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City Commission Meeting May 21, 1990 - 7:00 P. M. City Hall

FY 1990-1991 Budget Hearing

Mayor pro tem Belcher called the hearing to order with several interested citizens in attendance. He explained that the proposed budget contained estimated revenues of \$68,029 and estimated appropriations of \$65,190, to be distributed between five departments. He asked if there were any questions from those in attendance or the commission. With none to be heard, he declared the hearing closed.

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AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Comm. Belcher called for additions or corrections to these minutes. With none to be heard, Comm. McGuffey presented a motion to accept them as written, seconded by Comm. Lacy. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, McGuffey yes, Lacy yes.

2. Minutes of the special called meeting

Comm. Belcher explained the purpose of this special Called meeting was to hear the second reading of the budget amendment, Ordinance #90-1 220.100 for FY 1989-1990. With no additions or corrections to same, Comm. McGuffey floored a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Comm. Lacy. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, McGuffey yes, Lacy yes.

3. Treasurer's report

The commission had reviewed this report prior to the meeting and with no additions or corrections to be heard, Comm. McGuffey presented a motion the report be accepted as printed, seconded by Comm. Lacy. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, McGuffey yes, Lacy yes.

4. First reading - FY Budget Ordinance #90-3 220.102 - 1990-1991

Comm. Belcher called for discussion of this ordinance. With none to be heard, Comm. McGuffey presented a motion the ordinance now be accepted for a second reading, seconded by Comm. Lacy. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, McGuffey yes, Lacy yes.

5. Excess Community Development lots

Comm. Blecher explained that these lots had been sold by the city at Public auction in 1986 and Ronnie Pearson had the high bid for the lot in question, formerly owned by Odessa Whitney. Hr. Pearson defaulted on his bid by not paying the balance of the lot when due. The city attorney, Mark Flener, informed Mr. Pearson that the city would now retain his \$175.00 deposit and resell the lot. Mayor Gilley had suggested to the clerk that the city advertise for sealed bids on this lot. Comm. Lacy presented a motion the clerk check all of the legalities of this bid, and advertise for the sealed bids, seconded by Comm. McGuffey.

Roll call and vote: Belcher yes, McGuffey yes, Lacy yes. The clerk agreed to do so.

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6. Other

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a. Fence at the Smiths Grove-Warren County Library

Comm. Belcher explained the Library had contacted the city asking for a \$150.00 donation towards a fence behind the building. The children who attend reading and story hour classes at the library of ten have to cross the highway to get to the county park when they have outdoor activities. They want to erect a stockade fence and gate for the children. The Mothers of the children have had a bake sale and ask for donations from other Smiths Grove citizens. The total cost of the fence will be \$475.00. All of the commission

was in agreement this would be a good idea. Comm. McGuffey presented a motion the city now donate \$150.00 for this cause, seconded by Comm. lacy. Roll call and vote - Belcher yes, McGuffey yes, Lacy yes.

b. Water line & hydrant installation-Webb Ave.

Comm. Belcher introduced Mr. Eddie Shirley from Warren County Water Dist. to answer any questions the residents of Webb Ave. might have regarding this installation. They were as follows:

Mrs. Harold Walker ~would you dig under the drives:

Robert Owens - who would be responsible for the damage, should there be any, to trees and/or shrubs.

Freida Watt - how close would the water line come to the two big trees in their yard?

Comm. Belcher - what would be the feasibility of the line being run behind the residences on an already dedicated, existing street? And, what depth would the line be installed?

Robert Minton - where would they place the fire hydrant?

In response to these numerous questions Mr. Shirley replied, when the water company was contacted by Dorothy Neal regarding the possible installation of this equipment, he figured the cheapest way for the city and digging through drives was by far the cheapest way. To bore under the drives would be an additional \$660.00 charge to the city. He said the water company would be responsible for any damage to trees or shrubs, but up to this time that had not been a problem for them. He said if the installation proceeded as presently planned, the line would come within five feet of Freida Watt's two large trees. In reply to Comm. Belcher's questions regarding the installation behind the houses, he said they were under the impression this was an open field and the company could not just run across open country, but if there was in fact an already dedicated street in existence, that would not be a problem. He said the lines would be installed 34 to 36 in. deep. In response to Mr. Minton's question regarding the placement of the fireplug, they would place it wherever the city and the resident owner wanted it to be placed. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the possibility of placing the line behind the houses. It was decided, and agreed by all concerned, since the dedicated street ran

all. The way down to the rear of Tommy Watt's house, if Mr. Harold Walker would agree to have then I cross his property that would be the easiest or best way for the installation to precede. Mr. Shirley agreed to talk with Mr. Joe Lyle and let the clerk know on Tues. and Mrs. Walker agreed to talk with Mr. Walker as soon as possible and let the clerk know.

c. Uniforms for the police chief

Comm. Belcher said it was the opinion of the commission that our police chief would look much more professional if he was in uniform. The clerk had compiled some figures for tile commission's consideration. For three each of uniform pants

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and short sleeved shirts the cost to the city would be approximately \$156.00 for and for three long sleeved shirts for winter wear it would be about \$87.00 Chief Denton said he sure would be much happier with just wearing street clothes as he had worn a fire uniform for 25 years. But the State Police and the sheriff's department had said it would be much better if he were I uniform when he approached people. The commission decided to table this discussion until the June meeting; when possible the entire commission would be present.

Comm. Belcher said he is contacted by Ms. L. D. Britt almost daily about when the city is going to mow the lot next to her house. She said snakes are crawling out of it on to her lawn. Comm. Belcher said there were a couple other lots in the city limits that also needed attention. He asked the clerk if she would contact Rochie Bledsoe to bush hog them for us. She agreed to do so.

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

Approved: Gerald Belcher
Mayor Pro tem

Attest: Dorothy J. Neal
City Clerk