

City Commission meeting - April 22, 1985 - 7:00 p.m., City Hall

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Comm. Marr, Gilley, & Garman in attendance.

Comm. Gilley presented a motion the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting be dispensed with, seconded by Comm. Marr. Roll call and vote - Marr yes, Gilley yes, Jackson yes.

Old business: Mayor Jackson said he had talked with one of the executives from the Flav-O-Rich main plant, and he had directed him to talk with Mr. Bill Borders at the local office. Mayor Jackson has tried on numerous occasions to reach Mr. Borders and he has been out of town on vacation. He is to see him towards the middle of this week to talk with him about the possibility of annexing the plant into the city limits.

Treasurer's report for the period 3/15/85 thru 4/15/85 was reviewed and a motion to accept same as written was heard from Comm. Marr, seconded by Comm. Gilley. Roll call and vote - Gilley yes, Marr yes, Jackson yes.

AGENDA

1. Quarterly financial statement - Smiths Grove Cemetery

The commission had reviewed the report prior to the meeting, and with no questions or corrections to be made, Comm. Gilley presented a motion it be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Marr. Roll call and vote - Marr yes, Gilley yes, Jackson yes.

2. Surplus lots - Community development project

The Mayor said the clerk had talked with both the city

attorney and the BRADD offices regarding the proper procedure of dispensing with these lots. He said it looks like it is going to be a very long, expensive project and we will continue to work on it as the time is available to the clerk.

3. Proposed use hearing - Municipal Aid Road Funds

Mayor Jackson explained to those in attendance, these funds are derived from the sale of gasoline in the state, and the city receives a monthly check based on these sales. These funds can only be used for the improvement of the streets. The city now has \$12,650 in carryover funds and is expecting \$5,850 in the fiscal year 1986 for a total of \$18,500.00. The Mayor ask for suggestions on how these funds could best be used. He said in his opinion, the city should advertise for bids on Vincent Street and get it repaired. Comm. Gilley said he felt it was too much money to use on one street when three or four businesses would reap the benefits from it and not the majority of the taxpayers. Comm. Gilley wondered why we didn't return to the system of having the property owners paying 50% and the city 50%. Mayor Jackson said he wasn't in favor of this system. Comm. Garman ask the clerk the assessed evaluation of the Flav-O-Rich dairy plant, and she said it was \$297,000.00. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided Mayor Jackson should meet with Mr.

Borders to see if he is in agreement with the annexation, then we would see about advertising for the bids. Mayor Jackson ask if the commission knew of any other streets that needed repairs. Comm. Gilley said there were two bad places on Webb Ave. in need of repair. He also said Wayne St. between Fourth and Sixth streets needs black topping. There is considerable traffic on the street and it raises a lot of dust. Comm. Garman presented a motion, we give Mayor Jackson time to talk with Mr. Borders and if a decision is reached to advertise for bids for Vincent St., we would advertise for bids for Wayne St. at the same time, seconded by Comm. Marr. Roll call and vote - Marr yes, Gilley yes, Jackson yes, Garman yes.

4. Proposed use hearing - Revenue Sharing Funds

Mayor Jackson said the city currently has \$6,295 in carryover funds from this fiscal year and is anticipating funds of \$2,840 in the 1986 fiscal year, for a total of approximately \$9.135. He ask for suggestions on the use of these funds, explaining the use was very flexible, it could be used basically for whatever the commission sees fit. It was decided to leave the funds as is and when they are needed they will be available.

5. Other

(a). Comm. Garman ask for permission to have three signs painted stating the hours the cemetery is open. He would like one sign at each entrance. After a brief discussion,

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Comm. Garman presented a motion the cemetery funds purchase these signs, seconded by Comm. Gilley. Roll call and vote - Marr yes, Gilley yes, Jackson yes, Garman yes.

(b). Comm. Garman said the prior commission had told Ms. Jordan she would receive a raise for being superintendent of the cemetery on a yearly basis and she didn't receive a raise last year. Comm. Garman presented a motion Ms. Jordan be given a \$35.00 per month raise, seconded by Comm. Marr. Roll call and vote - Marr yes, Gilley yes, Jackson yes, Garman yes.

(c). Mayor Jackson said the clerk had not received a raise for the four years she had been working for the city and wondered the commissions feeling on same. After a brief discussion, Comm. Garman presented a motion the clerk be given a \$20.00 per week raise seconded by Comm. Marr. Roll call and vote - Marr yes, Gilley yes, Jackson yes, Garman yes.

(d). Andy Lange from the BRADD offices was introduced by the Mayor. Mr. Lange said he had talked with the Attorney General's office regarding the election of our city commissioners and Mayor. He was told this would be treated as a write in vote in November. Then if no one writes in a vote it will revert to the offices of the Governor. The commission ask the clerk to pursue this to see how this action is carried out. She agreed to do so.

Mr. Lange then approached the commission regarding their feelings about an insurance premium tax for the city. He had compiled some statistics (copy attached), with approximations of the added income for the city. He felt this would be about the only recourse the city has to supplement our revenue after revenue sharing is deleted. Mr. Range explained the basic functions of the tax to the commission. Comm. Garman said we were definitely going to need something to

supplement our revenue. A lengthy discussion was had as to whether all types of insurance should be taxed or not. Mayor Jackson asked the clerk to list on the agenda for the May meeting, the Insurance tax premium for further consideration.

(e). As the May' meeting falls on the Memorial Holiday week-end, all of the commissioners agreed it would be best to have the May meeting on Tuesday, May 28th.

(f). Mr. Bryant, who lives on Laurel Ave. next to Lionel Howell, wondered if there was any way the city could instruct Mr. Howell to either clean up the area where he has an old barn or to tear it down. The ordinance governing this was reviewed and it was decided it didn't pertain to this particular matter. Mayor Jackson assured Mr. Bryant the commission would do all they could to see if something could be done to remedy this situation. Comm. Gilley and Comm. Garman agreed to go talk with Mr. Howell and report their findings.

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

Approved: James F. Jackson
Mayor

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal
City Clerk