$100.00 bonus for the month of February. Seconded by Mr. Marr and unanimously approved.

(16) It was agreed that Mr. Jerry N. Marr would replace the bulb on top of the City water tower.

(17) Chairman Hill noted that at least a couple of loads of crushed stone is needed on the alley between 2nd and 3rd streets behind Mr. Lance Hilton's house.

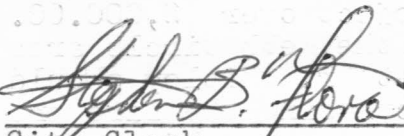
(18) Chairman Hill made note of the fact that a new Chairman will have to be chosen at the next meeting to head the Board for the months of April, May, and June.

(19) The date for the next meeting was set for March 26th at the same time and place.

(20) Chairman Hill made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Marr and unanimously approved.



 Chairman, Board of Trustees



 City Clerk