

REGULAR MEETING: October 27, 1980

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Smiths Grove was held Monday, October 27, 1980, at 7:00 P. M. in City Hall. Those present were Mr. Barner, Mr. Crousore, Mr. Pearson, & Mr. Wolff. Mr. Wolff called the meeting to order and Mr. Pearson gave the invocation.

Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Barner seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meetings as printed. Motion carried.

Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Pearson seconded approval of the Treasurer's report as printed. Motion carried. (attached)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Keen presented the C. D. financial statement (attached) Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Barner seconded its acceptance. Motion carried.

Mr. Keen presented some recommendations for property that was left at the conclusion of the project.

Mr. Wolff read a letter from Mrs. Odessa Whitney (attached) requesting to buy back any property previously owned, that was not needed at the end of the project. After some discussion, Mr. Wolff moved, Mr. Crousore seconded that at the close of the project, Mrs. Odessa Whitney be given first option to purchase the remainder of tract #31, and tract #6 which were not used for project purposes and the acreage tobacco base from tract #31 at the appraised value. Barner aye, Pearson aye, Wolff aye, Crousore aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Keen also reported on a request from Albert & Johnetta Britt for Lot #7. The City owns the lot but they own the trailer on it. If they have to move they would become eligible for relocation benefits of \$4,500.

Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Wolff seconded that the City deed parcel #7 and part of parcel #31 to make a 20,000 sq. ft. lot to Albert & Johnetta Britt with the stipulation that construction on a house begins within six months. Pearson aye, Barner aye, Crousore aye, Wolff aye. Motion carried.

Lot #10 previously belonging to Lucy Grainger was discussed. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Clayton have expressed interest in it. The Board felt it was too small to build on. Amos Britt is also interested in buying it so his property will be 20,000 sq. ft.

Lot # 30- Gene Woods's lot is 90 ft. deep and he had asked for a 10 ft. strip to even up his line. Mr. Crousore moved the City deed Mr. Woods a 10 ft. Strip from Lot #30, if he will agree to pay all costs of the transaction.

City Government Reorganization

Mr. Wolff again explained Senate Bill #26 and how it affects Sixth Class cities now organized under a Board of Trustees. Before the present administration's term expires they must reorganize to the City Commission form of government. Mr. Wolff moved the following Ordinance 80-4 132.1 for its first reading. Mr. Crousore seconded. (attached) Mr. Pearson abstained, Mr. Crousore aye, Mr. Barner aye, Mr. Wolff aye. Motion carried.

B.R.A.D.D. Grant for Community Center

A \$15,000 grant to the City of Smiths, Grove previously approved, is being held until Dec. 15. The City had originally planned to build between the present building and the railroad, until it was discovered that L. & N. still owns part of that land.

Mr. Wolff proposed to build at the front toward the street. One tree might have to be removed. It might still be possible to acquire the land from L. & N. if so it could be used as a parking lot. The Powell's still want to sell their building. Their asking price is \$21,500.00, and at least \$5,000.00 work would have to be done on it. The grant is for \$15,000.00.

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Mr. Wolff moved, Mr. Pearson seconded that the Smiths Grove City Government will supplement the Area Development Funds allocated in order to construct, alter, or purchase a structure for a city community center. Barner, aye, Pearson aye, Crousore aye and Wolff aye. Motion carried.

Occupational Licenses

There are 17 outstanding licenses that were sent out in June and four that have been mailed in the last month. Mr. Crousore moved, Mr. Wolff seconded, to turn the collection over to the Town Marshall with the exclusion of the new ones until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Tax Rate Ordinance

Mr. Wolff moved, Mr. Crousore seconded the approval of the second reading of the tax rate ordinance (attached) Barney aye, Pearson aye, Crousore aye, Wolff aye. Motion carried; as soon as the Ordinance is printed the tax bills will be mailed.

Department Reports

Cemetery- Mr. Barner Nothing to report

Police- Mr. Crousore the Town Marshall is no longer a Sherriff's Deputy

Streets- Mr. Pearson most of the streets are about finished. Mr. Kirby and Mr. Pearson have been doing some patching. The biggest problem remaining is near the Baptist Church and a grader will be needed to spread the gravel.

Fire- Mr. Wolff read a letter from Warren Co. Parks & Recreation praising the Fire Department for their aid in the fire at Ed Spears Park. (attached) Mr. Wolff also commended Mr. Bybee for all his hard work at the fire department.

Worker's Compensation

Our present policy renewal was for \$359.00 and covered only the policeman and clerk. The rates are based on job classifications and salaries. Rates this year have been lowered. Quotes were asked for from all independent agents in Warren County to cover the clerk, Policeman, 12 volunteer firemen, cemetery supervisor, maintenance and the Cemetery clerk. Quotes were as follows:

Rollins & Carr	\$628.00
Blake-Hart & Wiseman	\$436.00
Center of Insurance	\$376.00
McGuffey's	\$248.31

Mr. Wolff moved, Mr. Pearson seconded, that the City accept the quote from McGuffey's.
Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Pearson asked if something could be done to clean off the fire hazard that it left where the Clark family did live. Mr. Wolff explained that, that was private property and he knew of nothing that could be done. Mr. Crousore asked the clerk if she would check with Mr. Keen and see if anything could be arranged through the project.

Mr. Wolff moved, Mr. Crousore seconded, acceptance for first reading of an Ordinance 80-5 920.7 prohibiting the acceptance of any more gravel streets into the city. (attached) Pearson aye, Barner aye, Crousore aye, Wolff aye. Motion carried.

The Board asked Mr. Crousore to have Mr. Lowe on duty all night if possible on Halloween. The Fire Dept. has also been asked to be on standby. Mr. Wolff moved, Mr. Barner seconded, that the City have a curfew on Halloween the same as the County. Motion carried. The paper will be notified. Mr. Pearson moved the meeting be adjourned.

Approved: Clarence N. Wolff
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Attest: Sue M. Edwards
City Clerk