

Regular Board Meeting: March 26, 1973.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. in Mr. Maurice Marr's house by Chairman James S. Hill. Board members present were Mr. Maurice Marr and Mr. Charles Whitley. Also attending the meeting were Judge J.W. Blue, Mr. Robert Hunter of the Regional Crime Council, Mr. Paul Proffitt, Mr. Graham Miller, City Marshall William Denham, and County Sheriff's Deputy Duncan Hampton.

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

(2) Chairman Hill suggested that the order of the meeting be changed to allow the guest speakers to have the floor first. No objections were raised to this.

(3) Sheriff's Deputy Duncan Hampton spoke concerning his bid to win the post of County Sheriff in the next election. He said that if elected he would try to get a deputy sheriff added to the county force who lived within Smiths Grove.

(4) Chairman Hill suggested that the Board could invite any other candidates who would like to speak to the Board to do so.

(5) Mr. Robert Hunter of the Barren River Area Regional Crime Council spoke to the Board concerning how the Kentucky Crime Commission could help pay at least part of City Marshall Denham's pending raise in pay. Mr. Hunter said that the City would have to pass an ordinance (a model of which Mr. Hunter gave to the Clerk) which would say that the City would abide by the guidelines set up by the Crime Commission which are a prerequisite for the granting of the money for the Marshall's raise to the City, and for the standards of officers. If the City filed an application for this money (the deadline for which is April 30th) and it is accepted, the City would receive a check for a 5.5% raise in the Marshall's salary by June. By July 1st the City would begin to receive a check every month to pay that part of the officer's salary.

In order for the City to be eligible for this money, Mr. Hunter noted the following requirements that it would have to comply with: A. the officer's salary now needs to be at least \$43.50 (basic) based on a 40 hour work week--after getting the money started, a record needs to be kept that indicates the officer works at least 40 hours a week on the average or a total of 2,080 hours a year; in other words, the officer has to average \$2.10 an hour at least to qualify for the raise; B. each officer hired after July 1st 1973 needs at least a high school education and those that were hired after July 1st 1972 need to go through a ten week training course, which the City does not pay for (except perhaps for transportation); C. each officer must take a 40 hour training course each year and the City is required to let the officer attend this course on City time; D. When the money comes in to the City, it is made out to the City and the City has to show that it receives this money and that in turn the officer receives it--a separate account or record book will be needed for this as it will be audited by the State--when the officer is given his salary check, need to show on it how much of the salary came from the Crime Commission, or give the officer a receipt in addition to keeping one for the City (for this extra money).

Mr. Hunter noted, however, that part-time officers would not be required to take the above mentioned training. He also added that there were no funds available at this time to aid such municipalities as Smiths Grove in getting police cruisers. The City in addition, he added, will have to pay the Social Security for the full increase pay-check.

Mr. Hunter concluded by saying that the City would have to meet the Council's requirements for the increase by July 1st and that the deadline for filing application was April 30th. Four copies of the application are needed, but he added that he would return, help City officials fill out the forms and have his secretary make the copies.

(6) Mr. Whitley gave the Water Commissioner's report. He noted that the easement are still needed for the work promised for the Smiths Grove Motel. Mr. Whitley added that a representative of the Southern Fence Company had given an estimate for a chain link fence over the water works sediment tank. The 40' X 40' expanse was estimated to cost \$964.00 plus tax, and it would be even more after April 1st. The man added that fence around the pump houses would cost \$171.00 per house; around both with one fence including double gates would be about \$475.00. The cost is pushed up by having to be extra high.

Another possibility is that a fence could be put around the perimeter of the Water Works. Chairman Hill suggested that the Board should wait and try to find something less expensive.

(7) Chairman Hill noted that he had contacted a stone-mason who said he would come and give an estimate on repairing the rock wall in front of the Water Works.

(8) Mr. Marr had little to report concerning the Cemetery except to note that the Moats' situation was still unsettled.

(9) Judge Blue had no Police Court report.

(10) Chairman Hill brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mrs. Rebecca Proffitt to the City-Council Planning Commission saying that she was having to resign her position as this area's representative to the Commission due to ill health. Mr. Marr made the motion that the Board accept Mrs. Proffitt's resignation. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. Accepted unanimously. Chairman Hill instructed the Clerk to send a letter of regret and also of appreciation to Mrs. Proffitt, whom Mrs. Raymer, Chairman of the County Commission, had said was one of the best representatives on it.

(11) Mr. Paul Proffitt and Mr. Graham Miller were present as representatives of the City Board of Adjustments, but they had no business to report. Mr. Miller, however, said that a new scale for assessments of building permits was needed as the old original one and all copies of it seem to have been lost.

(12) As a consequence of the loss of the old schedule of building permit fees, the following motion was made by Mr. Whitley:

A building permit will be needed for any addition or other construction to or on a permanent building, which will be seen from outside by the public. The schedule of fees for such permits will be as follows: a \$10 minimum fee up to \$10,000 of assessed value, with an additional \$1 added to the permit fee for each \$1,000 assessed value over \$10,000 (to the nearest \$1,000).

Motion seconded by Mr. Marr. Accepted unanimously.

(13) The fact that a new Chairman would be needed for the next quarter consisting of the months of April, May and June was brought up and Mrs. Marr made the motion that Board member Mr. Jim Bell be elected Chairman for this period. Seconded by Mr. Whitley and accepted unanimously.

(14) Mr. Miller brought to the Board's attention the fact that his section of Kentucky Street still needed a street light and the Board as a body agreed that the Clerk should go ahead and notify the W.R.E.C.C. to begin installing the fifteen additional lights which the Clerk had already plotted as being needed in the City (including the one near Mr. Miller's).

(15) Mr. Miller commented that an annual financial report of the City's finances made available to the public would probably be a good idea.

(16) Chairman Hill set the date for the next regular Board meeting as April 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

(17) Mr. Whitley made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Marr. Accepted unanimously.

*James R. Bell*  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

*Stephen D. Flora*  
City Clerk