

Regular meeting September 21, 1977.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Smiths Grove was held at the new County Fire Station, Main at Laurel, Smiths Grove, Kentucky at approximately 7:30 PM with the following members present; Chairman Margaret Bevarly, Mrs. Brenda Belcher, Mr. George Torrence and Dr. James Hill. Also present was Chief C. J. Thomas David Dodds and Robert Hunt.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Bevarly and she asked Mr. Torrence to lead the Board in prayer.

The minutes were then read and approved as read.

Mrs. Bevarly then read the proposed annexation ordinance annexing Robert Hunt's property. Mr. Hunt stated that he planned to gravel a road through the property in making a street. Dr. Hill made a motion that the Board adopt the proposed annexation, seconded by Mrs. Belcher. There were no dissensions. The ordinance would be posted at McGuffey Insurance Agency, American National Bank and Smiths Grove Drug Store.

Water Department: Mrs. Belcher reported that they had sandblasted the water tank and should have the chlorination room completed this week, and when they could find a licensed operator everything would meet the EPA standards. Mrs. Belcher reported that Mrs. Hardy had resigned from the water department but she had hired LaDonna Smith to take her place. Mrs. Hardy had said she would come back and help LaDonna learn the job. Dr. Hill made a motion to pay Mrs. Hardy for her help if needed next month, seconded by Mrs. Belcher. There were no dissensions. Mrs. Belcher then reported that the water department needed to cash in on some of the certificates to pay expenses from the past winter and the updating of the water department. She reported they had two certificates one for \$3000 and one for \$3200. She stated it would take \$3000 to pay the bills to date. Dr. Hill made a motion to cash in the \$3000 certificate, seconded by Mr. Torrence. There were no dissensions. Discussion was then held on the Robert Hunt water line. Mr. Hunt said he would furnish the water line if the city would dig the trench and pay for the connections. The trench would cost approximately \$250.00 and \$350.00 for the hook up and \$900.00 for the fire hydrant. Discussion was held on what the City could afford to do. Mr. Torrence made a motion for the City to dig the trench and furnish the fire hydrant and couplings and Mr. Hunt to buy the pipe and bury it. It died for lack of second. It was discussed that the water department was low on money and several bills that had to be paid. Mr. Hunt stated that he really needed to know this month, Mr. Hunt stated that he would only be able to lay 600 feet of line which would leave approximately 1000 feet the city would have to be laid to reach Webb subdivision. The Board asked Mr. Hunt if he would be willing to split the difference with the city on laying the additional 1000 feet but he felt he could not do this. Mrs. Belcher made a motion to wait until next month to make any decision, seconded by Dr. Hill. There were no dissensions.

Police Department: Dr. Hill introduced David Dodds to the Board which they had interviewed him for marshal. Mr. Dodds had volunteered to work some for the City such as Chief Thomas's night off and help him out some through the week. Mr. Dodds did not ask for anything he would be doing this work for experience. The Board told him they could not afford to pay him and could not furnish him any gas and also they would be under no personal obligation to him. Dr. Hill made a motion to hire David Dodds as deputy marshal at a salary of \$1.00 under the terms discussed, seconded by Mr. Torrence. There were no dissensions. The clerk told the Board the premium for workmans compensation policy for the policeman which would cost \$500.00 a year. It was decided to check further on this matter.

Fire Department: No report.

Street Department: Mrs. Bevarly reported that Fount Elkins was the only one to pay for his street assessment on Vincent Street. It was decided to mail letters to the past due street assessments regarding placing a lien against their property. The Board would check further.

Cemetery: No report.

Street Department: No report.

Fire Department: Mrs. Dubree presented a bill for 500 feet of 2½" of water hose for \$1025.00. Mrs. Dubree made a recommendation in the form of a motion that the City pay the bill in the amount of \$1025.00, seconded by Mrs. Belcher. There were no dissensions. The clerk reported that the house on 4th Street had been sold to Steve Watt and Bill Pierce and they would be getting it torn down which should start the next day.

Police Department: Dr. Hill read the work contract between the City and new Police Chief, Johnnie Thomas. The contract will be in the city files. Mr. Thomas will meet the clerk and Mrs. Bevarly at the insurance office and sign the contract tomorrow. The Board then went over some problems which had occurred with the last Chief. The Board felt he should try and avoid having a girl with him in the car while on duty and give verbal warnings before giving tickets if possible. It was also stated that his first responsibility was to the City and only go out of the city limits for extreme emergencies, such as accidents or hot pursuits. Chief Thomas reported that he had given 15 to 20 citations and 4 arrest with a total amount of fines approximately \$446.00. There had been 2 break ins on his night off, Mr. Thomas said he would let Dr. Hill know when he was on duty. The Board told him he could get some business cards printed at the vocational school and they would appreciate him going around to the businesses and introducing himself. Dr. Hill made a motion that the Board reimburse Mr. Thomas for his gas expense for the month of August the bill was approximately \$70.00, seconded by Mrs. Dubree. There were no dissensions.

Old Business: Mrs. Bevarly reported that she had returned the generator bought through BROLL as we did not have a way to transport it. So the City had a credit there. It was reported that the clerk had mailed the taxes out with the incorrect dates on them, the correct date should be July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1977. It had been posted around town and put in the Daily News.

Mr. Robert Hunt then came in and asked the Board if it was possible to get his land annexed in the city. The Board told him he could be thinking on what proposals he wanted to give and the City would also check on it.

Mr. Steve Lowe asked if Mr. Thomas shouldn't be able to have someone with him in case of emergency. The Board said that Mr. Thomas did have the authority to deputize someone if he needed help but the city could not pay anyone to assist him.

Being no further business Mrs. Belcher made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dubree that the meeting adjourn. There were no dissensions.

APPROVED:

Margaret Bevarly
 Chairman, Board of Trustees
 City of Smiths Grove, Ky.

ATTEST:

Marcia Watt
 Clerk, City of Smiths Grove, Ky.