

January 27, 1997

Prior to calling the commission meeting to order, Mayor Gilley issued the Commonwealth of Kentucky oath of office to incoming commissioners Lacy, Martin, Cooke and Hardy.

January 27, 1997 - 7:00 P.M. - City Hall

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

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Mayor asks if anyone in attendance wanted these minutes read or had any questions regarding same. With no comments to be heard, Comm. Hardy presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

2. Minutes of the special called meeting

Mayor Gilley explained the purpose of this special called meeting was to hear the second reading of the 1996 tax ordinances for real and personal property. With no comments or corrections to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the minutes be accepted as written, seconded by Comm. Cooke, roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

3. Treasurer's report

Mayor Gilley again called for additions or corrections to this report. With none to be heard, comm. Hardy presented a motion the report be accepted as written. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

4. Fiscal year 1995-1996 Audit report presentation

Mayor Gilley asks Veronica Gilbert, P.S.C. to take the floor and explain the audit report to those in attendance. Ms. Gilbert noted to the commission that the city had sustained a loss of approximately \$40,000 for this audit period. She explained to those in attendance, the loss was due to the city expending more Than \$114,000 to repair all of the roads within the city. She also stated that the cemetery had sustained a loss of close to \$3,174. A portion of this loss was due to low interest rates, along with the fact that the cemetery had to pay a fee of \$1,500 to her firm to free some funds for the cemetery to use for operating purposes. Ms. Gilbert again elaborated on the fact that the future of the cemetery monetarily was not too good. She felt there should be consideration given to some kind of fund raising or bequests from those who bury loved ones to help with this deficit. She ask for questions from the commission. Comm. Lacy ask if this \$1,500 fee was a one-time expenditure. She replied it was. With no further questions to be heard, Mayor Gilley thanked Ms. Gilbert for her efforts.

5. Quarterly financial statement-Smiths Grove Cemetery

This report was presented to the commission for their consideration. Martha Watt, secretary for the cemetery, ask the commission their opinion on raising the maintenance fee for the cemetery. The clerk said this had just been done in 1995. Comm. Lacy said he didn't think a \$5.00 raise in fees would help that much. Craig Phillips wondered about the decision to have the fence at the cemetery fixed. Mr. Ray Lewis had gotten an estimate for this work of \$2,000. Comm. Lacy said unless it could be fixed right he was of the opinion it would-be putting bad money after good. With no further discussion to be heard, Comm. Lacy presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote- Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

6. Department reports

Cemetery-Comm. Lacy said the trash barrels at the cemetery were in dire need of emptying. He said he didn't mind doing it but he felt it was the maintenance contractors place to see to this. Outside of this, he felt everything looked in good shape.

Streets -Comm. Cooke said he was aware of a sign down at 5th & cave. There needs to be a post set, and as soon as the weather allows he will do this. Comm. Hardy said he had talked with Magistrate Carrier about the problem with the street shoulder on Laurel. Comm. Hardy felt he got no response to this request. He said a family that had a car sitting on Broadway with four flat tires for alone period of time. The clerk had written them and the car has been moved. Comm. Martin wondered the status of the Cee Bee portable sign. The clerk said he had been notified and as yet there had been no response. The commission ask the clerk to send a reminder to him. She agreed to do so.

Police - Comm. Martin read the reports for Nov. and Dec, (attached) Chief Montgomery said the department was required to furnish a Domestic Violence Policy to the Criminal Justice Center. He presented one to the commission for their approval.

Comm. Martin presented a motion the compliance policy be accepted as presented, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes. Chief Montgomery then said that his dept. used the sheriffs case numbers along with the city's OR# when reporting and presenting case reports. He said he got a letter from Frankfort stating that the city needs to use their own case numbers in the future, and that he is to send a monthly report to Frankfort. Mayor Gilley ask the chief if Frankfort was aware that the city didn't receive any fine fees. The chief said they were aware of this. Comm. Martin wondered if the sheriff dept. couldn't pull up the city cases from their computer and give them to our police dept. She will check with Sheriff Gaines to see if this can be done.

7. Other

The clerk said there had been funds allocated in the budget for the purchase of a computer for the city. She wondered if the commission would now give her permission to pursue proposals for same. Comm. Lacy presented a motion this permission be granted, seconded by Comm. Martin. roll call and vote - Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

Mayor Gilley said Martha Watt, secretary for the cemetery had been doing a very good job and wondered the commission's feelings regarding a raise for her. Mayor Gilley presented a motion to give Ms. Watt a \$25.00 per month raise, seconded by Comm. Hardy. roll call and vote- Cooke yes, Gilley yes, Martin yes, Hardy yes, Lacy yes.

Comm. Martin wondered if the commission would agree for her to check on a price for a much better garland across the street at the entrance to the city. She reported that Porter Martin was a member of the Pioneer Club and they had donated \$100 towards this effort. She felt this garland would cost approximately \$600 and feels that the city merchants would contribute towards this. She will check prices further and report at a future meeting.

Jimmy Cline approached the commission regarding their feelings on annexing some properties into the city. He felt this would help the city with more revenue in the future. One of his concerns was there is no exit from Laurel or Webb in case of an emergency. The commission gave Mr. Cline to pursue this matter with Danny Whittle from City- County Planning Commission. Mr. Cline agreed to do so and report back to the commission.

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

APPROVED: _____
JAMES R. GILLEY, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
DOROTHY J. NEAL, CITY CLERK