

Smiths Grove City Commission meeting - November 24, 1997 - 7:00 p.m. - City Hall

Mayor Gilley called the meeting to order with all commissioners in attendance.

AGENDA

Mayor Gilley said he would alter the agenda and allow Veronica Gilbert, the city's auditor to review the audit with the commission. Mrs. Gilley reviewed the audit and reported the city had a surplus of funds in the amount of \$96,000, explaining that one of the reasons was an increase in insurance premiums, plus the city didn't spend the amount of funds for street repairs that they had in the last audit. Mayor Gilley added that the surplus must be maintained because he feels that a lot of the monies the city receives in insurance premiums are in error. He feels that the insurance companies issue payment for all persons with a Smiths Grove address, rather than just those in the city limits of Smiths Grove and sometime in the future these funds will have to be returned. The Auditor called for questions regarding the audit. There were none to be heard. Mayor Gilley thanked Mrs. Gilbert for taking the time to review the audit with the commission.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Additions or corrections to these minutes were called for. With none to be heard, Comm. Martin presented a motion the minutes be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Cooke. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

2. Treasurer's report

The commission reviewed this report and with no questions or corrections to same. Comm. Lacy presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Hardy roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

3. Department reports

Police-Comm. Martin read the monthly report prepared by Officer Sneed. (attached). She reported that everything within the department was running smoothly and she was still seeking favorable resumes for another officer. Comm. Hardy complimented Officer Sneed for the excellent handling of Halloween night in the city.

Cemetery-Comm. Lacy said there wasn't much to report. He said the leaves at the cemetery weren't cleaned up yet, but he had ask the clerk to notify Mr. Cole of this.

Streets-Comm. Hardy said he had no complaints regarding the streets and Comm. Cooke said he had not heard any either. Comm. Hardy said he erected another curve sign on Hedge.

Other-Jeff Smith said he would like to see something done about the speeding on Main St. He suggested a 25 Mile speed limit in the downtown area. Mayor Gilley said he wasn't sure the city could enforce a speed limit on Main St. since it is a State Highway, but the clerk agreed to call and find out. Walter McCay said they speed on College also.

Comm. Martin said the Christmas tree lighting would be Wednesday, December 3 at 6:00, and she asks each of the commission to contribute four dozen cookies if possible. She said McDonalds had given her toys to present to the children in attendance. Everyone agreed that McDonalds had been a great asset to the city.

December meeting-Comm. Hardy presented a motion the meeting be dispensed of unless an emergency arose, seconded by Comm. Lacy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

City employee Christmas bonuses.- Comm. Lacy presented a motion that the city employees receive their usual Christmas bonuses, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

Comm. Martin said she had had a complaint from a citizen regarding the burning of leaves. The commission all agreed that in view of what the gentlemen from EPA presented to the commission last year, there was nothing that could be done. Jackie Lightfoot suggested maybe Monarch would do a pickup of leaves.

Comm. Martin then thanked Brother Jeff Smith and Porter Martin for their help getting the Christmas decorations ready to be hung.

With no further business to be presented a motion to adjourn was heard.

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____
JAMES R. GILLEY, MAYOR DOROTHY J. NEAL, CITY CLERK