

Monday, November 27, 1972.

1. The regular monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at Mr. Maxie Harlin's law office by Chairman Marr. In attendance were Board members Mr. Charles Whitley, Dr. James S. Hill, and Mr. Lucian Flora. Also present were Mrs. F.M. Jordan, Mr. Smith Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Rochie Bledsoe, Mr. J.W. Blue, Mr. Bill Pierce, City Marshall William Denham, Mr. Jerry N. Marr, Mr. James Gilley, Mr. Wayne Wingfield, and Mr. Maxie Harlin.

2. The minutes of the previous regular Board meeting and two called meetings were read by the Clerk and approved by the Board.

3. The Clerk gave the bank balance of the city's general fund as \$3,888.80.

4. Mr. Flora gave his report on the condition of the streets noting that Fourth Street among others needed to be sealed, and added that in general the streets are in poor condition. He said that any major work would have to wait until the City receives the street money funds from the state which is due to be given out early next year. The bill for \$452.03 from the Southern States Asphalt Company for oil used to blacktop the street in the new subdivision was brought up. The motion was made by Mr. Flora that the bill be paid. Seconded by Mr. Whitley. Approved unanimously. Chairman Marr added that the money for that blacktopping (the share that the property owners pay) needs to be collected.

5. Mr. Whitley made the Water Department report. He presented copies of the new financial statements of the Water System made by Meany and Associates. It was noted that the water works sediment tank was stopped up, but that Fire Chief Bill Pierce had agreed to take one of the fire trucks and blow out the tank. On the matter of a refund being made to Mrs. Vernie Preston and Mrs. Ethel Hudson, Mr. Whitley said that after consulting with the town's legal counsel he had concluded that the present Board was not in a position to refund any of the water bill payments as it is not able to change the actions of a previous Board. The Clerk was consequently instructed to send Mrs. Preston and Mrs. Hudson a letter notifying them of the same. Mrs. Jordan added that the Northside Water District bills on the commercial rate for more than one family in a house--and that they did so on instructions from the State. Since it is not known how many people may be in the same condition as the two women, Chairman Marr authorized Mr. Whitley and Mr. Blue to look into the matter.

6. Mr. Blue, representing the Water Company, said that the new utility tax will be added to the water bills beginning in February 1973. The addition of this 3% utilities tax will mean more work for him in addition to new types of bills being needed. The new minimum flat rate will be \$5.41 (instead of the present flat rate of \$5.00). Mr. Blue added that he did not have enough storage space for records-- Chairman Marr said that Mr. Whitley would work with Mr. Blue on trying to solve the problem.

7. Dr. Hill presented Judge Blue's Police Court report which stated that three reckless driving cases had been brought before him during the last month--two were disposed of in Smiths Grove and one sent to Bowling Green. It was brought to the attention of the Board that the bill for the Fire Department's respirator (\$404.25) had not yet been paid, but the Clerk said that he was still waiting for information concerning the sales tax charged on such bills. It was also noted that the roof on the fire house was still leaking and Mr. Jerry Marr commented that it appeared that the repairing firm had shorted the job. It was suggested that a letter be written to the firm in question concerning this situation and stating that the bill would not be paid until the leak is fixed.

8. Dr. Hill suggested that the clerk should write a letter to Mrs. Bethel Denton expressing the Board's sympathy with her over the loss of her husband who had been a part of the Fire Department off and on for about 43 years.

9. Mrs. Jordan made the Cemetery report and said that a portion of the Cemetery's wall was still down, though the fellow who had crashed into it had promised to have it fixed. She added that the \$167.00 insurance policy on the chapel had been paid--it includes provision against vandalism--it is a one year premium. The main areas of concern with the chapel are overhanging trees, vandalism and the need for proper lighting.

10. Chairman Marr brought up a letter which he had received from the law office of Harlin, Parker, Lucas, and English in reply to a letter sent by the Board to Smith Mitchell concerning the noise coming from his establishment. Mr. Smith Mitchell and Mr. Maxie Harlin were present to speak on the matter. Mr. Harlin said that he recognized the right of the Board to take such action, but that it needs to be enforced in a non-discriminatory manner. Smith Mitchell said he has been aware of the problem for some time and has made temporary efforts to deal with it--a permanent solution is expensive he said, adding that trains are louder, and that he would not be able to do anything till Spring in any case. Mr. Whitley made the motion to table any proposal for further action in Mitchell's case until June 1st, 1973. Dr. Hill seconded the motion and it was accepted unanimously.

11. A letter from Mr. and Mrs. K.R. Shelton was read by the Clerk. H. Doyle is to be sent a letter concerning the building in question which he recently bought. The Board extended its apology to Mr. and Mrs. Rochie Bledsoe who had been sent the letter by mistake. It was suggested that the Clerk send a letter of acknowledgment to the Sheltons.

12. Discussion followed over unpaid taxes. Mr. Whitley said that the people in his subdivision should not be charged a full year as the subdivision was only annexed in March.

13. Mr. Bill Pierce brought up a complaint of his that he believed he was paying a double water bill as it was never under \$9.00 per month and that his water always had to be cut off when his neighbor's water system was worked on. He said that the water company would not install him a new meter. Mr. Whitley is to check on it with Mr. Homer Doyle.

14. The Meeting ended at about 9:05 p.m. with Chairman Marr setting the date for the next general meeting on December 18, 1972 at the usual place and time.

Maurice D. Marr

 Chairman, Board of Trustees

Stephen B. Howes

 City Clerk

Contributions to Board Contingency Fund:

Mr. Maurice Marr	\$1.00
Mr. Lucian Flora	1.00
Dr. James Hill	1.00
Mr. Charles Whitley	1.00