

**SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL
JANUARY 28, 2002**

The mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Commissioners Cooke, Varner, and Martin in attendance.

AGENDA

Minutes of the previous meeting:

The commission had an opportunity to review the minutes prior to the meeting. The Mayor called for additions or corrections to the minutes. With none to be heard, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Minutes of planning and working session:

The Mayor called for additions or corrections to the minutes. With none to be heard, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report:

The commission had an opportunity to review the reports for November and December prior to the meeting. Mayor McCay asked if there were any questions or discussion regarding the reports. With none to be heard, the treasurer's reports were unanimously approved. Mayor McCay stated that National City Bank, Citizens First Bank, and South Central Bank would provide collateral for any funds over \$100,000 that the city has with them.

2nd reading of Ordinance #01-12:

Mayor McCay presented a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Martin. Roll call and vote: Cooke yes, Varner yes, McCay yes, Martin yes.

Mayoral Reports:

Mayor McCay addressed two erroneous rumors that had been circulating among the citizens:

1. Occupational Tax: It has been rumored that the commission was looking into imposing an occupational tax on workers in Smiths Grove. Mayor McCay stated that there was absolutely no validity to this rumor.

2. Cemetery Perpetual Fund: It had been rumored that Mayor McCay, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Pierce were discussing ways to obtain funds from the perpetual fund for the city. (At this point, Commissioner Pierce arrived). Mayor McCay asked Commissioner's Martin and Pierce if they recalled any discussion of this. Both agreed they recalled no knowledge of this. Mayor McCay stated that he had been informed that Commissioner Cooke was the instigator of these rumors. Commissioner Cooke insisted quite vehemently that both the occupational tax and the perpetual fund had been discussed at the Commissions Planning and Working Session. A "heated" discussion ensued. Commissioner Varner "stepped in" to say that it has not been discussed as to "touching" the cemetery perpetual funds nor would it be.

Mayor McCay reported that he had met with Bob Fitch, President of South Central Bank, and Mr. Fitch would like his bank to sponsor an event in Smiths Grove. Mayor McCay also met with Margaret Grissom about bringing new business into Smiths Grove. Also, Smiths Grove is now a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor McCay has had two meetings with Michael Murphy of Scott, Murphy and Daniel regarding the city's new Municipal Building. The Mayor would like the commission to meet with Mr. Murphy at Scott, Murphy and Daniel in Bowling Green on February 7th at 7:00 p.m. The Highway Safety Committee has announced that February is "Buckle Up Month". Mayor McCay reported on his latest board meeting of the ITA.

Department reports:

Streets:

Commissioner Cooke reported that all street signs are up. He has no current information on the sidewalk work. Commissioner Cooke would like to make the problem on Hayes Smiths Grove Road our number 1 priority in regards to repairs. Mayor McCay stated that he had talked to Jerry Young and Judge Buchannon about getting this fixed per the city's inter-local agreement with the county. It was agreed that it would be fixed and at probably no cost to the city. There were several other locations around town that they were considering repairing.

Police:

Commissioner Martin read the monthly police report for November and December. She also discussed the cost for purchasing refrigerator magnets with the contact numbers for our Police Chief.

Public Safety, Health and Welfare:

Commissioner Pierce reported on some of the programs available at the library. He then read the Fire Department report for 2001. Commissioner Pierce also reported on the Fire departments revenue and expenses for 2001.

Cemetery:

Commissioner Varner apologized for not having the quarterly report and wanted to assure everyone that the perpetual funds were there. He also announced that Chester Wholbrey had surgery and that it went well. Mr. Wholbery has verbally indicated that he would like to exercise his last option on the cemetery's maintenance contract.

Committee reports:

Beautification:

Mayor McCay stated that the committee is looking into purchasing pennants and flags and also special lighting.

Planning & Zoning

Gerald Brown said there was nothing to report at this time.

Christmas Parade:

Mayor McCay complemented Porter Martin and the Christmas Parade Committee for the wonderful job they did on the parade. Mr. Martin announced that this year's parade will be December 6th with lighting of the Christmas Tree on December 1 st. Mr. Martin thanked the city for their support. Mayor McCay appointed this years parade committee members with Mr. Martin being the chairman. Commissioner Martin gave the treasurers report for the Christmas Parade Committee.

Aging:

Dr. Hill stated there was nothing to report, as there were no meetings in December and January.

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

APPROVED: _____
Walter J. McCay, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Vicki K. Weisshaar, City Clerk