

MINUTES
SMITHS GROVE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SMITHS GROVE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY DECEMBER 14, 2015 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Commissioner Stiffey, Mayor Stiffey, & Commissioner Vincent

Members Absent: Commissioner Stidham, & Commissioner Cannon

Also Absent: City Attorney Wes Milliken

Mayor Stiffey called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Invocation was given by City Chaplain Earl Coker

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Regular Meeting (November 23, 2015)

The meeting minutes were approved by acclimation.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report (November, 2015)

A motion was made by Commissioner Vincent to accept the Treasurers Reports as read and was seconded by Commissioner Stiffey. Ayes all members so the motion passed 3 – 0.

Administrative Report

Mayor Stiffey reported that Diane Moats CPA is in the process of finishing our yearly audit. She had hoped to have a rough draft to present tonight but was unable to do so. She should have the audit finished and ready to present at our next meeting.

Mayor Stiffey stated that he had hoped that Commissioner Cannon would be in attendance because he wanted to address the issue about the garbage pickup on Main St. Mayor Stiffey has discussed the matter with Charlie Welch from Monarch/Republic. The garbage cannot be picked up on Orion Alley or Higgins Alley due to low lying utility lines.

Public Works Report

NONE

Police, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Report

Commissioner Stiffey reported that Chief Vance had been very busy last month and then asked about the new cruiser.

Chief Vance reported that he had checked on the new police vehicle and had been told that it does now have a VIN number which means it is in production. However, with the upcoming holiday's he does not believe we will receive until sometime the first part of January.

Chief Vance reported that when Chief Suoy was here he had applied for the 2015 LEP Grant and received it for the amount of two thousand five hundred eighty one dollars (\$2,581). Chief Suoy had planned to use the funds to purchase backup weapons for the police force. However, Chief Vance would like to use the funds to purchase new Tasers because the ones we have are old, out dated, and no longer produced. They are the ones he purchased years ago with some of the Drug Fund money. One of them isn't even functioning at this time.

Commissioner Vincent asked if this was a matching grant and was informed that it is not.

Chief Vance explained that this grant is only for the purchase of Body Armor, Weapons, Ammunition, Tasers, and such items. He stated that Chief Suoy had received this particular grant every year that he had applied for it and had helped equip the police department nicely with needed items.

Mayor Stiffey reported that we have not had much interest in the sale of the 2008 Crown Vic. There was a Constable from London that was interested in it but he was given a vehicle so no longer needed ours. However, there is a Security Firm from Alabama that is offering to pay the four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) that we are asking as a minimum bid on the 2008 Crown Vic. They will be here tomorrow to look at the vehicle and if it meets their needs they are offering to purchase it.

Cemetery Report

In Commissioner Cannon's absence, Mayor Stiffey reported that Brian Gaul is going to work on the shoulders of the new roads as soon as weather permits.

Code Enforcement Report

Commissioner Vincent reported that the violation that he and Chief Vance have been working on for several months now is still an issue. Commissioner Vincent and Chief Vance are going to give the resident until the first of next year to clean up and if it is not then the city will have cleaned up and bill the homeowner for the cost.

Commissioner Vincent stated that there is a tenant house on Rumsey where it seems the tenant have moved out and the landlord has cleaned it out and set the items on the street. These items have been setting there for over ten (10) days.

Chief Vance stated that he will contact the home owner and see about getting cleaned up.

At this time Chief Vance stated that the commission might want to consider doing an ordinance next year on burning in the city limits, garbage pickup, and temporary signage.

Commissioner Vincent stated he would like to see something done about residents using property as a car lot to sell automobiles.

Mayor Stiffey asked that the commission please review the budget comparison that is in their packets and if there were any questions to please let him or Clerk Brewer know.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aging Committee

NONE

Christmas Parade

Mayor Stiffey reported that the Christmas parade went well and everyone he had spoken to had only good compliments about it.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

With there being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm by Mayor Stiffey.

APPROVED _____
DAVID L. STIFFEY, MAYOR

ATTEST _____
DEBORAH K. BREWER, CITY CLERK

DATE _____
Minutes were prepared by Deborah K. Brewer, City Clerk